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DR. NORDENHAUG NAMED PRESIDENT OF ZURICH  
SEMINARY; DR. MEANS EDITOR OF COMMISSION

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, editor of The Commission, Baptist foreign mission journal, was named president of the International Baptist Theological Seminary, Zurich, Switzerland, by the Baptist Foreign Mission Board May 4.

Dr. Frank K. Means, head of the Board's education and promotion department, was named editor of The Commission, with sufficient editorial help to be provided to enable him to carry the added responsibility.

Dr. Nordenhaug succeeds Dr. George W. Sadler, the Board's secretary for Europe, who has served as acting president since the opening of the new seminary last September. Dr. Sadler will return to the United States about September 1 to resume his duties at the Richmond office of the Board.

The newly elected president has an European background. He was born in Oslo, Norway, August 2, 1903, and is a graduate of the University of Oslo. He became a citizen of the United States in 1937 after spending five years in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., from which he was graduated with a Ph.D. degree.

He served as pastor of the Rivermont Avenue Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va., before moving to Richmond in September, 1948, to become editor of the mission magazine. While at Lynchburg he went to Norway to administer war relief funds given by his church and the Foreign Mission Board. He also held pastorates in Vinton, Va., and Prestonsburg, Ky.

Mrs. Nordenhaug is the former Miss Helen Bacon Rampp of Louisville, Ky. They have two children, Ted, 11, and Karin, 9. They expect to arrive in Zurich for the opening of the seminary this fall.

Early this year Dr. Nordenhaug spent six weeks in Europe conferring with Dr. Sadler and Baptist leaders in Zurich and with Baptist educational leaders in other European nations.

The International Seminary at present serves theological students from twelve European and two Middle Eastern countries. Twenty-eight students were enrolled this year. Its standard four-year course will lead to a Bachelor of Divinity degree. Teaching is in English.

The seminary is located at Ruschlikon, a suburb five miles from downtown Zurich, where a seven-acre estate with three buildings was purchased in 1948 to house the school.