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Congress Acts on Nonprofit Hospital Strike Measure

WASHINGTON (BP)--Both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives gave final approval to a measure which extends the right to strike to employees of non-profit hospitals, including Baptist institutions.

The bill had been acted on already but was sent to a conference committee to iron out differences between the Senate and House versions.

The new legislation amends the National Labor Relations Act and the Taft-Hartley Act to extend collective bargaining rights to employees of non-profit hospitals. The measure also provides for additional mediation and conciliation procedures for labor-management disputes. These include mandatory mediation and a 10-day notice of intent to strike or picket a hospital.

Conferees also agreed to a house amendment which exempts from union agreements those employees of health care institutions who have religious convictions against joining or financially supporting a union, provided they pay to a non-religious charity the equivalent of union dues and initiation fees.

In addition, the final version of the bill calls for a board of inquiry to be appointed within 30 days after notice to the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service that a dispute exists. The board would then have 30 days to work out a settlement. During this cooling-off period, both sides in the dispute would be required to maintain the status quo.

Final passage of the bill came easily in the Senate, by a vote of 64-29. But in the House, where the original version of the bill had passed handily, final passage came by the surprisingly narrow margin of 205-193.

The measure now awaits the signature of President Nixon before becoming law.

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Second of two articles on student work in the SBC

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Roselle Cites Need Of "Churchmanship"

By James A. Lowry

NASHVILLE (BP)--"Churchmanship" is a concept almost unique to Southern Baptists in student work.

The statement of basic philosophy of Southern Baptist student ministries reads: "The church is indispensable to the maturing spiritual, moral and intellectual lives of students and faculty members."

The SBC's National Student Ministries' message strongly includes the need for the New Testament church for Christian growth in students.

In fact, "churchmanship" will become more evident to Southern Baptists in 1977 when a convention-wide emphasis is planned entitled "Churchmanship 77."

Charles Roselle, secretary of National Student Ministries at the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, reports that "during this time every church will be challenged to define and develop its own unique ministry to students."

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" 'Churchmanship' is not just an emphasis to be carried out by the church," Roselle said. "Campus organizations will undergird the emphasis with similar supportive emphases.

"There is going to be an increased emphasis on 'churchmanship' " he said. "I predict that college students will be assuming more and more roles of vital leadership in the church as the years go by, which is in keeping with the larger role they are assuming in all of society."

Roselle said certain student ministry methods are changing to cope with at least two new trends in American higher education, which are becoming increasingly more obvious.

One is an increasing percentage of students married and participating in the life of the church as a new family unit rather than as single persons.

Another is the increasing percentage of students living at home while attending college.

"Many of these students are engaged in an occupation and doing college work at the same time," according to Roselle.

"All of this means that the groups of students away from home for an extended length of time at college are neither as large nor as identifiable as they once were," Roselle continued.

"The needs of students away from home are the same as those at home, and in some instances greater," he said. "Consequently some of our methods have been undergoing change to minister to the needs of students not away from home."

Roselle expressed the hope that in the upcoming years "National Student Ministries can join hands with the departments of student work in state Baptist conventions and the 34,500 Southern Baptist churches in developing a ministry to students that is a response to individual student needs, world needs and New Testament demands.

"I am hoping," he concluded, "that not only will all churches become aware of their own responsibility, but that a way might be found to develop an organized ministry on every campus in the United States."

National Student Ministries' stated goal is organization of student work on 975 campuses by June 1, 1975, 1,200 campuses by June 1, 1979, and 1,400 campuses by June 1, 1984.

At the present time organized student work is present on 932 campuses, which is nearly 300 more than five years ago, an average of 60 new campuses each year. These achievements indicate that the goals may well be met.

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Southwestern Seminary
Names Development Director

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FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP)--W. Edwin Crawford, superintendent of missions for the Waco (Tex.) Baptist Association, has been named director of development at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, effective September 1.

Crawford, a seminary trustee since 1967, will be responsible for the cultivation and involvement of the business community in the seminary's fund raising and endowment programs. He replaces Maj. Gen. Robert P. Taylor (U. S. Army--Ret.), who retired from the seminary post earlier this year.

A native of Temple, Tex., Crawford is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, and holds the master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary.

He is a former Army chaplain and has served Texas Baptist churches in Paris, Houston and Nacogdoches.

Prior to joining the Waco Baptist Association in 1970, Crawford was superintendent of missions for the Golden Triangle Baptist Association, Nederland, Tex., 1967-70.

Oklahoma Baptists End
Lease on Hospital

PERRY, Okla. (BP)--The Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma's lease on Perry Memorial Hospital here has been terminated and the hospital is now being operated by a trust for the city of Perry.

The state convention had operated the hospital since April, 1951, and exercised its option to terminate the lease two years before the expiration date.

During the 23-plus years of operation by state Baptists, the 28-bed hospital admitted more than 20,000 patients and more than 130,000 patient days of care were completed.

Upon termination of the lease, the state convention returned to the city of Perry some \$140,845 worth of equipment and supplies. The depreciated value of original equipment which came with the hospital in 1951 was \$6,340, indicating that almost all of the hospital's original equipment had been replaced during the years of Baptist operation.

The city now has a management contract for the operation of the hospital with St. Mary's Catholic Hospital in Enid.