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**Avoid Corruption in High Places,
 Heed Bible, Baptist Educators Told**

PORTLAND (BP)--Scandals and corruption in high places can be avoided by heeding the Bible, a seminary professor told Southern Baptist religious educators here.

Joe Davis Heacock of Fort Worth, dean of the School of Religious Education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, warned Baptists it would be possible to have a Watergate in their own denominational life.

Addressing 200 church ministers of religious education in churches, denominational specialists in the field, and college and seminary professors, Heacock said religious educators have the opportunity to lead in Bible-teaching programs that will bring understanding as well as information about Scripture.

"We must instill in the hearts of all our citizens the words of Exodus 31:3," he said. The verse reads, "And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship."

In another address to the Religious Education Association at the Sheraton, James L. Sullivan of Nashville, Tenn., president of the SBC Sunday School Board, said the denomination has come full cycle through rapid growth, hard work, crisis and upheaval, and adjustments to changes in national life.

"I am the most optimistic I have ever been as a pastor and denominational leader," Sullivan said. The Sunday School Board, of which he is chief executive, publishes a majority of the denomination's literature and sponsors clinics, conferences, and other forms of guidance in religious education.

Indicating Southern Baptists may be ready for another period of growth and expansion like they experienced in the mid-1950s, Sullivan called for adopting clear objectives, training church leadership intensively, and following the example of Moses in "paying the price of leadership" to bring people to the door of the Promised Land.

SBC President Owen Cooper, a Yazoo City, Miss. businessman, told the religious educators he wished the layman were just like the race horse, Secretariat, who won the Triple Crown of racing the previous day.

"Just put him (the layman) on the track and he'd win by 30 lengths," Cooper said. But he pointed out it would take leadership to get the layman on the track.

"Let the layman know he is wanted and needed," Cooper said. "Let the layman see the challenge, and he will do something. Let the layman be called out to serve. We call the layman to be a priest, but we do not call him to take on any of the duties."

Cooper said the problem of Southern Baptists today is that too many preachers are waiting on tables, and too many laymen are doing nothing.

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Nigerian President, Former
 BWA Head, Visits in USA

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WASHINGTON (BP)--William R. Tolbert, president of the Republic of Liberia and former president of the Baptist World Alliance, refused here to use his appearance at the National Press Club as a platform to speculate on the future of Baptists or of Christianity in Africa.

The Liberian President also refused to answer questions about the Watergate affair and its effect on U.S. foreign relations.

Tolbert is an ordained Baptist minister and is pastor of the Zion Praise Baptist Church in Bentol City, his hometown near Monrovia, where he preaches regularly when at home.

During a question and answer period following his speech at the Press Club, he was asked about Baptist strength in Liberia and whether or not Africa would become a Christian continent.

He replied that there are only about 20,000 Baptists in Liberia but that they are growing. Population of Liberia is 1.65 million.

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As for religion in Africa as a whole, Tolbert replied that religion is strictly a personal experience and that he could not speak for any person other than for himself. He said he hoped that Africa would live by Christian precepts.

About Watergate, Tolbert replied that this is strictly an internal United States affair and that Liberia never interferes in the internal affairs of other nations. The audience applauded vigorously when he gave this answer.

Tolbert's father was a slave in South Carolina when he was liberated by President Abraham Lincoln. He and his family joined other slaves in the migration movement back to Africa. The current president of Liberia was born in the settlement of Bensonville, Montesarrado County, Liberia.

The Republic of Liberia was founded in 1822, and was declared independent in 1847, thus making it the oldest independent nation on the west coast of Africa.

In his Press Club speech Tolbert praised the organization of African Unity for its role in forging a viable partnership of Third World nations dedicated to a richer life, peace, narrowing the gap with the developed world, and total emancipation of Africa.

"The simple fact is," he said, "that the Third World cannot make it without the help of the first world and the second world." Tolbert appealed to American news reporters to see this fact and to give publicity to it.

The day before his Press Club speech, Tolbert squeezed in an hour's visit to the headquarters of the Baptist World Alliance between a luncheon at the U.S. State Department and a dinner at which he received a humanitarian award. At the BWA offices Tolbert was greeted by Robert S. Denny, general secretary, and by V. Carney Hargroves, BWA president.

Denny presented Tolbert with a Bible with an inscription signed by the BWA's staff. Hargroves led in a prayer of gratitude for international Christian brotherhood and of supplication for divine leadership in both religious and governmental affairs.

