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**Florida Solons Ask Funds
For Religion, Ethics, Morals**

WASHINGTON (BP)--Nine Democratic Congressmen from Florida introduced a bill for federal funds to include "the objective teaching of religion," which "the Supreme Court has approved."

The new bill would provide \$5 million a year for three years to teach moral and ethical principles in elementary and secondary schools. It was introduced by Rep. Charles E. Bennett (D., Fla.) on behalf of the entire Democratic delegation from Florida.

Citing the rising crime rate in the country, Bennett told the House of Representatives that "there is a great need in America today for broad instruction in the development of man's moral and ethical values."

The federal government can help stimulate these programs through the grant procedure, he said.

The bill does not spell out details for the instruction. This will be left to the state school systems, a spokesman for the Congressman said.

The curriculum and academic instruction in morals and ethics could take the form of assembly programs or individual classes, Bennett said on the House floor. The teaching avenue could be "lessons of courage, heroism and good works developed from actual stories and biographies of great men and women," he continued.

"Programs on the growth of the freedom or worship--how it became part of our Constitution; on patriotism--how brave men fought to preserve our freedom; on good citizenship--why it is important to obey the law and on the objective history of religion, which the Supreme Court has approved, could all be topics of classroom discussion," Bennett pointed out.

The teaching of ethics and instruction in moral values are a proper function of our schools, the Florida Congressman urged, "especially in view of recent Supreme Court rulings prohibiting prayer and Bible reading in public schools."

The legislative assistant for Congressman Bennett said this new legislation was not connected to the current push in Congress for a constitutional Prayer Amendment "to permit nondenominational prayers" in public buildings. This is a different matter, he said, although "it may be related in some ways."

Rep. Bennett "is battling on the other end for the Dirksen Amendment" the assistant said, describing Bennett as being "100 per cent" for the constitutional Prayer Amendment.

In addition to Bennett the other Florida Democrats sponsoring the bill to provide funds to teach morals and ethics are: Robert L. F. Sikes, James A. Haley, Dante B. Fascell, Paul G. Rogers, Calude D. Pepper, Don Fuqua, Sam M. Gibbons and Bill Chappell.

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**Broadman Press Gets
Award For "Purpose"**

6/24/69

KEY DISCAYNE, Fla. (BP)--Broadman Press, publishing arm of the Southern Baptist Convention, received recognition for the record cover of the Christian folk musical "Purpose."

The Church Music Publishers Association meeting here termed the art work by Tom P. Seal of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville "the finest cover on a sacred music publication."

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Dean Maroney Elevated
To College Presidency

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (BP)--Kenneth A. Maroney has been elected president of the University of Corpus Christi at a called meeting of the Baptist school's board of trustees.

Maroney, dean of the college since 1966, had served as acting president since the January, 1969 resignation of Leonard L. Holloway.

Affiliated with the school first as a student, Maroney earned a bachelor of science degree in 1951. After obtaining a masters degree from the University of Texas and a doctorate from North Texas State University, he returned to his alma mater as education instructor and assistant basketball coach.

Since 1957, he has served as associate professor of education, dean of men, dean of students, dean of the college, professor of psychology, and acting president.

The former consultant to the U. S. Office of Education was recently named to "Who's Who in American College and University Administration."

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Closed Circuit TV Used
For Training Baptist Youth

6/24/69

GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)--Through a series of eight closed-circuit television programs, approximately 2,000 teenagers at Glorieta Baptist Assembly have participated in the first series of mass discussions on practical problems facing contemporary youth. The discussions were called "Tune In."

During two weeks of youth conferences sponsored by the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, students aged 13-16 participated in video-taped interviews and live television panels.

Emcee Larry Walker, minister-at-large for Metropolitan New York, led discussions on sex, drugs, hippies, the generation gap, demonstrations, racial strife, the war in Vietnam, teenage dress, and the church's role in the lives of teenagers.

Taped interviews from a test program run in 1968 at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N.C., were also shown as bases for comparison of ideas.

"The kids are opinionated, articulate, and eager to be heard," Walker said. "We do not try to monitor or edit anything they say. No tutoring, lecturing, or preaching is involved in this program, for we feel they can reach intelligent decisions for themselves through two-sided discussions."

Not only were teenagers the stars of the show, but several cameramen and technical assistants were recruited from the conferences.

Walker said that since the test program in 1968, technical improvements, the addition of a second camera, and a smoother format have been accomplished.

