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**Baptists Urged to Work
For Pro-Abortion Laws**

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ST. LOUIS (BP)--Defeating two attempts to soften the wording, the Southern Baptist Convention adopted a resolution urging Baptists to work for legislation permitting abortion under certain conditions.

The resolution cited conditions including "rape, incest, clear evidence of severe fetal deformity, and carefully ascertained evidence of the likelihood of damage to the emotional, mental and physical health of the mother."

It was the first time that the nation's largest Protestant denomination had taken a stand on the abortion issue at a national convention.

In the same business session, the convention adopted resolutions on prison reform, judicial reform, beverage alcohol, and the work of the American Bible Society.

Efforts to soften the wording of the abortion resolution failed at two different points.

A motion to kill the entire section recommending that Baptists work for legislation allowing abortion under certain conditions was defeated, and another amendment striking out the phrase "emotional and mental" health of the mother as conditions for abortion also failed.

The convention expressed "the belief that society has a responsibility to affirm through the laws of the state a high view of the sanctity of human life, including fetal life, in order to protect those who cannot protect themselves."

Debate also swirled around the resolution on beverage alcohol, which urged Congress to pass laws prohibiting the advertising of such beverages on television and radio, and to prohibit sale of alcoholic beverages on airplanes and other forms of transportation.

An amendment to add military installations to the list of places where alcohol should not be sold was defeated after considerable discussion, and the resolution as a whole was then approved.

On prison reform, the convention called for Baptists to "follow the teachings of Jesus by caring for those in prison by working to provide funding, education, ministries, and other innovative programs and expanded parole alternatives necessary to make prisons more honestly correctional...."

It also urged Baptists to work with elected officials for more humane and Christian treatment of offenders, and to increase education and vocational training in rehabilitative efforts at federal, state and local prison systems.

Another resolution on judicial reform noted that crowded court dockets and long delays "infringe upon the basic constitutional right to a speedy trial." It added the resulting pressures on courts makes "the attaining of true justice more difficult."

The resolution commended the efforts of the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the American Bar Association, and the state bar associations in judicial reforms.

The resolutions committee, which the previous day had received more than 20 resolutions, reported to the convention it felt no need for a resolution on conscientious objection since the convention adopted a statement on the subject in 1940.

Gilbert D. Gibson, student at Georgia Tech in Atlanta who offered the resolution, questioned whether the committee had misunderstood the intent of his motion since it dealt with the need for information and counseling for conscientious objectors. Bates asked that he consult with the resolutions committee chairman.

Another resolution commended the work of the American Bible Society.

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SBC Sets Stewardship Goals For Four Years

ST. LOUIS (BP)--Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention accepted goals for drastically increasing their financial gifts during the next four years.

In response to recommendations from the Southern Baptist Stewardship Commission the messengers accepted a goal to give a billion dollars annually through their 34,500 churches by 1975.

Goals also called for an annual increase of 100,000 tithers, 100 million dollars in gifts annually through the Cooperative Program by 1975, 99 per cent of the churches giving through the Cooperative Program and one million Baptists with a current Christian will by 1975.

A second recommendation outlined a plan for churches to follow in increasing percentages of offerings going to the Cooperative Program, the denomination's unified budget.

The stewardship recommendations were the only action taken during an afternoon of reports from 27 boards, institutions, commissions, committees, and related organizations of the denomination.

Leaders of the agencies made brief remarks and referred messengers to detailed printed reports. The written reports were "received" but not officially adopted.

James L. Sullivan of Nashville, executive secretary of Baptist Sunday School Board, reported on two items referred to his agency in last year's convention.

Regarding a request that the Sunday School Board issue identification cards for pastors, Sullivan said the elected board members thought that certifying and identifying pastors was a task of the local church. Sullivan said his agency would be willing to provide blank identification cards for churches to use.

Regarding a request that the Sunday School Board insert references to drug use and pornography in the church covenant, Sullivan pointed out that each church decides on its own church covenant.