Tolbert spent 20 days in the United States. While in Washington he was an honored guest of President Nixon at a White House dinner.

During his American visit he spoke in three Baptist churches: First Baptist Church of San Francisco, Concord Baptist Church of Brooklyn, N.Y., and the First Baptist Church of Dallas. In Dallas he also gave the commencement address at Bishop (a black Baptist) College and spoke to the National Baptist Sunday School Convention.

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Mission Board President,
Howard Jenkins, Dies

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RICHMOND (BP)--L. Howard Jenkins, who served as president of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board until 1962, died here June 9. Jenkins, a retired book publisher, was 90.

Funeral services were held June 11 at the headquarters of the SBC Foreign Mission Board. Officiating was Luther Joe Thompson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richmond, where Jenkins was a member for 72 years.

Thompson was assisted by Theodore F. Adams, pastor emeritus of the Richmond church, and George W. Sadler, emeritus missionary and former board executive.

An additional memorial service was held for Jenkins in Portland during the board's annual Conference of Furloughing Missionaries.

During his tenure as president, the board climbed out of a million dollar debt into an era of financial soundness, said Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. Jenkins became president of the board during the darkest days of the depression and financial indebtedness, Cauthen said.

Jenkins rotated off the board in 1963, after serving more than 48 years on the board. During that time, the board's overseas staff grew from 316 to 1,685 missionaries, and its home office staff grew from three to 125.

He worked with five of the eight executive secretaries in the board's 128-year history, and in five of the eight headquarters offices the board has occupied.

Jenkins was a former trustee for the University of Richmond and a deacon and former Sunday School superintendent at First Baptist Church, Richmond.

A native of Richmond, Jenkins attended McGuire University School and after classes and on weekends worked at the book bindery in which his father was a partner.

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He entered Richmond College (now the University of Richmond) but left his studies to work with his father. The university awarded him the honorary doctor of science degree in 1952.

Jenkins was married to the former Ruby Godley of Texas, who died in 1967.

Jenkins is survived by his son, L. Howard Jenkins Jr., of Richmond; a sister, Mrs. E. Winslow Ware of Chestnut Hill, Mass.; a brother, Alfred P. Jenkins of Richmond; and two grandchildren.

In April 1963, in a special program of tribute for Jenkins' long service, the board announced the establishment of the Jenkins Memorial Fund, the income from which would go to the work of foreign missions, and named the library at board headquarters the Jenkins Library.

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H. C. Brown, Southwestern Seminary Professor Dies

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FORT WORTH (BP)--H.C. Brown, 51, professor of preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary since 1949, died early Sunday morning, June 10, at a Fort Worth hospital following several months of hospitalization.

Brown entered Houston's St. Luke Hospital after suffering an apparent stroke and undergoing surgery on May 16.

Doctors repaired a damaged heart valve which had been implanted several years ago. Complications arising from the surgery have been identified as the cause of death.

Brown is author of a book, Walking Toward Your Fears, released last year, in which he chronicled the mental anguish he experienced preparing for major heart surgery in May, 1968.

Brown also wrote or contributed to 27 books as well as numerous articles and research papers.

He was a graduate of Louisiana Baptist College and held a bachelor of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Seminary and a doctor of theology from Southwestern Seminary.

Survivors include his wife, Velma Lynn; a daughter, Kay Brown of Atlanta, G.; and a sister, Elizabeth Brown of Bossier City, La.

Services are scheduled for Tuesday morning in Fort Worth with interment Wednesday morning in Shreveport. He was a native of Bossier City, La.

The family requests memorial gifts be made to the H.C. Brown Memorial Fund at Southwestern Seminary in lieu of flowers.

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Wounded Knee Missionary Says Baptists Plan Indian Expansion

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PORTLAND (BP)--A veteran Southern Baptist missionary to the Indians at Wounded Knee, S.D., brushed aside any threats of danger as he outlined here an ambitious program of religious activities for the next 12 months.

Harold Heiney, pastor of Sioux Baptist Chapel at Pine Ridge, S.D., told women attending the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, that Southern Baptists expected to continue three mission type ministries to the Indians and increase the number of summer Bible schools by 50 per cent.

Recalling his efforts to help evacuate Indians during the height of the Wounded Knee dispute between militant Indians and the Federal Government, Heiney said one of the 40 people he transported was a young mother interested in a Bible school for her children.

