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**Uganda Missionaries Plan
Indefinite Stay in Kenya**

NAIROBI, Kenya (BP)--Six Southern Baptist missionaries to Uganda plan to remain in Kenya for an indefinite period, field representative John R. Cheyne said here March 7.

Cheyne said he met with the three couples Sunday night, March 6, while they made the decision. They will meet later in March with Davis L. Saunders, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, who is on tour of the countries with which he works. He will be in Kenya, March 12-25.

The couples were out of Uganda when President Idi Amin first ordered Americans to report to him for a meeting. The meeting was later postponed to a second date, then postponed indefinitely, but the Southern Baptist missionaries decided to remain in Kenya pending further developments.

Two of the couples, Mr. and Mrs. G. Webster Carroll of West Virginia and Florida and Mr. and Mrs. Harry B. Garvin of Texas, left Uganda to spend a school holiday with their children who attend Rift Valley Academy near Nairobi. The third couple, Mr. and Mrs. James L. Rice of Virginia, came to Kenya for a meeting.

Cheyne said that the latest reports he has received indicate that none of the Christians affiliated with the Southern Baptist work in Uganda has been harmed. News media have carried reports of killing of Christian members of some Ugandan tribes and charges that Amin murdered Anglican Archbishop Janani Luwum.

Federal Fraud Charges
Against Minister Dropped

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TULSA, Okla. (BP)--A federal charge against a Tulsa minister alleging interstate transportation of funds fraudulently secured from a Swiss bank has been dismissed in Los Angeles, according to reports.

James Roy Whitby Sr., 48, was arrested in Tulsa late last year by the FBI and charged with interstate transportation of stolen property--\$100,000 from a Swiss bank.

The case was transferred to Los Angeles because the funds allegedly were transferred to a Santa Barbara, Calif., bank. The complaint accused Whitby of fraudulently receiving \$100,000 payment for bonds he issued to buy property for Gospel Outreach, a missionary organization in California.

Whitby, founder of the organization, said he received the payment but denied any fraud was involved. Federal officials, who asked that the charge be dropped, are still investigating the case.

Whitby is a former Youth for Christ leader and former pastor of a Southern Baptist church in Tulsa.

'MasterControl' Cited By
Freedoms Foundation

FORT WORTH (BP)--"MasterControl", a half-hour radio production of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, has received a George Washington Distinguished Service Award from the Freedoms Foundation of Valley Forge, Pa.

The program, syndicated on 642 stations across the country, is produced for the Radio and Television Commission by Charles Yates and has won five Distinguished Service Awards since he became producer in 1972.

The program was lauded for "outstanding accomplishment in helping achieve a better understanding of America and Americans."

A group of the weekly "MasterControl" programs were submitted for judging. They included a Bicentennial program, presenting a philosophical portrait of news commentator Paul Harvey, and interviews with Hollywood actress Jane Withers, Baylor University football coach Grant Teaff, and Jeannette Clift George, the actress who played Corrie Ten Boom in "The Hiding Place."

Other programs included a visit to the Wright Brothers Memorial for National Aviation Month, an observance of the 40th anniversary of the game of Monopoly, and a program on alcohol. The alcohol program featured actor Dick Van Dyke and baseball's Don Newcombe who told what damage alcoholism had done to their lives.

"MasterControl" began in 1959 as a religious show, patterned after a popular variety show and featuring music and interviews.

Besides previous Freedoms Foundation Awards, "MasterControl" has received numerous industry awards. These include plaudits from UNDA-USA, formerly the 25-year-old Catholic Association of Broadcasters, and a 3-Star Award of Merit from the National Federation of Music Clubs.

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'Think Tankers' Brainstorm
About Future Missions

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By Roy Jennings

NASHVILLE (BP)--A blue ribbon group of 50 Southern Baptists immersed themselves in a "think tank" for two days here and proposed hundreds of ideas for communicating Christian missions during the next 25 years.

The collection of "idea people" from 12 states were brought together to work on missions education strategy, particularly new ways to teach and do missions.

Sponsors of the Missions Education Strategy Think Tank were the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Woman's Missionary Union (WMU), Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board and Sunday School Board.

Many of the new ideas will be incorporated into mission strategies the five agencies will unveil at the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) in 1978.

