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Home Mission Board Elevates Evangelism In Its Structure

TULSA, Okla. (BP)--Responding to the Southern Baptist Convention's request for a bolder profile for evangelism in convention life, directors of the SBC's Home Mission Board voted here to raise the division of evangelism a notch on the board's organizational ladder.

The new alignment makes the evangelism director accountable directly to the board's executive director and places him on the staff's executive council.

The directors also voted to request the Southern Baptist Convention to add two new programs--personal evangelism and mass evangelism--to the 12, including evangelism development, now assigned to the board. (The 11 others are chaplaincy, church loans, church extension, associational administration service, pioneer missions, rural-urban missions, metropolitan missions, language missions, cooperative ministries with National Baptists, Christian social ministries and interfaith witness.)

The two new programs, board leaders say, will provide additional thrust to the evangelistic emphasis which has made the SBC one of the nation's growing denominations. Last year more than 410,000 baptisms were reported--the fourth year in succession the total has exceeded 400,000.

Request for the two new programs and elevation of the division of evangelism to a new "evangelism section" came in response to action at the annual meeting of the SBC in Dallas last June.

Frank Minton, pastor of Far Hills Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio, made a motion at the Dallas meeting that the convention consider removing the program of evangelism development from the Home Mission Board and creating a Commission on Evangelism to give evangelism more prominence in SBC life.

The SBC Executive Committee's study Committee of 15 previously had pointed to the need for "a bolder profile" for evangelism in Southern Baptist life, while expressing the view that the evangelism program should stay with the Home Mission Board.

Minton's motion was tabled to give the Home Mission Board directors, whose administrative committee already had appointed a sub-committee to study the issue, time to consider elevating evangelism within the board's organizational framework.

The sub-committee studied the issue for more than a year before recommending the change approved here. The committee was comprised of Carl E. Bates, chairman, of Charlotte, N.C.; Landrum Leavell, then of Wichita Falls, Tex., now president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and A. Bruce Coyle of Memphis, Tenn.

Under the new arrangement, evangelism will become a separate section, with Director C. B. Hogue answerable directly to Arthur B. Rutledge, the board's executive director-treasurer. Section director status seats Hogue on the staff executive council which consists of the executive director-treasurer, assistant executive director-treasurer, section directors and the administrative assistant.

The change will mean realignment of the board's staff into four sections--evangelism, missions, planning and services, and planning and coordination.

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Under the former organizational setup, evangelism was a division in the program implementation section, along with four other divisions--missions, chaplaincy, church loans, and associational services, which will remain in the program implementation section, which has been renamed missions section.

Two division titles will be changed for clarification. The missions division will be renamed the "missions ministries division."

Board President Russell H. Dilday, pastor of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, presented the evangelism proposal, noting it was the recommendation of the Bates-Leavell-Coyle sub-committee and adding the endorsement of the administrative committee.

"These changes will identify Home Mission Board responsibilities in two basic categories--evangelism and missions," Dilday said. "They will provide a large base for evangelism input in Home Mission Board administration planning and in Southern Baptist Convention coordinated program planning.

Bates, whose committee worked with Executive Director Rutledge in drafting the new structure, praised the action.

"I am very pleased," he said. "I think what we have accomplished here, if the SBC approves the two new programs, will give us exactly what the convention asked for--greater prominence for and emphasis on evangelism. I have the feeling that the convention will respond most favorably to this action."

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Evangelism Change and
'Openness' 'Delight' Minton

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DAYTON, Ohio (BP)--The pastor who proposed a change in the status of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Home Mission Board's evangelism program said here he is "delighted" with the board's elevation of its evangelism division to section status.

Frank Minton, pastor of Far Hills Baptist Church, Dayton, said he feels the move will result in the higher status and visibility for evangelism in the SBC that he sought in a motion last June in Dallas to the annual meeting of the SBC.

The Dayton pastor also expressed gratitude for the "openness" and "responsiveness" in the structure of the SBC and the Home Mission Board which led to the change.

Originally in Dallas, Minton had proposed that the program of evangelism development be removed from the Home Mission Board and that a new Commission on Evangelism be established.