Technicians strung 1500 feet of cable requiring 60 man hours to make the Glorieta studio operational.

Glorieta Baptist Assembly is located 18 miles east of Santa Fe, N.M. A 13-week summer program for Southern Baptists emphasizes church conferences, youth activities, mission studies and leadership training sessions.

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Herndon Elected To Lead
Aging Homes Executives

6/24/69

VERO BEACH, Fla. (BP)--Elson Herndon of Missouri was elected president of the Southern Baptist Executives of Homes for the Aging in the annual meeting of the group here.

Herndon is administrator of the Baptist Retirement Towers in Kansas City, Mo. A. W. Brickle, superintendent of Bethea Baptist Home in Darlington, South Carolina was named vice-president.

W. L. Howse III, director of organization for the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, was re-elected ~~secretary-treasurer~~.

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Baptist To Study Role
In Cooperative Christianity

WASHINGTON (BP)--A Baptist World Alliance study commission on cooperative Christianity will meet for the first time at Baden wei Wien, Austrai, August 2-6.

James Leo Garrett, commission chairman, said that papers concerning Baptist relationships with other Christians will be presented by Six Baptists, one Roman Catholic, and one Mennonite.

Garrett is professor of Christian theology at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Co-chairman of the commission is Rudolf Thaut, principal of the Baptist seminary at Hamburg, Germany.

Though most Baptist groups are not associated with ecumenical organizations, the initiation of this study forum has been viewed by some as evidence of a Baptist willingness to consider the role of the denomination in relation to the rest of Christendom.

Only 13 of the 85 conventions and unions holding membership in the Baptist World Alliance are associated with the World Council of Churches.

The Commission on Cooperative Christianity is the most recently appointed of the Alliance's five study groups, all of which will meet in connection with the annual sessions of the BWA Executive Committee at Baden August 2-6.

The other groups are concerned with Doctrine, Religious Liberty and Human Rights, Christian Teaching and Training, and Evangelism and Missions.

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Alliance, said that about 100 persons are expected to participate in the annual meetings. W. R. Tolbert, president of the alliance and vice president of the Republic of Liberia, will preside over sessions of the executive committee.

Nordenhaug said that the five study commissions--each composed of scholars and other leaders representative of Baptists on all continents--have been established to provide an international forum for "study and fraternal discussion of what we believe and what w practice and how we should witness to the world."

The Commission on Cooperative Christianity was named at the meeting of the Executive Committee at Monrovia Liberia, a year ago. Garrett and Thaut have led its members in an exchange of thoughts by mail during the year, but the Baden session will be their first meeting.

Those who will present papers as part of the Cooperative Christianity Study Commission report include Ernest A. Payne of London, former general secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland and a president of the World Council of Churches; Ivan Motorin, a Baptist pastor in the U.S.S.R.; Robert G. Bratcher, translator of the best-selling Today's English Version of the New Testament; William R. Estep, Jr. of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas; Sergio Corda, an Italian pastor now teaching at the Baptist seminary at Ruschlikon, Switzerland; and D. Mervyn Himbury, principal of Whitley College in Australia.

John Howard Yoder, a Mennonite and professor of theology in the associated Mennonite Biblica Seminaries, Elkhart and Goshen, Ind., USA, will present a paper on "Baptists and Believers Churches." Ray Ryland, a Roman Catholic layman and theology graduate of Marquette University, will report on his doctoral dissertation research on attitudes in the Southern Baptist Convention USA, toward the ecumenical movement.

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Alabama Associate Named
To South Carolina Post

6/24/69

COLUMBIA, S.C. (BP)--The church training department of the South Carolina Baptist Convention has named an Alabama church training associate to a similar position in his native state of South Carolina.

Alfred A. Price Jr., will join the South Carolina convention effective July 1, returning to his home state after serving for five years in that Alabama Baptist Convention office, Montgomery.

A native of Greenwood, S.C., Price is a graduate of Furman University, Greenville, S.C., and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans. Before joining the church training department of the Alabama Convention, he was a pastor for several years in Alabama.

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Elaine Dickson Resigns
WMU Post To Earn Doctorate

BIRMINGHAM (BP)--Miss Elaine Dickson here has resigned as consultant in program design and research for the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union to pursue a doctoral degree in education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

She has held the key position, and another post as assistant to the promotion division director, since 1965. She has been with the WMU national office here since 1958.

