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Six SBC Seminaries Outline
Doctor of Ministry Program

MEMPHIS (BP)--In an unprecedented session here, representatives of all six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries agreed to offer comparable Doctor of Ministry degree programs, possibly in 1972, if financial resources are available.

The meeting here marked the first time that the presidents, deans, and appropriate faculty committee chairmen had met together in the initial stages of formulating a major program at all six seminaries.

For two days, the seminary representatives discussed the proposed Doctor of Ministry degree program as recommended by the American Association of Theological Schools last June in Claremont, Calif.

At the close of the meeting, the group requested Grady C. Cothen, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, to issue a release on the results of the three-day session.

"Agreement was reached to develop comparable programs in all the Southern Baptist Convention seminaries if resources are available for implementation," said the release.

"The beginning of the program would have to await detailed planning by the seminaries, necessary trustee and denominational action, and adequate resources," the release continued. "The program could be implemented at the earliest in the fall of 1972."

Robert Naylor, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, presided over the sessions of the special meeting here by virtue of his role as chairman of the organization of SBC seminary presidents.

Naylor, when asked if the new Doctor of Ministry degree would be offered simultaneously by all six seminaries, or only by those which had financial resources to do so, said he would not presume to interpret the statements in the release, since they had been agreed upon by all involved in the meeting.

Currently, four of the six SBC-owned seminaries offer doctoral degrees, but all are not "comparable" in terms of requirements, curriculum, etc.

Three of the seminaries have publicly announced plans to study the possibility of offering the Doctor of Ministry degree as recommended by the American Association of Theological Schools prior to the joint meeting here in which all six seminaries agreed to move together in offering such a degree.

"The new degree program is not simply a change of name similar to the previous shift from the Bachelor of Divinity degree to the Master of Divinity degree," said the statement issued by the group. "This program is an effort to find a fresh approach to the solution of the problems in the ministry for the churches.

"The Doctor of Ministry degree is designed to meet the needs of the churches by better preparation of students in biblical and theological bases and practical skills of the ministry," the release continued.

It pointed out that the new degree program would normally be a four-year academic program beyond the Bachelor of Arts degree. The Master of Divinity Degree currently being offered by most of the seminaries is a three year program, and the Doctor of Theology degree is generally a four-year program.

"Consideration was given at the meeting to possible ways to integrate the present seminary offerings with the higher requirements of the new program," the joint release said.

"Bill Wallace of China" Nurse
Wages Low-Key Recruiting Drive

RICHMOND (BP)--A Southern Baptist missionary nurse who worked with the martyred Bill Wallace of China before he died in a Chinese Communist prison, is back in the United States, waging a low-key recruitment program trying to interest American nursing students in missionary nursing.

Miss Everley Hayes, who now works in a Baptist hospital in Kediri, Indonesia, is in the U.S.A. on furlough meeting with nursing students to answer questions they have about nursing overseas.

Some of the questions seem routine, such as: "What do you eat?" "What about social life abroad?" "How are sanitary conditions?"

Miss Hayes finds that once the students begin to weed out their misconceptions they can easily catch some of her excitement about her profession.

Many students have thought of missionary nursing as an isolated existence, she notes. They are surprised to learn that missionary nurses often are involved in much more than just nursing--for example, teaching programs conducted by mission hospitals in seeking to train nationals and instill in them a concern for their own people.

Students have tended to think of missionary nursing as a lonely-existence, says Miss Hayes. But she tells about a former missionary journeyman who said she felt lonely after returning to the United States from two years' service overseas.

On the mission field, one is part of the mission family--part of a team, all dedicated to similar goals, Miss Hayes explains.

In talking with nursing students, she wants to inform them of "what is being done right now and what can possibly be done in the future," but she is often asked about her past. Although she has worked in Indonesia since 1953, she is known to many Baptists as the nurse who worked with missionary physician Bill Wallace in China for two years before the Communists arrested him.

After his imprisonment, her days were punctuated by frequent periods of military interrogation, but she says she felt no terror.

"I learned some lessons," she adds. I learned to take a situation on daily faith, and I learned patience. I had always been very impatient."

She was not allowed to work at the hospital during the time of her internment, but a piano and a folding organ were available to her. The music, she believes, helped sustain her through the trying time. To this day she loves music and continues to play.

Miss Hayes received the body of the martyred Dr. Wallace from the Communists, saw to its burial, and finally got out of Wuchow to the haven of Hong Kong.

She sailed for home in August, 1951. After doing some postgraduate work in operating room techniques, she went to Indonesia, where she is now based at the Baptist Hospital in Kediri.

To nursing students who fear being swallowed up in the routine of a large hospital, Everley Hayes can say with authority that no such danger exists in the small mission hospital. When the Kediri hospital was started she set up the equipment and procedures for the operating room.

Now she supervises the operating room, works in central supply, and scrubs for surgery. She teaches surgical nursing, operating room techniques, nursing mathematics and the introduction to pharmacology to the hospital's young nursing students.

