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**Rust Named Acting President
Of New Orleans Seminary**

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Ray P. Rust, executive assistant to the president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, has been named acting president, effective March 1, by the executive committee of the seminary's trustees.

The action came after the committee accepted the resignation of Grady Cothen as seminary president. Cothen has been named president-elect of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville and will join the board in May. He will succeed James L. Sullivan, when Sullivan retires as president of the board in February, 1975.

Rust is a former president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention and was the pastor of First Baptist Church in Bastrop, La., for 15 years.

He has served on both the Southern Baptist and Louisiana Baptist Convention executive committees, including a period as chairman of the Louisiana committee. He has also been chairman of the board of trustees of the Baptist Message, news publication of the Louisiana convention.

In addition to the Bastrop pastorate, Rust served as the pastor of First Baptist Church, Amite, La., and of Second Baptist Church in Biloxi, Miss. He is a graduate of Shreveport public schools, Louisiana College, Pineville, and New Orleans Seminary.

In accepting Cothen's resignation "with a sense of regret," the seminary trustees' executive committee praised Cothen for his accomplishments since he assumed duties as president of the Southern Baptist school in 1970.

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**PR Group Urges Worship
Exemption in Driving Bans**

2/13 '74

ARLINGTON, Tex. (BP)--Travel to weekend worship services is essential and must be exempted from any restrictions imposed because of the energy crisis, the Texas Baptist Public Relations Association declared here.

The feeling was expressed in a resolution addressed to President Nixon and the U.S. Congress during the TBPRA annual meeting.

A spokesman said the resolution was passed in the aftermath of press reports that there was a possibility of official curtailment of Sunday driving such as is already in effect in some European countries.

The resolution also urged Baptist organizations to adopt a formal contingency program to use if an emergency arises because of energy or product shortage. It further pleaded with Baptists and individuals to refrain, out of Christian love, from exploiting the energy and product crisis for personal gain.

The 60-member association is comprised of public relations and communications staff members from Southern Baptist churches and institutions in Texas.

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Paul James Will Retire
N.Y. Executive Secretary

SYRACUSE, N. Y. (BP)--Paul James, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Convention of New York, will retire April 1, 1975, just before his 67th birthday.

Elected to the post in April, 1969, to complete arrangements for organizing the state-wide convention that year, James has also served as secretary of evangelism and stewardship and editor of The New York Baptist.

James and his wife came to New York in 1957 under appointment by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board to serve as pastor of the Manhattan Baptist Chapel, after he had served for 16 years as pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Atlanta.

At that time there was no Southern Baptist work in the six New England states or in New Jersey, and only two churches in New York State were affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

He led in developing the outreach of the Manhattan Baptist Chapel, which eventually sponsored 17 missions which are now churches, and served as pastor of the church during his first six years in New York.

He was serving as superintendent of missions in the metropolitan New York area before his election as chief administrator of the newly formed state convention.

James also led during his years in New York in organizing the Northeastern Baptist Association, which extended from northern Maine to southern New Jersey; the Metropolitan New York Baptist Association, which has 60 churches; and the Baptist Convention of New York, which covers 131 congregations with more than 14,000 members in New York state and parts of New Jersey and Connecticut.

Last fall the New York convention adopted a six-year development program (1974-80) which projects goals in the areas of outreach, growth and development and resources, including a membership goal of 25,000 at the end of the period.

During recent years, Southern Baptists have organized the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey and the Baptist General Association of New England, which may eventually have convention status, from the small, original beginnings in which James had a part.

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More Help for Retirees
Asked from Baptists

2/13/74

DALLAS (BP)--Southern Baptists as a denomination pay too little attention to the needs and problems of those over 65 years of age, a seminary professor declared here.

William M. Pinson Jr., professor of Christian ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, called for "a Baptist task force on aging composed of current and retired leaders."

He made his statement in a banquet address and in a position paper presented on the subject, "Aging: A Christian Response." The address and paper were given to the annual meeting of the trustees of the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board.

In another speech to the trustees, a financial specialist from New York City said he is optimistic about the future of the United States and its effect on retirees, despite the current energy crisis, inflationary prices and stock market plunge.