Sullivan said the board has produced a booklet to guide churches in writing a church covenant. The booklet includes suggestions about dealing with such issues.

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"This Is Your Life," McCall On Your 20th Anniversary

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ST. LOUIS (BP)--Television personality Ralph Edwards of Hollywood, Calif., was master of ceremonies for a special production of "This Is Your Life" honoring Duke K. McCall on his 20th anniversary as president of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

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The surprise presentation, a production staged especially for the occasion, was made during the annual luncheon of the seminary's alumni association. It will not be televised nationally.

Anecdotes from McCall's varied career were recalled by friends and family of the Baptist executive, including his four sons, his college roommate, and his two brothers.

Robert Denny, executive-secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, noted that McCall has served on the BWA executive committee longer than any other man, "24 years and counting." He praised the seminary official as "a citizen of the world," whose most recent contribution to international understanding was as chairman of the North American Baptist Fellowship.

Edwards reminded the 950 alumni present that McCall had been the youngest pastor of Louisville's Broadway Baptist Church, the youngest president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, the youngest executive-secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, and the youngest president of Southern Seminary. He was elected to the seminary post in 1951 at the age of 36.

Among those who participated in the salute were McCall's college roommate at Furman University, Walton Smith, now an insurance executive in Clarksville, Tenn.; and his closest friend during his seminary-student days, Elwin Skiles, now president of Hardin-Simmons University (Baptist) in Abilene, Tex.

The program closed with a tape-recorded salute from evangelist Billy Graham, who praised McCall as "a Christian statesman... with a strong commitment to the centrality of the Bible and the local church as instruments of God."

Graham, a personal friend of McCall for many years, has placed the records of his ministry in a special endowed collection in the seminary's library.

In a business session during the luncheon, the alumni elected J. Herbert Gilmore of Birmingham, Ala., to serve as national president, and Don Gillis of Lancaster, Ohio, as secretary. John McClanahan of Pine Bluff, Ark., was named president-elect of the association.

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Landes, Hultgren Elected
New SBC Vice Presidents

6/2/71

ST. LOUIS (BP) -- After re-electing Carl E. Bates of Charlotte, N. C. to a second term as its president, the Southern Baptist Convention here named two new vice presidents and re-elected its other major officers.

Elected first vice-president was James H. Landes, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richardson, Tex., a suburb of Dallas. Landes defeated W. Ross Edwards, editor of the Word and Way in Jefferson City, Mo., in a runoff.

Warren Hultgren, pastor of First Baptist Church in Tulsa, Okla., was elected second vice president.

Three secretaries for the convention were re-elected as expected. All are from Nashville.

They are Clifton J. Allen, recording secretary (retired editorial secretary for the denomination's Sunday School Board); W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary, (executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention); and Porter W. Routh, treasurer, (executive secretary, SBC Executive Committee).

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Hope Seen For Christianity
To Flourish in Nation's Cities

6/2/71

ST. LOUIS (BP)--Hope for Christianity to flourish in the cities and create new life styles for urbanities bloomed in the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's report to the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Cal Guy of Fort Worth, professor of missions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, described a trial run ministry in Brooklyn headed by a Baptist layman and supported by such governmental personages as the executive secretary of the New York Real Estate Board.

"Hope dies in the cities," Guy said. "Of all places to look for the birth of hope this is the least likely.

"But the dream is there, seeds are planted, and the Lord of the harvest has already revealed some tender shoots of hope and love and response in a soil which has been thoroughly plowed by forces which have harnessed the horses of the apocalypse to turn furrows of agony in the souls of underprivileged people," Guy said.

Guy related examples of white churches in the South relating to black congregations in New York, resulting in affection and acceptance of ministries.

"I see hope that we can be heard among the leadership, political and economic, of all the major cities of our land. Because, if we hurry, we can form a partnership with the men of good will in the ghettos.

