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Hungarian Doctor, 49,  
Is Missionary At Last

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ATLANTA (BP)--Dr. A. S. Haraszti was a young boy in Budapest when he decided he wanted to be a medical missionary.

Now at the age of 49, after years of trials and tribulations in preparation, the Georgia physician is going to realize his lifelong ambition.

This summer he will spend a month at a Baptist mission hospital in Mbeya, Tanzania, as a Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board medical volunteer.

The ordained Baptist minister speaks of his upcoming African assignment, which he will take at his own expense; as a "great moment" in his life.

A third-generation Baptist, Dr. Haraszti holds a bachelor's degree from the Baptist Theological Seminary in Budapest and an M.D. degree from Budapest University Medical School.

Shortly after his wife, Rosalie, earned her medical degree in Budapest, the 1956 Hungarian revolution began. The Haraszti family and their five children escaped and came to the United States.

From the Camp Kilmer, N.J., refugee camp, the Haraszti family went to St. Louis, where "we were so poor our five children had to spend the next two and a half years in the Missouri Children's Home," Dr. Haraszti said.

"While they were there, we were spending our new internships in this country," Dr. Haraszti said, "and we were glad to be here but life was not easy,

"Through the years I had tried to fashion my life along the lines of that of Dr. Albert Schweitzer," Dr. Haraszti said. "He was always my hero."

Dr. Haraszti once received a seven-page handwritten letter from the famed medical missionary, which included an invitation to join him in his work at his hospital in Lambarene, French Equatorial Africa (now Gabon Republic).

"Because I lived in America, he evidently thought I would have money to bring my family and come, but we were still so poor that we could not go. So I wrote him a letter of gratitude but declined the invitation."

In 1959 the Haraszti family went to Atlanta. Dr. Haraszti became a surgical resident and his wife a pathologist at Georgia Baptist Hospital.

This was also the year they learned that the cutoff age for career missionaries working with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board is 39. Dr. Haraszti was already in his 40th year and still had "additional work to do."

"We were so discouraged," he said. "To spend this much of your life in preparation to become a medical missionary in Africa and then find out that I was already too old.

"'Give up the dream,' some of my associates said: 'You have a large family; just go in general practice and give up the additional study.'"

However, the Haraszti family continued their work. From Georgia Baptist Hospital, he went to a surgical residency at Emory Medical School in Atlanta. After finishing there he spent another year in cancer research while his wife completed her training in pathology. With children in college, the Haraszti family had no money to set up private practice, so they worked for a while in a hospital emergency room and a research clinic.

In 1966 they finally opened their office in College Park, Ga., and they have recently been joined by an associate physician.

"Now I can go to Africa as a medical missionary--if only for a month," Dr. Haraszti said.



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**Georgia Baptists Reject Fund Drive, Warn Of Private Schools**

TOCCOA, Ga. (BP)--The Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention turned down a proposed \$3 million fund campaign for Georgia Baptist colleges and universities and adopted a strong statement warning churches of the danger of starting private schools to avoid public school integration.

Instead of the fund campaign, the committee recommended that the convention "reaffirm its confidence in and support of the capital improvements and endowment program for providing assistance beyond operating expenses for the colleges."

Instead of starting private schools, the committee urged strong Baptist support for "sound and equal education for all our children."

The convention, in annual session last November, had passed on to the Executive Committee a motion requesting study of a possible \$3 million fund campaign for Georgia Baptist schools. The motion came after heated debate over Mercer University's decision to seek three federal grants despite three convention votes in five years against such use of government funds.

The Executive Committee action pointed out that special campaigns have had little success in the past; that a special fund-raising effort would require at least \$100,000 in professional counsel and leadership; and that presidents of the six schools had agreed "not to consider or support any program that would have an adverse effect upon the Cooperative Program and capital improvements program."

The committee also pointed out more than \$10 million in capital and endowment funds had been provided for the schools in the past 15 years, over and above Cooperative Program allocations for operating expenses.

The committee also appointed a special committee to recommend a new capital improvements and endowment program, to begin about Jan. 1, 1971, when the current program is expected to be completed.

In other action, the Georgia Baptist Executive Committee approved a strong statement supporting "sound and equal public education for all of our children," and warning churches of the danger of starting private schools in church buildings to avoid public school integration.

The statement supporting public school education warned that "should Baptist churches assume leadership in the establishment of private schools at this time, their Christian witness may be adversely affected in America and around the world."

Problems of accreditation, faculty, transportation, textbooks, congregational fellowship, church tax-exemption regulations and others were pointed out to churches considering private schools in their buildings.

The convention's Executive Committee was meeting here at the Georgia Baptist Assembly, located about 90 miles northeast of Atlanta near the South Carolina state line.

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Carden Report Author Named  
Word's Executive Vice President

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WACO, Tex. (BP)--The author of a controversial report on Baptist education in Texas during 1968-69, William R. Carden, has been named executive vice president for Word, Inc.

Carden has resigned as assistant to the president for academic affairs and associate professor of history at Baylor University here to accept the position with the Waco-based publishing and recording company headed by Jarrell McCracken, president.