He charged then that evangelism was only one of many divisions of the Home Mission Board, and contended it was getting less than its share of board funds and was "in a secondary role that is not even on the policy-making level."

His motion to establish a new commission was tabled to give a Home Mission Board committee time to study elevating evangelism in the board's structure.

Board directors, meeting in Tulsa, Okla., approved a new organizational structure, giving evangelism "section" status, making the evangelism director answerable directly to Arthur Rutledge, the board's executive director-treasurer, and seating the evangelism director on the staff planning council.

The reorganization, Minton said he understood, will accomplish what he had sought in asking for a separate commission.

"I am delighted," he said. "I am 100 percent for this. I feel this is the way to handle it. The commission idea was only to get more exposure and elevation for evangelism, and if we can do it within the Home Mission Board, we're better off."

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"I am delighted that Dr. Hogue (evangelism director C. B. Hogue) will be on the policy-making council. Southern Baptists now have evangelism organizationally where we claim it should be."

Minton, who was briefed on the reorganization proposal by Hogue and the board's Assistant Executive Director Fred Moseley recently in Dayton, lauded the "openness" of the Home Mission Board and SBC officials in his dealings with them.

"From the beginning, when I asked the Committee of 15 (the SBC Executive Committee subcommittee which last year completed a study of SBC structure) to study this issue, I have been treated very graciously," the Dayton pastor said.

"Dr. Porter Routh (SBC Executive Committee executive secretary-treasurer) was a great help, and so was Dr. Wayne Dehoney (pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.).

"Dr. Arthur Rutledge has been very open with me all the way. I appreciate it very much that he has not tried to protect evangelism as if it were a sacred cow."

Minton said he had written to Rutledge expressing his gratitude for the openness of Rutledge and the Home Mission Board.

"The Home Mission Board does listen. They do hear. The board is open. Bless God for your leadership," he said he had written.

Minton said the experience had convinced him the Southern Baptist Convention, in spite of critics to the contrary, was open and responsive "to even one messenger, if his cause is right and it's handled correctly."

"There were some who told me the SBC was too large, there would be too much red tape, it could never be done, the men at the top won't listen," Minton said. "I have learned that is not true.

"This has convinced me the SBC is open to any messenger. We don't have to have to group up in other small factions or groups within the SBC to make some changes. One person who feels committed to a worthy cause and does it the right way can get the job done."

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SBC Integrity Probed
In Christian Life Seminar

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By Dan Martin

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--A Southern Baptist seminar on integrity--which featured sharp probes into many areas of honesty--turned the spotlight on itself here.

The integrity of the organizational life of the Southern Baptist Convention was called into question during the closing session of the annual national seminar of the SBC's Christian Life Commission.

Speakers to the issue represented three widely-spaced stances within the denomination: a denominational executive, state newspaper editor and a pastor.

Two speakers took different approaches on whether organizations and institutions, as such, can even have integrity.

Albert McClellan, associate executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee, said they can have integrity: "There is an organizational or institutional integrity above and beyond the integrity of the board members or employees . . . something entirely apart from them."

C. R. Daley, editor of the Kentucky Baptist newspaper, Western Recorder, disagreed: "I begin with the premise which might be debated that a denominational organization has no integrity in itself, not even our beloved Southern Baptist Convention.

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"Persons have integrity and only as the participants in an organization demonstrate moral soundness, honesty and righteousness can integrity be identified with the organization."

McClellan and Daley were joined in their discussion of denominational integrity by Cecil E. Sherman, pastor from Asheville, N. C., and former chairman of the Christian Life Commission.

Sherman said he has had "some experiences with our denomination which have damaged my innocence . . . and has now some questions about the integrity of our organizational life..."

While McClellan represented the denominational servant segment of the debate, he did pose the question: "Has organization become impersonal and overbearing far beyond the intentions of those who are responsible for them?"

He noted the answer is not easy and sometimes "there are as many answers as there are people . . ."

A denominational structure--to have integrity--must know and make clear its purposes, restating them if necessary, he said. Also, it must understand and live its policy, understand clearly it does not exist for itself, be willing to change in response to new times, respond to the true wishes of its members, refrain from unfounded judgmentalism, live absolutely circumspectly in its own activities and be sure of its spiritual wholeness.