"I hope because God wants churches and churchlets established in integrity. I hope because of people in the South who have walked out of Jim Crow patterns of the past into the Jesus Christ patterns of the future," Guy said.

"If ever there was a time for Baptists to seize a dream, to buy an opportunity, to combine our conversion theology with our operational ministry, today is the day."

Concentration on the cities was a thread throughout the home missions presentation. Tape recordings, huge pictures of home missions before and after, the clipped Spanish accent of Home Mission Board executive Oscar Romo, and the black face of Emmanuel McCall, another board consultant, expressed the tempo of home missions.

Kenneth Chafin, director of the board's evangelism division, described WIN (Witness Involvement Now), the new Southern Baptist lay witnessing program.

"We've always been for evangelism, but we have failed to train laymen," Chafin said.

Chafin led an extensive study of lay witnessing and began to develop an assortment of guidance materials.

"But we learned the kingdom can't be brought in on a printing press," he said. "We have developed a method of training laymen and teachers to prepare people for person-to-person witness."

Wendell Belew, director of the Missions Division for the Board, also spoke of glowing hope for saving the cities. He told of 13 innovative city-based Southern Baptist ministries which are producing response in quantity and quality.

Examples include a young church in Queens touching the lives of 3,500 people a week, 2 types of ministries (drug addiction treatment, housing, response to poverty) by a church at Bangor, Maine, and baseball clinics combines with Bible schools which enrolled 10,000 youngsters and resulting in 2,000 professions of faith in Christ.

Businessmen in New York City are asking Southern Baptists to help rehabilitate the inner city by renovating apartments and placing churches in them, Belew said.

Chaplains in industry, business, the military, and hospitals were among other city-oriented services that Home Mission Board members described.

McCall, who works with National Baptists (predominantly black Baptist conventions) told of companion church ministries. The Companion Church plan links a black church with a white church for the sharing of ideas, program, outreach, facilities, and personnel. He cited successful cases of companion churches in Kentucky, Kansas, and Washington, D. C.

Romo, director of language missions for the agency, identified ministried conducted in a dozen languages in metro areas as well as on rural reservations.

Arthur E. Rutledge, executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, pictured the agency as "a strong, long arm of the churches for reaching across distances and surmounting barriers to share Christ with the millions."

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Students "Speak Up" At SBC,
On What Youth Seek in Church

6/2/71

By J. D. Dennis

ST. LOUIS (BP)--Jenny Estes couldn't sing "Amazing Grace" during the Southern Baptist Convention here. The noise was too loud.

Halfway through the second verse of her solo, shouts from students drove her from the stage.

"That music is as old as the building," they shouted. "We should deal with contemporary problems."

Jenny's solo was the opening volley from Baptist college students during their presentation to the convention, the first time that Baptist students have had a slot on the program.

The feature, "Students Speak Up," combined sight, sound, music, testimonies, and slides to depict what students are trying to do in the world through the church.

At first the loud interruption seemed to startle the messengers. Later, they realized it was all part of the planned presentation.

When Jenny, a George Feabody College graduate student from Nashville, couldn't finish her solo, "The Bridge," a Baptist folk music group from the University of Alabama, filled the void with a rocking rendition of "Put Your Hand in the Hand of the Man from Galilee."

Three fellow students who are actively involved in Baptist Student Union activities came to her aid. They testified to what God had done in their lives and what they want to do in the world.

David Dixon, Lois Weaver and Joe Wylie told Jenny to have faith. They said something is going on among Baptist students. Dixon is a recent graduate of North Texas State University in Denton and Wylie, a football star, attends the University of Oklahoma in Norman.

Miss Weaver, state B. S. U. president in Virginia, and a student at Radford College, Radford, Va., challenged the convention to, "Use us in our Christian concern for our world. Help us to form opinions in the area of social concern, guide us in commitment to those concerns, then take us a step beyond commitment and into action."

Ed Culpepper, leader of "The Bridge," summed up the students' feelings.

