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President Nixon Likely to Speak
At Southern Baptist Convention

PHILADELPHIA (BP)--President Richard M. Nixon hopes to accept an invitation to speak at the Southern Baptist Convention when it meets here June 6-8, the convention's chairman of the Committee on Order of Business announced in releasing the text of the tentative program.

"An invitation has been extended to the President and it is his hope to be present at our convention in Philadelphia," said Lee Porter, chairman of the committee and pastor of First Baptist Church of Bellaire, a suburb of Houston.

"It is impossible for the President and the White House to give a firm commitment until at least 30 days in advance," added Porter.

The White House confirmed to Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention, that "there is a good chance" the President will address the convention.

If the President can clear his schedule for the convention, he would address an anticipated 13,500 Baptists expected to attend the convention sessions on Thursday afternoon, June 8, at 3:45 p.m.

It would mark the first time in the history of the convention that the President of the United States would have addressed the convention. The Southern Baptist Convention, with 11.9 million members, is the largest Protestant denomination in the nation.

Evangelist Billy Graham, a Southern Baptist, will speak during the Wednesday evening convention session.

With both President Nixon and Graham on the tentative program, convention officials are expecting capacity crowds to attend the convention, which meets at Convention Hall in Philadelphia Civic Center, Tuesday morning through Thursday night, June 6-8.

Theme for the three-day convention will be, "Proclaim Liberty to All." Each morning and afternoon session will be opened with a theme meditation by Clarence Cranford, pastor emeritus of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.

In addition to President Nixon and Graham, other major speakers listed on the program include Roger L. Fredrikson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Sioux Falls, S.D., and former president of the American Baptist Convention; and Leon Sullivan, pastor of Zion Baptist Church in Philadelphia, and founder and chairman of the Opportunities Industrialization Centers, a network of training centers set up to teach practical job skills to black people who are fighting the poverty cycle.

Two other major addresses are scheduled: the annual presidential address by Carl E. Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.; and the annual convention sermon by E. Hermond Westmoreland, pastor emeritus of South Main Baptist Church, Houston.

The convention will end Thursday evening with a missions emphasis session which will include the reports of the SBC Home and Foreign Mission Boards and the SBC Stewardship Commission.

In a departure from the format used for the convention last year, the agenda this year will include individual reports on the work of each of the 19 agencies of the convention. Last year, the reports were received in printed format all at one time.

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Thursday morning's session will be devoted almost entirely to agency reports, except for the address by Sullivan and one miscellaneous business period.

A pageant depicting Baptist history in the Philadelphia area will be presented by the SBC Historical Commission, with music by The Centurymen and a special symphony orchestra. The pageant is scheduled for Tuesday evening preceding the convention sermon.

Baptist students from across the country will make a special presentation entitled "Students Speak Up," designed to "encourage SBC messengers to accept responsibility for and commit their resources to strengthen, support and expand SBC student ministries." The presentation is being coordinated by a steering committee of state Baptist Student Union presidents and staff members of the National Student Ministries program of the SBC Sunday School Board.

Music director for the convention will be William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. Organist will be Don Hustad, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; and pianist will be Max Lyall, professor at Belmont College, Nashville.

Most of the convention will be devoted to conducting business of the convention, with five hours and forty minutes scheduled for miscellaneous and special business, and five hours and forty minutes devoted to reports from convention agencies.

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Former SBC Hospital Names
Mathews Executive Director

2/9/72

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (BP)--George Mathews, administrator of Baptist Memorial Hospital here for the past five years, has been named to a newly-created position as executive director of the former Southern Baptist Convention-owned hospital.

Baptist Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville is one of two hospitals previously owned by the SBC, but released to a private, self-perpetuating board of trustees last June.

Mathews was named to the new position as executive director by the board of Southern Baptist Hospitals, Inc., meeting in New Orleans where the other hospital in the system is located. He had been on the hospital staff since 1960, serving as assistant administrator before becoming administrator in 1966.

The new position as executive director includes expanded responsibilities necessitated by expansion of the hospital's programs and facilities, a hospital spokesman said.

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Mrs. George W. Sadler Dies;
Wife of Emeritus FMB Official

2/9/72

RICHMOND (BP)--Mrs. George W. Sadler, 76, former missionary to Nigeria and wife of a retired official of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, died Feb. 7 of a heart attack. She had been in a local hospital for a week.