Brainstorming on the "why", "what", "who" and "how" of missions education, the group of pastors, Brotherhood and WMU workers, mission board leaders, seminary professors, executive secretaries of state Baptist conventions, state Baptist editors and SBC Executive Committee representatives proposed such ideas as beginner missions curriculum plans for new Christians and advanced curriculum plans for "core church members."

They also called for a graduate school of world missions in the seminaries, metro mission centers in urban areas staffed by missionaries, mobile missions displays for use by churches, associations and state conventions, and mission study tours.

Another group proposed development of a cradle-to-the-grave curriculum plan on missions so people can plug in anywhere and insertion of more missions information in Sunday School lessons.

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The ideas also included mission first aid kits, missions education digest for pastors, syndicated foreign mission programs, touring mission drama companies, devotional guides on missions education, and church, association and state camps depicting cultures where Southern Baptist missionaries serve.

The groups took the advice of Carolyn Weatherford of Birmingham, executive director of WMU. She called on the brainstormers at the outset to "untie yourself, avoid the constraints of tradition and present organization, dream about what we can do during the next 25 years in missions education, then put a foundation under those dreams."

Glendon McCullough of Memphis, executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, urged the think tank teams to exercise the principle of flexibility and propose ideas that are flexible.

"We have come to a day in Southern Baptist life in which we will have to be one team in our missions program," McCullough said.

Sponsors used four presenters to prime the minds of the idea developers.

Describing the "what" of missions education, Jack Gray, professor of missions at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, identified 55 bodies of content for motivating Southern Baptists to increase their support of missions and commitment to missions.

Gray grouped his suggestions in three mission study categories, biblical and theological, historical and biographical, and practical and denominational.

Presenting the "why" of missions education, O. D. Morris, area coordinator for the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, said Southern Baptists have a responsibility to carry the gospel of good news to the world.

To share the good news, Southern Baptists need to be more aware of what's happening in the world, Morris indicated.

"Our people need to be aware that Mexico City will be the largest city in the world by the year 2000 if it continues to grow at its present rate.

"And an age of scarcity is upon us. But I see it as an opportunity for us to get our heads screwed back on straight," Morris said in cautioning Southern Baptists to avoid becoming anti-missionary in irritation over the soaring price of coffee.

"The hope of our world is a people with a global consciousness. This is only by nurturing Christians in a Christian community," he said.

Morris, a researcher, told the thinkers a new list of sins were emerging. He identified them as waste, planned obsolescence, fad and fashion, pollution, disharmony, intolerance, generational nearsightedness, over consumption, and corporate isolationism.

In a presentation on the "who" of missions education, Floyd Craig, director of public relations for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, Nashville, advised the groups to learn more about their audiences before selecting a communications channel.

"You need a precise definition of publics, a knowledge of their needs and their hurts, and where they get their information before deciding on a channel of communication to them," he said.

"I'm afraid we send information out, hoping against hope it will be received. But there is a principle in missions education. You start with the folks. You find out how they get their information. Then you use those channels," Craig continued.

"Remember that there are more important audiences than others. There is a pecking order among audiences just like there is among chickens."

"You can't communicate to all Southern Baptists. You don't have the budget or expertise," he said. "I think you ought to start with the power group. We may have come to a time when we need to learn how to harness the power structure to communicate missions education."

Focusing on the "how" of missions education in the future, Ralph Atkinson, vice president of Mississippi College, Clinton, said Southern Baptists will need to liberate themselves from the cultures where they feel comfortable to work in cultures which are uncomfortable.

Southern Baptists need to be skilled enough to work effectively in other cultures without changing those cultures, Atkinson explained.

"There is a debate going on today about what the strategies of missions education ought to be," Atkinson said. "We really need training in learning the skills involved in developing a strategy."

"I'm convinced there are enough people with strategy development skills who could be used effectively for Southern Baptists."

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National Body to Study
Government & Higher Education

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DALLAS (BP)--The escalating concern caused by government involvement with higher education will result in establishment of a national commission to study the situation.

James D. Koerner, speaking in Dallas to a special, broad-based committee of church educators about the problem, said the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, New York City, is in the process of forming the commission of prominent individuals.

Koerner, the foundation's program officer, said the commission will have a full-time staff director, some full-time staff and an office, but that details are still tentative.