"Working in the church and through the church we have greater opportunity to share Jesus Christ," he said.

When Jenny sang "Amazing Grace" again, not only did she finish the first two verses, but more than 10,000 messengers in Kiel Auditorium stood to sing the last verse with her.

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Hargroves Urges Effort
At China Communication

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ST. LOUIS (BP)--Communication with Christians in mainland China and other restricted countries was the goal expressed by the president of the Baptist World Alliance.

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V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia told messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention that renewing contacts with Chinese Christians should be a result of Alliance's emphasis on reconciliation through Christ.

"Reconciliation of man to God and man to man will be the thrust of the Baptist World Alliance in the years immediately ahead," Hargroves said.

"This theme will challenge us to pursue peace in the world. It will encourage us in a vast program of evangelism intended to involve every Baptist today in the Alliance," the 70-year-old minister said.

Hargroves referred to Alliance action in Cuba, where both American Baptists and Southern Baptists have had missions work. Neither convention has been able to maintain contact with Baptists there.

"The Baptist World Alliance has been able to do in Cuba what neither convention could do by itself. I cannot spell this out too specifically."

Hargroves, a member of the first Christian group from America to enter the Soviet Union after Stalin's death, praised Baptists in Eastern European countries.

"Their church activities are often limited as is religious freedom. Some suffer persecution and hardship. Yet they often exhibit faith and courage which challenge and inspire us who live in the west," he said.

Hargroves urged Baptists to concentrate more on their oneness and to demonstrate it by action. He said that the Alliance serves Baptists by allowing identification, giving inspiration, and permitting cooperation.

"I believe the similarities between our Baptist groups, conventions, unions are measurably greater than the dissimilarities," he said.

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Bates Says SEC Tensions Grow Out of Deep Concern

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ST. LOUIS (BP)--Southern Baptist Convention President Carl E. Bates of Charlotte, N. C., in his presidential address to the convention here, observed that much of the tension in the denomination's annual meetings grows out of "sincere concern about our mission."

Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church in Charlotte, re-elected to a second term as president of the 11.6 million member body, described tensions in the denomination this way:

"We have, on occasion, flowed toward poles like filings to a magnet. Sometimes we flowed far enough away from one another until hearing became a problem---speaking across that space was even more difficult.

"But always," he said, "the one thing which has been constant among us is concern."

Later in the address, he told the 12,000 convention messengers that his own concern "has been to find a way to consider our mission in the Spirit of Christ rather than in the spirit of the times."

This nation and world teeters on the brink of disaster, Bates said. Here is the way he described it:

"For the first time in the history of our nation, there is no Christian consensus. Christian influence is at an all-time low. Law is no longer king--something called 'sociological averages' has taken its place."

Bates gave a series of reasons for the situation he described.

"We moved from the country to the city and, in the process, lost our peace and when our children came along we had nothing really worthwhile to pass on to them. Some of us who had something worthwhile failed to transmit it under the cowardly fear of alienating our children and so we lost them anyway.

"We reared a generation of Baptists who are almost totally ignorant of our doctrine. The sense of decency in our land which produces a corresponding sense of guilt is gone.

"The pastor is no longer thought of first when a crisis arises in the home. The doctor, psychiatrist, marriage counsellor, or, even Dear Abby is called upon before the pastor. Many pastors and churches are sick of each other and this carnal nausea has turned many of our church-houses into nothing more than irrelevant grandeur," he observed.

Bates said many solutions have been proposed for this crisis but his answer is prayer.

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June 21, 1971

The Southern Baptist Convention has elected a new president, Dr. James H. White, of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, for the 1971-72 year.

The convention, held in Dallas, Texas, from June 15-19, 1971, was the 117th annual meeting of the denomination.

