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University of Richmond  
Names Heilman President

**RICHMOND (BP)**--The board of trustees for University of Richmond elected E. Bruce Heilman, president of Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C., since 1966, as president of the Baptist school here.

George M. Modlin, president of the University of Richmond for the past 25 years, will retire on June 30 and become chancellor of the university.

Heilman will assume the presidency effective Sept. 1, according to the announcement by the rector of the board of trustees, Robert T. Marsh Jr., at a news conference following the board meeting.

Marsh said that Heilman was chosen "after months of careful consideration as the man who could best lead the University of Richmond in achieving the excellence made possible by the generous gift of alumnus E. Claiborne Robins."

Robins, a Richmond industrialist, gave the university \$40 million in stock and a \$10 million challenge gift, in June 1969.

Meredith College, which Heilman has headed for the past five years, has an enrollment of about 1200 women.

Enrollment at University of Richmond is nearly 3,000. A school official said summer school and part-time enrollment brings the total to almost 7,000. It is the largest private education institution in the state.

Before going to Meredith as president in 1966, Heilman was administrative vice president of George Peabody College for Teachers in Nashville.

A graduate of Peabody College with bachelor and masters degrees, Heilman did graduate work at the University of Omaha in Nebraska and the University of Kentucky, Lexington. Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C., conferred on him a doctoral degree in 1967.

He has been vice president and dean of Kentucky Southern College, a former Baptist school now merged with the University of Louisville; and was coordinator of higher education for the State of Tennessee for two years.

Heilman has also been controller and bursar of Peabody College, treasurer of Georgetown College (Baptist), Georgetown, Ky., and business manager of Kentucky Wesleyan College, Owensboro, Ky.

Heilman has taught at Belmont College (Baptist), Nashville, Peabody College, and Kentucky Wesleyan College.

Last year, Heilman was president of the Southern Association of Colleges for Women, and is president-elect of the North Carolina Association of Colleges and Universities.

He is a native of LaGrange, Ky.

Brother of James L. Sullivan  
Killed in Garage Fire

NASHVILLE (BP)--C. Arthur Sullivan, well-known Mississippi attorney and Southern Baptist layman and brother of James L. Sullivan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, was killed recently in a garage fire at his residence at Jackson, Miss.

Sullivan was attempting to put out the fire, which reportedly began beneath the auto he was driving, when the fire engulfed the auto and then the entire four-car garage.

Sullivan's daughter, Patti (Mrs. Palmer Quarterman Jr.), received minor burns when she attempted to rescue her father.

He was a deacon in the Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson, and was known as a specialist in labor and wage-hour law.

He also is survived by his wife, four daughters, three sisters and a grandchild.

Funeral services were held Monday, March 22, in Jackson.

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Kenya Baptists Form Convention,  
Slate Appointment of Missionary

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LIMURU, Kenya (BP)--Meeting at the Brackenhurst Baptist Assembly here, representatives of Baptist churches in Kenya have unanimously approved a constitution forming a national convention.

The primary purpose of their action is the sending of a missionary from their own people to a little-evangelized Muslim region in Western Kenya, reported Mrs. Laura Lee Stewart, Southern Baptist Missionary press representative. Only 10 known Baptists live in the area. It was expected that a missionary would be appointed at the close of the meeting.

Kenya Baptists have held an annual meeting for several years. A provisional constitution was adopted last year. Pastor John Kariuki of Nairobi is chairman of the evangelism committee which made plans for organizing the convention.

Missionaries and Kenyan Baptist leaders have visited every association in the country to promote the action and explain its far-reaching effects to the people.

Last Christmas, in anticipation of the move, an offering was taken in Kenyan Baptist churches for the support of a missionary. The goal was 5,000 shillings (\$700 plus), was collected.

The Baptist Mission of East Africa (organization of Southern Baptist Missionaries in Kenya and Tanzania) will match this amount, and the offering will probably become an annual mission endeavor among the churches, said Mrs. Stewart.

