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Young People Urge Action
On Hunger; Help Lonely Man

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (BP)--Some 60 Baptist college students and young adults, meeting here with planners of Freedom '76, an upcoming nationwide conference, urged inclusion of specific action in the conference to combat world hunger.

Then, the young people, who will spend the next year working with the Freedom '76 planners from Southern Baptist Convention agencies, took time out to practice what they had been preaching.

Confronted with an opportunity to do something about another kind of hunger--that felt by a lonely man on the streets of San Antonio, who had no way home--the students, young singles and young marrieds collected money from their own pockets to send him to his family in Tennessee for Christmas.

Meanwhile, Freedom '76 planners, laying groundwork for the conference, set for Dec. 28-31, 1975, in San Antonio, agreed to ask some 10,000 expected registrants to forego one or more meals during the meeting and contribute the proceeds through the SBC Foreign Mission Board for world hunger.

Freedom '76, which will also encourage attendance from other Baptist groups throughout the United States and abroad, will ring in the nation's bicentennial in a Christian perspective, running past midnight, Dec. 21, 1975. All SBC agencies are sponsoring the meeting through the denomination's Inter-Agency Council.

Charles Roselle, Freedom '76 general chairman and director of the SBC's National Student Ministries, calling for innovative approaches for the conference, said, "We are what we are today because of what we dream about being tomorrow. Lines must be drawn and young people must be asked what stand they will take for Christ."

The conference, says Roselle, will speak to student and young adult involvement in the mission of the church at the beginning of the 200th anniversary of the nation.

Citing an SBC-appointed committee now studying mission outreach of the nation's largest Protestant-evangelical denomination at home and abroad for the remainder of the century, Roselle told the planners:

"We want Freedom '76 to put feet to the mission strategy for the remainder of this century by challenging students and young adults, who will be the leaders in the year 2000, to face God's call to Christian vocations."

Planners will design the conference, he says, to "issue a clear call of God for every person to be involved in proclaiming freedom in Christ at home and abroad and to show how such freedom contributes to personal liberty and citizenship responsibility."

"It will stress," points out Nell Magee, an SBC National Student Ministries staffer who will serve as national coordinator for the event in San Antonio's Convention Center, "the importance of all young adults assuming their role in strengthening the moral fiber of American government and society. And it will highlight the necessity of a Christian home."

Special emphasis will be given college students, single young adults, young marrieds and young military personnel, confronting them with Christian options to the crises of contemporary life, says Ed Seabough, associate director of the SBC Home Mission Board's personnel department, who will chair the promotion and registration committee for Freedom '76.

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Besides program content, the registrants will have opportunities to become involved in specific mission projects, says W. F. Howard, retiring Texas Baptist student director and conference program committee chairman.

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Southern Seminary Prof.
Charles A. McGlon Dies

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--Charles A. McGlon, 64, professor of speech at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, died December 17 following a long bout with cancer, a seminary spokesman said.

McGlon joined the seminary faculty in 1943 and nine years later originated what has been reported as the nation's first regularly scheduled religious television series. The program was aired locally.

A native of Florida, McGlon earned the B.A. and M.A. degrees in education from Gainesville before receiving the Ph.D. from New York's Columbia University.

He held every major office in the Southern Speech Association, was president of the Kentucky Speech Association four times and was a member of the Speech Communication Association of America. He also served the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, the American Education Theater Association, and several honorary fraternities.

Ordained in 1959, McGlon had served as interim pastor for churches in Louisville, Owensboro, Paducah and Covington, Ky.

When McGlon joined the Southern Seminary faculty, the concept of a speech and drama department was a new one for a seminary. During his three decade tenure at the school, McGlon shaped the concept into a reality.

The weeks and months of illness just ended for McGlon were not the first during which he faced death. In 1964, the spokesman noted, an eminent physician told the professor he had only one week to live unless open-heart surgery was performed. The drastic step was necessitated after a strep infection, resulting from a fall off a stage, spread to his heart it was said. McGlon was preparing a presentation of an original drama for the 1960 Southern Baptist Convention Pastors Conference when the accident occurred.