Dr. White, 62, was elected by a vote of 1,000 to 800 over Dr. James H. White, Jr., of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

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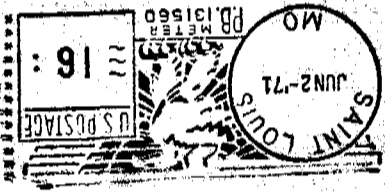
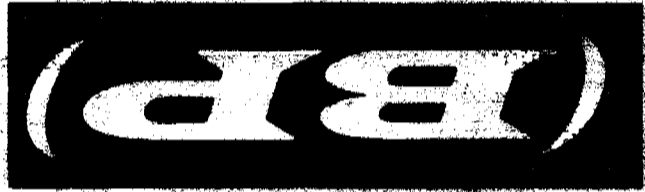
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The convention also elected a new secretary, Dr. James H. White, Jr., of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

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JUNE 1-3, 1971 KIEL AUDITORIUM ST. LOUIS

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ROUNDUP FOR THURSDAY For Release at 8 a.m., - Thursday

ST. LOUIS, June 3---The Resolutions Committee at the 114th annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention proposed positions here Thursday on religious liberty, voluntary prayer, world peace, public funds and religious education, school integration and prejudice.

Messengers were to consider them before adjournment at 1 p. m.

The resolution on prejudice called on Southern Baptists to combat in every honorable way the deeds, statements, inferences, implications and innuendos which tend to engender suspicion and hatred between men.

It also urged Southern Baptists to explore appropriate ways in which the recognition of honest differences between Christians and non-Christians may be admitted so the claims of Christ can be promulgated without violating the dignity and respect of others.

"We point out particularly one area of concern known as anti-Semitism, which some think erroneously is inherent in Christianity, and which we disavow," the resolution said.

On school integration, the committee asked the messengers to recognize that a basic tenet of American democracy is that every child deserves an equal opportunity for public education regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, or economic status.

The messengers also were asked to reaffirm their commitment to the system of public education, support efforts to improve it, and to seek God's guidance in reflecting attitudes, actions, patience and compassion which make a positive witness of Christian love to all people.

The recommended position on world peace commends President Richard Nixon for his part in reducing the number of troops in Vietnam and urges him to accelerate American withdrawal in keeping with concern for prisoners of war.

While the resolution didn't mention specifically the My Lai incident, it asked all American citizens to resist those who attempt to glorify immoral conduct in war and to uphold the principles of peace, justice, and the dignity of human life.

On voluntary prayer, the Southern Baptist Convention is requested to encourage its constituency to participate in prayer experiences that are voluntary and uncoerced by governmental or ecclesiastical authorities.

The Resolutions Committee called on messengers to reaffirm the right of religious people or religious bodies to develop institutions to achieve their religious objectives at their own expense.

The resolution supports the right of parents to send their children to nonpublic schools at their own expense but opposes the use of public funds for religious education, regardless of the manner in which these funds are channeled to church institutions.

The resolution calls for Southern Baptists to petition the federal and state governments to honor the principle of religious liberty and the constitutional position of separation of church and state inherent in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Churches and Southern Baptists were asked to be alert to developments concerning the use of public funds for religious objectives and to insist that public funds be used for public purposes through public programs.

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By Roy Jennings
8:30 p.m., Wednesday

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For Immediate Release
Southwestern Seminary Alumni

ST. LOUIS, June 3--W. Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis, Tenn., was elected president of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary Alumni Association meeting here.

Jesse Fletcher, director of public relations for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, was elected vice-president and John Earl Seelig, assistant to the president at Southwestern Seminary, secretary.

More than 500 alumni attended the luncheon when three graduates were honored with Distinguished Alumni Awards.

They were Agnes D. Pylant, retired church recreation specialist; Joe Davis Heacock, dean, School of Religious Education at Southwestern Seminary; and Frank K. Means, area secretary of South America for the SBC Foreign Mission Board.

Pylant was the second woman in the history of the alumni association to be honored. She was recognized for her "pioneer work in and contributions to the field of church recreation."

Heacock, who has been teaching at the seminary since 1944, was honored for his 27 years of "effective and unselfish Christian service" to the institution.

