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**Baptist Lectures Set  
 On Practical Politics**

NASHVILLE (BP)--Two identical seminars on Christian Action in Practical Politics will be held at Glorieta (N.M.) and Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assemblies this summer under the sponsorship of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission.

Delivering the lectures will be Daniel R. Grant, political science professor at Vanderbilt University in Nashville for the past 20 years, and a Baptist deacon.

The conference at Glorieta Baptist Assembly is slated Aug. 7-13, and at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Aug. 21-27.

The conference is being held, said Christian Life Commission Secretary Foy Valentine, in an effort to help Southern Baptists, in an election year, to understand "the real issues, the positions of the candidates, and how to sift the important from the unimportant in fulfilling responsible citizenship."

"These conferences will take a look at the hard realities of practical politics confronting the citizen every year, and explore the possibilities for Christian action," Valentine added.

Grant, said Valentine, is particularly gifted to help Christian citizens to do this. He said Grant is a scholar, a dedicated Christian, and a citizen who understands politics and can communicate well this understanding.

The Vanderbilt professor will deliver nine lectures each week. Grant said he would not endorse any particular candidate, but would seek in his lectures to help Christian citizens understand how better to come to a decision in voting in an election.

The lectures will include such things as the Christian's stake in practical politics, the role of pressure groups and lobbyists in government, the role of public opinion and propaganda in politics, the difference between political parties and the role of party politics in government, and the role of the Christian in politics.

Dealing also with political issues, Grant will lecture on the urban crisis, Vietnam, world poverty, and racial justice.

A native of Arkansas, Grant is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., the University of Alabama, and Northwestern University where he earned the doctor of philosophy degree in political science.

He has taught at Vanderbilt since earning his doctorate in 1948, and is considered an expert in the field of the metropolitan form of government. He prepared the original draft of the "Plan of Metropolitan Government for Nashville and Davidson County" which led to adoption of that form of government here in 1962.

He is a deacon and superintendent of the college Sunday School department at the First Baptist Church here.

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Former Texas Baptist  
 Foundation Worker Dies

5/7/68

FORT WORTH (BP)--Funeral Services were held here for A. B. Culbertson, 74, former executive vice-president of the Baptist Foundation of Texas.

Culbertson, a veteran lawyer, banker and church leader, died May 4 after apparently suffering a heart attack at his home.

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Baptist Students Surveyed  
On Church, Doctrine, Morals

NASHVILLE (BP)--Views on church participation, doctrines, moral questions and the Baptist Student Union were stated by Baptist young people in a recent survey conducted by the student department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The sample included 62 schools with data collected from a limited number of students of each school by means of a random, stratified sample.

The research was conducted in order to project a ministry to the college campus and help churches to better understand the needs and attitudes of contemporary students.

Students' answers to questions on church participation reveal that 29 percent of the students teach a Sunday School class or have other leadership responsibility in the church. Over half indicated that they do not attend Sunday School as much as they did while in high school.

Approximately one-fourth of the sampled students stated that they attend Training Union regularly. Freshmen ranked highest and graduate students ranked lowest in attendance.

On the questions of Baptist doctrine, over one-fourth of the students indicated that they believe Baptists are too old-fashioned in their beliefs. Nearly 21 percent of the freshmen students believed this, while 36.7 percent of the graduate students surveyed had this feeling.

Approximately 40 percent of the Baptist students believe that a sincere person of any religion will go to heaven. Only 11 percent, however, believed that all who live a good moral life will go to heaven; while 10 percent believe there is no hell or eternal punishment.

Answers to moral questions in the survey revealed that two-thirds of the students believe that all sexual intercourse before marriage is wrong. Some 72 percent of the freshmen agreed it was wrong. Only 55.4 percent of the graduate students had the same belief. Almost three-fourths of the students expect their life partner to be morally and sexually pure.

On the question of moderate social drinking, 32 percent of the students approved, while 10 percent was undecided. One fourth of the freshmen stated that they approved while 52.7 percent of the graduate class approved.

A low participation in the Baptist Student Union pointed out the need for an effective means of communicating with students who do not or can not attend BSU functions.

Data from the study also indicated that one-fourth of the students believe that the BSU needs a new approach. About half of the students think the BSU is too shallow in its religious activities. Some 30 percent stated that they were too busy to attend the BSU activities. About 13 percent said that they attend BSU regularly.

Although 11 percent of the students received "The Baptist Student," published by the board's student department, only nine percent stated that they read most of it every month.

The data was compiled by the board's research and statistics department.

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Press Representatives  
Named For Assemblies

NASHVILLE (BP)--Press representatives for Southern Baptists' two assemblies have been selected. Judy Ries will serve at Glorieta (N.M.) Baptist Assembly and Louis Moore at Ridgecrest (N.C.) Baptist Assembly.

Selected by the office of public relations, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the press representatives will report on conferences and speakers and will work closely with local radio and television stations.

Miss Ries, a native of Memphis, is a second-year religious education student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. A graduate of Southwestern at Memphis College, she plans to complete requirements for the master of religious education and graduate specialist in religious education degrees at Southern Seminary in 1969.

Moore, who will be graduated from Baylor University, Waco, Tex., in June, plans to enter Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in the fall. A resident of Oklahoma City, Okla., he has been employed as staff writer for the Baylor "Lariat," the school newspaper, while in college.

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Alabama College BSU Sets  
Survey of Student Opinions

TROY, Ala. (BP)--Following the lead of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee which has appointed a committee to study the campus ministry of Southern Baptists, the Baptist Student Union at Troy State University here is conducting a survey to discover its image on the campus.

