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**HMB Names a New Director,
Ok's 5 Other Staff Changes**

ATLNATA (BP)--The board of directors for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board (HMB) besides electing William G. Tanner as its new executive director-treasurer, approved five other staff changes, including a retirement, a resignation, a terminal leave and two additions.

Tanner, 46, succeeds Arthur B. Rutledge who retires Dec. 31, after 11 years as the board's chief executive. The president of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee is expected to move to Atlanta in October. He will be the youngest man to head the agency in the past three quarters of a century, the third OBU president to lead a major denominational body and the second to be HMB chief. And he will be the third college president to lead the board since its founding in 1845. Tanner and his wife Ellen have three sons and a daughter.

William L. Clark will retire as director of the division of chaplaincy, effective Dec. 31, 1976. Prior to his becoming director in 1975 of the division which relates to all Southern Baptist chaplains, Clark served as its associate director from 1970-75.

From 1951-70, he was a chaplain in the U. S. Air Force. Earlier, he served as pastor of Baptist churches in Ellisville, Crosby, Brookhaven, and McLaurin, Miss.

Clark was graduated from Mississippi College in Clinton and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and was awarded the honorary doctor of divinity degree from Mississippi College in 1968.

A native of Harpersville, Miss., Clark will move to Petal, Miss., to raise horses and supply in pulpits. His wife is the former Margaret Rogers of Petal. They have three children.

John Allen will leave his position as assistant director of the department of church extension to become director of the missions division of the Alaska Baptist Convention, beginning August 1.

Prior to his coming to the HMB in 1971, Allen was pastor of Southampton Baptist Church in Richmond, Va., and was superintendent of missions for South Dakota from 1962-67. He also served as pastor of churches in California and Texas.

A graduate of Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, Tex., he earned the bachelor and master of divinity degrees from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif. He was awarded an honorary doctorate from Atlanta Law School in 1974. He is married to the former Anna Hoeksema. They have two children.

Fred B. Moseley, for more than 10 years the HMB's assistant executive director-treasurer, will take a teaching leave beginning fall semester 1976 at the newly-created School of Christian Training at New Orleans seminary.

On Jan. 1, 1977, he will begin officially as director of the new school which will offer a program of certification of pastors without a college degree. He and his wife Gay have three children.

New HMB staffers include William Howard Slagle and Jerry B. Graham. Slagle will be assistant director in the department of church extension. Graham will be associate director of Associational Administration Service.

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Slagle is former business manager for the State Convention of Ohio and has directed Brotherhood in Ohio and was secretary of evangelism and Brotherhood for Indiana Baptists. He was also director of associational missions in several areas of Ohio.

A graduate of Eastern State College, Richmond, Ky., he earned the bachelor of divinity degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

A native of Verda, Ky., he is married to Rebecca Sue Slagle. They have two children.

Graham comes to the HMB from Aberdeen, Md., where he has been director of missions for Susquehanna Baptist Association since 1969.

Graham was director of missions for Maryland's Central Baptist Association from 1966-69, while also pastor of Westminster Baptist Church in Westminster, Md.

A graduate of the University of Corpus Christi in Texas and of Southwestern Seminary, he earned the doctor of ministries degree from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Married to the former Areta Ruth Warren, Graham is a native of Randlett, Okla. They have three children.

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Moseley to Head New Orleans
Seminary's Training School

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Fred B. Moseley, assistant executive director-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board (HMB), has been named acting professor and director of the new School of Christian Training at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Moseley will be on teaching leave to the school until his retirement and will officially assume his new position, Jan. 1, 1977.

Jerry Breazeale, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bogalusa, La., has been named the school's first faculty member, in addition to Moseley. Breazeale is a veteran of more than 10 years in the pastorate and will be teaching Old Testament, Christian theology, and preaching.

The school, operating through New Orelans Seminary opens this fall. It will offer a program of certification to pastors who do not have college degrees, and will award the diploma in pastoral ministry to students who complete 68 hours of certified course work.

"Southern Baptists have recognized that one of the great needs of our denomination has been to provide training for the large body of men who have surrendered to the ministry but do not have college educations," Moseley said.

A 20-year veteran of denominational work, Moseley has served 11 years as assistant director at the board. He served from 1961-64 as executive secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington (now Northwest Baptist Convention). From 1959-61, he was secretary of the department of city missions at the HMB and was associate executive secretary for the Louisiana Baptist Convention, 1956-59.

Earlier, Moseley served as pastor of churches in Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi.

His work at the HMB has centered on definition and correlation of programs, leadership in interagency relations and staff direction of such projects as agency response to the Committee of Fifteen (a Southern Baptist Executive Committee-appointed group which studied convention agencies) and the writing of the denomination's mission challenge statement.

Moseley is a native of Gloster, Miss. His wife is the former Gay Lord. They have three sons.