Henry W. Grady Jr., vice president for investments for the United States Trust Company of New York, described the U.S. as capable of being self-sufficient in food, industry and energy.

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According to Grady, American management and industry remain "the best in the world," and even American inflation is "lower than other countries."

Grady's forecast was, "stocks will rally sharply on the easing of the oil embargo" and such an event could carry the Dow-Jones industrial average above the 900 mark again. It stood about 820 the day Grady spoke.

The Annuity Board invests about \$325 million at present--44 per cent of it in common stock. The balance is invested in real estate and bonds.

The money invested by the Annuity Board has been collected in retirement dues for 38,000 church-related vocational workers in the Southern Baptist Convention.

Grady said the yield on common stock in 1974 may reach 10 per cent. The rate of inflation will be between five and eight per cent, he added.

The energy crisis, according to Grady, made Americans aware on three counts: (1) they are depending more and more on overseas oil, (2) they waste 20-30 per cent of the energy they consume, (3) they can become self-sufficient in energy.

The fuel crisis, he said, will cause greatest suffering in the poor nations of the world. "They will find themselves in financial straits as oil prices increase."

A world depression resulting from the fuel crisis would hurt both Arab oil-producing nations and the Israelis, Grady contended.

In his survey of the aging, Pinson said only five per cent of the post-65 generation, now numbering 21 million, live in institutions, "yet most of our thought centers on institutions."

"Recently the Annuity Board has vastly improved its ministry to persons' pre-retirement years," Pinson declared. He said there is still more to be done.

Pinson recommended distributing pre-retirement materials to individuals, starting at age 25, and following through at regular intervals thereafter. He suggested emphases on retirement planning to take place at Baptist colleges and seminaries.

Conference centers operated by Baptist state conventions and by SBC groups should schedule meetings about pre-retirement planning, he said.

After retirement, the Annuity Board should provide additional information to its annuitants. The board could help secure places of service for more retired ministers, particularly in mission projects, Pinson said.

He favored forming organizations of retired church-related vocational workers in each state, as well as a national group, Pinson added.

The clubs, travel programs and a counseling referral service for retired ministers and denominational workers were among his other suggestions.

If the expense of such programs is "greater than the Annuity Board is able to bear, perhaps funds could be secured from the Cooperative Program for this purpose," Pinson said.

The Baptist task force on aging, which he proposed, might spur more wide-spread and rapid development of ministries to the aged, he said.

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Missouri Baptists Name New
Interim Executive Secretary

2/13/74

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)--Thomas W. Nelson, executive secretary-treasurer of the Missouri Baptist Foundation, has been named interim executive secretary of the Missouri Baptist Convention, to succeed H. L. McClanahan who has resigned the interim post to accept a Missouri pastorate.

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The announcement was made by Don Evans, chairman of the executive board of the Missouri Baptist Convention, who said Nelson will assume the full duties of interim executive secretary as of March 1, and will continue as head of the foundation.

McClanahan announced his resignation, effective March 1, as interim executive secretary of the Missouri convention to accept the pastorate of Red Star Baptist Church in Cape Girardeau, Mo. He was named to the top convention post following the death of the late Earl O. Harding, in August, 1973. McClanahan served as assistant to the executive secretary of the Missouri convention under Harding.

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Nixon's Parochial Stance
Lashed by Jimmy Allen

2/13/74

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (BP)--Jimmy R. Allen, national president of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, charged here that President Nixon's continuing efforts to fund religious schools with tax money "constitutes the most subtle constitutional crisis in history."

"Most Americans were unaware of the President's renewed pledge (in his State of the Union message) to breach the Constitution," said Allen, recently re-elected president of the Washington, D.C.-based church-state organization.

Allen noted that Nixon's remarks about support of parochial schools with tax money were not read in the verbal presentation of his speech to Congress but appear in the printed text.

"The persistence of the President of the United States in wooing the votes of parochial school advocates by pressing for tax money for religious schools constitutes the most subtle constitutional crisis in history," said Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio.

"It is significant that he seeks to label the unconstitutional nature of his proposal as simply encountering 'difficulty in the courts,'" Allen said.

