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American Seminary Committee
Asks Boddie To Reconsider

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NASHVILLE (BP)--The Executive Committee of the board of trustees for the American Baptist Theological Seminary here has formally requested Seminary President Charles E. Boddie to reconsider his recently-announced resignation.

In a joint action, the executive committee empowered Board Chairman Phale Hale of Columbus, Ohio, to appoint an advisory committee to make a proposal to a foundation for \$48,000 to finance a study of the work of the seminary.

The action came just three days after public circulation of a "personal report" by Guy Bellamy, former director of Southern Baptist work with National Baptists, which called for closing down the seminary operated jointly by Southern Baptists and the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.

There was no discussion, however, by the executive committee of the proposal by the retired Baptist leader from Oklahoma City, and no action was taken concerning Bellamy's suggestion, according to Rabun L. Brantley of Nashville, secretary of the Southern Baptist Commission of the American Baptist Theological Seminary.

Brantley said that some of the members of the seminary's Executive Committee had talked about Bellamy's proposal informally the day before the meeting, but they decided that since Bellamy, a member of the SBC Commission on the seminary, had made no motions before the commission of which he is a member, they would not take any definite action.

Boddie had resigned as president of the seminary in February, effective in April, to become professor of social ethics at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary where he would be the first Negro faculty member at a Southern Baptist seminary.

Brantley said that Boddie is expected to respond to the request to reconsider within the next few days.

The proposed study, which has been in the planning stages for several months, could have far-reaching impact on the future of the seminary, Brantley said.

Chairman of the Board Hale said that at least foundations had indicated they would consider an application for assistance to the seminary. If the grant(s) are forthcoming, it is expected that the study will proceed this spring and will be concluded by the spring of 1970.

In discussing the proposal for the study and increased funds for the operation of the seminary, Hale said that the seminary will continue to educate black leadership in religion who will serve black churches primarily throughout the United States.

The demand for help in urban areas is acute for preachers, he said. Some of the graduates will continue in graduate schools and become teachers in colleges and universities, he added.

Hale said he envisions the quality of the seminary instruction being improved through cooperation with other institutions in the Nashville area, such as Fisk University and Tennessee A&I University.

Graduates of the American seminary would become feeders for other seminaries and universities, he said.

A part of the new program will include black history and culture beyond the days of the slave ships, since black ministers should be able to communicate this culture to their congregations, he added. Courses of study will lead not only to the ministry but to the educating of missionaries, chaplains and teachers of religion, Hale said.

As a result of the study, Hale said it is expected that a minimum of \$300,000 a year will be needed to implement the expanded curriculum, improved staff of teachers, and adequate library and physical needs of housing and classrooms.

An important phase of the work of the seminary is now its extension service which enrolls about 1,000 students annually in many areas of the study, Hale said.

A summer school will be inaugurated, according to Hale, that would attract pastors for in-service training for short courses. The summer school would be designed for pastors who could not spend long periods away from their churches and homes.

The seminary's executive committee meets regularly here bi-monthly.

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Eight Recommendations Made
On Crisis Implementation

(3-14-69)

ATLANTA (BP)--The board of directors for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board approved a progress report from its special committee on the national race crisis, including eight recommendations.

Of the eight recommendations included in the committee's report, only one hinted of drawing the agency into any new active involvement. It called for participation in the Urban Training Center for Christian Mission in Chicago.

Hugo Culpepper, director of the board's division of missions and a member of the special crisis committee, said the center is "devoted to training clergy and laymen for ministers in the metropolis."

He said an investigation revealed that the research seminars, fellowship and observation at the center had initiated creative thinking toward the problems of the nation.

The Home Mission Board will provide grants to select students to attend the training center.

Other recommendations from the committee, appointed by the board to help implement the "Statement on the Crisis in Our Nation" adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention last June, included:

--Production by the Home Mission Board of a special documentary motion picture concerning the crisis.

--Presentation of a special emphasis regarding the crisis at the Home Mission Board booth at the Southern Baptist Convention this June in New Orleans.

--Publication of a special issue of Home Missions magazine giving a progress report of the work of the Home Mission Board dealing with the crisis and incorporating the studies, observations and recommendations of the special committee (for distribution at the convention).

--Compilation of bibliographical lists dealing with the crisis situations and distributing these lists to denominational publications.

--Encouragement of local Baptist associations to deal with the problem in their areas by finding areas of common interest with various racial and minority groups on which to work together.

--Encouragement of qualified seminary professors in Southern Baptist seminaries to produce new books dealing with the Christian responsibilities in social action, including the Biblical basis, theological concepts and workable philosophies underlying such responsibilities.

The committee reported that the mission agency presently is assisting two professors in such projects.

