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**Senators Disavow Report
Of Obscenity Commission**

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WASHINGTON (BP)--Sixty Senators, responding to waves of protests against the recent report of the Commission on Obscenity and Pornography, have gone on record as "refuting" and "rejecting" the findings and recommendations of the commission.

In an action that has no legal force, the senators accused the commission of not doing the job Congress had asked them for, and of coming up with the wrong answers to the questions involved.

Only five senators voted against the resolution which was cosponsored by 50 senators and brought to the floor by Sen. John L. McClelland (D., Ark.). The Senate laid aside other pressing legislation to vote on this emotional issue brought to the Senate on the next to the last day before recessing for the fall elections.

In a largely one-sided debate on the resolution, the commission's findings were labeled as "irresponsible and in effect degrading," "shocking and totally unacceptable," and "an utter disgrace" which "should go straight into the trashcan."

Sen. Strom Thurmond (R. S. C.) charged that a majority of the commission "was motivated only by a desire to embarrass the Nixon administration."

The current administration has disavowed the report of the commission, pointing out that all but one of the 18-member panel were appointed by former President Lyndon Johnson.

Sen. McClelland in a long speech to the Senate said: "If we affirm or even recognize its unfounded and unproved conclusions, even by silence, it will be a direct threat to this nation's moral, mental, and physical health."

Sen. Walter Mondale (D., Minn.), one of the five who voted against the resolution, said he regretted that the Senate was being "forced to vote on a very serious resolution on condemnation of an exceedingly complex and controversial report" without benefit of committee study or hearings.

Mondale labeled as "grossly inaccurate" the accusation that the report sanctions "the full flow of pornography."

The Minnesota senator particularly defended the commission chairman, William B. Lockhart, dean of the Minnesota Law School. "He is not an advocate of pornography," Mondale said, pointing out that Lockhart "has spent many years studying the explosive issue of obscenity and pornography in American life."

Mondale further pointed out that Lockhart is an elder of the First Christian Church in Minneapolis where he also teaches in the adult Sunday School program.

Also speaking against the resolution was Sen. Clifford P. Case (R., N.J.) who said that to vote on the resolution was an "ill-considered, hasty action which does an injustice to the commission members and the public."

"The traffic in obscenity and pornography is a very serious matter," Case continued, "and should not be dealt with by castigating a Presidential Commission some of whose members have views differing from those of members of the Senate."

Joining Mondale and Case in voting against the resolution were the following: Jacob K. Javits (R., N.Y.), George McGovern (D., S. Dak.) and Stephen M. Young (D., Ohio).

In the resolution the senators specifically rejected the following findings and recommendations of the commission:

(1) That there is "no evidence to date that exposure to explicit sexual materials play a significant role in the causation of delinquent or criminal behavior among youths or adults";

(2) That "a majority of American adults believe that adults should be allowed to read or see any sexual materials they wish";

(3) That "there is no reason to suppose that elimination of governmental prohibitions upon the sexual materials which may be made available to adults would adversely affect the availability to the public of other books, magazines, and films";

(4) That "nor is there evidence that exposure to explicit sexual materials adversely affects character or moral attitudes regarding sex and sexual conduct"; and

(5) That "federal, state, and local legislation prohibiting the sale, exhibition, or distribution of sexual materials to consenting adults should be repealed."

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Board Adopts Record Budget,
Appoints 15 Missionaries

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RICHMOND (BP)--The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, in its annual October meeting here, elected a 37-year-old Alabama pastor as its president, adopted the largest budget in its 125-year history, and appointed 15 new missionaries.

The board also approved a recommendation that it launch a program of recruitment of Baptist seminarians for missionary service and heard its executive secretary call for renewed emphasis on the need for missionaries.

In other actions the board elected two new administrative staff members and a new missionary field representative.

Elected president was Drew J. Gunnells Jr., pastor of Eastern Hills Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala.

A budget of \$34,436,909 for 1971 was adopted, an increase of more than \$1 million over the current budget. Of the total, \$29.2 million is for operating costs and \$4.29 million for capital outlay, with \$822,532 residing in a special contingency fund.

About half of the operating budget will be used for sending and maintaining missionaries, including salaries, travel, furloughs, medical allowances, language study, schooling for children and property operating expenses.

Also in the operating budget is \$7.78 million for programs of missionary work, including evangelism and church development, schools, literature, medical and benevolent ministries, and mission meetings. Over \$3 million of this amount will go for evangelism and church development, which includes radio and television ministries.

Operating budget receipts of \$14.8 million in Lottie Moon offering receipts will cover the entire capital budget. The money will be used for such items as church buildings, missionary residences, schools, hospitals, clinics and publishing houses.

