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**Nixon's Vatican 'Visitor'
Reports Talks with Pope**

WASHINGTON (BP) -- Henry Cabot Lodge, President Nixon's "personal visitor" to the Vatican, declared here that there is no need for a U.S. ambassador to the Vatican on a permanent basis.

The reason Lodge gave for this position was that he has a fulltime assistant in Rome, Robert Illing, who keeps in constant touch with the Vatican for the United States. This arrangement, together with his own occasional visit with the Pope, accomplishes all the United States needs in its contact with the Vatican, Lodge asserted.

Lodge met with newsmen in the White House following a consultation with President Nixon and his aides concerning an approaching visit to the Vatican. This new meeting with the Pope will be Lodge's eighth such visit in the past two years.

The President's Vatican visitor claimed that in the last three years the amount of mail exchanged between American Vietnam prisoners of war has increased significantly as a result of the interest of the Pope in the problem.

Other subjects reportedly discussed by Lodge and the Pope include the international drug traffic, world peace and the alleviation of suffering.

While praising the Pope for his interest in prisoners of war, Lodge said, "Unfortunately he has been unable to negotiate a settlement of the war, although he has tried."

Speculation exists around Washington that the approaching return of the President's visitor to the Vatican may be related to another major effort to end the Vietnam war.

Other speculation is that this renewed activity is related to the approaching election in November and could be a further effort to capture the Catholic vote for President Nixon's re-election.

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**Bishop Says Education Task
Is to Transform the World**

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LIBERTY, Mo. (BP) -- Inaugurating a new, endowed lecture series named for Baptist educator H.I. Hester, a Methodist bishop told Southern Baptist educators here their task is not to understand the world, but to transform it.

"The greatest single need in higher education is to gain a sounder understanding of philosophy," said Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, resident bishop of the Ohio West Area of the United Methodist Church, Columbus, Ohio.

Bishop Ensley delivered three lectures to the annual meeting of the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, inaugurating the first annual H. I. Lester Lectures to the association. Hester, secretary-treasurer of the association, is a retired educator who served both Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and William Jewell College here where the association held its meeting.

Elected new president of the association, which includes administrators and other officers of Baptist colleges, universities and seminaries across the nation, was W. Lewis Nobles,

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president of Mississippi College. Hester was re-elected secretary treasurer. Named vice president was Grady Cothen, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

In a major address to the association, Cothen told the group that one of the crucial needs in church-related higher education today is the need for a commitment to a philosophy of Christian higher education clearly involving the basic theology of the sponsoring body.

"So long as this consideration is swept under the academic rug, there will be dust in the decision-making process," said Cothen.

Cothen added that though a denominational school must be committed to a philosophy clearly involving the theology of the sponsoring body, there must be an accompanying emphasis on theological and intellectual freedom.

"If a Christian and a scholar is to be responsible, he must be free under God," Cothen said. "If he is considered competent before God and himself, and has direct access, and if he is responsible for the decisions which he makes, and their implementation, it is obvious that his religious and intellectual freedom are assured."

Questioning whether dissent is to be repressed in an institution of Christian higher education, Cothen concluded that from a religious and educational point of view, freedom of investigation and discussion is an absolute necessity.

"Maintenance of theological views by coercion belongs in the dark ages," Cothen declared. "The maintenance of theological views or educational procedure by repression for very long is impossible in a world of instant communication and modern technology."

"If the institution does not attempt at least to deal with the problems raised by the intellectual involvement of the Christian faith, it will be less than Christian and less than adequate," he stated.

Cothen added that it is God's purpose for man to pursue truth in an attempt to understand the universe, and therefore there is no incompatibility between a commitment to God and the attempt to understand his universe. Thus, a Christian education institution can be committed to academic excellence since no inquiry or discovery is forbidden and cannot be. "It is secure in the belief that error will finally be shown to be what it is," he said.

Cothen spoke on the subject, "Toward a Philosophy of Christian Higher Education," outlining in a 33-page manuscript his own concept of the philosophy which earlier Bishop Ensley had cited as "the greatest single need in Christian higher education."

In his lectures, Bishop Ensley chided those who say the church is irrelevant, but quipped that one reason such critics hold this view is "because they have heard us preach." This is the way he answered critics of the church:

"To say you can have Christianity without the church is like saying you can have health without a hospital; education without schools; justice without courts." Of course, these things can happen, but such instances are usually quite fragmentary and rare, he said.

Bishop Ensley said the greatest foe of education is a naturalistic world view which emphasizes doing whatever one feels like doing. "The truth is that society requires control," he said.

Other foes of education, he said, include an extreme pietism that says there is no connection between the Christian faith and the world, overemphasis on the scientific process, and a constant bombardment of evil on the minds of men.

