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**President Asks for Prayers
As He Visits Communist Lands**

WASHINGTON (BP)--President Richard Nixon asked for the prayers of the nation that he will be able to "play the role of peacemaker" in his upcoming journeys to Red China and Russia.

In an address before 3000 persons gathered for the annual National Prayer Breakfast, President Nixon dwelt on the theme of peace and the "unprecedented opportunity" of this generation "to build a structure for peace in the world."

The National Prayer Breakfast is sponsored by the prayer breakfast groups of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. As in past years, the occasion brought together prominent leaders from business, labor and religion to meet with members of the Supreme Court, the Congress, top military men and representatives of government agencies. Distinguished diplomatic leaders from 100 countries were present also.

Billy Graham, a regular participant in these annual meetings, read the New Testament selection on the program. After saying that the Bible teaches "that a day of ultimate peace is coming," Graham read Philipians 2:5-11.

The President referred to the great differences that exist between this nation and Red China and Russia, the two nations he will visit soon. "It is naive to think our differences would evaporate if we get to know each other better," Nixon said. "These differences exist because we do know each other . . . and the philosophical gulf is great," he emphasized.

The President talked about the role of the United States in its relationships with other countries. Our chief goal, he said, is to help them to be nations "of liberty and justice for all."

He referred to giving economic help when that is needed, but he stressed the challenge for America "to build a new structure of peace in the world where men of differences can talk about these differences instead of fighting about them.

"As a Christian nation . . . enriched by other faiths, we have a charge and a destiny to play the role of peacemaker," Nixon declared.

Earlier in the program, Mayor Walter Washington, the black appointed leader of the District of Columbia, received a standing ovation after an emotional message asking for "unity and reconciliation" in the land.

Mayor Washington mentioned the poor, the hungry and helpless in the land who, he said, are not willing to wait until they get to heaven to claim the promises of a good life. Calling for a national "liberation of the spirit" as we try to solve the problems of this land, Washington said, "We must listen to the poor as well as to the rich, to the young as well as to the old, to the sick along with the well."

Mayor Washington, a Baptist layman, who said he was "speaking from his heart" and not from the advice of others, said he fails to understand "why it is so difficult for us to understand the needs of the poor, the hungry, the helpless and the dispossessed.

"We cannot say that we can reach the moon and yet fail to heal the wounds of those who suffer," the mayor cried. Preaching that "this is the commitment we have" as a nation, Washington said the country has the capabilities to solve all our problems.

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The National Prayer Breakfast, held in the international ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel, concluded with a prayer and a plea for commitment to Christ, voiced by Sen. Harold Hughes (D., Iowa).

"If the people here in this room would make a commitment to God and Jesus Christ, it could alter the course of history," Sen. Hughes declared.

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Seminary Wife Collects Funds
For Missionary's Microscope

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--A Baptist hospital in Jordan will have a new microscope because of a casual conversation between a recently appointed Southern Baptist medical missionary and next door neighbors at a Baptist seminary.

Joe Williams of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., will use the microscope in his work as a medical technologist at the Baptist hospital in Jordan. He and his wife Sylvia were recently appointed missionaries by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond.

While Mr. and Mrs. Williams were studying at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, they mentioned casually to their next door neighbors that the Jordan hospital badly needed a microscope.

"I could hardly imagine a hospital without a microscope," said Mrs. Ken (Robbie) Murphy of Ozark, Ala., whose husband is studying for the pastorate at Southern Seminary.

Her concern led to action. She and her husband collected enough money from other seminary students, several Southern Baptist churches, and members of her family to purchase the needed instrument.

Her first step was to write to their home churches in Alabama--Chalkhead and Post Oak Baptist Churches in Ozark, Ala., and County Line Baptist Church in Enterprise, Ala. Murphy also told the Indiana church where he is a student pastor of the need.

They all responded generously, Mrs. Murphy said.

With the help of a discount given by a Louisville medical supplies dealer, Mrs. Murphy collected enough money to buy the kind of microscope Williams needed.

Williams, his wife and their two children (and the microscope) leave for Jordan next spring after completion of an orientation program.

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Midwestern Seminary Names
18 Adjunct Professors

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--Eighteen adjunct professors have been named by Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here to teach as a part of the school's instructional assistance program.

Under the program, initiated last year and called "The Midwestern Plan," persons with expertise in a particular field are invited to teach for one month at the seminary in an intensive study program.

Under a new degree structure, the program is based on eleven four-week terms during the academic year.

Four staff executives of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, were among the 18 adjunct professors.

They are Paul Adkins, secretary of the board's department of Christian social ministries; Wendell Belew, director of the Division of Missions; Russell Bennett, assistant director of the Division of Associational Services; and Kenneth L. Chafin, director of the Division of Evangelism.

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Six pastors were among those appointed: Wayne Dehoney, pastor, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville; James Draper, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.; Don Harbuck, First Baptist Church, El Dorado, Ark.; William Lancaster, First Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.; Olan Runnels, Swope Park Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo; and Robert Tremaine, pastor, Worcester Baptist Church, Worcester, Mass.

Four members of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's National Student Ministries staff were among the 18 appointees. They are Charles Roselle, secretary, National Student Ministries; Arthur Driscoll, consultant in leadership development; Milton Hughes, consultant in campus evangelism; and Benton Williams, consultant in International Student Work.

Others named to teach at the seminary were: Findley B. Edge, professor of religious education for Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; William S. Garmon, professor of sociology, Averett College, Danville, Va.; Harry N. Hollis Jr., director of special moral concerns, Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Nashville; and John Hopkins, director of Christian social ministries, Kansas City (Kansas) Baptist Association.

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Hotel Space Available
For SBC in Philadelphia

2/1/72

PHILADELPHIA (BP)--There are still nearly 2,000 hotel rooms available in Philadelphia for persons who plan to attend the Southern Baptist Convention here June 5-8, according to the Philadelphia Tourist bureau.

So far, about 1,400 rooms have been reserved by individuals planning to attend the convention, reported James L. Goodson, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Cherry Hill, N.J., and chairman of the convention's publicity committee.

No hotels or motels have yet been booked to capacity, Goodson said. He urged persons who plan to attend the convention to make their reservations, however, as soon as possible to avoid a last-minute jam of paperwork.

Hotel reservation forms and listings of Philadelphia hotels have been printed in most Baptist state papers and in the Baptist Program magazine, and are available on request from the state convention offices or the SBC Executive Committee.

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