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Pueblo Crewman, Missionaries
To Cuba To Address WMU Meeting

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--A crewman from the USS Pueblo, two missionaries recently freed from prison in Cuba and their wives, a missionary to Vietnam, a Quaker philosopher, and the translator and illustrator of Good News For Modern Man will be major speakers at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union here June 9-10.

Theme for the meeting, slated at the Rivergate Exhibition Center, is "The Future is Happening," according to WMU President Mrs. Robert Fling of Pleasantville, N.Y.

The Pueblo crewman is Wayne Anderson of Waycross, Ga., a member of Hebardville Baptist Church in Waycross. He will tell how his faith kept him sane during the 11 months in a North Korean prison camp.

The former missionaries to Cuba are Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Caudill and Mr. and Mrs. David Fite. Mrs. Caudill and her daughter, Mrs. Fite, will talk about their husbands' imprisonment in Cuba and will present their families Tuesday morning, June 10.

The missionary to Vietnam on the program is Herman P. Hayes, who speaks Tuesday morning just before the Caudills and Fites. Hayes is now on furlough in Bossier City, La.

The Quaker philosopher on the program is D. Elton Trueblood, author and professor of philosophy at Earlham College, Richmond, Ind.

Trueblood will appear twice, speaking first on the subject, "The Company of the Committed." In a later session, he will be in dialogue with his former student, Kenneth Chafin, now professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Robert G. Bratcher of New York, translator, and Mlle. Annie Vallotton of Paris, France, illustrator of the Good News For Modern Man edition of the New Testament, will appear together on Monday evening following the address by the Pueblo crewman.

Bratcher, a former Southern Baptist missionary, will speak, and Mlle. Vallotton will sketch illustrations which will be projected for the audience to see.

Ten Southern Baptist missionaries are on the program. They are Mr. and Mrs. Caudill; Mr. and Mrs. Fite; Mrs. Davis L. Saunders, missionary to Tanzania on furlough in Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. David C. Dorr, missionary to Yemen on furlough in Richmond, Va.; Dan C. Routledge of El Portal, Calif.; Arlie Watson Jr., of Salisbury, Md.; Nella Popow of Brooklyn, N.Y.; and Roderick Loney of Queens Village, N.Y.

Major addresses will also be brought by Mrs. Robert Fling, president of the WMU national organization and pastor's wife in Pleasantville, N.Y.; Miss Alma Hunt, WMU executive secretary with offices in Birmingham, Ala.; and William M. Pinson Jr., professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

The world premier of a new youth musical will climax the Monday evening session. The Sound of Singing Youth, 125 students from Belmont Heights Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn., will perform "Happening Now," a new musical by Bob Oldenburg, consultant for the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and Eddie Lunn, a Baylor University student, Waco, Tex.

A special feature Monday morning will depict missions work in the city of New Orleans and will be brought by representatives of home missions institutions in the city.

Music for the meeting will be coordinated and directed by Claude H. Rhea, music and mass communications consultant for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

WMU President, Mrs. Fling, said that each of the five sessions will be built around a section from "A Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation," which was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston last June.

Session themes are "Make Us Instruments," "We Declare Our Commitment," "Enveloped in...a Revolution," "Christian Ventures in Human Relationships," and "The Opportunity We Face."

"This meeting will link us to the 1970's," Mrs. Fling said. "Each program participant has been invited because he can show how the Christian faith is confronting the trends which are ushering in the future."

Brotherhood Commission Names
Jannings, Godfrey to Key Posts

MEMPHIS (BP)--The Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission has streamlined its organization and realigned some of its key personnel to better serve Baptist churches in men and boys work, George W. Schroeder, the agency's executive secretary-treasurer, announced.

The adjustment in organization "should be instrumental in enabling the commission to meet better its responsibilities in its convention-assigned programs of work," Schroeder said. The changes were effective April 1.

The organization calls for a division manager, assistant to the executive secretary, and two department directors.

New personnel assignments include Roy Jennings as manager of the program development and promotion division, which designs, carries out, and promotes the Brotherhood program. This division includes a Baptist Men's department, a Royal Ambassador department, and six special sections of field and editorial work.