"When she recognized me, her first question was whether we would have vacation Bible school again this year. And by God's grace, we will.

"These people are hungry for the Gospel," Heiney said. "God has planted us here among the Oglala Sioux. Our children have been endangered by conditions, Indian friends of mine have been killed, a fellow missionary was beaten, but God will give us precious souls in the days ahead, if we are faithful to his calling."

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Earlier, a Filipino Christian leader told the women that only a revolution of love can save the Philippines and melt the violent spirit of its people.

David Saludez, a special language missions worker in Hawaii, said he longed for a demonstration of God's spirit working among his countrymen.

Saludez recounted how he was working in Hawaii with Filipinos in a redemptive fellowship with Anglos, Japanese, Samoans, Chinese, Hawaiians and others.

He said the panorama of peoples of different races living and working and worshipping together in Hawaii should be an example for people of all nations, especially his native Philippines, to follow in creating a family of nations living in peace and harmony.

Before embracing Christianity, Saludez said he didn't really know who he was, couldn't relate properly to his neighbors, and blamed the Americans and Chinese for problems he created himself.

Saludez asked for patience for his people who want to remold themselves into a new nation that's strong and self reliant.

The women's group was one of three related Baptist groups meeting here in advance of the 116th meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Most of the ministers attended the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference which featured a variety of sermons.

Few men marry above their heads more consistently than do preachers, said Charles G. Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church of Roanoke, Va., in an address to the pastors on "The Pastor's Other Family."

"A pastor's wife can be the best blessing to her own family and to her church family when she is permitted to fulfill her first calling as a wife and mother rather than being a semi-ordained...associate pastor whose children must be raised by someone else because she is expected to be in on every tea, coffee, and controversy," the Virginia pastor said.

Fuller also expressed pity for preachers' children who "have to stomach an unforgivable amount of fraudulent cuff about being the dainty, odd offspring of a pale, black-suited unreal, half mortal called a preacher."

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Christian Women Are Truly
Liberated, Baptists Told

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PORTLAND (BP)--While Women's Lib will affect every woman, including those in the church, Christian women should remember that they are the only truly liberated women, the former director of evangelism for the Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board said here.

Speaking at the opening session of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, Kenneth Chafin called on the 4,500 women to "redig the well of your feminine identity as an aggressive organization of the women and girls in the church."

Chafin, pastor of South Main Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., contrasted the need of the 12-million-member Southern Baptist Convention which he described as "almost a lumbering giant," to that of Isaac in Genesis, the first book of the Bible. Isaac, he noted, solved his problem by redigging his old wells and digging new ones.

"This is no time for the WMU to get engaged to the Brotherhood or be absorbed by some super church organization," Chafin said.

"WMU ought to become in this generation the largest and most influential women's organization in the world," he declared.

Chafin also urged the women to "redig the wells of emphasis" upon prayer, mission education, mission giving, and missions as a vocation.

"I am convinced that the emphasis of WMU upon prayer is as vital to the cause of missions as the emphasis upon giving," Chafin observed.

Chafin said one reason why Evangelist Billy Graham was able to preach recently to more than a half-million people in a single service is that the church in Korea is a praying church.

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The Baptist preacher predicted that before he retires in about 20 years Southern Baptists will be giving \$30 million annually through their Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions and \$15 million each year through their Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

Baptists as a whole do not enjoy giving to "an expanded bureaucracy but will give sacrificially to new ministries," Chafin said.

A new Southern Baptist ministry Chafin cited is "Spring Street, U.S.A.", a 30-minute television program featuring Christian music and a short message by Chafin on various Christian celebrities.

Chafin also predicted that the role of the missionary will change constantly.

"We are already seeing the role of the layman expanded and I think we will see the day when young people will go on mission tours as a part of their Christian responsibility."

In an unscheduled appearance on the program, SBC President Owen Cooper, of Yazoo City, Miss., commended the WMU in its missions support.

"I'm looking for a church with 25 per cent of its gifts going to missions which has a financial problem," Cooper said. "I haven't found one. I know plenty who give zero to missions who have a financial problem," he concluded.

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Communism Threatening Africa Baptist Missionary Tells Women

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PORTLAND (BP)--A new world is coming to Tanzania in Eastern Africa mainly influenced by Communist China whose assistance there has dwarfed that of America and Europe, a Southern Baptist missionary to Tanzania told Southern Baptist women here.