"It was the hope of millions of loyal Americans who believe in the First Amendment to the Constitution and want to keep public money in public channels that his previous promise to secure tax money for the parochial schools would be 'inoperative' after his own appointees participated in the Supreme Court decision declaring such efforts patently unconstitutional. The battle in Congress still remains, but advocates of freedom from taxation for religious programs are experiencing a rising tide of support since the spring Supreme Court decision."

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Missionary Commissioning
To Launch WMU Meeting

2/13/74

DALLAS (BP)--Missions, speakers, concert artists and multi-media presentations will headline the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union here, June 9-10, preceeding the Southern Baptist Convention. The meeting begins at 7:00 p.m. Sunday in the Dallas Convention Center Arena, seating 10,000.

A service commissioning new appointees of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board will highlight the Sunday evening session. Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary, will lead the service which will feature testimonies by the new missionaries.

Gardner C. Taylor, pastor of the Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., will keynote the WMU meeting on Sunday evening, building his address around the annual meeting theme, "Listen to Your World." Taylor is past president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention and is chairman of the Baptist World Alliance's commission on religious liberty and human rights.

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A musical montage Sunday evening will introduce concert artists for the two-day meeting. Sidney L. Buckley, concert bass from Easley, S. C., will be soloist and congregational song leader. Irene Jordan, New York opera and concert star, will sing the closing meditation. Miss Jordan recently completed a concert tour for the Foreign Mission Board in Nigeria where her sister, Dr. Martha Gilliland, is a medical missionary.

Organist will be Joyce Jones, concert artist in residence at Baylor University, Waco, Tex., who will play for all sessions and will give a special concert during the Monday evening session.

Pianist will be George R. Beasley-Murray, professor of New Testament at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Beasley-Murray, a concert pianist in his native England before joining the faculty of Spurgeon's College, which he recently served as president, will give a special narrated concert Monday afternoon and will accompany other music.

Dan Meeker and Betsy Orr, a modern singing duo from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., will perform at all sessions.

The Centurymen, a national singing ensemble sponsored by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, will appear only during the Sunday evening session, singing a medley of mission hymns for the foreign missionary commissioning service. The Centurymen are directed by Buryl Red, New York, and accompanied by Max Lyall, Nashville, Tenn.

Each session will begin with a multi-media theme interpretation, entitled, "My Father's World," produced by the Foreign Mission Board.

Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Tex., president of WMU, SBC, says that the Sunday evening session is designed to give non-WMU members, particularly Dallas area Baptists, a first-hand experience in missions support. Mrs. Mathis says that all WMU sessions are open to the public without registration.

Monday sessions are scheduled for 9:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The morning session will honor Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of WMU for 26 years who has announced her retirement for October 5, 1974.

Miss Hunt will speak following tributes by WMU and SBC leaders. Speakers will include Mrs. Lamar Jackson of Birmingham; Miss Mary Stephens, Montgomery, president and executive secretary respectively of Alabama WMU; Mrs. Robert Fling, Pleasantville, N.Y., former president of the SBC WMU; and Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee.

C. B. Hogue, director of the evangelism division of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, will also deliver a major address Monday morning on "Sounds of Action in Evangelism."

The morning and afternoon sessions will feature addresses by Mrs. James Fancher, author from Jackson, Miss. Mrs. Fancher, wife of a Southern Baptist evangelist, will speak on spiritual development of the woman involved in missions. Her morning topic will be "Beyond the Ironing Board" and her afternoon topic will be "To the End of Her Heart Strings."

The afternoon session will feature an address by Mrs. George R. Beasley-Murray, who will speak following her husband's concert. Mrs. Beasley-Murray was president of the Baptist Women's League of Great Britain until her husband moved to Southern Seminary last year.

A concert by the Bahamas Baptist United Choir will be presented by Southern Baptist missionaries to the Bahamas, Mrs. Ernest E. Brown and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight C. Clark.

Miss Anita Roper, missionary to Nigeria, will speak on "A World Away," telling of women in missions in Nigeria.

The Monday evening session will spotlight the cultures and languages of world missions. Addresses will be delivered by Eugene Nida, executive secretary of the translations department of the American Bible society, and by Mrs. Olivia S.D. deLerin, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of Mexico and editor of WMU publications at the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso, Tex.