Norman Godfrey, formerly director of field services, now is the assistant to the executive secretary. Godfrey will assist Schroeder in inter-program coordination, public relations and administration.

Jay Chance former supervisor of Royal Ambassador field services, now is director of the Royal Ambassador department which encompasses all field and editorial services for Royal Ambassadors.

W. J. Isbell, former field services consultant for Baptist Men, is director of the Baptist Men's department.

Jennings, a commission employee since 1959, will report directly to Schroeder and have major responsibility for the program content and its implementation. All field services and editorial activities of the commission will come under his supervision.

Jennings came to the agency after 10 years as a daily newspaper reporter and night city editor for the Memphis Commercial Appeal. He is a 1949 graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism.

Godfrey occupies a new position on the reorganized staff. One of his primary duties, Schroeder said, will be to coordinate the Brotherhood program with the other program organizations of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Godfrey is a 1957 graduate of Grand Canyon College with a bachelor of arts degree and a 1960 graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth with a master's degree in religious education.

Jay Chance, an Oklahoman and graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University has been on the commission staff for about six years. He formerly served as minister of youth education in a Texas church and began his career at the Brotherhood Commission as a Royal Ambassador worker. He was appointed supervisor of the Royal Ambassador field services unit two years ago.

W. J. Isbell has been a field consultant in the Men's division since 1968. A former director of Brotherhood work for Alabama Baptists, he is a graduate of Auburn University, Auburn, Ala.

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California Governor Praises
Students For Flood Cleanup

(4-8-69)

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (BP)--California Gov. Ronald Reagan has commended a group of students at California Baptist College here for shoveling mud, scrubbing walls, and hosing down floors in a cleanup campaign following mud slides and flooding in California.

The students, working through the Baptist Student Union, spent their Saturdays and weekends helping clean up homes with three and four feet of mud on the floor in the area of Mira Loma, Calif.

In widely published news reports in California, the disaster coordinator for the area praised the students, saying "their effort...has had a heartening effect on the morale of Mira Loma residents...It's wonderful that they care."

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After Gov. Reagan read the news accounts, he wrote to Michael Hoagland, president of the college's Baptist Student Union and head of the cleanup group:

"It is particularly gratifying to me to read about students such as yourselves volunteering your time to help those whose homes were hit by the floods. I only wish that deeds such as yours were getting the headlines these days instead of those actions that are causing such great unrest on some of our campuses.

"You have renewed my faith in that great majority of young men and women who are ready to assist in time of emergencies," continued the governor. "Your efforts and willingness are greatly appreciated by all of us. I just want you to know how proud I am of you."

College officials at the Baptist school said that the students' concern for people seemed to deepen following a religious emphasis week.

Another such example of this concern, they said, was that more than 30 pints of blood were donated for the incurably ill mother of a junior student in response to a request for volunteers from Circle K, men's service club.

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New Orleans, Mississippi
Nursing Schools To Merge

(4-8-69)

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (BP)--Plans for merging the nursing schools of William Carey College here and the Mather School of Nursing in New Orleans have been announced jointly by the two schools.

Mather School of Nursing at Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, now offers a "diploma program" in nursing which takes three years and does not include a college degree. Under the new plan, students will be enrolled at William Carey College and receive a college degree in what is called the "baccalaureate program."

The change-over will begin in the fall of 1969, and the last three-year diploma program at Mather School of Nursing begins in September of 1969, according to J. Ralph Noonkester, president of William Carey College.

Southern Baptist Hospital Executive Director Raymond Wilson explained that nursing students will in the future be enrolled at William Carey College but will spend one semester each of their sophomore, junior, and senior years in residence at the Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans.

"For many months," commented Noonkester, "Carey College has been in contact with the Southern Baptist Hospital concerning this move. It is felt by both schools that the three-year diploma program of the Mather School should be expanded to a four year baccalaureate program.

"William Carey College," he continued, "seemed to be the logical school with which the New Orleans school could merge."