A funeral service was to be held Feb. 9 at Grace Baptist Church here. Mrs. Sadler is survived by her husband and their two children, George William Sadler, and Mrs. G. M. Kinman, both of Richmond.

Mr. and Mrs. Sadler had lived in Richmond since 1939, when he was elected secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East for the Foreign Mission Board.

Mrs. Sadler was born in Alabama and grew up in South Carolina. In 1919, after her graduation from Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S.C., she received missionary appointment and married Sadler, who had been a missionary to Nigeria since 1914.

They worked with the Baptist College and Theological Seminary in Ogbomoso, Nigeria, until a family health problem caused them to resign in 1932. For the next seven years they lived in Liberty, Mo., where he was pastor of Second Baptist Church.

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CORRECTION

On BP story mailed 2-4-72, headlined, "Darold Morgan Elected Annuity Board President," please correct typographical error in graph 15 of story to read: "Investment income in 1971 totaled \$16,078,265, up from \$10,617,731 the year before . . ." (not \$19,617,731). Thanks.

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Foreign Board Approves
Largest Salary Adjustments

RICHMOND (BP)--The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appropriated the largest single amount for emergency adjustments in missionary salary support in its 126-year history during its February meeting here.

In another major action, the board appropriated \$76,500 in relief funds for rebuilding villages in Bangladesh.

The record \$653,540 for emergency adjustments in missionary support was approved by board members to ease financial strain for overseas personnel at three pressure points, according to board officials.

Special financial problems of missionaries were aggravated by the U.S. dollar devaluation and worldwide inflation, escalation in college education costs, and increased taxation, said Baker J. Cauthen, who presented the recommendation on behalf of a board committee which studied the whole structure of missionary support.

Cost-of-living adjustments for missionaries in 38 countries with inflationary conditions amounted to \$145,540. The board had previously allocated \$214,460 in December and January meetings as emergency compensation for its missionaries affected by U.S. dollar devaluation overseas.

In a second major financial action, the board increased the allowance for missionaries with children in college by an annual \$400 per student. With 370 missionary children currently in college, this appropriation amounted to \$148,000.

Combining bases of support administered by the board, a total of \$1,600 is now available yearly to missionary parents for each child who is in college.

The single largest appropriation was \$360,000 to help relieve increased taxation. The board voted to provide an additional \$150 per missionary in view of his increasing tax burden.

The \$76,500 in relief funds for Bangladesh was added to \$25,000 the board authorized earlier for use by Southern Baptist missionaries in rebuilding a village outside Feni.

Village reconstruction has given Southern Baptist missionaries their first opportunity to become directly involved in relief operations since the former East Pakistan began its fight for independence about one year ago.

Currently three missionary families are in Bangladesh: the James McKinleys (Ky.), the Troy C. Bennetts (N.C. and Va.), and the Thomas E. Thurmans (Miss.).



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S O U T H E R N B A P T I S T C O N V E N T I O N

June 6-8, 1972
 Convention Hall, Civic Center
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

THEME: "Proclaim Liberty to All"

OFFICERS: Carl E. Bates, president; pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.
 James H. Landes, first vice president; pastor, First Baptist Church, Richardson, Tex.
 Warren C. Hultgren, second vice president; pastor, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla.
 Clifton J. Allen, recording secretary; retired editorial secretary, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.
 W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary; executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, Tenn.
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 William J. Reynolds, music director; secretary, church music department, Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.
 Don Hustad, organist; professor of church music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.
 Max Lyall, pianist; associate professor of music, Belmont College, Nashville, Tenn.
 Lee Porter, chairman, Committee on Order of Business; pastor, First Baptist Church of Bellaire, Houston, Tex.

PROPOSED ORDER OF BUSINESS

Tuesday Morning, June 6

- 9:15 Music for Inspiration--University Baptist Church Choir, Baltimore, Md., William Partridge, director
- 9:30 Call to Order
 Congregational Singing
 Special Music--Paul McCommon, secretary, church music department, Georgia Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Ga.
 Theme Meditation--Clarence W. Cranford, pastor emeritus, Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
- 9:50 Report of Registration and Constituting of the Convention--W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary; executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, Tenn.
 Committee on Order of Business--Lee Porter, chairman; pastor, First Baptist Church of Bellaire, Houston, Tex.
- 9:55 Welcome
- 10:05 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, and Tellers
- 10:10 Special Music--George Austin, layman, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.
- 10:15 Presidential Address--Carl E. Bates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.
- 10:55 Congregational Singing
- 11:00 Introduction of Resolutions
- 11:15 Executive Committee Report (first section)
- 12:00 Miscellaneous Business
- 12:15 Benediction