He said evidence shows both that government officials may not always understand the burden created for colleges by agencies of the government and that colleges and universities are not always aware of some of the serious problems which government agencies are seeking to solve.

"An objective study by an impartial outside group might be able to help both sides find a solution," he said.

"The Sloan Commission on Government and Higher Education," the body's working title, will explore every important facet of government relation to higher education to find out if there has been unwarranted intrusion of the government into higher education, as a growing number of educators feel.

Areas of exploration, Koerner said, would include affirmative action, student aid, accreditation, cost of compliance, contract relations, freedom of inquiry and a number of other subjects.

He said the commission will probably look into state, as well as federal, relationship to higher education and will consider special problems of church-related institutions as well as non-church related ones. The committee which met in Dallas was made up of a wide range of educators of church-related organizations. Koerner said it will be asked for further input.

"This could be one of the most significant studies ever taken for private higher education," said Ben C. Fisher of Nashville, executive director-treasurer of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, one of the church educators attending the Dallas meeting.

"The whole problem of the contradictory regulations of the federal agencies especially needs attention," adds George E. Capps Jr., the Education Commission's associate executive director.

Present at the meeting were Norman A. Wiggins, chairman of the special committee and president of Campbell College; Fisher; Walter Carson, legal counsel, Seventh-Day Adventists denomination; Father John M. Driscoll, president, Villanova University; Fred E. Harder, executive secretary, Board of Higher Education, Seventh-Day Adventists;

Fred E. Harris, executive director, Board of Higher Education and Ministry, United Methodist Church; Jeffrey R. Holland, Church Educational System, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon); Joseph Kane, executive director, Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities; John T. McCarthy, executive director, American Association of Presidents of Independent Colleges; Phillip R. Moots, legal counsel, United Methodist Board of Higher Education; and Dallin H. Oaks, president, Brigham Young University.

Saunders to Visit Africa
Including Uganda, Rhodesia

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RICHMOND (BP)--Davis L. Saunders, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa, has left on a routine, three-week visit to his area, including a stop in Rhodesia and perhaps Uganda.

Saunders said the trip expected to end on March 26, had been planned since last May and is not the result of tensions in Rhodesia and Uganda. His itinerary also includes visits in Portugal, South Africa, Seychelles Islands, Kenya and Ethiopia.

He will visit Uganda if the doors are open and missionaries are traveling in and out. The missionaries assigned to Uganda are currently out of the country for an indefinite period.

News media in recent weeks have carried reports of a purge of Christian tribesmen by the Ugandan government and said President Idi Amin murdered an Anglican archbishop.

Three Southern Baptist missionary couples in Uganda were out of the country, visiting in Nairobi, Kenya, when Amin ordered Americans to report to him for a meeting. The meeting was postponed indefinitely but the missionaries have decided to remain in Kenya pending further developments.

In Rhodesia, Saunders will meet with missionaries, including at least one representative from each mission station, and with government officials.

"We will talk over the current situation and normal administrative matters," Saunders said. "It is not an emergency trip but a regularly scheduled one."

The primary purpose of the trip is a conference at the Baptist Assembly outside of Nairobi, with leaders of each of the 12 organizations of Southern Baptist missionaries located in Eastern and Southern Africa. The conference, entitled "Mission Structures Tomorrow," is being held in part because the East Africa Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) will divide into two missions, one for Kenya and one for Tanzania, in January 1978.

Serving as a resource person at this meeting will be W. L. Howse Jr., a consultant in administration and planning for the board's mission support division.

Saunders' visit to the Seychelles Islands will be to discuss the details of Christian broadcasting from there toward Africa. He will also visit the studios of the Far East Broadcasting Association.

In Portugal, he will meet with missionary couples presently assigned to Mozambique and Angola to discuss prospects for the future and the possibilities of reassignment in the event they are not able to re-enter these countries.

NAB to Propose Reduction
Of TV Sex and Violence

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WASHINGTON (BP)--Wilson C. Wearn, chairman of the joint board of directors of the National Association of Broadcasters (NAB), said here the NAB is formulating a policy to reduce the amount of sex and violence on television, and it expects to have a concrete plan by this summer with the cooperation of the networks and program producers.

Wearn, president of Multimedia, Inc., Greenville, S. C., said the NAB Board has directed the Television Code Review Board to formulate clear, strong advisory guidelines. He said NAB representatives have met with representatives of the three networks and with a number of producers of television programming.