Entitled "Troy State University Students Speak Out," the survey is being distributed to about 2,000 students and will be tabulated by computer.

Students are asked to evaluate the Baptist Student Union by agreeing or disagreeing that the organization is enthusiastic, pious, dogmatic, too intellectual, anti-intellectual, shallow, growing, cooperative, dynamic, cliquish, poorly motivated, formalistic, and/or effective.

Another section on the IBM punch card gives students the opportunity to agree or disagree with 14 statements concerning the BSU.

Some examples of the statements include: "The BSU understands its purpose on campus." "The BSU faces controversial issues." "The BSU allows people to think for themselves." "The BSU program helps students find a deeper faith in God."

According to Phil Royce, director of the Baptist student work at Troy State, the results will be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the total program. "We want the truth and expect to get it," Royce said. "Only when we know where we stand among the students can we begin to gear our program to meet the needs of the campus."

A student who is planning to enter the church-related public relations field, Sonny Dennis, has spearheaded the work on the survey. An interest in surveying the campus was first shown last spring. A group of students met to form the questions and statements. The suggested survey was sent to student leaders throughout Alabama and in Nashville for their comments and suggestions.

Participating in the selection of the final draft was Ken Hayes, a research assistant with the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board and a former classmate of Royce's. He designed the card containing the survey.

After the students have checked their opinions, BSU members will punch out the answers and the results will be tabulated by computer. A report will be ready sometime during the summer and will be presented to the BSU during the pre-school retreat in September.

The results will be broken down to show how those of each classification (i.e. freshman, sophomore, etc.) rate the BSU as well as Baptists and non-Baptists, male and female.

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Superintendents of Missions  
Slate Meeting in Houston

5/7/68

HOUSTON (BP)--The annual Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Superintendents of Missions meeting here Monday, June 3, will open with an address on "Changing Attitudes Toward Associational Missions."

Hugh O. Chambliss, superintendent of missions for the Madison Baptist Association in Huntsville, Ala., will bring the opening address.

Sessions will be held at West End Baptist Church, 802 Shephard Drive in Houston, beginning at 9:00 a. m. and ending at 4:00 p. m., Monday, June 3. D. E. Strahan, superintendent of the East Central Illinois Baptist Association in Champaign, Ill., is president of the organization.

Of the eight speakers to the organization, all but two are superintendents of missions for the local-level associations of Baptist churches. Most of the speeches will deal with strengthening the work of the associations.

The two outside speakers will be Loyd Corder, associate director of the division of missions for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; and Miss Elaine Dickson, assistant to the director, promotion division, Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Ala.

A luncheon will feature an address by H. L. McClanahan, superintendent of missions in Kennett, Mo. Reservations are required no later than Friday, May 31, said Strahan, and the cost will be \$2 per person.

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Other superintendents of missions who will speak on the program include W. C. Horltdt of Charleston, S. C.; John B. Snedden of Charleston, W. Va.; Robert Hall of Albany, Ohio; and Herman Highfill of Hugo, Okla.

The Superintendents of Missions conference meets the day before the opening session of the Southern Baptist Convention here, June 4-7.

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Francisco Awarded Study  
Grant For Oxford Research

5/7/68

LOUISVILLE (BP)--A \$4,000 study grant has been awarded to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary Old Testament professor Clyde T. Francisco by the American Association of Theological Schools for study at Oxford University in England.

While in England for the academic year of 1968-69 on sabbatical leave, Francisco will write a commentary on the book of Genesis, do research in the famed Bodelin Library, and consult with leading Old Testament scholars at Oxford.

Francisco said he would attempt to translate scientific critical study into language understood by laymen in his book. He has taught courses in Genesis for 10 years at Southern Seminary as holder of the John R. Sampey Chair of Old Testament Interpretation.

Beginning in June, Francisco will spend the summer teaching in the Orient under the sponsorship of the SBC Foreign Mission Board in Japan, the Philippines, and Indonesia. He begins his work in England in the fall.

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Youth Consultant  
Accepts Baptist Post

5/7/68

NASHVILLE (BP)--Jimmy F. Dunn has assumed duties as associational youth consultant in the Training Union department of the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

A native of Starkville, Miss., Dunn received a bachelor of science degree from Mississippi State University there. He also holds a master of religious education degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

In his new position, Dunn will be responsible for developing leader training plans and materials for use in associations, Stanley Howell, supervisor of associational youth section for the board, said.

Dunn comes to the board from First Baptist Church, Bogalusa, La., where he was minister of music and education. He served in Isabel Baptist Church, Isabel, La., as minister of music two years and was an accountant for Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company for four years.

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Texas Voters Reject  
Pari-Mutuel Betting

5/7/68

DALLAS (BP)--Texas voters have turned down an attempt to bring pari-mutuel betting to the state, but appear to favor liquor-by-the-drink by a margin of some 2 per cent.

The two issues were put before the voters in two referendums, with total votes in both Democratic and Republican parties rejecting race betting by 817,183 to 673,029; but favoring liquor-by-the-drink 747,086 to 706,142.

Results of the voting are not binding, and any action will still have to come through the Texas legislature.

Texas Baptists took the lead in fighting the pari-mutuel gambling proposal. James Dunn, secretary of the Christian Life Commission for Texas Baptists, said that Texans have once again "made it quite clear that they do not want legalized gambling in this state."

Dunn noted that only two per cent of the total vote separated the vote on liquor-by-the-drink, and urged all Texas Baptists to find out the position of all candidates in the June 1 runoff elections concerning the two issues.

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