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Religious Liberty Assured
Baptists by Spanish King

MADRID (BP)--Jose Borrás, dean of the Spanish Baptist Seminary and president of the Spanish Baptist Union, reports encouraging progress concerning religious liberty in Spain including a personal assurance of freedom from King Juan Carlos I.

Borrás had several meetings with her majesty Queen Sophia during the early part of 1976, according to a report by Indy (Mrs. Charles W.) Whitten, a Southern Baptist missionary here.

At that time, Mrs. Whitten noted, Borrás was teaching eight seminars on what Baptists believe, as part of a series of lectures by different religious and philosophical groups. The Queen attended the lectures as a student.

During a recent banquet at the lectures' close, King Juan Carlos told Borrás, "If you have any problems at all in regard to religious freedom in your Baptist work, do not hesitate to come directly to me," according to Mrs. Whitten.

The Queen had given the first million pesetas to set up the courses taught through the department of modern humanities of the autonomous University of Madrid. The Queen recently attended worship services at the Jewish Synagogue and the Adventist Church, both in Madrid. The visit to the synagogue reportedly broke a 500-year tradition and the attendance at the Adventist Church was believed to be the first by royalty to a Protestant church in Spain's history.

Borrás sees these opportunities as tangible proof of changes being made in Spain, according to Mrs. Whitten. Borrás also spoke of the possibility of inviting the King and Queen to attend a Baptist Church.

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Ford Nominates Stevens
For Public Broadcast Slot

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FORT WORTH (BP)--President Gerald Ford has nominated Paul M. Stevens, president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission here, as a director of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

Stevens, a Democrat, was told of his nomination in a telephone call from the office of Richard Brannon, a Baptist, who is associate director of the presidential personnel office.

The nomination, expected to be announced since the middle of June, still must be confirmed by the Senate, Brannon said.

"It's a matter of getting the confirmation on the Senate calendar," he said. "Dr. Stevens will have to appear before a sub-committee. We don't expect any problems with it. I have no doubt he'll be confirmed."

Stevens, an ordained Baptist minister has led the Radio and Television Commission since 1953. The Baptist agency is one of the world's largest producers of religious programs for broadcasting. Radio and Television Commission-produced programs are heard on more than 3,710 radio and television stations across America on public service time. They are broadcast in 12 languages and heard by an estimated 100 million people weekly. In addition, the American Forces Radio-TV Service regularly schedules several commission programs.

Stevens says his interest lies in keeping the broadcasting process free of government intervention. At the Texas Association of Broadcasters meeting in Arlington recently, he told a Dallas newscaster that one of his concerns is "keeping government intervention in the broadcasting process at an absolute minimum" and wants the broadcasting process to "remain absolutely constitutional."

Stevens has been an outspoken advocate of the family viewing hour on television and has been quoted as being strongly against violence and sex on television.

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Wingate Will Go To 4-Year Status

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (BP)--Wingate College, a two-year Baptist institution near here, has been approved for four-year status by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention General Board.

Wingate, founded in 1896 as a high school, became a junior college in the mid-1930's. The school has been affiliated with the North Carolina Convention since 1949.

Wingate will begin offering four-year baccalaureate programs in only a few disciplines, aiming for accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1979. The school will still place major emphasis on the two-year program, a board spokesman told the Baptist Courier, newsmagazine of South Carolina Baptists.

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CORRECTION

In the (BP) story of 7/21/76 headlined, "William G. Tanner to Head SBC's Home Mission Board," graph 6, line 2, should read 7-member search committee (instead of 6).

Same story, delete graph 12 and add new graph below-----

With his election, Tanner is the third OBU president to lead a major denominational agency and the second to be named HMB chief. His predecessor at Shawnee, Grady C. Cothen, left OBU to become president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and now is president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. J. B. Lawrence, who also formerly was president of OBU, was HMB executive secretary from 1929-53.

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'Nation Senses Need for What
Baptists Believe;' Sullivan

By Tim Nicholas

ATLANTA (BP)--"There never was a time when our nation sensed a need for what Baptists can deliver more than now," Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) President James L. Sullivan said here.

In a speech to the directors of the Baptist Home Mission Board, Sullivan referred indirectly to the attention Southern Baptists are getting because of the presidential candidacy of Democrat Jimmy Carter, a Southern Baptist layman.

"The present situation and political scene really have called into focus who we are," Sullivan said, explaining that the eyes of the people and the hearts of the nation are open.

"If we do not seize this opportunity, I think God's condemnation will be upon us," he declared.

"We've been living in an era of gross immorality," he said. "And in these insecurities that our nation has been feeling, they're grappling now for something stable, something solid.

"They want people in whom they can have confidence, people whose word is a bond, people who believe in the sanctity of the marriage vows, people they can trust in private life as well as public office," he continued.