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Tuesday Afternoon, June 6

- 2:15 Music for Inspiration--Combined Youth Choirs, Urban Park Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., and First Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.
- 2:30 Congregational Singing
Theme Meditation--Clarence W. Cranford
- 2:45 Miscellaneous Business
- 3:00 Election of Officers
Recognition of Past Presidents
- 3:30 Executive Committee Report (final section)
- 4:00 Election of Officers
Introduction of Resolutions
Ambassador Service National Award
Miscellaneous Business
- 4:30 Benediction

Tuesday Evening, June 6

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration--The Centurymen, Buryl Red, musical director
- 7:00 Congregational Singing
Scripture and Prayer
- 7:15 Pageant by SBC Historical Commission, and Music by The Centurymen and special symphony orchestra
- 8:15 Convention Sermon--E. Hermond Westmoreland, pastor emeritus, South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.
Alternate: Charles R. Walker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Marion, Ill.
- 9:00 Benediction--Bruce H. Price, pastor emeritus, First Baptist Church, Newport News, Va.

Wednesday Morning, June 7

- 9:15 Music for Inspiration--First Baptist Church Choir, Laurel, Md., Albin Crutchfield, director
- 9:30 Congregational Singing
Special Music--Lee Castro, evangelistic singer, Wichita Falls, Tex.
Theme Meditation--Clarence W. Cranford
- 9:50 Election of Officers
- 10:05 Committee on Resolutions (first report)
- 10:25 Committee on Committees
Committee on Boards
- 10:30 Sunday School Board Report
- 11:30 Congregational Singing
- 11:35 Student Program--"Students Speak Up"
- 12:00 Election of Officers
Miscellaneous Business
- 12:45 Benediction

Wednesday Afternoon, June 7
No Convention Session

Wednesday Evening, June 7

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration--North Carolina Singing Churchmen
- 7:00 Congregational Singing--directed by Cliff Barrows, Billy Graham Evangelistic Team
Scripture
Prayer
- 7:10 Education Commission Report
- 7:20 SBC Seminaries--"The Call of the Ministry"
- 8:20 Address--Billy Graham, assisted by members of the Graham Evangelistic Team
- 9:30 Benediction

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Thursday Morning, June 8

- 9:15 Music for Inspiration--The Hear and Now Singers, Samford University, Birmingham, Ala.,
Bob Burroughs, musical director
- 9:30 Congregational Singing
Special Music--Jamal Badry, evangelistic singer, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Theme Meditation--Clarence W. Cranford
- 9:50 Resolutions Committee (final report)
- 10:20 Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary Report
- 10:25 Denominational Calendar Committee Report
- 10:30 Committee on Baptist State Papers Report
- 10:35 Radio and Television Commission Report
- 10:40 Committee on Public Affairs Report
- 10:45 Baptist World Alliance Report
- 10:55 Congregational Singing
- 11:00 Address--Leon Sullivan, pastor, Zion Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa., and founder
and chairman, Opportunities Industrialization Center National Institute
- 11:20 Christian Life Commission Report
- 11:30 Woman's Missionary Union Report
- 11:40 Brotherhood Commission Report
- 11:50 Miscellaneous Business
- 12:30 Benediction

Thursday Afternoon, June 8

- 2:15 Music for Inspiration--Oklahoma Singing Churchmen, James Woodward, musical director
- 2:30 Congregational Singing
Theme Meditation--Clarence W. Cranford
- 2:45 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers
- 2:50 Message--Roger L. Fredrikson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, S.D., and
former president, American Baptist Convention
- 3:15 Southern Baptist Foundation Report
- 3:20 Annuity Board Report
- 3:45 Address--President Richard M. Nixon (tentative)
Benediction

Thursday Evening, June 8

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration--The Centurymen, Buryl Red, musical director
- 7:00 Congregational Singing
Scripture and Prayer
- 7:10 Home Mission Board Report
- 8:10 Presentation of New Officers
- 8:15 Stewardship Commission Report
- 8:30 Foreign Mission Board Report
- 9:30 Benediction and Adjourn



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