Daley was philosophical about integrity, saying: "It is more difficult to demonstrate integrity in a group or an organizational structure than as an individual. It may be this is another example of moral man and immoral society.

"There is something about becoming a part of the establishment that blunts personal ideals, that tempts us to compromise personal integrity standards for what is regarded as the welfare of the organization, and that silences our prophetic utterances."

Daley continued: "This creeping blindness and deceptive deadening are like an internal malignancy. By the time its symptoms are recognized it has metastasized to infect the whole body. It tends to neutralize us at first and this slowly but inevitably robs us of our objectivity.

"We who were once perceptive observers become parrots of the party line and once we become defenders of the establishment, it is extremely difficult to be a critic, even a constructive critic."

Daley took some shots at denominational leaders who would control the denominational press.

"A free press always constitutes a threat to denominational leadership," he said. "A promotional and not a prophetic press serves their ends better."

He said it is not unknown for Baptist leaders "who once cherished editorial freedom to recommend a controlled press when they moved into denominational positions where they are observed instead of being the observer."

The editor continued his comments by noting, "One of the saddest spectacles of Baptist denominational life in our times is to see denominational offices swallow a man and let him sell his soul for a mess of statistical success and approval by his peers."

Such a swallowed-up leader, he said, becomes defensive.

"So when our denominational programs and policies are questioned, even by sincere constituents we reveal a low boiling point of sensitivity and become very self protective and defensive. A sincere critic of policies becomes a personal enemy, and friendship is equated with unqualified endorsement, even if endorsement requires acquiescence of our sense of what's right."

Sherman had some specific comments which he said would "refresh his confidence" in the denomination.

"Quit the arrogance of secrecy," he said to denominational leaders. "Tell me in plain language what your plans are, your fears are and when you fail."

He also suggested that the denomination admit its prosperity.

"The truth is this: Our denomination is embarrassingly prosperous. More integrity problems will come of this prosperity if we do not develop a capacity to give away this wealth," he said.

Sherman also criticized planning, budgetary methods, and uses of money within the denomination.

"Sometimes I have thought that I could do more to feed the hungry if I gave to CARE rather than to our own Foreign Mission Board.

"I have often wondered just what some of our colleges do to justify the use of tithe money. And I am small enough to say out loud that I question the salaries of some denominational employees.

"If you quote the words of Jesus, you ought not use the salary schedules of the Sadducees," he proclaimed.

The pastor also admitted, in response to a question from the audience, that the denomination has "rigged" the laymen out of the decision making process--"kind of stacked the cards against" them.

To have integrity about lay involvement, he said, the SBC will have to go to a system where its annual assemblies are held on weekends and "deal with a quota system" of some sort.

"Most of us pastors are wild eyed about rights until we are called to give up on some of our privileges. Then we move a little more slowly," he admitted.

Sherman also was critical of the appearance of the leader of "one of our strong agencies" before the Committee of 15, which studied the SBC and its agencies.

"A leader of that agency rebutted, bullied and badgered. The Committee of 15 gave way. God talk was an important part of the badgering. 'God's Will,' or 'I've prayed about this,' or 'I know your hearts brethren,' was the language of debate.

"He got his way, but he said his way was God's way. I wondered. Not about God's way, but about him," Sherman said.

He urged denominational leaders to "use God-talk sparingly. It is a cheap way to sway the mass. "When you get your way by declaring that your way is God's way, that is blasphemy."

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10,000 At "PraiSing 75"
Welcome New Hymnal

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By Jim Lowry

NASHVILLE (BP)--The final notes of "PraiSing 75" brought to an end possibly the most diversified singing event in the history of Southern Baptist music.

Music lovers from 47 states, Canada, Brazil and Japan gathered here 10,000 strong to celebrate the unveiling of the new "Baptist Hymnal" which is the product of over two years intensive work.

George Beverly Shea opened the first night's program with "Amazing Grace," which he dubbed as the Southern Baptist national anthem. Shea, long-time soloist for Billy Graham Crusade teams, also sang "Jacob's Ladder," "I Will Praise Him" and a number of other well known hymns before leaving to a lengthy standing ovation.