Means was honored for his numerous contributions to the mission endeavors of Southern Baptists for more than 24 years.

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Don Hepburn
8:30 A. M. Thursday

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Final Business
For Immediate Release

ST. LOUIS, June 3--The 114th annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention ended at Kiel Auditorium here Thursday with passage of resolutions concerning prejudice, voluntary prayer, public school education and religious liberty.

The prejudice resolution noted that prejudice based on differences "often issues hostile attitudes, cruel expressions, unjustified discrimination and overt persecution."

It said that "God is no respecter of persons" and called on Southern Baptists to "refute in every honorable way deeds, statements, inferences, implications and innuendos which tend to engender suspicion and hatred between men for whom Christ died."

The resolution disavowed, in particular, anti-Semitism which "some think erroneously inherent in Christianity."

In passing the resolution on voluntary prayer, messengers almost unanimously defeated a substitute motion which would have condemned the U. S. Supreme Court for ruling against voluntary prayer in its 1962 decision. The motion came from Claude Asbury of Wilmington, N. C.

J. Terry Young of Fresno, Calif., editor of the California Southern Baptist, opposed Ashury. Young read from the court's decision which, he said, ruled against prayer worded and prescribed by a governmental body, not voluntary prayer.

The resolution, as approved, reaffirmed belief in voluntary prayer, "uncoerced by governmental or ecclesiastical authorities."

The convention's resolution on public school education noted that "A basic tenet of American democracy is that every child deserves an equal opportunity for public education regardless of race, color, religion, national origin or economic status."

It reaffirmed Convention support for the public school system and resolved that Baptists "seek God's guidance in the midst of social change that our attitudes and actions may speed the progress of justice and our patience and compassion may make a positive witness of Christian love to all people in our day."

In re-emphasizing traditional Baptist views on religious liberty, another resolution urged Baptists to keep abreast of biblical historical, and contemporary issues related to religious liberty so "it may be understood and appreciated by the next generation."

In other action, messengers approved a resolution commending those who have worked to make the convention successful, including a statement lauding the press for its "perceptive coverage."

Referred to the SBC Executive Committee was a motion calling for an annual listing by SBC boards and agencies of investments.

Another motion asking the SBC Annuity Board or another appropriate agency to establish a counseling service for pastors and church-related vocational workers also was passed on to the Executive Committee. The motion came from E. Hermond Westmoreland, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.

The convention also commended a program conducted Thursday by students and voted to ask that such a program be considered for next year's program in Philadelphia.

By Robert O'Brien
2:00 p.m. Thursday

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STUDENT ROUNDUP For Immediate Release

ST. LOUIS, June 3--Their theme might have been, "Use us." It was repeated in their booth, in their "Rap Room," in the halls and on the main floor of Kiel Auditorium.

They were the more than 200 students attending the three-day Southern Baptist Convention which ended the 114th annual meeting at noon Thursday. They came from Baptist Student Unions on college and university campuses across the nation. Most of them were registered messengers.

A 20-minute presentation on Wednesday morning was the main reason they came. It was the first time Baptist students had a part on the official Convention program. They also came to "rap" (have dialogue) with other messengers.

"Rap" sessions were held in the "Rap Room" of their booth in the Convention display area. Leaders said students hoped to create a better atmosphere and understanding among Southern Baptists.

Bob Young of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, chairman of the student committee that planned Convention participation, said students wanted to help the "older generation" to see that, "We really want to help meet the needs of the world."

At an orientation session Monday afternoon, Young, former president of the Tennessee state B.S.U., said, "We don't want them (the Southern Baptist Convention) to get the impression we are on the outside throwing rocks. We want to be on the inside making the changes that need to be made to meet the needs of the day through the churches."

A Virginia student, Lois Weaver of Roanoke, summed up why students came in testimony during "Students Speak Up," the Wednesday morning presentation.

