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Anti-Abortion Group Said To Violate Lobbying Law

WASHINGTON (BP)--The head of a pro-abortion lobbying organization has charged the National Right of Life Committee with filing false lobbying reports under oath and has requested the U. S. Justice Department to investigate the charges.

Karen Mulhauser, executive director of the Washington-based National Abortion Rights Action League (NARAL), said the group believes that the alleged violations of the 1946 lobby law by the National Right of Life Committee are a conscious effort to cover up the total income of the anti-abortion group, as well as the sources of that income.

Mildred F. Jerrerson, president of the National Right to Life Committee, replied to NARAL's charges calling them "a propaganda assault" which is "actionable." She called on the Justice Department to investigate this "citizen intimidation" which "infringes the rights" of citizens to participate in the political process.

NARAL charges that the National Right to Life Committee received loans and contributions of tens of thousands of dollars annually from the New York State Right to Life Committee. These loans and contributions were allegedly never recorded the the lobby group as is required by the lobby law.

According to documentation received anonymously by NARAL, the "overwhelming majority" of the money which the New York State Right to Life Committee sent to the national committee came from "respect life" collections authorized by the New York Catholic Conference.

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Work Continues in Area Where Missionary Killed

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SANYATI, Rhodesia (BP)--Baptist work in this area will continue even though no missionaries will live at the Sanyati Baptist station.

All Southern Baptist mission personnel are leaving the Sanyati compound where Southern Baptist Missionary Archie G. Dunaway Jr. was killed by a band of nationalist guerrillas. Dr. and Mrs. Maurice L. Randall will continue to work in the hospital by commuting by air from Gatooma, another location of Southern Baptist missionaries.

Dunaway's body was found early June 16 after a 13-hour search. A memorial service was held June 18 in Gwelo, Rhodesia, with all of the Southern Baptist missionaries stationed in Rhodesia as well as friends and local Baptists attending. About one-third of those present were blacks.

Missionaries told Davis L. Saunders, the Foreign Mission Board's secretary for that area, that the service was "a time of renewal, of victory and of reaffirming the missionary purpose in Rhodesia."

Saunders echoed the missionaries' sentiments by stating that all the other mission stations in Rhodesia were open and operating and that the ministries at Sanyati would be continued by the trained African personnel.

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The hospital at Sanyati has African medical assistants, pharmacy and other service personnel, as well as a Rhodesian director of nursing. All of the churches in the Sanyati area have local pastors who will continue their ministries.

The leaders of the organization of Southern Baptist missionaries in Rhodesia and of the Rhodesian Baptist Convention will meet, July 1, to decide on the future of the hospital and school at Sanyati. The convention will hold its annual meeting, July 8-10, in Gwelo as scheduled.

Saunders emphasized that Southern Baptist mission work in Rhodesia would continue and the decision to leave the mission station at Sanyati does not indicate a widespread evacuation of Rhodesia. Decisions about evacuation of mission stations and troubled areas are made by the missionaries in each country, with each missionary having the option of leaving at any time he feels best.

The Dunaways had served in Africa for 31 years and in Rhodesia since 1971. Funeral services for Dunaway are pending with Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home and Inglewood Baptist Church, both in Nashville, Tenn. Mrs. Dunaway, the former Margaret Lanier of Nashville, was to return to the United States, June 19, and the body of Dunaway was to be returned to Nashville for burial later in the week.

Dunaway was maintenance supervisor and area evangelist at the hospital, where his wife is a nurse and director of a school for midwives. He is survived by his wife, four grown children, a brother, a sister and a granddaughter.

The Associated Press reported that he was the 28th missionary to die in the six-year Rhodesian conflict between nationalist guerrillas and government forces. He was the first Southern Baptist missionary to die of politically motivated violence since 1972, when a missionary nurse was killed in Gaza.

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Baptist-Lutheran Dialogue
Set in St. Louis in 1979

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ST. LOUIS (BP)--Theological conversations between representatives of the Lutheran Council in the USA and the North American Baptist Fellowship will begin in St. Louis in April 1979, V. Carney Hargroves, interim staff executive of the Baptist group, has announced.

Seven Baptists and seven Lutherans are expected to participate in the opening dialogue at Concordia Seminary, April 17-19, 1979. Discussions will deal with the history of each group in North America, and with "Areas of Common Affirmation," and "Areas of Different Emphases."

The North American Baptist Fellowship is a committee of the Baptist World Alliance. Alliance representatives in Europe recently concluded similar conversations with representatives of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches on that continent.

"The purpose of the dialogues is to encourage greater understanding between the confessional families," BWA General Secretary Robert S. Denny said.

He explained that the committees proposing the conversations felt "in each case there are erroneous stereotypes by many persons in the other family, and that such errors may be removed by establishing friendship and communication with one another." He said that the goal will be "clarification, not concensus."