Before joining Baylor University, Carden spent nearly a year studying Texas Baptists' higher education institutions at the request of the convention's Education Commission.

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Though his depth analysis of the convention's education program was termed "helpful," the recommendations of his report were mostly rejected, including suggestions that two of the nine schools be sold, one be turned over to a private self-operating board, and another be reduced to junior college level.

Carden has taught at Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Tex.; and at Stetson University, DeLand, Fla.

He was educated at Baylor University, Emory University and Arlington (Tex.) State College, now the University of Texas at Arlington.

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Hoke Smith Jr., Foreign  
Missionary, Dies at 43

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RICHMOND (BP)--Hoke Smith Jr., 43, missionary field representative for Spanish-speaking South America for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, died unexpectedly March 25 in a Richmond hospital following surgery.

Funeral services were scheduled at the First Baptist Church, Longview, Tex., on Easter Sunday afternoon, with burial in Longview.

As a field representative, Smith was a personal link between the SBC Foreign Mission Board here and over 300 Southern Baptist missionaries in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela. He made his headquarters in Cali, Colombia.

Smith and his family moved to Cali last August following a year's furlough, during which he taught at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Earlier he had been field representative in Argentina, Chile, Uruguay and Paraguay for seven years. During that time he and his family lived in Buenos Aires.

Appointed a missionary in 1952, he served for nine years in his first assignment as professor of New Testament at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Cali.

Born in St. Augustine, Fla., Smith lived in several states as a boy. He graduated from high school in Charleston, S.C., where he also studied at the Citadel--the military college of South Carolina. He is a graduate of the University of South Carolina, Columbia, and Southwestern Seminary. He was pastor of several Texas churches during student days.

He is survived by his wife, the former Wanda Karnes of Abilene, Tex., and their four children, three of whom live in Cali. The oldest, Arleigh, is a student at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Tex.

A memorial service was planned for staff and employees of the Foreign Mission Board to be held at board headquarters in Richmond.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: BP Photo to be mailed to state Baptist papers. Mrs. Smith may be addressed at Box 164, Longview, Tex., 75601.

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Three Speakers Set  
For SBC Bible Meet

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DALLAS (BP)--Three major speakers have accepted invitations to appear on the program for the Nationwide Southern Baptist Bible Conference scheduled for Dallas, March 15-18, 1971.

Harold Marsh of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, made the announcement at the first meeting of the conference's local arrangements committee in Dallas.

Marsh said Billy Graham will preach the closing service of the conference in Dallas Memorial Auditorium on March 18.

Others who have accepted speaking responsibilities are George Beasley-Murray, principal of Spurgeon's College, London, England, and W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas and president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The three men headline a list of 89 speakers who will appear before the conference as group leaders, panelists and featured speakers.

Marsh said the conference will seek ways to discover what the Bible says about contemporary concerns and will speak to these concerns.

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"If there ever was a time when we need hope it is now," Marsh told the committee. "If Baptists are really concerned about the crises facing our nation--and I think we are--then we need to discover what the Bible says about our responsibility and share it with others over a wide range."

Marsh also announced that during the conference several exhibitors will display Bible-related information and materials. Some of those include the American Bible Society, several religious publishing houses, and the six SBC seminaries, which will display current archaeological discoveries from the Bible lands.

Tri-sponsors for the conference are the Baptist Sunday School Board; the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas; and the Dallas Baptist Association.

R. H. Dilday of the Texas Baptist Church Services Division is the chairman of the local arrangements committee.

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Baptist VIEWpoll  
Martin Bradley, Director

Majority Of Baptist Leaders  
Would Expel Campus Lawbreakers

by Kenneth Hays

NASHVILLE (BP)--According to a survey taken by the Baptist VIEWpoll, 97. per cent of the pastors and 93.1 per cent of the Sunday School teachers of the Southern Baptist Convention's churches would expel college students who break laws while participating in college demonstrations.

Two per cent of the pastors and 3.8 per cent of the teachers would not take such decisive action. The remaining 1.0 per cent of the pastors and 3.1 per cent of the teachers had "no opinion."

A Gallup survey using the same item revealed that last year 82 per cent of the American people would expel campus lawbreakers, while 11 per cent of them would not. The remaining 7 per cent of the American people had "no opinion."

Analysis of the VIEWpoll response reveals that pastors who consider themselves to be "more liberal than conservative" in both politics and religion would take a more lenient attitude toward students than would either those of more conservative or more liberal tendencies.

The same position appeared among the Sunday School teachers based on political orientation. Then the same item was viewed from a religious orientation, those among the group who considered themselves "quite liberal" indicated the more lenient attitude toward campus lawbreakers.

It might appear from these findings that Baptist leaders would be harsh toward campus lawbreakers since they have expressed a harder line than the American people in general toward the issue.

However, an earlier survey of the same panel reveals that the majority of the panel would be fair but firm with college students in an atmosphere of student unrest. The earlier survey (June 1969) reported that 61.9 per cent of the pastors and 62 per cent of the Sunday School teachers favor "a policy in which student demands are heard but the final decision(s) is rendered by school administrators."

The current findings are based upon a 90 per cent response by the VIEWpoll panel members.

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