Oscar Romo, secretary of the language missions department of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, will present a panel of ethnic Baptists speaking on the title "Missions Mosaic in Our Land."

The representatives of various language cultures in the SBC include Sami Ammari, an Arabic missionary in Boston, Mass.; Juana Luz Garcia, recently arrived in Atlanta from a Cuban prison; Jimmy Anderson, a Creek Indian missionary in Shawnee, Okla.; Kagenobo Nakamoto, Japanese missionary, Houston, Tex.; Richard deLeon, Spanish, a former US-2 missionary who is now a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., and Jerry Seale, director of work with the deaf for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas.

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CORRECTION

In first graph of BP story mailed 2/8/74, titled Day Camp Planned in Dallas During SBC Sessions, change dates from June 4-6 to June 11-13. Thanks.

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FMB Appropriates Funds
To Aid Famine Victims

2/13/74

RICHMOND (BP)--Responding to urgent requests from missionaries for funds to aid hungry victims of a severe drought in the Republic of Niger, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has appropriated \$5,000 for emergency relief operations there.

At February's special full meeting, the board also discussed the recommendations of the Committee of Fifteen concerning the Foreign Mission Board. The Committee of Fifteen, a group studying the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, is an SBC Executive Committee subcommittee.

The board's response to the Committee of Fifteen report will be presented to the Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee in Nashville, Feb. 18-20.

Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary, reported several records that were set on mission fields last year.

"The annual report for 1973, just submitted, indicates that Southern Baptist foreign mission work stands at an all-time high," Cauthen said.

Citing some of the records set during 1973, Cauthen reported there are now 6,907 organized churches on Southern Baptist mission fields, 5,207 of which are self-supporting. He also told of 8,034 mission points, 5,884 national pastors and an all-time high record of baptisms at 62,151.

Indicating other areas of foreign mission advance, Cauthen pointed out that there are over 500 schools with a combined enrollment of more than 85,000 students. In 1973, he said, medical work extended care to 63,027 in-patients and 1,260,877 out patients. Also, 30 publication centers printed over 23 million pieces of literature.

A special feature of the meeting was the unveiling of a portrait of Mrs. Cauthen which had been commissioned by the board during its October meeting when the Cauthens were recognized on his 20th anniversary as executive secretary.

In a letter to H. Cornell Goerner, the board's secretary for West Africa, Missionary H. Jerold Palmer Jr., wrote of the needs of about 15,000 displaced persons near the mission station in Maradi who have migrated south seeking food and water.

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"Some of them have given up and seem to be in a state of shock," Palmer wrote. "The babies are dying by the score."

He reported that many are dying from starvation, while cholera, measles and flu snatch the lives of others who are weak and have little resistance against disease.

The missionaries, in cooperation with the Niger government, the Red Cross, the American Embassy and other religious groups, hope to implement a massive feeding program.

The missionaries can secure grain in Niamey, the capital of the Niger Republic, but must transport it to Maradi and distribute it. Palmer also cited needs for medical help and medical supplies.

In recent months, the Foreign Mission Board and the Baptist World Alliance have each contributed several thousand dollars to aid relief efforts in the Republic of Niger. There are currently four Southern Baptist missionaries in the West African country: Mr. and Mrs. Palmer and Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Williams.

Board member Paul Payne of Ohio, citing the importance of Mrs. Cauthen's role in foreign missions and the lack of general recognition of that role, moved that a color brochure on the Cauthens be prepared featuring the new portrait and an earlier one of Cauthen painted by the same artist. Information about the Cauthens and their contributions to foreign missions would also be included.



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1974 ANNUAL MEETING
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
Auxiliary to Southern Baptist Convention
Meeting in its 86th Year
June 9-10, Dallas, Texas
Dallas Convention Center Arena
Theme: "Listen to Your World"

Sunday Evening, June 9, 7:00 p.m.