Hargroves said that Glenn Igleheart, chairman of the department of interfaith witness at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, will chair the Baptist group. Others on the Baptist team will be Gerald Borchert, of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Lombard, Ill.; S. S. Hodges, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Washington, D. C.; Ralph E. Powell, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Albert N. Rogers, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference, Alfred Station, New York; and James E. Tull, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

George R. Beasley-Murray, formerly of Spurgeons College, London, and now professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will serve as an international representative, with Hargroves and C. Ronald Goulding of the Baptist World Alliance serving as staff executives.

Members of the Lutheran team will be announced by Paul Opsahl, executive director of the division of theological studies for the Lutheran World Ministry, with offices in New York.

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Philip Poole Joins
Southwestern Staff

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FORT WORTH, Tx. (BP)--Philip Poole will begin duties as associate director of public relations of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary effective July 1.

He will be responsible for disseminating all news and information, producing seminary publications, setting up campus tours and assisting in arrangements for campus special events and student recruitment. He succeeds Donald S. Hepburn, who joined the Southern Baptist General Convention of California as public relations director.

A native of Sherman, Texas, Poole, 23, is presently book club manager with Word, Inc., in Waco, Texas. A 1977 graduate of Baylor University with a bachelor of arts degree in journalism communications, he is active in public relations, advertising, publications and sales.

Poole served as student assistant, office of public affairs, at Baylor and public relations intern, East Texas Baptist College. He was minister of music and youth at Northview Baptist Church in Bryan, Texas, and worked as newsroom assistant for the "Sherman Democrat."

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Nevada Sets Date
For State Convention

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CARSON CITY, Nev. (BP)--Southern Baptist churches in Nevada gathered in Carson City, Nev., for the last of a series of annual fellowship meetings preceding formation into a state Baptist convention, Oct. 16-17, 1978, in Las Vegas.

Committees have been set in motion to find an executive secretary, recommend the place for the state offices to be located, and to plan the organizational program. Currently Southern Baptist churches in northern Nevada cooperate with the Southern Baptist General Convention of California and churches in southern Nevada cooperate with the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention.

Proposed name for the new state convention would be "Nevada Area Baptist Convention." The word "area" was included because five churches outside the state have signed letters of intent to affiliate with the new convention.

Southern Baptists currently have 33 state conventions covering work in all 50 states.

Nevada Gov. Mike O'Callaghan greeted 175 messengers at the meeting, calling Southern Baptists one of Nevada's greatest assets because of "your missionary zeal." He also noted that Southern Baptist growth is one of the determining factors involved in the future growth of Nevada. "As you go and grow, so will Nevada," he told Nevada representatives of the nation's largest Protestant denomination.

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Crews Resigns As
Northwest Editor

PORTLAND, Ore. (BP)--William O. (Bill) Crews Jr., editor of the "Northwest Baptist Witness," newspaper of the Northwest Baptist Convention, has resigned to accept the pastorate of Magnolia Avenue Baptist Church, Riverside, Calif.

Crews, a native of San Angelo, Texas, also served as director of communications for the convention, which covers Southern Baptist work in Oregon and Washington and includes some Southern Baptist churches in Canada.

Prior to joining the convention staff in November, 1976, Crews served as pastor of Victory Baptist Church, Seattle, Wash., and Metropolitan Baptist Church, Portland, Ore. He is a former member of the Northwest Convention's executive board and former president of the convention. He currently serves on the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and chairs its committee for West Africa.

He is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

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Harris Memorial Finances
Service Corps Volunteer

By Barbara Rust

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DALLAS (BP)--A memorial to the late James G. Harris will enable G. H. Cain to go to Nyeri, Kenya, as a Mission Service Corps volunteer.

The \$7,500 memorial was established by Texas Baptists at their state convention last year. Cain's appointment was just announced.

Harris was president of both the Baptist General Convention of Texas and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board when he died July 31, 1977, of a heart attack. He was pastor of the University Baptist Church in Fort Worth for 23 years.

Cain, a graduate of Texas A & M University, will teach agriculture at the Nyeri Baptist High School and help manage the school farm. He also may teach courses in beginning physics, chemistry and biology. His other duties at the school include Sunday School, Bible study groups, sports activities and clubs.

The Mission Service Corps, the Southern Baptist plan to place 5,000 volunteers on home and foreign mission fields by 1982 to supplement career missionaries, was launched by the Southern Baptist Convention last year at the SBC annual meeting in Kansas City. It is part of the SBC's Bold Mission Thrust goal to proclaim the gospel to everyone in the world by the year 2000.

"They (the volunteers) will do almost anything that is supportive and religiously oriented," said David Bunch, director of the Corps coordination for the Home Mission Board. "We need administrators, teachers, carpenters, secretaries, pastors, visitors. The whole gamut."

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