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**Three Baptist Leaders Killed
 In Burundi Tribal Uprisings**

WASHINGTON (BP)--Three Baptist leaders, including the general secretary of the Union of Baptist Churches in Burundi, have been killed in the wake of tribal uprisings and political upheavals in the East African nation of Burundi, according to reports received here by the Baptist World Alliance.

Of the nine African members of the Executive Committee of the Union of Baptist Churches in Burundi, three have been killed, three more are in prison, and two others have escaped the country. The other, a hospital patient at the time the trouble broke out, is unaccounted for.

Among the dead was Emanuelli Semirwano, the general secretary of the Baptist union. There are about 2,865 Baptists in Burundi, most of them in the Hutu tribe.

A spokesman for the Baptist World Alliance said the political uprising stemmed from tribal differences, and an attempt to arrest or kill all Hutus who have some influence and education.

Many Baptist leaders among the Hutu tribe are said to have been arrested, and many others are feared to have been killed. Children of the Hutu tribe, even as young as fourth graders, are reported to have been taken to prison.

More than 20,000 Burundi people have reportedly fled to Tanzania, Zaire, and Rwanda.

Baptist officials said the political uprising has meant a catastrophic loss of leadership within the Baptist Union, the churches, the mission hospital and clinics, and the mission schools.

The Union of Baptist Churches of Burundi is a member of the Baptist World Alliance. Missionary work in Burundi has been a project of the Danish Baptist Union. There are no Southern Baptist missionaries in Burundi.

Baptist World Alliance Relief Coordinator Carl W. Tiller urged Baptists of all nations to pray for the Burundi people. Tiller said the Alliance was receiving contributions toward relief efforts at its Washington and London offices.

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**Baptist World Alliance Urges
 Relief for Rapid City Flood**

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WASHINGTON (BP)--In an unusual move, the Baptist World Alliance has issued an appeal for relief for victims of a ravaging flood that engulfed Rapid City, S.D., on June 9.

The appeal was unusual in that Americans are normally on the giving end, not the receiving end, of the Baptist World Relief program, explained Carl W. Tiller, the alliance's relief coordinator.

Tiller said that some Baptist lives apparently have been lost, although delays in finding and identifying bodies have made it impossible to get an exact count. The death toll has passed the 200 mark.

One known dead is a 19-year-old woman who was a leader in the American Baptist Convention's state Baptist Youth Fellowship.

Camp Judson, a summer assembly facility of American Baptists, has become temporarily inoperable, and at least one American Baptist church suffered high water damage. -more-

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Tiller said church groups can help most with cash contributions to enable families to obtain a fresh start with household goods, and to enable churches to buy materials needed for repairs.

Food and clothing donations are said to have already been received in the devastated area.

Tiller said the Alliance was receiving relief funds for the flood victims through its offices in Washington and London.

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Hepburn Named Associate PR
Director at Southwestern

6/16/72

FORT WORTH (BP)--Donald S. Hepburn of St. Petersburg, Fla., has been named associate director of public relations at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Hepburn, who has worked on the seminary public relations staff for several years as a student, will fill a newly designated position, working with assistant to the president John Seelig in the areas of news, information and public relations.

A graduate of Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., Hepburn will complete the master of religious education degree at the seminary this July.

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\$25,000 Estate Provides
Seminary Scholarships

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FORT WORTH (BP)--A \$25,000 estate has been designated for scholarships at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

The gift represents the entire estate of Lawrence A. Englin of Cleveland, Tex., according to an announcement by Southwestern Seminary President Robert E. Naylor.

Naylor said that little is known about Englin and that his gift came as a complete surprise. There is no immediate family surviving the Texas man. The gift was administered through the Baptist Foundation of Texas.

Englin died last October and provided in his will that his entire estate be left to the seminary to be used specifically for scholarship endowments for needy students.

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Southern Seminary Foundation
Presents Layman Award to Shea

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--George Beverly Shea, Billy Graham team soloist affectionately known as "America's beloved gospel singer," has received the ninth annual Southern Seminary Foundation award for outstanding service as a Christian layman.

The presentation was made at spring commencement at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here by president Duke K. McCall.

A soloist on the Graham team, Shea has recorded 37 albums of hymns, and has written many hymns including the well-known "I'd Rather Have Jesus." He has sung in Graham crusades around the world, and on telecasts reaching billions.