In a service at First Baptist Church here, the board appointed 15 new missionaries, bringing the number of persons appointed and reappointed so far this year to 153 and the agency's total overseas force to 2,476 in 75 countries.

Appointed were Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Burkwall of Louisville, Ky., to Zambia; Miss Mary Ann Chandler of New Orleans to Malawi; Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. Graham of Cox's Creek, Ky., Peru; Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Hall of Joneboro, Ark., East Africa.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Laramore of Villa Rica, Ga., Guatemala; Dr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Moore of Seattle, Wash., Nigeria; Mr. and Mrs. James H. Nelson, also of Seattle, Ethiopia; and Mr. and Mrs. William L. Sergeant of Belle Plaine, Kan., Korea.

Following a recommendation of a special study committee on missionary personnel, the board adopted the "Seminarian Class of '71 Project," a program for the recruitment of Baptist seminary students for missionary service overseas.

In his report to the board, Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen said, "it is our hope to be able to send people to the mission field nearer to the time of their completion of seminary, yet retain the full advantage of adequate experience and full preparation."

Stated objectives of the project are to encourage a larger number of seminarians to consider missionary service; to enlist qualified seniors and graduate students for overseas service, and to appoint, immediately following their graduation, seminarians with sufficient work experience to qualify them for overseas ministries.

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The study committee's report said that the approximately 5,500 students attending six Southern Baptist seminaries constitute one of the largest potential reservoirs of missionary personnel.

Special efforts should be made to enlist younger candidates for appointment, the report continued, noting that the average age missionary appointees has risen gradually in the past seven years.

"If the measures bring the results anticipated," said Cauthen, "there may be more missionaries appointed, many of whom will be at a younger age, with the possibility of more ready adjustment to the mission fields and continued programs of language study nearer to the time of their own seminary curriculum"

Jesse C. Fletcher, director of the board's Mission Support Division, told the board: "Hopefully, the missionary force will enjoy a net gain (though much smaller than in the past few years) for the 33rd straight year during 1970. A 34th year will be possible only if every effort is bent in a cooperative venture to call out God's chosen, to equip, to appoint and to prepare for this task."

Two newly created staff positions, employment manager and consultant to laymen overseas, were filled following board actions, and another missionary field representative for South America was elected.

James G. Edwards of Richmond will be the board's employment manager, effective Nov. 15. He has been assistant personnel director for the Richmond Memorial Hospital since Sept. 1969. Previously he was an Air Force officer for five years, with responsibilities for base personnel and finances.

Under the supervision of Sidney C. Reber, director of the board's Management Services Division, Edwards will be responsible for "the maintenance of a competent and efficient work force" of employees below the elected staff level. He will have no responsibility for the selection and appointment of missionaries.

A Baptist state convention executive and former missionary was named consultant on laymen overseas, effective next Jan. 1. He is W. Eugene Grubbs of Portland, Ore., who has been executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington since December 1968.

He previously was secretary of evangelism for the California Baptist Convention for 3½ years, following pastorates in Fullerton and Downey, Calif., and missionary service in the Philippines.

As consultant on laymen overseas his major responsibilities will include assisting Southern Baptists who travel or live abroad to become involved in missions, coordinating the participation of laymen in special projects overseas, and furnishing information about overseas vocational openings on a non-missionary basis.

In his report to the board, Winston Crawley, director of the board's overseas division, said he hopes to bring to the board a bit later a recommendation for the naming of a missionary family consultant." This is another new position previously authorized by the board.

There are already a medical consultant and a consultant in evangelism and church development, in addition to the position to be filled by Grubbs.

Donald R. Kammerdiener, missionary to Colombia, was elected as field representative for the Southern part of Spanish-speaking South America. He will be a personal link between the board and its more than 180 missionaries in Chile, Argentina, Paraguay, and Uruguay.

He is one of two men elected to succeed Hoke Smith Jr., who was field representative for all of Spanish-speaking South America before his death last March. J. Bryan Brasington, missionary to Peru, was named by the board in September as field representative for Peru, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela.

Kammerdiener has been a field missionary in the Colombian Department (state) of Valle, with residence in Cali, since June 1964. The family expects to remain in Cali for the time being, but they may relocate in Southern South America later.

Before his missionary appointment he was pastor of churches in Kansas City and Independence, Mo., and McAlester, Okla.

Born in Oklahoma City, he was graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, with the bachelor of divinity degree.

The board also adopted a policy, effective Jan. 1, 1971, to pay tuition for one year of kindergarten for all children of missionaries. Payments will be charged against the regular budgeted account for schooling of missionary children.