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Approximately 8,000 persons in the first night's crowd were welcomed by Grady C. Cothen, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, to "a 'first' in Southern Baptist life." He said that Music City would hear music during PraiSing "like it hasn't heard before."

The diversity of "PraiSing 75," March 10-13, was witnessed by the fact that 54 individual daytime concerts were presented at six locations over a three day period.

Additionally, there was a Sacred Harp Singing one afternoon and 30 continuous hours of hymn singing at the "Sing the Hymnal Through" program in the Sunday School Board's Van Ness Auditorium.

On Tuesday night the Nashville Symphony Orchestra accompanied a 600 voice choir for the performance of "This We Believe," by Cecil Effinger. Amerigo Marino, music director and conductor of the Birmingham (Ala.) Symphony Orchestra, was the guest conductor. The orchestra also played five orchestral improvisations of favorite Baptist hymns.

Marino replaced Thor Johnson, who died in January, 1975, as director of the symphony for PraiSing. William J. Reynolds, secretary of the church music department of the Sunday School Board, paid special tribute to Johnson for the work he had done in preparation for "PraiSing 75" before Johnson's untimely death.

One of the most enthusiastic receptions was given to the Fisk Jubilee Singers of Fisk University, Nashville. The crowd of 6,000 gave them two standing ovations during their short performance time.

Jerry Clower, Mississippi comedian and member of the Grand Ole Opry, took charge of the Wednesday evening country-gospel program as master of ceremonies. Clower, decked out in his "Grand Ole Opry" bright yellow suit, had the country-gospel fans laughing from the very beginning with his 'back-home' jokes.

First on the program Wednesday night was the Jake Hess Sound, a gospel trio. Jeannie C. Riley of "Harper Valley PTA" fame was next, followed by Myrtle Hall, who frequently sings with Billy Graham teams. Miss Hall's version of "To God Be the Glory" drew a standing ovation from the 7,500 persons in Nashville's Municipal Auditorium. The Wednesday program concluded with soloist Cynthia Clawson and The Speer Family.

Almost 10,000 persons were on hand for the closing program Thursday night to receive souvenir copies of the new hymnal. A 900-voice men's choir composed of the Centurymen and 13 state singing men's groups started singing from the new hymnal. They were joined by the entire audience for 15 songs, which included "Have Faith In God," "Victory In Jesus" and "How Great Thou Art."

When "PraiSing 75" ended late Thursday night with the audience of 10,000 singing "Sweet, Sweet Spirit," new "Baptist Hymnals" were already in the mail to churches that had placed orders before PraiSing began.

Every note has been played, every note sung, and every word read. Southern Baptists officially have a new "Baptist Hymnal."

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(BP) Photos mailed to Baptist state editors.

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Home Board Names Personnel;
Elevates Evangelism

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TULSA, Okla. (BF)--Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directors elevated the division of evangelism to section status, named three new staff members, including a new director of the division of chaplaincy, and appointed two new missionaries and eight missionary associates in action at the board's spring meeting here.

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The Atlanta-based board holds spring meetings outside Atlanta to give more Southern Baptists an opportunity to see the board at work.

Major business involved moving the division of evangelism up a notch on the organizational structure to section status to give it a bolder profile in Southern Baptist Convention life.

The directors continued a moratorium on new church loans applications for an additional 30 days, but John Miles, board member from Thomaston, Ga., presenting the church loans committee report, said the moratorium possibly could be lifted in May or June, depending on economic developments.

Russell H. Dilday Jr., pastor of Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, was reelected president of the board of directors.

Thomas A. Hunter, pastor of Coosada Baptist Church, Coosada, Ala., was elected first vice-president; and J. T. Ford, a former pastor and now president of West Georgia College in Carrollton, second vice-president. Mrs. I. W. Bowen, III of Forsyth, Ga., was reelected recording secretary; and Mrs. Ralph M. Blanchard, Atlanta, assistant recording secretary.

William L. Clark, associate director of the division of chaplaincy since 1974, and formerly assistant director for military personnel ministries for the division of chaplaincy from 1970-73, was named director of the division. He succeeds James Kelly, who retired last year.