William Carey College, an institution of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is located in Hattiesburg, Miss., about 90 miles Northeast of New Orleans where Mather School of Nursing operates as part of the program of Southern Baptist Hospital, an institution of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Greensboro Pastors Praise
Criswell Book on Literalism

(4-8-69)

GREENSBORO, N.C. (BP)--The Piedmont Baptist Pastor's Conference meeting here has adopted a resolution commending the publishing and publicity of a book by Southern Baptist Convention President W. A. Criswell on Why I Preach That the Bible Is Literally True.

The resolution seemed to be aimed at refuting an earlier resolution adopted by the Association of Baptist Professors of Religion which condemned the publicity and advertising campaign on the book published by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, saying that it appeared that the book espoused the official position of the Baptist board.

The North Carolina pastors' group said they did not interpret the advertising campaign as "clearly suggesting that the position espoused in this book is the official position of the Sunday School Board of the SBC," using the wording of the professor's resolution.

The pastor's conference resolution commended the Sunday School Board for publishing the book, praised the nature of promotion and publicity given to it, and encouraged the board "to give us more of this theologically conservative type of literature."

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Court To Decide Fate
Of College Finance Plan

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON (BP)--Does state-furnished low-cost financing to a sectarian college violate the U. S. Constitution's First Amendment prohibition of state aid to religion?

The United States Supreme Court has agreed to hear arguments on this question in its session next fall. A case dealing with the issue has not heretofore been decided by the court.

At issue is the Educational Buildings Financing Agency Act of the state of Vermont. This act created the Educational Buildings Financing Agency "to finance buildings and associated facilities for any nonprofit university, college or secondary school in the state."

Only one other state, Massachusetts, has a similar law.

The case before the U. S. Supreme Court arose when Daulton Mann, head of the Vermont financing agency refused to execute a plan approved by the agency to aid a building program of the College of St. Joseph the Provider (a Roman Catholic School) at Rutland, Vermont.

Among other powers the Vermont agency is authorized to issue bonds for the financing of building projects for private colleges and schools. The state, however, is not liable for payment of the bonds, which are payable only out of the funds of the agency. Also the income of the bonds is exempt from taxation by the state.

The funds for repayment of the bonds come from the lease or rental fee charged to the school for the facilities. The rental does not exceed the amount of the payments of the bonds. When the bonds are paid off the property becomes that of the school.

In the arrangements between St. Joseph's and the Vermont agency, the buildings and the lots which they were to occupy were to be leased by the school to the agency and then sub-leased back to the school.

Although there are no tax grants or even state loan of funds to St. Joseph's, the plan provides a low cost financing plan by the state for private colleges and secondary schools.

Mann, upon advice of legal counsel, challenged the constitutionality of this arrangement with religiously connected schools. Both the Bennington County Court of Chancery and the Vermont Supreme Court upheld the act and the actions of the agency.

However, since there is no ruling on the question from the U. S. Supreme Court, the bonds remain unmarketable and the building program is at a standstill. Mann is seeking a federal court ruling on the constitutional questions involved for guidance in developing future financing plans with private schools.

The case now before the Supreme Court may have much wider implications than its effect on Vermont law. The law in Massachusetts could also be affected. Other states that may be contemplating similar provisions could receive guidance as to what the court might do in cases arising from laws they might enact.

Specifically, the questions that may be decided by the U. S. Supreme Court are: (1) Does a state financing plan for sectarian schools, such as the one in Vermont, constitute state aid to religion; (2) Does a plan such as the one developed for St. Joseph's constitute aid to religion by the state; and (3) Is such "aid" invalidated by the First Amendment prohibition against the "establishment of religion?"



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SOUTHERN BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION ANNUAL MEETING
June 9-10, 1969

The Rivergate Exhibition Center
New Orleans, Louisiana

THEME: "The Future Is Happening"

Mrs. Robert Fling, President, Pleasantville, New York

MONDAY MORNING, June 9, 9:30

Theme: "Make Us Instruments"

Music and Missions -- Claude H. Rhea Jr., convention music director and consultant
in music and mass communications, Southern Baptist Foreign
Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia

"The Future Is Happening...In Tanzania"--Mrs. Davis L. Saunders, Missionary to
to Tanzania on furlough in Louisville, Kentucky

Organization

"Louisiana Under Ten Flags"--Kathryn E. Carpenter, executive secretary, Woman's
Mission Union of Louisiana, Alexandria, Louisiana