--Encouragement of all programs of the Home Mission Board to continue giving major attention to their contribution of alleviating the crisis.

Harper Shannon of Dothan, Ala., committee chairman, said other plans are being considered, but that the committee "just is not ready to make specific recommendations at this time."

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**Baptist Board Asks State
To Provide Student Subsidy**

COLUMBIA, S. C. (BP)--The General Board of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, by a vote of 32-17, requested the state General Assembly (legislature) to provide tuition grants to students attending independent and church-related colleges.

After a 1½ hour debate, the Baptist General Board voted to approve a recommendation from its committee on Christian education proposing that students in private colleges be given a tuition subsidy to offset the difference in cost between education at state schools and private insitutions.

The recommendation urged the state legislature to set a subsidy at 60 per cent of the per student appropriation for the state's five colleges and universities. If approved, this would place the subsidy at about \$600 per year.

In effect, the board's action amounts to an expression of opinion by board members for the benefit of the state legislature, observers pointed out. The lawmakers, however, might likely be influenced by the views of the leaders of the state's largest denominational body.

Observers here pointed out it is doubtful, however, that a tuition grant would be approved by the General Assembly this year. Funds would have to be appropriated and there is a question whether the state constitution would have to be changed.

Strong opposition to the proposal was expressed by a layman and three pastors.

W. L. Williams, professor at the University of South Carolina, was the first to oppose the idea, saying it would amount to "tak money to the schools." He maintained the funds would not really go the students, but to the colleges and universities.

Enoch C. Brown, a Columbia pastor argued that the South Carolina Baptist Convention has expressed opposition to in-direct government aid as well as to direct grants. Brown urged "adherence to principle over expediency."

A Baptist pastor from Greenville, S. C., J. G. Dukes, argued in favor of such grants to students, saying they would enable "needy students who now must choose less expensive schools" to attend Baptist colleges.

General argument in favor of such aid was that the tuition subsidy grants would go to the students, not to the institution.

John A. Hammrick, president of the Baptist College at Charleston, S. C., said the plan under study would make little difference to the colleges, but was of vast importance to the students.

Hammrick said the state tuition grants would differ little from federal grants to students through the Office of Economic Opportunity, and "we (Baptist College at Charleston) handled \$50,000 of these last year."

William D. Conner, a Charleston pastor, opposed the tuition grants, saying the schools would learn to depend on them for budget purposes, and they would therefore be in-direct grants to the schools.

In its vote, the board endorsed proposals initially made by the South Carolina Association of Independent Colleges.

Board president L. G. Carter of Williston, S. C., pointed out that the action was "approval by; the General Board, and not by the South Carolina Baptist Convention."

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White To Lecture At
Southeastern Seminary

(3-14-69)

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)--The Carver-Barnes Memorial Lectures at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here April 15-18 will be delivered by a British scholar, Barrington R. White, tutor in church history at Regent's Park College of Oxford University, Oxford, England.

Four lectures are slated in the series under the general title, "Particular Baptist Foundations, 1638-1660."

They will deal with the separatist inheritance, believer's baptism under fire, mission methods, independence and association.

The Carver-Barnes Memorial Lectures are made possible by anonymous donars in memory of Dr. W. C. Carver and Dr. W. M. Barnes.

Sunday School Board Names
New Baptist Student Editor

NASHVILLE (BP)--Norman Bowman has been named editor of the Baptist Student magazine, student department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here.

A native of St. Louis, Mo., Bowman earned his bachelor of arts degree from William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and his bachelor of divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La. Bowman spent one year of his seminary studies at the international Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland.

He has also studied at George Peabody College and the University of Tennessee, both in Nashville.

Bowman wrote *College Is a Question Mark* for Convention Press, Nashville. This book is an introduction to college life and the Baptist Student Union for the high school senior.

He has served the board since 1965 in positions as assistant editor in the student department and editor of special materials for the church training department.

Bowman's work will involve the design and production of student ministry curriculum materials, according to Bill Junker, supervisor of editorial services.

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Composers' Symposium

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--The Southern Baptist Church Music Conference, meeting here June 9-10 just prior to the Southern Baptist Convention, will feature a composers' symposium dealing with the role of the composer of church music in the 20th century.

Top church music composers participating in the symposium will also give presentations of examples of each composers' compositions, said the conference president, Donald Winters, chairman of the music conference at William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Miss.

Major addresses at the two-day conference will be delivered by Bill G. West, pastor of River Oaks Baptist Church, Houston; Donald Hustad, professor at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; and the annual presidents' address by Winters.

Composers who are to participate in the symposium are Ralph Carmichael of Hollywood, Calif.; Phillip Landgrave of Southern Seminary in Louisville; and Ron Nelson of the music school faculty at Brown University, Providence, R. I.