Clark, 64, is a native of Harpersville, Miss., and is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

The new director was a U. S. Air Force chaplain from 1951-70. Before that, he was pastor of several Mississippi churches, and also taught school at one time.

Clark said, in accepting the new post, that he will give special emphasis during the next two years to establishing a volunteer chaplaincy program in city and county jails, hospitals and industry.

"The chaplaincy is an important part of the Home Mission Board's mission outreach to people away from home and beyond the doors of the local church," he said.

Also in the division of chaplaincy, the directors elected Pat Davis, a U. S. Army chaplain since 1956, as associate director of the division. Davis, who recently took early retirement from the military chaplaincy, will relate primarily to the Army. The division's two other associates, Carl Hart and Lowell Sodeman, relate to institutional and hospital-industrial chaplains, respectively.

Davis, 52, is a native of Drewry, Ala., and is a graduate of the University of Alabama, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree. He also has bachelor of divinity and master of divinity degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He was pastor of Marion Baptist Church, Marion, Miss., before entering the Army chaplaincy.

The third staff position went to Don Hammer, elected associate director of the department of metropolitan missions, effective May 23. Hammer, 38, currently is coordinator of the Urban Strategy Council of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

He is a native of Graham, Okla., and is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he earned bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees.

Missionaries appointed were John and Jocelyn Dowdy as directors of Christian social ministries in Kansas City, Mo.

Dowdy is a native of Muskogee, Okla. He is a graduate of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo.; Southwest Missouri State University, and Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, where he earned bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees.

At the seminary, he was supervisor of pastoral ministries and consultant for alumni affairs. He also has been pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo., since 1963.

Mrs. Dowdy is a native of Boone Terre, Mo., and is a graduate of Southwest Baptist College, Southwest Missouri State and the University of Missouri, where she earned a master's degree.

Missionary associates appointed were Carolyn Diane Buckley, Christian social ministries student intern at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; Jack and Sharon Earwood, to work in language missions with the deaf in Oklahoma City; Judith Liden, a Christian social ministries appointee as assistant director of Friendship House in New Orleans.; Ramon and Hilda Mesa, a language missions student pastor in Miami, Fla.; and William and Margaret Novak, pastor-director of Christian social ministries at First Baptist Mission Center in Bristol, Va.

Miss Buckley is a native of Mobile, Ala., and is a graduate of Mobile College. She was a social worker with the Mobile County Health Department before enrolling at New Orleans Seminary.

The Earwoods are Texans. He is a native of Fort Worth and she of Dallas. Earwood has been associated with the deaf ministry of the First Baptist Church of Dallas since 1966. Since 1971 has been associate pastor to the deaf. He was president of the Southern Baptist Conference of the Deaf in 1973-74.

Miss Lide, a native of Meridian, Miss., is a graduate of Mississippi College and is a student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Ramon and Hilda Mesa both are natives of Cuba and have been in the United States since 1969. He has been pastor of Coral Park Baptist Church, Miami, since 1973.

William and Margaret Novak are natives of Baltimore, Md., and Washington County, Va., respectively. He attended Emory University and, since 1971, has been pastor of East End Baptist Church, Marion, Va.

The board's program also included a special commissioning service and recognition of retiring missionaries.

More than 400 persons attended the commissioning recognition service in the sanctuary of the First Baptist Church. Missionaries commissioned were Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Evenson, serving in Portland, Ore.; Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rorris, San Antonio, Tex.; and Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Deith Beene, student interns at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

Honored on their retirement were Mrs. Carolyn York, Miss Elizabeth Lunday, Miss Myrtle Salters, Mrs. Lonnie Iglesias, and Mr. and Mrs. Miguel Lopez.

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Wrapup

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Integrity Seminar Explores
Wide Range of Topics

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--Integrity--or its lack--in America today was examined here by politicians, pastors, theologians, educators, journalists and denominational leaders.

The forum, the annual national seminar of the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission, was simply entitled "integrity." It drew a record 725 paid registrants.

Watergate, world hunger, military aid to Cambodia, race relations, health care and economics were scrutinized by speakers.