He returned to the classroom after a hospital stay of over 300 days.

McGlon's widow, Jesse, resides in the Louisville area.

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Terrorist Grenade Rips Bus
Carrying Florida Baptists

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JERUSALEM (BP)--Terrorists threw a hand grenade at a busload of 17 Southern Baptist tourists here from Main Street Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

A 16-year-old member of the church was severely wounded as pieces of shrapnel allegedly thrown by Arab terrorists ripped through the metal side of the bus in which the group was traveling.

De Jean Replogle, 16, of Jacksonville, accompanying her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William K. Replogle, was rushed to Hadasa Hospital where she underwent 14 hours of surgery.

Reports said Miss Replogle suffered a severed artery and a shattered hipbone. Amputation of her right leg above the knee was required. She was hit in the thigh by shrapnel, reports indicated.

G. Wayne Buck, a Southern Baptist missionary associate in Jerusalem where he serves as a chaplain to tourists and works with the Baptist Book Store, said after the incident, the

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Baptist group was planning to continue its tour the day after Christmas (December 26).

Buck said the incident of terrorism will not affect the relationships Baptist missionaries have established in Jerusalem in any negative way. The attack was an attempt to discourage tourists from coming to Israel, he noted.

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) claimed responsibility for the attack and warned tourists against traveling inside Israeli-held Holy Land territory.

The PLO statement, distributed in Beirut by the Palestinian news agency, Wafa, warned "all tourists traveling to Palestine and those on their way to it that we will not be responsible for whatever harm that might befall them."

Members of the Baptist touring group led by their pastor, E. C. McDaniel, a member of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, had just boarded the bus outside the Church of St. Lazarus in East Jerusalem, when the grenade exploded and shrapnel tore through the side of the vehicle.

McDaniel said, "I heard an explosion which I thought was a huge firecracker. I turned immediately and saw a cloud of dust. One of young girls screamed. I thought she was hysterical because of the loud noise and I asked her to please be quiet, but she kept screaming."

"As other passengers dived to the floor, the girl's father rushed to her side and shouted, 'There's blood, she's been hit,'" McDaniel said.

Eyewitnesses said the grenade landed about 30 feet from the bus and fragments ripped two holes through the metal side. Some of the tourists said they saw a car speed away after the blast and suspected the assailant was in the auto.

Reports said some 20 Arabs were rounded up for questioning in a house-to-house search.

"Before, I had only heard explosions on television," later said Robin Hadsom, a member of the Jacksonville tour group. "You read about terrorist attacks in the newspapers back home. But we never imagined it would happen to us."

Miss Replogle was rushed into surgery, reports said, but surgeons were unable to reconstruct a severed artery and had to amputate. One observer said the amputation was necessary because of "very little circulation."

Buck said, "We have had constant contact with the family and with the young girl (De Jean). She is doing fine. . . Other injuries were minor; all were in a state of shock."

"The mother and father (the Replogles) of the girl are remaining in Jerusalem."

"We're taking care of the family," Buck continued. The hospital asked for "round-the-clock" sitting with the parents and provided an apartment for them.

"We're seeing that they have food and anything else they need," Buck said. "The girl is getting the best care possible. The Hadasa Hospital is one of the finest surgical hospitals anywhere."

Coincidentally, supervising the surgery was Dr. Nathan J. Saltz, chief of surgery at Hadasa Hospital, a Jacksonville native and a graduate of Andrew Jackson High School (Jacksonville) where Miss Replogle is currently enrolled. Buck said one of the world's leading arterial surgeons, a Dr. Romanoff, performed the primary surgery on Miss Replogle.

"The Jewish community has responded," Buck noted. "Two or three Jewish neighbors have visited our house expressing regret that this has happened and that they hope this will not scare tourists away."

"One Jewish lady said, 'Isn't it sad that it takes something like this to get the Christians and Jews to work together.'"

"Jewish people have said, 'We're praying for her (De Jean),' " Buck said.