One of her pet projects is directing the student nurses' choir, which often fills outside engagements. To those who fear getting bogged down with paper work she says, "I don't stay at my desk long enough to get it uncovered!"

To nurses who dread the impersonal vastness of the modern hospital, Miss Hayes is able to hold up the mission hospital as a place where concern for the individual is uppermost. "This is th quality," she says, "that brings people to walk past a government hospital to come to a Baptist hospital."

The Kediri hospital's concern goes beyond the body. Through its evangelistic outreach about 30 preaching points have been established, and some of these have grown into churches. Former patients who have become Christians often are instrumental in establishing preaching points.

Today's young nurse wants to see something being done about today's problems and crises. "Something is being done," Miss Hayes assures them, "and medical missions is one avenue of doing it."

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Hawaii Convention Discusses
Lease To Finance Expansion

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HONOLULU, Hawaii (BP)--Messengers to the 28th annual meeting of the Hawaii Baptist Convention here discussed a proposal to lease nearly half the land owned by Hawaii Baptist Academy to a developer to secure funds to build a new school on the remaining portion of the land.

Convention officials are still in the process of negotiating the lease, which under terms of the proposal, would provide the school with an endowment fund to be administered by th Hawaii Baptist Foundation.

The convention was told in a report here that the academy, kindergarten through high school, has a balanced operational budget of nearly \$350,000, but has encountered difficulty in securing funds for capital improvements.

In other actions, the convent ion adopted a 1971 budget of \$649,839. The Cooperative Program goal for 1971 is \$90,000.

A Catholic educator in Hawaii addressed the convention for the first time. Robert R. Mackey, chancellor of St. Louis--Chaminade Education Center of Honolulu spoke to the convention, as did several Southern Baptist Convention executives.

Elected president of the convention was Dan Kong, pastor of Olivet Baptist Church, Honolulu.

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Joint Baptist Board Meetings
Suggested For 1976 Celebration

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WASHINGTON (BP)--The North American Baptist Fellowship central committee discussed the possibility of scheduling simultaneous and joint meetings of general boards of Baptist conferences and conventions in North America during 1976, on the 200th anniversary of the independence of the United States.

The committee requested the executive secretaries of the member Baptist groups to study the proposal, and asked Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, to serve as convenor.

More than 40 representatives from eight Baptist groups in the United States and Canada participated in the annual meeting. G. K. Zimmerman of North American Baptist General Conference was named chairman of the fellowship, succeeding Duke K. McCall of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Discussion of the proposal of simultaneous and joint meetings of the various boards emphasized that Baptist ideals of religious liberty and human rights were significant in the founding of the new nation, and therefore the 1976 anniversary date would be appropriate.

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Philadelphia, birthplace of the new nation, was mentioned as a possible meeting place.

The fellowship group, a committee of the Baptist World Alliance, interrupted its meeting to visit the White House where President Richard M. Nixon greeted each person and spoke to the group of the relationships of Christian ideals and America's national objectives.

During the committee's discussion, outgoing chairman Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, traced the progress of the fellowship since it was organized in 1966 as an outgrowth of cooperation by various Baptist bodies during the Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasis from 1959-64.

"We have moved gently, gently through these past five years as we explored ways for fellowship and understanding," McCall said. "Now we have a relationship that enables us to plan together a little more venturesomely.

"One of the most profitable things we have done is to provide a forum for those of our leaders who do similar jobs," he added. "We thus have created an avenue for sharing."

In addition to general meetings, the 40 representatives divided into discussion groups to probe fields of special interests. One group studying "the financing of Christian enterprises" recommended that heads of the stewardship programs of the various conventions meet at a convenient time to share together in the planning and promotion of their budgets.

A group studying denominational mission strategies similarly proposed that mission executives from all Baptist groups in North America be invited to a conference for "sharing ideas and problems, but that such meetings be held purely on a fellowship level."

A third group sought ways of enlisting youth in denominational planning and policy making, recognizing that "youth are in reality setting the agenda for the church by their relationships, concerns, and their degree of readiness to give themselves to these concerns."

Cooperative work in evangelism, including the enlistment of laymen in evangelism and mission projects, was proposed by a fourth group.

Gerhard Claas, executive secretary of the Baptist Union of Germany, addressed the committee, telling of increasing cooperation between Baptists in Europe. Claas said that fellowship among Baptists in Europe--East and West--has moved from the conference level to a situation of actually working together on common objectives.

"We seek cooperation not only with Baptists but with all true believers on the local level," he said. "We seek to work together not only for ourselves but for His church."

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Squaw Valley Possible Site
For Baptist Youth Conference

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WASHINGTON (BP)--The Baptist Youth World Conference in 1973 will take a realistic look at world problems, seek solutions on the basis of Christian principles, and then propose youth involvement in these solutions.

This is how Karl-Heinz Walter of Hamburg, Germany, chairman of the Baptist World Alliance youth committee, summed up plans for the conference after a 16-member committee, most of them college age youth, discussed the 1973 meeting.