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"This is where we stand, where we've always stood, calling for high ideals, high purposes, deep dedication."

Sullivan said he has been interviewed several times recently for information about Southern Baptists and what they believe.

One religion editor for a major daily, visited Sullivan, "asking who are these Baptists and what does it mean to be 'Born Again?' He got it in non-theological terms, but he said, 'Well, thank you for helping me understand.'"

Sullivan itemized some things he said Southern Baptists often take for granted.

"We're the largest evangelical body in North America. We have the largest Bible teaching program in recorded history, largest music program in the field of religion, and one of the greatest missionary forces ever.

"A world that had thought we were an ignorant, barefooted, one-gallused lot, was jarred out of its seat when it found out that one out of six theological students is a Southern Baptist, that our voluntary gifts in a year approximate \$1.5 billion, and that on an average Sunday, our churches will baptize approximately three times as many people as were baptized at Pentecost."

Sullivan, for 22 years head of the Baptist Sunday School Board, was elected in June as president of the 12.7 million-member SBC, on the first ballot.

"I think it (the election) said something to the theological positions I have held throughout the years," said Sullivan. "It said something to the fact that we've been able to work through this crisis of the past 15 years . . .," he added, "and at the same time make tremendous strides of progress in social issues as well as any other area without dissipating our energies or dispersing our people."

Sullivan said there was a third, unspoken element in his election. "It was the convention's compliment to the leadership of every facet of our denomination. They were saying we're on the right track, going in the right direction, full steam ahead.

"If we continue to pray and stay humble," he said, "and if we work and live as we should, our greatest history is yet to be written and under God, may he let us have a part in it."

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\$24.6 Million Budget Ok'd
By Home Board Directors

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By Dan Martin

ATLANTA (BP)--A preliminary 1977 budget of \$24.6 million has been approved by directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board (HMB) here.

Bold Mission Thrust (BMT), the denomination's program designed to reach America for Christ, will receive heavy emphasis in the budget, according to Arthur B. Rutledge, the board's executive director-treasurer.

The budget is designed to involve all organizational HMB units in the "bold mission emphasis upon evangelizing our nation and establishing needed new congregations," Rutledge added.

For support, \$9.2 million is budgeted from the Cooperative Program unified budget of Southern Baptists, and \$9.6 million is anticipated from the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions.

Designated gifts, investment income, gifts, grants and church loan proceeds will make up the remainder of the budget.

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"The proposed budget calls for about \$1.3 million in new money, cooperatively budgeted with the states," Rutledge told directors. The new funds will make available new work in each area of the nation, he said.

"The \$400,000 in the west will make possible 13 new missionary positions plus assistance to churches and evangelism programs," Rutledge noted.

He said funds for north central and plains areas will provide for three new associational directors of missions, one Christian social ministries (CSM) worker and an evangelism intern. It also will provide funds for pastoral assistance to churches and other evangelism programs.

Four additional associational directors of missions, a language missionary, two CSM missionaries, pastoral aid and evangelism programming are added for the northeast.

Funds for the southeastern areas will provide a consultant in transitional communities, a CSM worker, two National (Black) Baptist workers and three language missionaries. Church assistance and evangelism programming aid also are provided.

The major part of the new money in the Southwestern area will be used for salary increases but will provide for one chaplaincy intern and one language missionary, Rutledge told directors.

With approval of the budget, the Home Mission Board has more than \$10 million cooperatively budgeted with state conventions in 1977, Rutledge said.

"About \$2.5 million will be cooperatively budgeted in the west, \$4.25 million in the north central and plains states, \$2 million each in the northeast and southwest, and a little over \$1.5 million in the southeast," Rutledge said.

"By cooperatively budgeting with state conventions, the HMB is able to effect greater change by being involved in larger numbers of missionary personnel than if we continue to directly fund the work," he added.

The proposed budget provides for \$18,535,724 for the missions section. Among items included are \$2.3 million for associational missions; \$411,000 for chaplaincy; \$2.8 million for church loans, and \$11.8 million for missions ministries.

In the missions ministries division, CSM will receive \$2.3 million; church extension \$2.8 million; language missions, \$4.2 million; special missions ministries, \$783,000; interfaith witness, \$316,000; and cooperative ministries with National (black) Baptists, \$748,000.

For other sections, \$401,574 will go for general administration, \$1,770,812 for evangelism; \$332,695 for planning, and \$3,156,818 for services.

Directors also allocated the \$11.5 million Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal, with Bold Mission Thrust receiving heavy emphasis.

Some \$7.9 million was allocated to support of missionaries and field ministries; \$1.6 million for support of special projects, and \$1.6 million for the special BMT emphases.

However, BMT emphases are woven into many of the board's program areas, and funds budgeted for on-going work will be used to enhance the special project.

Directors stipulated that all funds received above the \$11.5 million goal will go for the BMT emphasis.