There are more than 100 organized congregations plus scores of preaching points in villages. Total baptized membership is more than 5,000 and regular attendance at places of worship is estimated to be 10,000.

Tribalism is still a dominant force in Kenya, Mrs. Stewart said. Baptist leaders have expressed hope that the convention will promote unity among Baptists of various tribes.

Kenya's first Southern Baptist missionary couple started work in Nairobi in 1956; during the next 10 years an average of six new missionaries arrived annually. At present the board has 67 missionaries assigned to Kenya, with a supplementary force of four associates and 11 journeymen.

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President Says Religion Is  
Vital in Drug Abuse Control

WASHINGTON (BP)--At a White House Conference on Drug Abuse for Clergymen, President Richard Nixon called on the nation's religious leaders for help to solve the drug abuse crisis. The President asked the clergymen for their support in enacting adequate laws, in educational activities and in rehabilitation programs.

In an all-day presentation of what the government is doing in the control and elimination of the drug abuse problem, 71 of the nation's leading clerics were told that the problem could not be solved by government alone.

Nixon cautioned the clergymen that "we can't approach the drug problem with anger, but we must have sorrow for what the victim is doing to himself." This sorrow, the President continued, must express itself in terms of rehabilitation instead of punishment.

Before the drug abuse problem can be solved, the President asserted, "we have to get at the causes, the frustrations, the anxiety, whatever may be leading young people to give up on the system and that leads them step by step into another world which they think will be better."

The President pointed out that the drug abuse problem could never be solved until young people find the answer in their motivations. "The worst thing that can happen to a youth is to believe in nothing but himself," the President said, as he appealed to the spiritual leaders to give people something "to believe, to turn to."

Emphasizing the seriousness of the drug abuse problem in the United States, John Ingersol, director of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs, said that "at best we have 10 years to prevent a social catastrophe, if it is not too late already."

John C. Broger, director of the office of information for the Armed Forces Department of Defense, said, "my personal conviction is that we are facing the worst crisis in 1000 years."

All day long the government told the clergymen what it is doing in the field of control of international smuggling of drugs, apprehension of criminals, treatment of addicts, and educating the public about the problem. Presentations were made by lectures, films, drama, and by displays of methods used by drug traffickers. There was no discussion by the clergymen on what they could do about the problem.

Commenting on the conference, V. Carney Hargroves, president of the Baptist World Alliance told Baptist Press that "for me the conference did three things: (1) spelled out the problem of drugs and drug abuse and documented it, (2) indicated what government agencies are doing about it by way of detection, precautions and rehabilitation, and (3) suggested that part of the problem represents a crisis of the spirit."

W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said, "I have been made aware of the stupendous depth and breadth of the problem of drug abuse. I had no idea of its immense proportions."

"I have been impressed with the fact of the spiritual nature of the drug culture," Criswell continued, "and with the expressed judgment that only a spiritual answer can ever hope to solve the problem. If we fail to preach the spiritual answer, there is no hope."

Warren R. Magnuson, general secretary of the Baptist General Conference, and chairman of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, commented that "it is significant that the President of the United States reiterated the statement of Attorney General Mitchell that the final answer to the drug problem is out of reach of any government."

Because of this, Magnuson said, the cooperation of every segment of society must be sought if the nation is to survive the drug abuse crisis.

The White House conference with the clergymen on drug abuse was one of a series the government has had with various leaders in the nation. The 50 governors were called together on the drug problem in December, 1969. A similar conference was held with national television leaders last April. Radio Executives were briefed last November.

Attorney General John N. Mitchell said, "We are attacking the drug problem on all fronts open to the government. The problem is so complex that it requires cooperative efforts by many elements of society, and we are pleased to see the growing activity by churches and synagogues. We believe that through such conferences as this, a concerted national drive can bring defeat of the drug evil and a new victory for the spirit of man."



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