"Christian youth wants to be involved," said Walter, "We want to do more than talk and pass resolutions."

No meeting site has yet been set, but the alliance youth department's administrative subcommittee leans to the selection of Squaw Valley, Calif., a winter ski resort between San Francisco and Reno, Nevada, Walter said.

The proposal is contingent on a vote of the full 150-member international youth committee, and on making satisfactory arrangements with Squaw Valley authorities.

If Squaw Valley is accepted as the site, it will be the first time that the conference, which generally meets every five years, has been scheduled in America.

A mail survey taken by the Baptist World Alliance indicated that non-Americans overwhelmingly prefer an American site, Walter said. The committee also pointed out that large numbers of international students enrolled in American colleges would be able to participate in a meeting in the U.S.A.

Arguments for Squaw Valley over Kansas City or Miami Beach, the other sites being considered, pointed to the ability to work seriously in the mountain area without interference of outside attractions, BWA officials reported.

"Before we decide on a conference site, let us consider seriously the purpose of our meeting," urged one youthful committee member. "Are we meeting simply because it is 1973 and time for a conference, or are we going to seriously tackle the problems of our world?"

An attendance of up to 10,000 youth from 80 countries is possible for the meeting, the committee said, questioning the ability of such a big crowd to work seriously on world issues and problems.

The committee agreed to bring a smaller group together for three days of special study prior to the main conference. Participants in the pre-conference sessions would be chosen to provide the widest possible national backgrounds.

The 1973 meeting will be the 8th in a series that began in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1931.

In other discussions, the committee gave attention to revision of the youth department's constitution to provide maximum participation in Baptist World Alliance affairs.

They also suggested special projects to encourage international cooperation. Walter told of hopes for a group of German youth to go as a work team to help repair damage from the cyclone and tidal wave in East Pakistan. Other suggestions included travel groups with young people from one country visiting and assisting youth projects in other countries.

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Baptist World Alliance Plans
Reconciliation Emphasis, 1973-75

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WASHINGTON (BP)--The Baptist World Alliance administrative subcommittee has taken action to implement plans for a worldwide "Mission of Reconciliation through Jesus Christ" during a three-year period, 1973-75.

The committee asked Baptist World Alliance President V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, to name an international committee to draft plans and implement the proposal which was born in a resolution adopted by the 12th Baptist World Congress in Tokyo last July.

The congress resolution issued "a call and invitation to the churches of various Baptist conventions and unions to participate in a World Mission of Reconciliation through Jesus Christ." Each group would be left to determine the manner of its own participation, but there will be a general cooperative emphasis.

The administration committee also authorized three other committees designed to strengthen the alliance's mission for world outreach and cooperation.

One will study revision of the alliance constitution. Another will study staff functions and personnel. The third will give attention to logistics for Baptist World Congress meetings, recognizing the problems inherent in bringing 10,000 or more people together from many nations as in last July's meeting at Tokyo.

The meeting marked the first anniversary of Robert S. Denny's service as general secretary of the alliance. He was installed last November following the death of Josef Nordenhaug in September.

A 1971 budget of \$194,000 was adopted on recommendation of the BWA treasurer, Carl W. Tiller. The figure is an increase of \$13,000 over 1970, but less than originally projected.

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Owen Cooper, a Yazoo City, Miss., layman and chairman of a special gifts committee told of increasing participation in a "500 Club" through which individuals give at least \$50 a year to the alliance. Special gifts to the alliance in addition to regular contributions toward the 1971 and 1972 budget.

Tiller had suggested that each of the 87 member Baptist bodies be asked to give a "fair share" of one per cent per member per year as a minimum, and two cents per member per year as an objective.

In another meeting, the alliance's relief committee reported that gifts to Baptist world relief projects are expected to total \$200,000 by the end of the year.

Natural disasters in Peru, Romania, Hungary, and East Pakistan brought calls this year for help, in addition to a list of projects approved earlier by the committee.

The committee reviewed the year's work and discussed projects on six continents included in a 1971 list of objectives totalling \$170,000 adopted by the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo last July.

Frank H. Woyke, associate secretary of the alliance with responsibility for relief work, said that many member conventions and unions have given direct assistance in needy areas in addition to the monies coming through the BWA's Washington office.

He explained that the alliance has no actual administrative facilities, but works through member groups and agencies. Funds for assistance in Peru, Romania, Hungary and Pakistan all went through missionary representatives or Baptist unions in those countries.

Gerhard Claas, executive secretary of the Baptist Union of West Germany, told the committee of increasing cooperation between Baptists of Western and Eastern Europe in meeting relief needs.

"The Baptists of Europe, especially young people, are not satisfied only with giving money," Claas said. "They seek to become personally involved."

The Baptist Union of Germany, giving about \$50,000 so far this year, led the list of contributors to the relief fund. Others leading the list were the Baptist Federation of Canada, \$40,000; and the Baptist Union of Australia, \$28,000. Contributions thus far in 1970 have come from 24 Baptist conventions and unions, Woyke said.

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