Miss Weaver challenged messengers to "use us in our Christian concern for our world. Help us to form opinions in the area of social concern, guide us in commitment to those concerns, then take us a step beyond commitment and into action."

"Students Speak Up" brought messengers to their feet, joining in the singing of "Amazing Grace" and applauding their approval. Young summed up the convention's reaction with one word, "great."

Four students and a folk music group participated in the multi-media presentation.

The feature opened with Jenny Estes of Nashville, Tenn., attempting to sing "Amazing Grace." The George Peabody College graduate student was interrupted by shouting voices of other students. The Bridge, a Baptist musical group from the University of Alabama, filled the void when Miss Estes left the stage.

Other students, Miss Weaver, David Dixon of Longview, Tex., and Joe Wylie of Henderson, Tex., told Miss Estes something is going on among Baptist students. They told her to have faith.

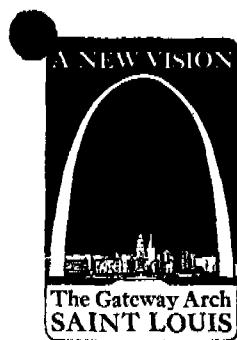
Ed Culpepper, leader of the Bridge said, "working in the church and through the church we (students) have greater opportunity to share Jesus Christ."

Students indicated messengers visiting the booth and "Rap Room" after the presentation were more receptive to what students think they can do through the churches.

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Broadman Motion
For Immediate Release

ST. LOUIS, June 3--Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention asked the Baptist Sunday School Board Thursday to replace British Bible scholar G. Henton Davies in re-writing Volume One of the controversial Broadman Bible Commentary.

The messengers approved by a 300 vote margin a motion by Kenneth Barnett of Lawton, Okla., that the Sunday School Board had not followed the convention's 1970 ruling and that it must find a new writer and proceed with that ruling.

Last June in Denver, the SBC voted 5,394 to 2,170 to ask the Sunday School Board to withdraw the commentary's first volume and rewrite it.

Broadman officials first approached Davies, who has reportedly refused to alter his views.

Conrad Willard of Miami, Fla., Sunday School Board president, told the messengers that the Sunday School Board is seeking to follow last year's instructions'to the letter."

He said a committee appointed to explore the rewrite decided "the first step was to seek out the existing writers and see if they would rewrite according to the will of the 1970 convention, "with due consideration to the conservative point of view."

Willard said Volume One has 15 writers and expressed the conviction that "all of these men were not being discriminated against." He said the men were contacted and are now in the process of evaluation. "If they agree we felt it would meet the demands of the convention," Willard said.

"I don't see how a man, (Davies) with these convictions can rewrite the commentary with due consideration to the conservative point of view," said Kenneth Bowen, a messenger from Forest City, N. C. "This man ought not to be asked to do so."

Adrian Rogers, of Merritt Island, Fla., added, "Let's not waste a lot of money re-writing something that will not be swallowed by Bible believers."

John Parrott, pastor of Roswell, N. M., asked the messengers to give the Sunday School Board "ample time to do what has been requested." He said "this procedure takes time."

Major disagreement last year centered around Davies' conclusion that God did not order Abraham to sacrifice his son, Issac, as recorded in Chapter 22 in the book of Genesis.

Davies is principal of Regent's Park College, Oxford, England.

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By Robert O'Brien
12:20 Thursday afternoon

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Resolutions - Vietnam
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ST. LOUIS, June 3--Statements opposing public support of non-public schools, commending President Nixon's troop reduction efforts in Vietnam and opposing the president's Vatican envoy were among resolutions approved here Thursday at the 114th annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The chief executive was commended "for his part in reducing the number of troops in Vietnam" and urged "to continue our American withdrawal in keeping with our desperate concern for prisoners of war...."

The messengers struck a phrase which suggested commendation of Nixon, "given the moral ambiguities of the Vietnam War." The motion to amend came from William J. Brock, a messenger from Bradenton, Fla.