Recognition of Hostess Committees -- Mrs. Dewey F. Blades Sr., Metairie, Louisiana

"In a Broken World...New Orleans" -- Home Missionaries

"People Are Talking...About WMU in the 70's"-- Alma Hunt, Executive Secretary,
Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Alabama

"The Hour Is Striking" -- William M. Pinson Jr., associate professor of Christian
ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth,
Texas

Closing Meditation

"Humbling ourselves before God, we implore him to create in us a right
spirit of repentance and to make us instruments of...his righteousness,
his peace, and his love toward all men." --From "A Statement Concerning
the Crisis in Our Nation", adopted by the SBC in Houston, June, 1968.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, June 9, 2:00

Theme: "We Declare Our Commitment"

Music and Missions -- Claude H. Rhea Jr., Richmond, Virginia

"The Future Is Happening..."

"In Yosemite National Park" -- Dan C. Rutledge, home missionary, El Portal,
California

"In an Ocean City Coffeehouse" -- Arlie Watson Jr., home missionary,
Salisbury, Maryland

"In Brooklyn with Polish Youth" -- Nella Popow, home missionary, Brooklyn,
New York

"Words Will Not Suffice...in Harlem" -- Roderick Loney, home missionary,
Queens Village, New York

"Company of the Committed" -- D. Elton Trueblood, professor of philosophy,
Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana

Closing Meditation

"Words will not suffice. The time has come for action. Our hope for healing
and renewal is in the redemption of the whole of life. Let us call men to
faith in Christ." -- From "A Statement Concerning the Crisis in Our Nation"

Woman's Missionary Union Convention, continued

Monday Evening, June 9, 7:30

Theme: "Developed in...a Revolution"

Music and Missions -- Claude H. Rhea Jr., Richmond, Virginia

"Captive in North Korea" -- Pueblo Crewman Wayne Anderson, Waycross, Georgia

"Good News for Modern Man"

--Robert G. Bratcher, Translator, American Bible Society, New York

--Annie Vallotton, Illustrator, Paris, France

"Happening Now" --Premier of a contemporary youth musical by Bob Oldenburg, Nashville, Tennessee, and Eddie Lunn, Baylor University, performed by the Sound of Singing Youth Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee

Closing Meditation

"Our nation is at the crossroads. We must decide whether we shall be united in goodwill, freedom, and justice under God to serve mankind or be destroyed by covetousness, passion, hate, and strife." -- From "Statement on Crisis in Our Nation"

Tuesday Morning, June 10, 9:30

Theme: "Christian Ventures in Human Relationships"

Music and Missions -- Claude H. Rhea Jr., Richmond, Virginia

"The Future is Happening...in Vietnam" -- Herman P. Hayes, Missionary to Vietnam on furlough in Bossier City, Louisiana

Business

By-Laws

"Imprisonment and Liberation in Cuba" -- Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Caudill, Atlanta, Georgia, Former Missionaries to Cuba; Mr. and Mrs. David Fite and family, Decatur, Georgia

President's Address: "No Time to Be Afraid" -- Mrs. Robert Fling, Pleasantville, New York

Closing Meditation

"Inadequately but sincerely, we have sought in our nation and around the world both to proclaim the gospel to the lost and to minister to human need in Christ's name. Individually and collectively, we are trying to serve, but we have yet to use our full resources to proclaim the gospel whereby all things are made new in Christ." -- From "Statement on Crisis in our Nation"

Tuesday Afternoon, June 10, 2:00

Theme: "The Opportunity We Face"

Music and Missions -- Claude H. Rhea Jr., Richmond, Virginia

"The Future Is Happening...in Yemen" -- Mrs. David C. Dorr, Missionary to Yemen on furlough in Richmond, Virginia

"Keys on a Ring" -- Alma Hunt, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Alabama

Business

Election of Officers

Dialogue: The Future of the Christian Faith

Kenneth Chafin, Billy Graham Associate Professor of Evangelism, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky

D. Elton Trueblood, Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana

Benediction

Closing Meditation

"The Christ we serve, the opportunity we face, and the crisis we confront compel us to action." -- From "Statement Concerning the Crisis in our Nation"



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