In another address, Robert Rankin, vice president of the Danforth Foundation in St. Louis, urged Baptist schools sharpen their purposes, saying "all private schools in the nation should not try to become miniature Harvards."

During a meeting here of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, William K. Weaver, president of Mobile College, Mobile, Ala., was re-elected chairman.

Elected vice chairman of the commission was Randall H. Minor, president of Shorter College; and re-elected secretary was George E. Capps, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Cookeville, Tenn.

Ben E. Fisher of Nashville is executive secretary-treasurer of the commission, an agency of the SBC which serves all Southern Baptist institutions of higher education, Bible schools and academies.

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G. W. Bullard Named New
Convention Executive

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HARRISBURG, Pa. (BP)--G. W. Bullard of Philadelphia, newly-elected second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has been elected as executive secretary of the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey with headquarters here.

Bullard, currently executive director of the Delaware Valley Baptist Association comprising Baptists in the Philadelphia area, will assume the state-wide position effective Aug. 1.

Bullard was local arrangements chairman for the Southern Baptist Convention when it met in Philadelphia June 6-8, and was elected second vice president of the SBC during the Philadelphia meeting.

As executive secretary of the Pennsylvania-Southern Jersey convention, Bullard will co-ordinate the state missions work of Southern Baptists' newest convention. The convention includes 51 churches with about 10,000 members.

He succeeds the late Joe Waltz, who died last December of a heart attack while on a hunting trip in Bedford County, Penn. Waltz, 46, was the first executive secretary of the convention.

Bullard, 61, has been in charge of one of the three associations affiliated with the state convention for the past seven years.

Previously, he was pastor of Gregory Memorial Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., and Temple Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C. Prior to that he was state superintendent of missions for the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Raleigh, and associate state Sunday School secretary for the North Carolina convention.

He also has been superintendent of missions for the Roanoke Baptist Association in Rocky Mount, N.C.; pastor and also education and music director of South Fort Worth Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex.; and part-time pastor of churches in Wilmington and Carolina Beach, N.C.

Active in denominational affairs, he has been president of the Baptist Convention of Maryland, and president of the General Board of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina. He has been a trustee or board member for the SBC Home Mission Board, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; and chairman or member of numerous Southern Baptist Convention committees and state convention committees.

A native of North Carolina, Bullard received his education at North Carolina State University, Raleigh; Southwestern Seminary, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N.C.

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Puppets Make Trouble
In the Garden of Eden

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By Charles Willis

RIDGECREST (BP)--"Hello, Eve," said the snake.

"Hello, Snake," responded blonde Eve, stylishly covering her paper bag body with a large Poplar leaf.

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This was the scenario at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly as third and fourth grade day campers applauded the puppets their fellow campers had created. The script, written by the youngsters had adapted themselves, conintued:

"Wouldn't you like to have an apple?" Snake said enticingly.

"What's an apple?" Eve replied innocantly.

"It's that fruit over there on that tree," came the Snake's response.

"Oh, no,no,no," she said. "God told me not to eat anything on that tree."

"God wouldn't care," he responded.

"Oh yes He would," Eve countered. "He told me if I ate from that tree something awful would happen to me."

"Well, I ate an apple, and nothing happened to me," the snake strutted.

"O.K. then, do a triple flip," challenged Eve.

Six small hands emerged from the paper "Garden of Eden" to assist the snake.

"See, nothing's wrong with me," he bragged.

"Well, I guess I could eat it then," Eve admitted.

After giving a shrill whistle through her teeth, Eve yelled "ADAM! Don't you want to eat an apple?"

"No," declared a black-robed Adam. "God told us not to eath those!"

"Oh, come on, Adam! Haven't you heard 'An apple a day keeps the doctor away'?"

"Oh, I guess I don;t want any doctors," conceded Adam.

Each took a bite of the "apple" that very much resembled an acorn. Then they vanished into the garden.

The female-sounding voice of God came from behind the Indian blanket backdrop, "Why are you hiding?"

"Because we ate the apple," they chorused.

"Then you will have to leave the garden," declared God.

The scene closed with the dramatic sobs of Adam and Eve.

Loud applause followed. The "show," designed to teach the Bible in an interesting fashion, was over.

The script and scenery came straight from the candid thoughts of third and fourth graders, who censored the original Bible account of their stars' nakedness.

As occasionally happens in professional theatrics, one actor felt doubt about his part. The carrot-topped boy playing Adam's voice wondered, "Was Adam a red head?"

Camp director Carey Jones commented that "Day camp is based on creativity. God has given us this outdoor laboratory called nature, and here the child creates his new world of bugs, rocks, leaves, creeks and critters.

"By putting himself into the moccasins of the primitive Indian, the camper experiences the worth and beauty of the outdoors. By seeing God's purpose in all this he can better grasp a personal God who has purpose for his life," said Jones, a native of Clinton, N.C.



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