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**Nixon Seeks Global Peace
By Support of World Law**

WASHINGTON (BP)--President Richard M. Nixon called on government and private interests to work for the "economic and social progress of people" as he proclaimed September 8 World Law Day in the United States.

"Public program, embodied in just laws at the local, national and international levels, can advance the improvement of social and economic conditions in every community and country," the President declared.

At the same time, he said, "voluntary cooperation of private individuals and groups can help to bring about research, new proposals, and citizen participation which will provide essential public support for enactment of just and needed laws."

World Law Day is sponsored by the "World Peace through Law Center" with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.

Initially the American Bar Association sponsored the World Peace through Law Movement. The first Law Day--USA was observed by presidential proclamation on May 1, 1958. In 1963 a world conference of the legal profession was held in Athens, Greece. A global work program and a World Peace through Law Center resulted. The first World Law Day was September 13, 1965.

President Nixon in his proclamation called on public officials and private leaders, members of the legal profession, public and private organizations and all men of goodwill "to arrange public ceremonies on World Law Day."

The purpose of such an observance, he said, would be "that we may rededicate ourselves to the observance of international law and to the goals of social and economic progress, so essential to the preservation of world peace."

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**Louisiana College Names
Arkansas Newsmag To Staff**

8/20/69

PINEVILLE, La. (BP)--Franklin I. Presson, former managing editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine in Little Rock, has been named dean of students and director of news services for Louisiana College, a Baptist school here.

A graduate of the University of Arkansas, Presson has completed course requirements for the master of arts in journalism-public relations at the University of Oklahoma and has done additional study at the University of Arkansas, Southern Methodist University, Southwestern Graduate School of Banking in Dallas, and Draughton School of Business, Little Rock.

Associated with various commercial and business firms, Presson has been assistant vice president and manager of the installment loan department of First National Bank of Camden, Ark., and has worked with the Neighborhood Youth Corps program in Camden.

As dean of students, Presson will have supervision of all dormitory directors and non-academic student activities. As director of news services, he will direct the college's new service, edit the monthly alumni publication, "The Columns," and serve as advisor to the staffs of student publications.

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**Student Consultant Named
By Sunday School Board**

8/20/69

NASHVILLE (BP)--Jerry Buckner, director of the Baptist Student Union for Memphis State University, has been named consultant in the student department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, effective Sept. 1.

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Buckner, a native of Missouri, attended Drury College, Springfield, and is a graduate of Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth. He holds a master of theology degree from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Before serving at Memphis State for five years, Buckner was state director of Baptist Student Union for the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington, Portland, 1960-63; and director of Baptist Student Union, University of Missouri, Jefferson City, 1958-60.

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Seminary '69 Grads Give
Class Gift For Ministry

8/20/69

LOUISVILLE (BP)--The 1969 graduates of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here weren't satisfied with donating a tree, fountain, bench, or typewriter to their school. Since most were going into the ministry, they wanted their class gift to go to the ministry too.

In response to a suggestion from a class committee, some 60 members of the graduating class pledged \$5 annually for five years to be used partly as a scholarship to be awarded to a student interested in inner-city ministry, and partly to finance an inner-city ministry in which the scholarship recipient is involved.

The gift plan was devised by Gerald E. Simmons and Norman H. Letsinger, a committee of the graduating class. Letsinger said the class hoped that other students and friends of the seminary would be interested in augmenting and perpetuating the fund, and suggested they send donations to the seminary's "Inner-City Ministry Fund."

A faculty committee in charge of administering the fund includes: G. Willis Bennett, chairman, C. Penrose St. Amant, Henlee H. Barnette and W. Bryant Hicks.

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Anti Semitism Seed Sown
By Church Says Rust

8/20/69

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Persecution of the Jews in Czarist Russia and in Nazi Germany sprang from a seed with the church itself sowed in the early days of its history, a Southern Baptist Theological Seminary professor said here.

Speaking to the Jewish-Baptist Scholars Conference at the seminary where he teaches, Eric Rust, professor of Christian philosophy, pointed out that Nazi leaders often quoted Martin Luther, calling for the burning of synagogues, the prohibition of Jewish worship, and avoidance of any intercourse with the accursed people.

Luther even urged his readers to "strike the Jew on the jaw," Rust said.

The seminary professor cited evidence that ever since Christianity had become the dominant religion, vituperation and intolerance has characterized the churches' behavior toward the Jews.

By the early part of the fifth century, synagogue burning was rampant in the East, the Baptist teacher said, and centuries of Christian persecution has made the cross a fearsome symbol to many Jews.

The professor quoted one historian saying, "Whenever the church has faced the Jewish race, she fails completely to show the faintest gleam of Christian feeling and the least glow of the spirit of Jesus. Where Jesus himself and St. Stephen, forgave, the church thought it right to avenge."

Religious motivation stands at the root of most anti-semitism today and throughout the centuries explained Rust.

"The cry of the crucifixion 'his blood be on us and our children' has been a potent influence in the religious manifestation of anti-semitism. Hence, forgetting its Jewish roots, the church often turned against those who are co-heirs with it of the heritage of old Israel," he stated.

"To hold the Jews responsible for the crucifixion ignores the fact," Rust continued, "that ultimately it was the Roman authority that condemned Jesus to death.

"To hold all Jews responsible for the part played by a few two thousands years ago is the same thing as holding all Italians responsible for the crucifixion because Jesus died on a Roman cross and was put there by Roman soldiers," he emphasized.

The sin of the crucifixion is not merely attached to the Jews but rather it is a disclosure of the sin of all mankind. Rust said that Judaism of that time represented all mankind.

"We can be grateful that at last the Roman church has acknowledged its guilt for fostering anti-semitism over religious reason," declared Rust.

"In so doing it challenges all Christian men to stand by its side."

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Irene Chambers
Killed In Car Wreck

ATLANTA (BP)--Miss Irene Chambers, retired field worker for the Home Mission Board, was killed in an automobile collision Aug. 19.

Miss Chambers, a native of Pocahontas, Ark., was returning to her hometown from Home Missions week at Ridgecrest, N.C., Baptist Assembly.

Two companions--Mrs. Branch Hutchenson and Mrs. Myrtle Singley of Pocahontas--also were killed in the headon collision on Highway 63 about 20 miles west of Memphis. One person in the other car also was killed.

Miss Chambers was an active missionary for 21 years, and served frequently as a Home Missions speaker in camps and world mission conferences. She was a graduate of Central Junior College and Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway, Ark., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.