Last year, Miss Dickson delivered a Gheens Lecture at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary on "Creative Encounter With the Future." She is co-author of "The Woman's Missionary Union Program of a Church," and co-editor of "70's: Opportunities for Your Church."

Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of the SBC Woman's Missionary Union, praised Miss Dickson's work, saying that she "has given us much creativity at a time when we have been developing new concepts and organizational plans and enlisting action."

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SBC Educators Told Schools Face
Restrictions on Expelled Students

6/24/69

WACO, Tex. (BP)--Private schools will soon face the same limitations being placed on state-owned institutions in regard to ousting students for actions contrary to school rules, Southern Baptist educators were told here.

During the annual meeting of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, Vanderbilt University Law Instructor James L. Neal cited increasing limitations being placed on state schools by the courts on such grounds as freedom of speech, and "due process" of law.

The Nashville teacher predicted that Baptist schools "more and more" will have to face rulings on the university's right to deal with students "whose action is interpreted as unbecoming to the school.

"If the rules don't fall within the (Bill of) Rights' limitations accepted by the court, they will be declared illegal," Neal said.

Neal said that the court rulings now apply to state-owned universities, which must discipline students within the bounds of the court's interpretation of the Bill of Rights, and the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, which says that the state cannot deprive a citizen of constitutional rights without due process of law.

The former assistant to the late U. S. Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy added, however, that a recent court case involving a Roman Catholic school ended with a ruling that the school had the right to enforce Roman Catholic standards on its students, and that by inference this ruling could be applied to all other denominational schools.

Neal warned, that the limitations might be imposed by the courts on basis of such grounds as freedom of speech, tax exemption, grants for research, or because private schools are a public service.

"It seems to me that you had better get ready for the due process" rulings, Neal told the 85 presidents and other administrators attending the meeting.

Earlier during the two-day session, the director of the western region of the American Association of University Professors, Richard H. Peairs, told the Baptist educators students are insisting that the higher education establishment give prompt answers to at least four essential questions.

He identified the four questions as "Who will become a student? What will he be taught? Who will teach him? and Where will he be taught and learn?"

In providing adequate answers, America's colleges and universities today are required if they are to cope with these challenges successfully, to examine each and every dimension of their program, its problems and its prospects, he said.

"Faculties and administrations must jointly inquire into the nature of the academic freedom and professional behavior of student and teacher as it is exercised on their campus, so that its groundrules will be understood and supported," Dr. Peairs said.

In another major speech, the pastor of First Baptist Church in Midland, Tex., L. L. Morriss, said that the little red school house of the past has been replaced by the multi-media classroom, and that spitballs made by young boys today seem to be fashioned in the shape of rockets.

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Morriss said that while there was a time when the eyes of the world were on the clergy, the men of law, the men of business and industry, and the men of science, today the eyes of the world are on education.

"It is not an easy time and it is not an easy task to be in the field of education," Morriss said. "But no field of endeavor promises so much."

Morriss said that by 1975, all human knowledge will double every 2½ months. He observed that there will be a teacher shortage in 1975 even if every May, 1969 college graduate went into the field of education.

He urged Baptist educators to provide the proper motivation for the student, saying that Christian education furnishes the motivation for life at its best. "Christian institutions of higher learning can furnish what this world needs--education that will allow not only making a living in this world, but a life in the world to come."

During business sessions, the association elected as its president James Ralph Scales, president of Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C. Elected vice president was L. A. Foster, president of Hannibal-LaGrange Baptist College, Hannibal, Mo., and re-elected secretary-treasurer was H. I. Hester, retired Baptist educator now living in Liberty, Mo.

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Please insert the following graphs in BP story mailed 6/23/69, headlined, Paul Geren Killed In Auto Accident. Insert should follow graph five as sent, and before graph which begins "Geren was the son of a Baptist minister..." Insert follows:

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Funeral services for Geren were scheduled Wednesday, June 25, at Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky., with Norman Shockley of First Baptist Church, DeLand, Fla., officiating.

In DeLand, the vice president of Stetson University, John E. Johns, said that the faculty, student body, and entire Stetson community was stunned by the tragedy.

"We grieve with the Geren family and pray for Mrs. Geren's complete recovery," Johns said. The vice president had words of praise for Geren's work in strengthening the relationship between Stetson and the Florida Baptist Convention, and for his strong Christian convictions.

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Also, please kill last graph of the Geren story as sent (saying funeral arrangements are incomplete), and substitute the following as the last graph of the Geren story:

The Geren family requested that instead of flowers, funds be contributed to establish a scholarship program.

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