Previous recipients of the Southern Seminary Foundation Award include astronaut John Glenn, Nobel prize physicist Charles Townes, pianist Van Cliburn, businessmen W. Maxey Jarman and Howard E. Butt Jr., baseball star Bobby Richardson, radio and television producer Arthur Smith, and Louisville surgeon H. Hart Hagan.

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Eddleman Named President Of Criswell Bible Institute

DALLAS (BP)--H. Leo Eddleman, manuscript analyst at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, has been named president of Criswell Bible Institute, a school for Bible study affiliated with First Baptist Church here.

W. A. Criswell, pastor of the 16,795-member church and president of the institute during its first year-and-a-half of existence, announced Eddleman's appointment at a news conference.

Eddleman, 61, will assume his post at the beginning of the fall term in September.

Criswell will become chancellor of the Bible institute, which he said will expand its curriculum, add daytime classes and full time professors and seek accreditation under Eddleman's leadership.

Currently the institute uses professors from other schools, including two Southern Baptist institutions, to teach evening classes.

Eddleman, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary from 1959-70, joined the Sunday School Board in October, 1970, as "doctrinal reader." His title was changed to manuscript analyst in a surprise announcement at the Southern Baptist Convention in Philadelphia.

The Sunday School Board named Eddleman to the doctrinal reader post in the aftermath of a controversy over what some Southern Baptist Convention conservatives felt was liberalism in Volume I of the Broadman Bible Commentary.

Evangelist Billy Graham, a member of First Baptist Church for more than 20 years, participated in the news conference. He was in Dallas to take part in Explo 72, the Campus Crusade for Christ's gigantic evangelism emphasis.

Graham said Eddleman had been his first choice for the presidency of a university he had once considered organizing but finally decided against.

"What you're doing is a very important and strategic move," Graham said at the news conference. "The greatest vacuum in this country is in the area of Bible teaching."

He said that "One of the greatest dangers of this generation" is that the "thousands of young people accepting Christ" will not be rooted in the Scripture.

The Criswell Bible Institute was formed in Oct., 1970, to provide such Bible study for pastors and laymen.

Its current part-time, 18-person faculty includes five professors from Dallas Baptist College, one of 10 schools operated by Texas Baptists, and three from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. Four others come from Dallas Theological Seminary, a conservative non-denominational school.

The institute has already outgrown a renovated office building in the three square-block complex of buildings owned by First Baptist Church in downtown Dallas.

Enrollment of pastors and laymen increased from 450 last fall to more than 550 this spring.

Criswell said the institute will move into the church's new \$3 million educational plant which will be completed by the fall of 1973.

Eddleman and Criswell emphasized that the Criswell Bible Institute is not a college or seminary and will supplement, not compete, with such institutions.

"It is meant for the layman and pastor of the small church who may not have had a chance to go to seminary," Criswell said.

In response to a question, Eddleman said the school will seek eventual accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities.

The Bible institute is administered by 12 trustees, all Dallas businessmen, elected by First Baptist Church. All trustees, administration and faculty of the institute must subscribe to the Articles of Faith adopted by First Baptist Church in October 1970.

Eddleman said, however, that students would not be expected to proclaim specific allegiance to the Articles of Faith for admittance or graduation but would be expected to "be tolerant" of them.

Eddleman said that although he enjoyed his work at the Sunday School Board and heartily approved of the change in title for his position, he had felt a strong desire to return to the educational field. He said he especially looked forward to teaching courses in Hebrew and Greek.

In Nashville, James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the SBC Sunday School Board, indicated that the manuscript analyst position will be related in the future to the Church Services and Materials Division office, rather than to the executive office. Allen B. Comish, director of the division, will be responsible for recommending Eddleman's successor.

"Our policy is always to look first at candidates for vacancies inside the board," said Sullivan. "If a qualified person is not found, we will search outside our employ. We do not have a specific person in mind for the position at the moment," he added.

Eddleman, a native of Morgantown, Miss., was president of Religious Heritage of America before he came to the Sunday School Board. Previously, he had been president of New Orleans seminary for 11 years, and president of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., for five years.

He served as a Southern Baptist foreign missionary to Palestine (now Israel), 1935-41. He was pastor of Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., for 10 years and has taught Old Testament and Hebrew at both New Orleans Seminary and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Eddleman is a graduate of Mississippi College and holds master of theology and doctor of philosophy degrees from Southern Seminary. He received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Georgetown College.

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