Mrs. Carlos R. Owens, a nurse in Tanzania and one of Southern Baptists' 2,507 missionaries serving in 16 countries, described the threat of Communism in an address to the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting here at Civic Auditorium.

Tanzania, a country beset by poverty, ignorance and disease, is seeking assistance from every direction leaders can find it, the missionary explained.

"As they (the Chinese) have brought in assistance in preparing the armies and police and building a supporting railway, they too are taking large numbers of the bright young high school graduates and are providing them with scholarships for years of schooling in Communist China.

"Our land began absorbing the ways of Communism, taking over all free enterprise. Banks were confiscated, then industry, plantations, and private housings. Communes were instituted," she said.

Mrs. Owens said she learned from the daily newspaper that her home had been confiscated. She got the house back on appeal at a cost of 10,000 shillings, she added.

Tanzania is still guaranteeing freedom of religion for the present, while assimilating Communism and socialism, Mrs. Owens said.

"As long as the present people are in control, we can feel free to work and witness for Christ to these 14 million people," she said.

In another address, Jesse C. Fletcher, director of the mission support division for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, told the women of threats to Baptist foreign mission efforts from within the United States from "many well meaning people made vulnerable by a limited perspective."

The mission board executive described the opposition as persons who would press for the priority of other concerns over that of world missions, those who confuse the missionary mandate with semantics, those who would sacrifice the effectiveness of a corporate task for the personal satisfaction of unilateral effort, and those who would attack the missionary task by saying it was over the hill.

"I am saying these things to the WMU...because I feel you are in a strategic place to help forge a counterattack," Fletcher said.

Speaking on the theme of the newness of missions, Fletcher told the women they were being called into a tomorrow-oriented pilgrimage and to resist any effort to make them captives of the past.

"One reason we think so small and dream so puny is that we are prone to compare ourselves to what has been rather than visualizing in faith what could be. It's not where we have been that's so important, it's where we are going," he said.

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Pastors Urged to Expand
Perspective on Ministry

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PORTLAND (BP)--Five Southern Baptist pastors challenged fellow ministers here Monday morning to broaden their perspective on ministry--not bind themselves to a one dimensional approach.

Speaking to 2,000 at the opening session of the Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference at the Memorial Coliseum, the men emphasized personal evangelism, unwavering faith in God's leadership, keeping the spiritual household (the church) in order, keeping personal "equipment" in repair, and "plugging in" to God's "power source."

Padgett C. Cope, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark., said personal witness to non-Christians is "obligatory, not optional."

"Nine times as many people in our world today have never heard the word of God as there were in the world when Jesus Christ gave his 'Great Commission' to go and tell them about Him."

Emphasizing the importance of personal soul winning as an essential piece of equipment for a pastor, Cope said, "We just seem to swap members and not go out and win souls for Christ. All the religions of the world are in search of God. Christianity is not just a religion but a way of life."

He said that a church must be doctrinally sound to be a New Testament church but, he added, "We can be doctrinally sound and yet be sound asleep."

J. C. Mitchell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Winter Park, Fla., told the pastors that "faith is the key that moves God out of heaven and down to earth. Our church members want to see the power of God at work".

He testified of a personal application of faith when he said he felt called by God to give to the church \$7,000 saved for his children's college education.

"The demonstration of faith is the sovereign will of God. When we believe God, it makes the desert an exciting place to live."

A Virginia pastor confronted the pastor-husband-father who must lead two families--an earthly one and a spiritual one.

"The personality traits in the households of faith should be community, communion and communication," said Charles Fuller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roanoke.

He defined the church as being "God's thoughtful provision in an unbelieving world."

Harper Shannon, pastor of Huffman Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., talked about the pastor's personal "equipment--a sense of divine calling, an inner compulsion that the ministry is God's will, an outward compassion of others, intellectual stimulation and a willingness to do God's will."

Both Shannon and Jack Taylor, pastor of Castle Hills First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, emphasized that the pastor's equipment is useless without the power of God's Holy Spirit.

"Those pieces of equipment are dead appliances unless they are plugged in to the Holy Spirit," Taylor said.

"Great is the controversy regarding the Holy Spirit. I hope we stop being divided on the definitions. It doesn't matter what we call it as long as we have it."

Taylor asserted that God has strung power lines around the world, "but most of us are still operating on wind-charged power. God is ready for us to plug in and minister through the power of the Holy Spirit."