The Baptist church musicians will also have an opportunity to ask the composers symposium participants and Husted questions concerning their presentations during an open discussion period.

Sessions of the conference will be held at the Leavell Chapel at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here, with a Monday night banquet at the seminary cafeteria.

Much of the program will be devoted to solos and choral presentations from some of the top musicians and choirs in the 11-million member convention, Winters said.

Groups on the program include the Handbell Choir of First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.; Youth Choir of Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas; Junior High Choir of First Baptist Church, Dallas; "The Citizens" from First Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex.; Church Choir of First Baptist Church, New Orleans; Hardin-Simmons University Choir from Abilene, Tex.; and William Carey College Choir, Hattiesburg, Miss.

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SBC CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE
June 9-10, 1969Leavell Chapel
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
New Orleans, Louisiana**MONDAY MORNING, June 9**

- 10:20 Organ Prelude -- Beatrice Collins, faculty, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 10:30 Call to order
Presentation of program
- 10:45 Worship through singing
Congregational singing -- Frank Stilwell, minister of music, First Baptist Church, East Point, Georgia
Soloist - Josephine D'Arpa, faculty, William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
- 11:00 Choral meditation -- The Seminarians, William L. Hooper, faculty, New Orleans Seminary
- 11:20 Message -- Bill G. West, pastor, River Oaks Baptist Church, Houston, Texas
- 11:55 Closing prayer

MONDAY AFTERNOON, June 9

- 1:15 Organ prelude -- Gladys Day, faculty, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas
- 1:30 Worship through singing
Congregational singing - A. Joseph King, minister of music, University Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas
Soloist -- Sue King, faculty, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth
- 1:45 Concert -- Chapel Bell Ringers, John R. Chandler, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama
- 2:05 Report of the nominating committee
- 2:15 Composers' Symposium --
Ralph Carmichael, arranger, composer, conductor, Hollywood, California
Ron Nelson, faculty, school of music, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island
Phillip Landgrave, faculty, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky
- (A discussion of objectives, philosophy, role as a composer of church music in the twentieth century, with live presentations of examples of each composer's compositions.)
- 3:45 Worship hour -- Carey College Chorale, Donald Winters, conductor, William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
- 4:10 Choral benediction

MONDAY EVENING, June 9

- 6:00 Conference banquet at seminary cafeteria
Master of ceremonies -- James Woodward, chairman, music department, Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma
Entertainment -- "The Citizens", First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, Bob Burroughs, director

CHURCH MUSIC CONFERENCE, continued

MONDAY NIGHT, June 9

- 7:50 Organ prelude -- Beatrice Collins, faculty, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
- 8:00 Worship through singing
Congregational singing -- Carl Perry, First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee
Solo
- 8:15 Presentation of honorary memberships
- 8:30 Demonstration-Lecture: "Music in the Outreach of the Church" -- Donald P. Hustad, faculty, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky
- 9:00 Concert -- Concert Choir, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, James Cram, director
- 9:25 Closing prayer

TUESDAY MORNING, June 10

- 8:45 Organ prelude
- 9:00 Worship through singing
Congregational singing -- James Allcock Jr., Maryland state music secretary
Solo
- 9:15 Concert -- Junior High Choir, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, Perry Taylor, director
- 9:40 President's message -- Donald Winters, chairman, music department, William Carey College, Hattiesburg, Mississippi
- 10:00 Departmental conferences and election of officers
- 11:00 Hymn of faith
- 11:05 Open discussion moderated by William L. Hooper, faculty, New Orleans Seminary
Panel of composers:
Ralph Carmichael
Donald P. Hustad
Ron Nelson
Phillip Landgrave
(Written questions from conference personnel directed to an individual member of the panel or to the panel at large.)
- 11:35 Concert -- Youth Choir, Park Cities Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, Charles H. Worley, director
- 12:00 Closing prayer

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, June 10

- 1:15 Organ meditation
- 1:30 Worship through singing
Congregational singing -- Scotty W. Gray, faculty, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas
Solo
- 1:45 Concert -- Singing Churchmen of Mississippi, Dan Hall, director
- 2:10 Project 69-70 -- Joe Ann Shelton, director of program music, Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, Fort Worth, Texas
- 2:25 Business session
- 2:45 Recognition of past presidents
- 3:00 Hymn of devotion
- 3:05 News from Nashville
- 3:30 Concert -- Church Choir, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, Harry L. Cowan, director
- 3:50 World Premier of "For the Living of These Days", by Duane Blakely -- Church Choir and Instrumental Group, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, directed by Harry L. Cowan

(Duane Blakely was commissioned by the Executive Council of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference to write this anthem for the 1969 meeting in New Orleans.)
- 4:10 Adjournment
Closing prayer-benediction



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