He said both groups expressed concern over the problem and a willingness to work with NAB to develop new and effective methods of self-regulation.

The NAB chairman said Code Board members will meet with representatives of the National Citizens Committee for Broadcasting and the American Medical Association. Also, a meeting is being scheduled with the Parent-Teachers Association.

Wearn said NAB "has no illusions that this process will be a smooth one and meet all concerns, but rather we expect that it will produce many differing views and opinions on how best to attack this problem. We all must recognize that this is an area where no precise measurements exist and where no clear answers will suddenly appear to the satisfaction of all."

He added that "violence is not going to suddenly disappear on television just as it is not going to suddenly vanish from our society. But we are trying to do something about the total amount of violence and the programming that is offensive to the public . . . By doing so we believe we are recognizing our responsibility to the American public."

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**Church Asks For HUD Loan
For Senior Apartment Complex**

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MEMPHIS (BP)--Construction of a 125-unit high rise complex for senior citizens, costing \$4 million, will get underway this fall in midtown here under auspices of Union Avenue Baptist Church if funding is approved.

The congregation of the Union Avenue church approved plans for construction of the 10-story tower on church-owned property at the rear of the church building and requested a 40-year, 100 percent pay-back loan from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Lee Prince, pastor of Union Avenue, explained that church leaders had been looking for such a ministry for more than two years.

"Our position is that the church should actively try to meet human needs, and the need for more housing for senior citizens in Memphis is great."

All 125 units will be one-bedroom apartments, complete with a separate living area, private bath and furnished kitchen. They will be open to all qualified persons regardless of race, color or religion, Prince said.

About 80 percent of the residents of Union Avenue Baptist Tower may be persons who qualify for assistance under the rent subsidy program of HUD, Prince said.

The rent subsidy program requires qualified low income persons to pay a maximum of 25 percent of their income on rent, with HUD paying the balance.

A non-profit corporation called Union Avenue Baptist Housing Ministries, Inc., will build and manage the complex. It is comprised of seven of the congregation's 2,148 members. Construction will take 18 months.

Prince said he expected no church-state relationship problems to evolve out of the project.

"The kind of cooperation in this project between a group sponsored by a Southern Baptist church and a government agency in meeting human needs does not violate the independence of either the church or state," Prince said.

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College Given \$300,000
For New Gymnasium

ANDERSON, S. C. (BP)--The Abney Foundation has presented a gift of \$300,000 to Anderson College, a Baptist school here, to assist in the construction of its new gymnasium.

John R. Fulp Jr., chairman of the board of the Abney Foundation and president of Abney Mills, presented the gift to the college.

Anderson College will call the gymnasium the Abney Athletic Center, according to Cordell Maddox, president of the school.

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CORRECTION

In BP story entitled "Church Music Conference Celebrates Twentieth Year," dated 3/7/77, please correct graph six to read "Monday morning, Cleamon Downs . . ." instead of . . . "Cleamon Davis." The name was correct in the accompanying program.

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The Car Was Just
A Little Shaver

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JACKSON, Ohio (BP)--When Scioto Valley Baptist Association observed its recent "Pastor Appreciation Day," a member of an affiliated church said the congregation had honored its pastor by giving him a new car.

"Praise the Lord," said C. B. Coleman of Jackson, the area missions director. "What is it?"

"An Avon," the member replied.

"Avon?"

"You know, the kind that comes filled with shaving lotion," the member answered.

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Conservation Pays
At Gardner-Webb

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BOILING SPRINGS, N. C. (BP)--Operating on a four-day week during February resulted in a savings of 878 gallons of fuel per day for Gardner-Webb College, according to Craven E. Williams, president of the Baptist school.

"Granted, the weather has been warmer in recent weeks," he said, "but the very positive results of the students' and faculty's efforts are impressive."

Gardner-Webb began operating on a four-day week Feb. 7 as an energy conservation measure. Friday classes were cancelled and class periods on Monday and Wednesday were extended 25 minutes to compensate for the lost day. Other conservation measures included lowering thermostats, using paper plates and plastic utensils in the dining hall and asking resident students to limit showers to a few minutes.

Following the school's spring break, March 4-13, Gardner-Webb will resume its regular five-day schedule, Monday, March 14.

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