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**Missionary Appointments
Run Ahead of Last Year**

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RICHMOND (BP)--The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board meeting here appointed 11 new missionaries and four missionary associates in May, bringing the number of missionary appointments for the year to 55, which is 21 more than the number appointed by the same date in 1970.

Appointed were Mr. and Mrs. James E. Castlen of Fort Worth, formerly of Bogalusa, La., for the Philippines; Mr. and Mrs. William E. Goff of Eastland, Tex., for Venezuela; Miss Ida Mae Hays of Oklahoma City for Brazil; Dr. and Mrs. John F. McCoy Jr., of Edgewood Arsenal, Md., for Nigeria; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd W. Mann of Brownwood, Tex., for the Dominican Republic; and Mr. and Mrs. William C. Mason of Fort Worth for India.

Employed for four-year terms as missionary associates were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley E. Bergquist Jr., of College Park, Ga., for Taiwan; and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Glass of Bristol, Tenn., for the Philippines.

In an earlier business session the board adopted a resolution in tribute to the late Lucius M. Polhill of Richmond who died suddenly May 9. Polhill was chairman of the board's administrative committee and served on two other committees at the time of his death.

He had been a board member since 1967. The Georgia native had served on the executive staffs of the Georgia, Kentucky and Virginia Baptist conventions and had held pastorates in each of those states. He was executive secretary of the Baptist General Association of Virginia prior to his retirement in 1967.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, presented M. Hunter Riggins Jr., immediate past president of the board, a plaque in appreciation for his services and recognized other members who are rotating off the board this month.

The executive secretary called attention to the projected meeting of the board in Jackson, Miss., April 17-19, 1972.

The board accepted an invitation from the Alabama Baptist State Convention to hold a semiannual meeting in Mobile, April 9-11, 1973. Jaroy Weber, board member and pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, has offered that church's facilities for the 1973 meeting.

R. Keith Parks, the board's secretary for Southeast Asia, reported on developments in Baptist work in South Vietnam, Laos, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia-Singapore and the Philippines.

He reported that the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in South Vietnam has been officially recognized as "a relief and social welfare organization" by the Vietnamese minister of social welfare.

The minister expressed "appreciation and surprise at the amount of service our missionaries were rendering without requesting special favors and financial advantage from the Vietnamese government," Parks said.

The minister also "was amazed" that the missionaries had sought recognition by the Vietnamese government rather than the U.S. government, Parks said. This was done deliberately to avoid a wartime identity and demonstrate a long-term involvement with the Vietnamese people, he explained.

Parks and his family will live in Singapore for approximately one year, beginning in June, according to an earlier board action.

The board members were also told that Miss Ione Gray, international writer and editor for the board, will depart May 16 for Ruschlikon Switzerland, where she will be interim director of European Baptist Press Service for 18 months. The board had earlier taken action on her assignment.

Everett L. Deane, treasurer, announced that the Board's cash income for the first quarter of 1971 was \$22,597,385, an increase of 5.27 per cent over the same period last year.

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Six Department Heads Named
By SBC Sunday School Board

May 12, 1971

NASHVILLE (BP)--The elected members of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board have approved six new department heads for the agency.

They are William J. Reynolds, secretary, church music department; Martin B. Bradley, secretary, research services department; Rowland Crowder, secretary, church architecture department; H. S. Simpson, manager, materials services (previously church literature) department; Jerry Ross, managing art director, art services department; and Robert Turner, manager, budget and accounting staff.

All six are now currently on the staff of the Sunday School Board. Each appointment becomes effective June 1.

Reynolds, now supervisor of the music publications section in the church music department, succeeds W. Hines Sims who retired as department secretary in 1970. Reynolds joined the board in 1955 as music editor. Later, he served as director of editorial services in the music department.

Bradley, who has served as secretary of the research and statistics department since 1963, was elected secretary of the newly-created research services department.

Crowder, who joined the church architecture department in 1952 as architectural consultant, is currently director of field services. He succeeds W. A. Harrell who died in March.

Simpson, now assistant to the director of the board's Publishing Division, joined the board in 1936 as an employee of the seminary Baptist Book Store, Fort Worth. He has served the board as manager of the seminary store, manager of the Houston book store, manager of the Carbondale (Ill.) book store and merchandise control manager Nashville.

Jerry Ross joined the board in 1958 as an artist. He has served as senior artist and currently is an art supervisor.

Robert Turner, currently manager of systems staff, joined the board in 1958 as budget analyst in the accounting and control department. He subsequently served as internal auditor and as manager of organization and methods.

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Little Rock Church Robbed
On Pastor's Last Sunday

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP)--Members of the First Baptist Church here, on their pastor's last Sunday before leaving to become pastor of a church in Louisiana, lost more than a pastor.

The morning after Paul Roberts preached his last sermon before moving to Lake Charles, La., to become pastor of University Baptist Church, the church janitor discovered the church had been robbed during the night.

The church's financial secretary estimated the burglars took about \$5,000 from the safe.

Police who investigated said it was obviously the work of professionals. The burglars used an electric drill to bore through the safe and open the door. Police said there had been similar burglaries in the city earlier.

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Supreme Court Dismisses Suit Against Augusta Baptist Church

ATLANTA (BP)--The Supreme Court of Georgia, after three years of legal action, dismissed a suit against First Baptist Church of Augusta, Ga., filed by 14 of its members seeking to prevent the historic church from moving to the suburbs.

In a unanimous ruling, the state Supreme Court upheld the judgment of a Richmond County Superior Court Judge William M. Fleming Jr., who had ruled that "there is no genuine issue as to any material fact....The action is hereby dismissed, with all costs of court to be paid by the plaintiffs."

In 1968, 14 members of the historic church secured a court injunction seeking to block the sale of the church's downtown facilities, after the congregation had voted by a four to one margin to sell the buildings and move to a new site on Walton Way Extension in west Augusta.

The protesting members had claimed that the historic nature of the present site, and the beauty of the sanctuary, dictated remaining at the present location. The Southern Baptist Convention was organized at the site in 1845, but not in the present building.

R. Jack Robinson, pastor of the church, said he regretted that the dissenting members resorted to legal action, "because Baptists everywhere are aware that the local church is controlled by majority rule."

In the ruling handed down earlier this year, Judge Fleming had reaffirmed the right of the majority of the church membership to control its own affairs, including the right to relocate.

Robinson, president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, said the main factors in the decision to move to the suburbs included the lack of education and parking space downtown, the inability for expansion of the current facilities, and the feeling that "we were just closed in" at the downtown location.

Robinson said that appropriate historical markers would be placed at the present location, marking it as the birthplace of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The chairman of the church's building committee, T. Richard Daniel, said after the Supreme Court ruling that plans to begin to build new facilities at the new location, six miles from downtown, would begin immediately.

A property disposition committee was also authorized to proceed with its task, and architects were instructed to draw plans for the new building on Walton Way Extension immediately.

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