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**LBJ Appeals To Nation
For Change In Hearts**

WASHINGTON (BP)--President Lyndon B. Johnson told 250 Baptist leaders here that "the only sure and lasting solution to frustration and discontent and disorder lies beyond government programs."

"It will require a change in men's hearts," the President declared.

Then he issued a direct challenge to the religious leaders by saying "There, my friends, is where you come in." He laid responsibility directly on the religious leadership of the nation to help change the way people see and treat their neighbors.

Johnson spoke to the Christian Citizenship Seminar sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention of which Foy Valentine is executive secretary.

The meeting with the President took place in the Rose Garden of the White House, the same place he addressed a similar group four years ago.

After some light bantering with the Baptists about Disciples of Christ, Methodists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians, Johnson plunged directly into the problems confronting the nation. He described the issue in the Biblical question, "Who is my neighbor?"

He declared that man, regardless of where he lives, "is our neighbor, our responsibility."

The President praised the Baptists for coming to the nation's capital to study their citizenship responsibilities "in the face of change and upheaval and disorder."

In an apparent reference to the Kerner Commission Report on civil disorders, the President agreed that the solution to joblessness is jobs, to ignorance is educational opportunity, to bad housing is better housing, and to a cure for crime is a sense of pride and participation in the community by every citizen.

But this is not enough, the President said, as he declared that the ultimate solution goes deeper and as he appealed for a change in the hearts of people.

"All of us believe, as George Washington believed," Johnson concluded, "that the roots of public policy must lie in private morality."

The President did not mention the problem of war in Vietnam as he spoke to the Christian Citizenship Seminar.

The only time he was interrupted by applause during his speech was when he declared that he was working as hard as he knows how for programs to provide jobs, education, housing and crime prevention.

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HemisFair Exhibit
Includes Sculpture

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By Al Morgan

DALLAS, Tex. (BP)--A piece of modern sculpture sure to command the attention of HemisFair visitors this summer is on its way to San Antonio for display in the Baptist pavilion.

The sculpture, which will stand at the entrance to the Baptist pavilion, is a figure of a man on bended knee whose face is uplifted to heaven with a hand raised to God.

Unique in composition, the sculpture has already offered evidence of being one of the most talked about displays in HemisFair.

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But, it is not a sculpture at all, according to its creator, Al Kidwell of Dallas. "It is an assemblance."

The seven-foot figure is constructed from "junk". And the junk has come from discarded portions of old churches from various parts of the world and various periods in history, says Kidwell.

For example, the center piece, which forms the torso of the figure, is stained glass which was gleaned from a seventeenth century church in England. Its sides are columns from a pew of an 1834 Oklahoma church.

The figure's shoulders are made of carved wood found in an early 1800 church in Boston, Mass., while the neck is formed from part of a chandelier of a 1912 Louisiana church.

Churches in England and New York contributed materials for its raised arm which is topped by carvings from a Dallas church built in the early 1900's.

The artistic combination of such junk by Kidwell has produced a dramatic figure which haunts the heart with its austere expressiveness.

Kidwell says he has been assembling different creations from the residue of junk yards and dusty warehouses for almost a decade.

Sometimes inspirational, sometimes satirical and sometimes humorous, Kidwell's works have been shown at exhibits in Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Dallas and New York.

He describes his creation for "Man's Search For God," theme of the Baptist pavilion, as one of his largest and most provocative to date.

A native of Washington, D. C., he studied art at Cordoran School of Art and is presently associated with Bill Stokes Associates of Dallas who are working on the Baptist exhibit.

The pavilion is sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board and Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as well as the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the San Antonio Baptist Association.

Dedication of the pavilion has been scheduled for opening day, April 6, with representatives present from each of the sponsoring agencies.

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Baptist Pastor Killed While Counseling Family

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TAMMS, Ill. (BP)--The pastor of the Sandy Creek Baptist Church near here, Kenneth Eudy, was shot and killed while making a pastoral call attempting to counsel a husband and wife over their different church membership.

Also killed was Mrs. Robert Long, the wife, who was a member of Eudy's congregation, the Sandy Creek Baptist Church.

Long, a 61-year-old Union County farmer, was charged with the double murder, witnessed by two of Eudy's children who had gone with their father to the Long home. They were Sheila, 11, and Wayne, 9.

Neighbors said there had been strong disagreement between Long and his wife over their different church memberships. Long was Sunday School superintendent of the Camp Ground Presbyterian Church east of Anna, Ill.

Mrs. Long had attended services at Sandy Creek Baptist Church the previous Sunday and had asked Eudy to come to her home and counsel with her husband about their religious differences.

Police said that Long told them that his wife, Eudy, and his two children were watching television when Long went into the room with his double barrel shotgun and began shooting. The bodies were badly beaten with the stock of the gun.

The two Eudy children said they tried to run, but the door was locked. "Every time Daddy moved, he (Long) beat him some more," the children said.

The children said Long later unlocked the door and told them to leave. State police picked up the children running in the rain down the road.

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Long called the police and reported a murder in his home. Police said Long was sitting on the back porch of his farm house when they arrived.

Funeral services for Eudy were conducted at Sandy Creek Church the following Sunday, with a crowd of about 400 attending the memorial service, including at least 25 pastors and other visiting ministers.

Services for Mrs. Long were conducted the following day in the same church by Bill Robertson of Perks.

Eudy was also employed in the service department of the Pearl Motor Co. in Anna, and it was after getting off work there that he had gone to the Long home. He had also served the Bement and Dielstadt Baptist churches in Charleston Association in Missouri.

He is survived by his wife, the former Betty Stark, and five children, Kenneth, Wayne, Melvin, Eunice, and Sheila.

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Retired Birmingham Baptist
Hospitals Director Dies

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)--Clyde L. Sibley, director of Birmingham Baptist Hospitals prior to his retirement in 1965, died of a heart attack March 19.

Sibley joined the Birmingham Baptist Hospital staff in 1929 as comptroller and was elevated to administrator in 1933.

He had been an active member and officer of the American Hospital Assoc., American College of Hospital Administrators, Alabama Hospital Association, and many other hospital and health organizations.

He was listed in Who's Who in America and received the Distinguished Service Award from the Alabama Hospital Association Research and Education Foundation in 1962.

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