So were family life, marriage relations, the denomination, preaching, evangelism and the political process.

Speakers included three national leaders: U. S. Sen. George McGovern, former U. S. Sen. Sam Ervin Jr. and U. S. Rep. Walter Fauntroy.

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Others were theologians, Carlyle Marney and Henlee Barnette; radio preacher, Oswald C. J. Hoffmann; journalists, Hal Wingo and John Seigenthaler; pastors, John Claypool and Cecil Sherman; family life specialists, David and Vera Mace; seminary professor, Thomas A. Bland; and author and preacher, George A. Buttrick.

The spotlight of integrity also was cast on Southern Baptist organizational life, with a denominational leader, Albert McClellan, associate executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee; C. R. Daley, editor of the Kentucky Baptist newspaper, Western Recorder, and Sherman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C.

The seminar, said the commission's director of Christian citizenship development, C. Welton Gaddy, was planned to encourage "Southern Baptists to lead the way in calling not only for a national recommitment to integrity but in exemplifying in our corporate life the attractiveness of integrity."

Sen. McGovern, democratic nominee for president in 1972, called for an immediate end to the airlifting of munitions to Cambodia.

"Every American plane which has brought bombs and bullets and napalm to Phnom Penh should immediately be diverted to the delivery of wheat and rice," said the son of a Methodist minister.

His main thrust concerned world hunger, and he made a major policy statement, outlining a plan to attack world hunger which includes cutting 10 percent from the multi-billion dollar military budgets, which "are overinflated."

"The United States and the Soviet Union need to move hunger to the top of the list. The world is running out of food . . ."

Ervin, a Presbyterian elder, retired from the U. S. Senate this year after gaining national attention by chairing the Watergate hearings.

He is "fairly well satisfied" with the outcome of Watergate, he said, except that he said the pardon of former president Nixon is "unfortunate."

"I have said all along that the pardoning power of the president is greater than the pardoning power of the Almighty. The Almighty can't pardon anyone unless they repent. The president can pardon anybody even if they deny they ever committed sin."

Saying that "one minute of Watergate was too much," Ervin said he believes "America will imperil her existence as a free society if she ever forgets the tragic truth Watergate teaches in respect to the need for integrity in the political processes."

Fauntroy, a black who also serves as pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church in Washington, D. C., said the "shocking and appalling reaction of some Boston citizens to the busing of black school children is a disquieting reminder that integrity in race relations is banned in Boston."

The problem, he added, is "not now and never has been" the yellow school bus, but simply "black us."

He called on all people to "steer away from the opposing poles of white superiority and black inferiority . . ."

Seigenthaler, publisher of the Nashville Tennessean, said some corporation executives engaged in corrupt practices designed to "make the United States government a colonial possession of corporate America."

Citing hundreds of thousands of dollars in influence buying by both big labor and big business, Seigenthaler asked: "When big business and big labor vie to buy big government where does that leave the people . . . when the elephants dance with the donkeys, who protects the chickens?"

The answer to our current corrupt situation, said the Roman Catholic layman, "is in the synoptics"--the New Testament gospels.

Wingo, a graduate of Baylor University, who is now news editor of People magazine, said he is "amazed and amused" by the efforts of Baptists to influence television programming by writing letters to advertising sponsors of network shows they find objectionable.

The effort, he said, is a "real waste of human energy, paper and postal stamps." A better method, he said, is to deal with the local station outlet on matters they show "which you may feel are out of synch with the attitudes of your community."

Sexual equality also came in for scrutiny during the presentation of Mace, professor of family sociology at Bowman-Gray medical school in Winston-Salem, N. C., and his wife, Vera, a lecturer and author. Their concept of marriage is equity, not equality, they said. "I am not equal to anyone else," declared Mrs. Mace. "I am a child of God in my own right."

Bland, professor at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, N. C., said "Eventually we will have a national health care program. In my opinion, as we look toward that time, we would be wise to seek fundamental reforms that would lead to a more just and compassionate system of delivery of health care," he said.

Bland spelled out that he is not advocating a nationalized health service, but is urging national health insurance.



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