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Telephone (615) 254-1631**Extremism Pervaded By
Intolerance, Prof Says**

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)--All extremism, whether it is left or right-wing, is pervaded by intolerance, a Christian ethics professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary charged in a Southern Baptist conference on "Extremism, Left and Right."

C. W. Scudder, speaking at the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly conference sponsored by the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, said intolerance causes suspicion, distrust and foster divisions in homes, churches and political affairs.

"Extremists," said Scudder, "are unwilling to endure the views, opinions and religious beliefs of others. They fence themselves in with their intolerance and live in a world of their own."

Warning that a difference should be made between the local, concerned critic and the irresponsible, revolutionary agitator, Scudder said: "It is the prophet who has served as the most creative force within the Christian movement. And there have always been those who have sought to discredit and silence prophetic leaders."

Scudder, who spoke on the psychological dimensions of extremism, said angry frustration is fast destroying the lines of communications between many people and making true dialogue difficult if not impossible.

"There is no justification for the destruction caused by angry frustration which we have witnessed in recent years," observed the professor, "but neither is there justification for any American to ignore the continuing inequities and injustices which tend to produce angry frustration.

"As frustration motivates most of the new left, fear motivates most of the radical right," said Scudder.

"Extremism is a sickness that will not be cured until lines of communication can be established with the extremists," he explained. "Much more effort in seeking to communicate with extremists of both left and right is needed."

"It will be little short of a miracle for communications to take place with the extremists," said Scudder, "but such a climate is essential if attitudes are to be changed."

"We should not anticipate any real improvement until we are willing to listen as well as be heard, and until we are through with name calling. Denouncing extremism with clever terms may be great sport for some and entertaining to others, but it also may be the best way to weaken even further the lines of communications," he said.

"We should strive to match intolerance and hatred with tolerance and love," concluded Scudder.

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**Dyal Named Peace Corps
Director For Nine Nations**

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WASHINGTON (BP)--William M. Dyal Jr., former director of organization for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission and more recently director of the Peace Corps for Colombia, has been appointed Peace Corps regional director for North Africa, the Near East and South Asia.

Dyal, a former Southern Baptist missionary to South America, joined the Peace Corps Feb. 1, 1967. He will begin his new duties as regional director on Sept. 1, 1969.

There are four regional directors in the Peace Corps. They are directly responsible to Peace Corps Director Joseph H. Blatchford.

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The regional directors rank in the number two echelon in the Peace Corps. Although this position is not a presidential appointment, Dyal's approval was cleared through the White House.

In the North Africa, Near East, South Asia Area (known as the Nanesa region) there are nine nations where Peace Corps volunteers serve. The programs range from tuberculosis control to tubewell construction. Many are teachers.

The largest concentration of volunteers in the Nanesa region is in India, where they are engaged in food production and nutrition education programs.

The Peace Corps, now in its eighth year, reports that at the end of fiscal year 1968 there were 1,804 volunteers in the Nanesa region. This is a drop from 2,406 in 1967.

In 1967, while associated with the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Dyal won a nation-wide award from Association Press for the best book on youth and Christianity. It was titled *It's Worth Your Life*.

Last year, while he was Colombia's Peace Corps director, he was awarded that nation's highest honor, the Francisco De Paula Santander Medal. It was presented to Dyal by President Carlos Lleras Restrepo in recognition of the Peace Corps' work to advance education and relations between Colombia and the United States.

Presented annually to a group or person contributing most of the country's educational and cultural life, it was the first time that a non-Colombian had received the award.

A native of Houston, Tex., Dyal is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

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Arizona Schedules Special Convention on Hospital Sale

PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP)--The Executive Board of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, after lengthy debate, motions and counter motions, voted 10-9 to call a special session of the state convention to consider selling two Baptist hospitals.

In closely divided votes throughout the day, the board members considered a dozen different motions, almost all relating to the hospital question.

No decision was ruled by the president after the board voted 10-10 on a substitute motion not to hold a called special convention, but to deal with the proposal to sell the hospitals at the regular convention in November.

Another substitute motion defeated by a vote of four for, nine against (five abstentions) recommended that the convention "keep our fellowship," "have faith in God, ourselves and the future," and "maintain our institutions and agencies."

No interpretation was given concerning the effect the defeat of this motion would have on the convention.

The proposal to see both the Phoenix and Scottsdale Baptist Hospitals come after American Medicorp., Inc., made a written offer to buy the two hospitals for an undisclosed amount.

The Executive Committee of the state convention board recommended that "in the light of the offer..., a special session of the convention be called Sept. 9, 1969, to consider the sale of Phoenix and Scottsdale Baptist Hospitals."

A motion by Truet Thompson of Tempe, Ariz., asked that the Executive Board recommend that the hospitals not be sold during the special called convention in September, but Thompson's motion lost 6-11.

Don Dickerman of Tuscon, president of the Arizona Baptist Hospital Association, also opposed the sale of the hospitals, saying he did not consider the American Medicorp, Inc., proposal a valid offer.

The convention's attorney, Milburn Cooper, however, said that from a legal standpoint, the offer was good, bonafide inquiry to ascertain whether or not Baptists desire to sell the hospitals along certain lines.

In another motion, James Staples, public relations director for the Scottsdale Hospital and a member of the board, asked that the convention consider any other offers that might come or any other alternatives brought to the Executive Board special session meeting just

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before the September called convention.

Staples earlier had made the motion which had called for keeping the convention fellowship, having faith in God and the convention, and maintaining its institutions.

Another motion approved by the board called for a closing emphasis at the state convention to give a special "kick off" for a special fund drive for Grand Canyon College.

About one month earlier, the board voted in another called special session to conduct an immediate \$140,000 fund campaign to save Grand Canyon College here and pay off its outstanding bills and faculty payroll requirements.

The board meeting had a unique conclusion. After it had voted to adjourn, the board rescinded its action to adjourn in order to consider two additional motions.

Harley Hume of Phoenix asked that the special called convention in September also discuss possible disbursement of funds should the hospitals be sold. Staples asked that the finance committee of the board study this matter and report to the next special meeting of the board. Both motions passed.

Then for the second time in the day, the board voted the adjourn.

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Criswell Deplores Iraq
Public Executions of 15

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DALLAS (BP)--The president of the Southern Baptist Convention, W. A. Criswell, has deplored the public execution of 15 persons, including nine Christians, two Jews and one Muslim, accused of espionage by the government of Iraq.

Criswell, four days prior to the execution, sent a telegram to United States Secretary of State William P. Rogers asking him to intercede "in whatever ways of are appropriate to prevent a miscarriage of justice in the current crisis."

Iraq went ahead with their execution as planned and announced.

Joining Criswell in the telegram were a group of 21 Southern Baptists who were meeting in Louisville at a Baptist-Jewish Scholars Conference.

Criswell said in his telegram to the secretary of state that the Baptist scholars and theologians had "just relayed to me the report that the government of Iraq proposes the hasty and public execution without due process of law of nine Christians, two Jews and one Muslim accused of espionage.

"Men of conscience and goodwill have been deeply grieved by the previous public execution in Iraq, and now we earnestly beseech you to intercede in whatever ways are appropriate to prevent a miscarriage of justice in the current crisis."

Earlier, the American Jewish Committee and the American Jewish Congress called on both President Richard M. Nixon and the United Nations to halt the execution.

Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld of Cleveland, president of the American Jewish Congress, telegraphed President Nixon and Secretary General U Thant urging them "to use every possible resource both within the United National and outside it...to prevent a repetition of the cruel and heartbreaking hangings in Iraq that have debased not only that nation but all mankind."

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