Theme Interpretation, "My Father's World"--Sights and sounds of world missions through mixed media, produced by Foreign Mission Board
Sacred Concert, "Praisetime," congregation and guest artists:
Concert bass, Sidney L. Buckley, Easley, South Carolina
Concert soprano, Irene Jordan, New York
Duet, Dan Meeker and Betsy Orr, Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas
Concert organist, Joyce Jones, artist-in-residence, Baylor University, Waco, Texas
Concert pianist, George R. Beasley-Murray, professor of New Testament, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky
Announcements
Prayer time, James L. Sullivan, president, Baptist Sunday School Board
Music, "Tunes Old and New," Dan Meeker and Betsy Orr
Keynote Address: "Listen to Your World," Gardner C. Taylor, pastor, Concord Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York
Concert, The Centurymen, directed by Buryl Red, New York. Max Lyall, Nashville, accompanist
"One World, One Lord, One Witness" (Reynolds-Seabough)
Medley, "His Call, Our Answers," (arr. Red)
Commissioning Service for new foreign missionaries, directed by Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board
Testimonies by new appointees
Solo, "The Lord Is My Light" (Allitsen), Irene Jordan

Monday Morning, June 10, 9:30 a.m.

Multimedia Theme Interpretation "My Father's World"
Praisetime, Congregation and Sidney L. Buckley
Address, "Beyond the Ironing Board," Mrs. James Fancher, Jackson, Mississippi, author
Prayer time, Winston Crawley, director, overseas division, Foreign Mission Board
Concert, "Tunes Old and New," Dan Meeker and Betsy Orr
Address, "Sounds of Action in Evangelism," C.B. Hogue, director, division of evangelism, Home Mission Board
Honoring Alma Hunt:
To represent the state WMUs, Mrs. Lamar Jackson, Birmingham, president of Alabama WMU; Mary Essie Stephens, Montgomery, executive secretary of Alabama WMU
To represent WMU, SBC, Mrs. Robert Fling, Pleasantville, New York, former president, WMU, SBC
To represent the Southern Baptist Convention, Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer, SBC Executive Committee
Solo, "Here Is My Life" (Bartlett), Sidney L. Buckley
Address, Alma Hunt, executive secretary, WMU
Solo, Irene Jordan

Monday Afternoon, June 10, 2:00 p.m.

Multimedia Theme Interpretation, "My Father's World"

Praisetime, Congregation and Sidney L. Buckley with Dan Meeker and Betsy Orr

Address, "To the End of Her Heartstrings," Mrs. James Fancher

Prayertime, Mrs. James Landes, Dallas, Texas

Piano Concert, George R. Beasley-Murray

Address, "Old World in the New," Mrs. George R. Beasley-Murray, Louisville, Kentucky, former president, Baptist Women's League of Great Britain

Business

Concert, The Bahamas Baptist United Choir, directed by Mrs. Ernest E. Brown, missionary to the Bahamas. Introduced by Mr. and Mrs. Dwight C.

Clark, missionaries to the Bahamas.

Address, "A World Away," Anita Roper, missionary to Nigeria

Solo, Irene Jordan

Monday Evening, June 10, 7:00 p.m.

Multimedia Theme Interpretation, "My Father's World"

Praisetime, Congregation and Sidney L. Buckley with Dan Meeker and Betsy Orr

Organ Concert, Joyce Jones

Address, "To Every Tongue and Nation," Mrs. Olivia S. D. deLerin, El Paso, Texas, executive secretary, WMU of Mexico; WMU editor, Baptist Spanish Publishing House

Hymn

Prayertime, Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director-treasurer, Home Mission Board
Feature, "Missions Mosaics in Our Land," presented by Oscar Romo, secretary, language missions department, Home Mission Board, and featuring:

Sami Ammari, Arabic, catalytic missionary, Boston, Massachusetts

Juana Luz Garcia, Cuban missionary, Atlanta, Georgia

Jimmy Anderson, Creek Indian general missionary, Shawnee, Oklahoma

Kagenobo Nakamoto, Japanese general missionary, Houston, Texas

Richard deLeon, Spanish, former US-2 missionary, Southwestern Seminary student, Fort Worth, Texas

Jerry Seale, director of work with the deaf, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas, Texas

Hymn

Address, "The Word in the World," Eugene Nida, executive secretary, Translations Department, American Bible Society, New York

Solo, Irene Jordan