Crawley called this "another move toward the meeting of some of the concerns of missionary families." He explained that American schools in many parts of the world are increasingly making Kindergarten an expected part of the educational system. "The morale of missionaries will be reinforced by this added provision," he added.

The creation of the staff positions of assistant business manager and assistant secretary for promotion was also approved by the board. "Both of these positions are urgently needed, and if they are established by the board we will anticipate bringing recommendations soon for the election of men for these places," Cauthen said.

In another report, the board was told that a charter has been granted and an organizational meeting held for a federal credit union among the approximately 180 employes of the Richmond headquarters facility. The board approved the establishment of a credit union for its home office employes last June.

Seven missionaries retiring this year were honored by the board in its closing session. The missionaries, with a combined total of 204 years of service are L. Raymon Brothers of DeLand, Fla., (Mrs. Brothers was unable to attend), who served in Nigeria; Mr. and Mrs. J. Alexander Herring of Greenville, S.C., Mainland China and Taiwan; Mrs. J. Hugh Humphrey of Buffalo, Okla., Philippines; Miss Elizabeth Watkins of Salt Lake City, Utah, Japan; and Miss Thelma Williams of Denver, Colo., Mainland China, Taiwan, Philippines and Hong Kong.

Cauthen also paid tribute to the outgoing president of the board, and to the new officers.

In addition to the election of Gunnels as president, other officers elected were Joseph B. Flowers, pastor of West Hampton Baptist Church, Hampton, Va., first vice-president; Mrs. Clyde V. Hickerson of Richmond, second vice-president; Mrs. John I. Alford of Atlanta, recording secretary; and Miss Elizabeth Ninsheiw of the board's Richmond staff, assistant recording secretary.

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Suburban Pastor Calls
For New Preaching Patterns

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CEDARMORE, KY. (BP)--Because the meaning of words is changing, a suburban pastor suggested here a new model for preaching in "the electronic age" based on affirmation.

"The electronic age has produced an empty, cold isolated, and alienated society. We now have proximity but no intimacy," William L. Self of Atlanta, told participants at the National Consultation of the Suburban Church here.

He defined preaching as "one man standing before a congregation and loving them."

"When the church by word, deed, and atmosphere says to people 'you are loved and affirmed as you are' wholeness will come," he suggested.

Commenting on the church's need for affirmation, he said many have violated her personhood. "We have not stopped with attacking her acts; we have implied that the body itself is not worthy.

"A strong proof of the church's strength is her ability to survive of this attack on her personhood."

Self, pastor of the Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, was the first major speaker of the three-day National Consultation on Suburban Churches sponsored by the Metropolitan Missions Department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board,

The consultation, limited to 150 participants, was designed to produce insights on suburban ministry, especially for Southern Baptists," consultation leader Russell Bennett of Atlanta, told those attending the opening session.

He indicated two books may be published directly from the findings of the consultation.

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Self, whose fast-growing congregation in Atlanta, has attracted national attention, said that new directions for preaching is necessitated by the fact that "traditional language appears to have grown impotent as a tool for theological speaking."

He feels that from modern man there is no relation between words and meaning. Language has become meaningless and cannot move beyond translation and self-understanding.

Therefore, preaching must create the event. With the loss of authority of tradition, "the proclaimer's word must be himself." He can at best say "this is it for me--here is the primordial word that I have heard."

"Some are tempted to believe that the computer and transistor have rendered the gospel impotent, never realizing that it is our failure to understand both the communicating process and the nature of the message that has performed the task for us."

He indicated that at the Wieuca Road church when he speaks affirmatively and understandingly to the painful areas of man's struggle, "people respond overwhelmingly; when we imply judgment and condemnation, they ignore us."

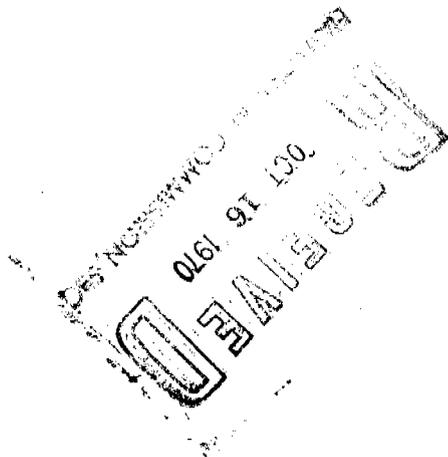
"When this atmosphere of affirmation, acceptance, and wholeness permeates the church, its life begins to flourish. For too long we have created church programs with actions and shamed people in taking part in them," he added.

"When this spirit of affirmation begins to move within the congregation, a natural sense of mission to all of the disadvantages--both up and out as well as down and out will naturally flow," he said.



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