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**SBC President Urges: Send  
Convention Resolutions Now!**

YAZOO CITY, Miss. (BP)--The president of the Southern Baptist Convention has issued a plea for persons planning to introduce resolutions at the denomination's annual convention in Portland, June 12-14, to send in a copy in advance to the resolutions committee.

Owen Cooper, president of the Mississippi Chemical Corp. here and the first layman in 13 years to lead the convention as president, announced membership on the resolutions committee at the same time he requested that advance copies of resolutions be sent to the committee.

John Parrott, pastor of First Baptist Church in Roswell, N.M., will be chairman of the resolutions committee for the Portland convention, Cooper said.

Both Cooper and Parrott pointed out that sending advance copies of resolutions that might be submitted at the convention will help the committee immeasurably in its assignment.

Last year, Cooper noted, during the first day of the convention in Philadelphia, there were a total of 31 resolutions presented and referred to the resolutions committee. The task of making enough copies of each of these resolutions alone delayed the committee's consideration considerably.

To prevent such log-jams of words on paper, the convention two years ago in St. Louis adopted a recommendation from the SBC Executive Committee, adding to the bylaws of the convention a request that "copies of proposed resolutions be submitted to the committee chairman 30 days before the convention in order to make possible more thorough consideration and to expedite the committee's work."

Both Cooper and Parrott were quick to point out that the bylaw does not prohibit any messenger from introducing a resolution from the convention floor that has not been sent in advance to the resolutions committee. In fact, the resolutions are not officially introduced and cannot be acted upon by the committee until presented to the full convention.

Under convention procedure, resolutions may be introduced by any messenger, but all such resolutions are referred automatically to the resolutions committee, which reports on recommended resolutions on the final two days of the convention.

Copies of proposed resolutions to be submitted to the convention should be mailed in advance to Parrott, the chairman, at the First Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1966, Roswell, N.M., 88201.

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Baker Named Public Relations  
Associate at Golden Gate

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MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP)--Larry Curtis Baker, former assistant publisher for the Samford American in Samford, Tex., has been named public relations associate at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Baker, 27, will be responsible for news releases, publications production, media relations and photography at the seminary. He succeeds James Lee Young who resigned to begin full-time studies at the seminary with plans for graduation in June, 1974.

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A 1970 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., Baker is currently pastor of DeAnza Baptist Church in Cupertino, Calif. Baker served in the U.S. Air Force from 1963-67 and was stationed in Japan as a Russian linguist.

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Dan Kong Named to Direct  
Hawaii Academy Fund Drive

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HONOLULU, Hawaii (BP)--Dan H. Kong, pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church here, has been named vice president and development director of the Hawaii Baptist Academy, effective May 1.

Kong, pastor of the oldest and largest Baptist church in Honolulu for 13 years, will direct the school's current capital fund campaign to reach \$1 million to finance a move to a new 13 acre campus.

On two occasions, Kong has served as president of the Hawaii Baptist Convention, from 1963-65 and from 1971-72.

A native of Hawaii, Kong is a graduate of Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He is currently working toward the doctor of ministry degree at San Francisco Theological Seminary in California.

The Hawaii Baptist Academy was begun by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in 1948, and was transferred to the Hawaii Baptist Convention in 1960. The school, with kindergarten through twelfth grade, has an enrollment of 621 students.

The new facilities will accommodate 875 students. Half of the property on the new location is leased to a condominium which will generate income for the academy during the 75-year lease.

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"Innocent" Chaplain Seeks  
Recovery of Legal Expenses

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WASHINGTON (BP)--The case of Commander Andrew F. Jensen, an American Baptist Navy chaplain once stationed in Jacksonville, Fla., has left the halls of military justice and is now lodged in the halls of Congress.

Jensen, who was found innocent of charges of conduct unbecoming an officer stemming from accusations of adultery, is now trying to recover through the Congress costs he incurred in defending himself against those charges.

Congressman B.F. Sisk, (D., Calif.) who introduced a bill to reimburse Jensen a total of \$9,595, said the chaplain's own military defense counsel suggested he retain civilian attorneys. The funds sought by the bill would reimburse Jensen for attorney's fees in connection with the case, as well as incidental fees incurred with the defense.

Jensen, a native of Selma, Calif., was charged in a highly-publicized court martial, the first one ever lodged against a Navy chaplain, with misconduct through adultery on the basis of testimony of wives of two Navy officers at the Jacksonville base who went to the chaplain for "counseling." The chaplain was acquitted of all charges.

"I realize," said Sisk, "that no amount of money will ever be able to compensate the Jensen family for the pain and suffering they have undergone and will continue to undergo for a long, long time to come."

The congressman contended that Jensen's case should never have been brought before a general court-martial tribunal. Sisk said he has written the Secretary of the Navy to express his concern over the handling of the case.

The Navy has purged from its records all reference to any of the charges against him and the proceedings, but Sisk says there will always be a question of embarrassment, humiliation and harassment. "He will always live under a cloud," Sisk contended.

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Jensen, with full backing from his congressman, insists that he was brought to trial on false allegations by persons over whom the Navy had no jurisdiction and that he was refused the privilege of taking the matter to a civil court.

"It is bad enough for this situation to happen to anyone," stated Sisk, "but to a man of the cloth, it is truly tragic. This legislation to reimburse him is only a token. I do not think the federal government can ever fully repay him and his family for what has happened," Sisk told the House of Representatives.

Sisk's bill was referred to the House Judiciary Committee chaired by Peter W. Rodino, Jr., (D., N.J.).

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It's No April Fool; Two  
Ministers Ordained Deacons

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MEMPHIS, April 1 (BP)--No foolin'--two ordained Southern Baptist ministers in key leadership roles for the denomination's work with laymen, were ordained as deacons on April Fools Day.

And believe it or not, Glendon McCullough, executive director of the SBC Brotherhood Commission, was ordained a deacon in special rites performed at his hospital bed where he was recovering from surgery.

It is unusual enough for a Baptist minister to be ordained a deacon; but it must be something of a record in the denomination for the Baptist ordination ceremony to take place at a Methodist hospital.

There actually were two separate ordination services on April 1 here. Five deacons, including Clayton Gilbert, director of the SBC Brotherhood Commission's Crusader department and also an ordained Baptist minister, were ordained as deacons at Union Avenue Baptist Church.

Later in the day, there was a second special ordination service for McCullough in room 704-E of Methodist Hospital where he was recovering from surgery for arthritis. The next day, McCullough was dismissed as a patient and sent home to recuperate.

To make an unusual event even more unusual, the ordination sermon was "preached" by a layman who is president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss.

In his ordination sermon, Cooper called for deacons to be innovators, Christian examples, financially committed, evangelistic, and servants.

Lee Prince is pastor of the Union Avenue Baptist Church.

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