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Baptist Radio-TV Commission  
 Presents Broadcaster Awards

FORT WORTH (BP)--Robert M. Walsh, production manager at KABC radio, Los Angeles, received the top honor in the third annual Abe Lincoln Awards competition sponsored by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here.

Christian movie star Dale Evans Rogers and ABC News President Elmer W. Lower were among others honored for "outstanding contributions to the quality of life in America, both as individual citizens and as representatives of the broadcasting industry."

Lower, in accepting the distinguished communications medal which cited him for "insistence on excellence, truth and honesty" in news gathering and dissemination, warned the audience that freedom of the press is under attack in the United States.

Lower said the attack on freedom of the press was coming in the form of secrecy and efforts by government and other agencies to limit access to the news, through harassment of news gatherers, through subpoenas served on newsmen and through the power of licensing.

Mrs. Rogers, author of 10 books, was cited for "Christian communications in her life and entertainment career" and "service to the homeless and orphaned children of the world."

Walsh's award specifically cited his work in producing radio news documentaries which run continuously for 24-hour periods; and for providing in-depth information on current issues of concern to the local audience.

Other broadcasters who received Abe Lincoln Merit Awards were Jesse Helms, executive vice president, WRAL-TV, Raleigh, N.C.; John F. Gregory, station manager, KPCS-FM, Pasadena City College, Pasadena, Cal.; Bob Hardy, news director, KMOX radio, St. Louis; William F. Turner, executive vice president and general manager, KCAU-TV, Sioux City, Iowa; Peter M. Ballard, producer/director, WMAR-TV, Baltimore, Md.; Fred Williams, radio talent, WCAU radio, Philadelphia; and John T. Schimpf, public affairs director, WKYC-TV, Cleveland, Ohio.

Distinguished communications awards were presented to Vincent T. Wasilewski, president of the National Association of Broadcasters, and Robert E. Lee, member of the federal communications commission, for consistently outstanding performance in their respective fields; Bill Gavin, publisher of "Bill Gavin's Record Report," for helping to establish "honorable standards of excellence in the fields of radio and music recording," and to ABC Television and David Victor, director and executive producer, for the "Marcus Welby, M.D." series.

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Chair of Applied Christianity  
 At Furman to Honor McDowell

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GREENVILLE, S.C. (BP)--Furman University here has established the E. A. McDowell Chair of Applied Christianity in honor of Edward A. McDowell of Atlanta, a former theology professor at two Southern Baptist Convention-owned seminaries.

A native of South Carolina and a graduate of Furman, McDowell taught for 17 years at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; and for 13 years at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C. He retired in 1964 to join the staff of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, as minister of teaching.

Furman is conducting a fund campaign to raise a minimum of \$100,000 to endow the McDowell chair, officials at the Baptist school here said.

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Jimmy Allen Re-elected  
Americans United President

BOSTON (BP)--Jimmy R. Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church in San Antonio, was re-elected president of Americans United for Separation of Church and State during the organization's 24th National Conference on Church and State.

Americans United also adopted resolutions urging both the Republican and Democratic parties to include religious liberty planks in their national platforms for the 1972 presidential elections, and proposed specific planks for each party.

Both expressed opposition to the so-called "non-denominational prayer amendment." The proposed plan for the Republican Party also expressed opposition to providing public funds to parochial schools, an item not included in the Democratic plank.

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#### CORRECTION

On the proposed agenda outline for the Southern Baptist Convention mailed by Baptist Press 2-9-72, a change has been made by the Committee on Order of Business. On the agenda for Tuesday morning, June 6, at 9:15, please change "Music for Inspiration" line to read: "First Baptist Church of Clarendon Choir, Arlington, Va.; Paul Welleford, director;" rather than "University Baptist Church Choir, Baltimore, Md.; William Partridge, director," as sent. Thanks.

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