"When a man lays down his life for another man's freedom," Brock said, "it is not morally ambiguous."

Guy Lozier, a U. S. Army captain from Elgin, Okla., and a Vietnam veteran, said, "If we do not pull out with a just settlement we will be a party to blood letting."

Lozier, who said he had never had to fire his weapon or kill another man, continued, "men who have died there were willing to lay down their lives because they were peace makers."

He added that there are "children there who don't like the war either." He said many had their fingers and hands cut off for attending government schools.

The resolution further urged Christians that "our primary responsibility is to work for a just peace." It asked all Americans to "uphold principles of peace, justice and the dignity of human life and to resist those who attempt to glorify immoral conduct in war."

At the suggestion of Dick Hall, a messenger from Decatur, Ga., messengers tacked the Vatican envoy statement to the resolution on public funds and non-public education.

It urged the president of the 11.6-million-member SBC to "convey to President Nixon our extreme displeasure in this action and ask that he recall this envoy Henry Cabot Lodge at once."

Hall's amendment said Nixon "now has a personal representative at the Vatican" despite "vigorous protest of many citizens." It said this action gives "preferential recognition to one religious denomination" and violates "our concept of the separation of church and state."

The main body of the resolution spoke to efforts to channel federal support to non-public and parochial schools.

The resolution "reaffirmed our belief that the use of public funds for education in church-controlled schools, regardless of the manner in which these funds are channeled to church schools, is contrary to the principle of religious liberty."

The resolution petitioned the federal and state governments to "honor the principle of religious liberty and the constitutional position of the separation of church and state inherent in the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution."

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Southern Baptists were encouraged to keep alert to developments and insist that "public funds for educational purposes be channeled only through public institutions which do not discriminate on religious or any other grounds."

In other action, messengers defeated a motion asking that a copy of the SBC book of reports be mailed to each cooperating church at least 10 days before the opening date of the annual SBC meeting.

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By Robert O'Brien
11:30 a.m. Thursday

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BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE -- V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, Pa., and president of the Baptist World Alliance addresses the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis, Mo., June 1 - 3.

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ALUMNI LUNCHEONS -- Ralph Edwards (left), TV personality, pays tribute to Southern Seminary President Duke McCall on the occasion of McCall's 20th Anniversary at the Alumni Luncheon in St. Louis, Mo.

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JOINT COMMISSIONING SERVICE -- A joint commissioning service was held by the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board at the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis, Mo., June 2.

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Resolution Amendments

FOLLOWING ARE THE CHANGES MADE IN RESOLUTIONS DURING THE THURSDAY MORNING SESSION, REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

RESOLUTION NO. 6

Addition to the resolution as follows:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, since the President of the United States, in spite of the rigorous protest of many citizens, now has a personal representative at the Vatican, thus giving preferential recognition to one religious denomination, and violating our concept of the separation of church and state, we hereby request the President of the 11,629,880-member Southern Baptist Convention to convey to President Nixon our extreme displeasure in this action, and ask that he recall this envoy at once.

Dick Hall
Georgia

RESOLUTION NO. 6

The following amendments were offered, and adopted, after presentation by Hugh Wamble, professor, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, to Resolution No. 6:

Paragraph 9, beginning: "That we reaffirm our belief that the use of public funds for religious education. . . . Amendment would delete words "religious education" and substitute words "education in church-controlled schools. . . ."

Paragraph 12, beginning "That we request the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to make known the view of the Southern Baptist Convention on public funds and religious education. . . ." Change "religious education" to read: "funds for education in church-controlled schools. . . ."

Paragraph 11, beginning "That we encourage our churches. . . ." Delete these words from the end of the sentence: "that public funds be used for public purposes through public programs under public control as a safeguard for religious liberty and as a means of providing public services to all of the people without discrimination, and." Substitute for this part of the sentence the following: "that public funds for educational purposes be channeled only through public institutions which do not discriminate on religious or other grounds."