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**Nixon Asks Nation  
To Pray For Peace**

WASHINGTON (BP)--President Richard M. Nixon has proclaimed Memorial Day, Friday, May 30 "as a day of prayer for permanent peace." He designated 11:00 a.m. of that day "as a time to unite in such prayer."

Traditionally on Memorial Day it is customary for Americans to honor the memory of Americans "who have died in the defense of freedom," the President pointed out in his proclamation.

"Meditating on their sacrifices, we honor not only their memory but also the principles of justice and freedom for which they gave their lives," Nixon declared.

"Yet honor is not enough," he continued. "Although we cannot change the pattern of the past, we must do all we can to create a pattern of justice and peace for the future," he said.

Nixon urged "that on this consecrated day, all the people of America offer their prayers to the Almighty to make reason and good will prevail so that peace can once again bless our nation."

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**Missions Superintendents  
Discuss Community, Future**

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Two panel discussions, including one on "Understanding the Community", and a major address on the future of the Baptist Association in Southern Baptist life will highlight the Southern Baptist Conference for Associational Superintendents of Missions here Tuesday, June 10.

The closing address will be brought by James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, on the future of the association.

Another major address will be delivered by Kenneth L. Chafin, professor of evangelism at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, on the topic of "Involvement."

Robert L. Lee, executive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, will also address the group of missions workers employed by Baptist associations throughout the SBC.

Two panel discussions involving the missions superintendents themselves will delve into their own understanding of the community, and their relationships to the community as counselors, denominational representatives, unofficial placement workers, and as preachers.

Discussion from the floor will be a part of both panel presentations, said Mercer C. Irwin, executive secretary of the New Orleans Baptist Association and president of the organization.

The panel on understanding the community will cover rural, metropolitan, pioneer, and changing situations, with one panelist assigned to each area of discussion.

Panelists are John McBride of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board department of pioneer missions; Paul Crandall, missions superintendent in Richmond, Va.; Ervin Brown, missions superintendent in Hernando, Miss.; and Richard G. Bryant, missions superintendent in LaMesa, Calif. William J. Cumbie, executive secretary of the Mount Vernon Baptist Association in Alexandria, Va., is the panel moderator.

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Panelists for the discussion on relationships will be Dale Wright, of Southern Baptist Hospital's pastoral care department, New Orleans; W. H. Colson, city missions superintendent in Corpus Christi, Tex.; Arthur Rockett of Lake Charles, La., area secretary for the Louisiana Baptist Convention; and Cumbie. Irwin is to be the moderator.

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Six Messages Slated For  
SBC Evangelists' Meeting

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--A half-dozen messages and sermons will highlight the annual Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists, meeting here Thursday afternoon, June 12, during the week of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Speakers for the conference include three evangelists, a seminary professor, and the pastor and retired pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis.

The evangelists on the program are Angel Martinez of Fort Smith, Ark., James Robinson of Hurst, Tex.; and Nathan Bussey of Oklahoma City.

The seminary professor is Wayne Ward, professor of Christian theology at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

The Memphis ministers are Ramsey Pollard, current pastor, and R. G. Lee, pastor emeritus, of Bellevue Baptist Church.

Presiding over the session, which begins at 12:14 and ends at 5:00 p.m., at the First Baptist Church of New Orleans, will be John Tierney, evangelist from Greenville, S. C.

Special music will be brought by Ann Criswell Jackson of DeRidder, La.; Darcie Hodges of Del City, Okla.; Eddie Smith of Corpus Christi, Tex.; Mrs. Bette Stalnecker of Ripley, Tenn.; and John McKay of Hurst, Tex.

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Grand Canyon College Ranks  
Number One In College Baseball

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PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP)--A Southern Baptist college baseball team is currently ranked as the number one college baseball team in the nation.

Grand Canyon College here has been number one in the poll of the nation's sportswriters conducted by Collegiate Baseball magazine.

It is believed to be the first time that a Southern Baptist college baseball team has ranked as the number one college team in the nation.

The baseball club, coached by Dave Brazell, recently won the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) district tournament in Phoenix, and will go on the area tournament in late May.

Brazell said that "the ratings are nice," but that he would trade the ratings in a minute for the championship title of the national NAIA tournament.

Two Southern Baptist schools previously have won the national NAIA baseball tournament. Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tenn., won the 1965 championship, and William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., won the crown last year.

Neither Carson-Newman nor William Jewell, however, ranked in the top ten when they took the tournament honors.

The Antelopes, as they have been named, have defeated such major diamond powers as Ohio State University and the University of Wisconsin of the Big Ten Conference, Iowa State University of the Big Eight, and several California and Arizona powers.

The Antelopes have five hitters over the .300 mark. "There is a danger connected with the top ranking in that every team we play will play harder so they can beat the top team in the nation. All the credit should go to the individual boys who have worked hard in putting this winning team together," Brazell said.

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