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**Presidential Body Urged
To Aid Hungry In Self Help**

DALLAS (BP)--Two Texas Baptist leaders urged the Presidential Commission on World Hunger meeting in Dallas to lead Americans in a development campaign to help hungry people become self reliant.

James M. Dunn, director of the Christian Life Commission of the 2.1 million-member Baptist General Convention of Texas, and attorney Phil Strickland, associate in the commission, also pled for a cabinet level agency to coordinate United States policies toward underdeveloped countries.

Other suggestions would be meaningless without the cabinet level agency, Dunn told members of the hunger commission, including singers John Denver and Harry Chapin, U. S. Ambassador Sol Linowitz and National Council of Churches leader Eugene Stockwell.

"The appeals for an international development cooperation administration merit serious consideration," he said.

Appealing to the presidential commission to work out an awareness campaign of development education across the country, Dunn said a study showed that most Americans believe that "if people are poor, it's their own fault" and "the poor get what they deserve."

"The persistence of such malignant myths about welfare at home and the broad uninformed myths about foreign aid are twin terrors that must be dealt with together," he said.

The church has the task "to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable," said Dunn. "There's a parallel responsibility for the presidential commission."

Dunn said he hopes the world hunger commission will recognize the urgency of rallying those of humane instincts in this country to build a constituency for foreign aid.

"Appeal if you will to churches and schools and every non-governmental agency in the country to describe development as ways in which we are helping hungry people to help themselves," he said.

He said the goals of doubling food production and doubling per capita income in underdeveloped nations must be a matter of broad public awareness before we will ever develop the public's will to deal with hunger.

"New directions and methods of meeting basic human needs among the poorest of the poor will appeal to Americans if they ever hear about them," he declared.

Strickland, a member of the Interreligious Task Force on U. S. Food Policy, said that despite all the problems in development aid, it has meant the difference between life and death for millions of the world's people.

He said the U. S. Development Aid Program, particularly as it is embodied in Public Law 480, has been consistently burdened with inadequacies and excessive self interests.

He noted that since the peak years of the Marshall Plan, U. S. development assistance has dropped from 2.79 percent of the nation's total production to .23 percent of the gross national product. The commission should urge a development assistance goal of .7 percent of the GNP," he urged.

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He called for closer examination of the potential development role of the multinational corporations, separating development food aid from military and security supporting assistance and modifying Public Law 480 to reflect the priority of development over the priority of creating markets.

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William Jewell President
To Retire; Successor Named

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LIBERTY, Mo. (BP)--Thomas S. Field, president of William Jewell College, has announced his retirement, effective June 1980 at age 65.

J. Gordon Kingsley, currently dean of the Baptist college, was named president-elect by the school's trustees, Feb. 15. He will continue as dean until the retirement of Field, who has served as president since 1970.

A native of Columbia, Mo., Kingsley earned bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi College, master of arts degree from the University of Missouri, and bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has pursued further research at the University of Louisville, Northwestern University, the National University of Ireland, and Harvard University.

Kingsley has been dean of William Jewell since August 1976, and served as associate dean for three years before that. He has also served as assistant professor of English, professor of English and director of special programs at the college.

Prior to joining the faculty at William Jewell College, Kingsley had taught at Kentucky Southern College, Tulane University and Mississippi College, and served as assistant to the president at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

During the 1970s, designated by Field as the "Decade of Greatness," enrollment has doubled and is currently limited to 1,400 in the day division.

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Braswell, Shackleford Head
State Executives, Editors

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (BP)--Glen E. Braswell of Colorado and Alvin C. Shackleford of Tennessee were named to the presidency of their respective groups of Southern Baptist Convention leaders during their annual meetings.

Braswell succeeds Harold C. Bennett of Florida as president of the Southern Baptist Association of State Convention Executive Directors.

Shackleford, editor of Tennessee's Baptist and Reflector, succeeds John E. Roberts, editor of The Baptist Courier, South Carolina, as president of the Southern Baptist Press Association.

The Alaska Baptist Convention, led by retiring executive secretary/editor Troy Prince, hosted meetings of the two groups.

Named vice president for the executives was Richard M. Stephenson of Virginia. Robert B. Wilson of Michigan is the group's secretary.

President-elect for the press association is Julian H. Pentecost, editor of The Baptist Herald, Virginia. Bobby S. Terry, editor of The Word and Way, Missouri, was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

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Shortly after the Anchorage meetings Bennett was elected to the chief administrative office of the Southern Baptist Convention. He will become executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, succeeding Porter W. Routh, who retires July 31st.

Speakers for the press association included T. B. Maston, retired professor of ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and John C. Merrill, professor, School of Journalism, University of Missouri, Columbia.

The 1980 annual meeting of the two groups will be in Orlando, Fla., February 12-14.

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New Orleans Seminary Gears
Up Capital Funds Campaign

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Morrell "Buddy" Trimble has been named chairman of the New Orleans Campaign for capital funds for the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

In addition, a goal of \$500,000 was adopted and a campaign plan approved by a group of nearly 100 local businessmen and professional leaders, according to Seminary President Landrum Leavell.

Trimble, a Presbyterian, is vice president of the New Orleans office of Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner, and Smith, and also serves as chairman of the Economic Development Council in New Orleans. He will serve with honorary campaign co-chairmen J. D. Grey, retired New Orleans pastor and former Southern Baptist Convention president, and Richard Freeman Sr., chairman of the board of the Louisiana Coca Cola Bottling Co.

The New Orleans Campaign is part of a general campaign and endowment funds drive designed to raise \$2 million for the Baptist seminary over the next five years, according to Leavell, and is one of several segments of the general capital funds program.

Two other campaigns underway include the Faculty/Staff Campaign and the Trustee Campaign, with a combined goal of more than \$200,000. The Faculty/Staff Campaign will conclude shortly after a banquet at the seminary campus February 22. The Trustee Campaign will conclude during a banquet which is to be held in March during the annual meeting of the Seminary Board of Trustees.

Other campaigns will be conducted in at least 15 Southeast cities, the area from which most of the school's students come and to which the graduates often return.

Funds will be used for seminary endowment programs and for partial funding of the new student center to be built beside Leavell Chapel on the campus. Southern Baptist Convention funds amounting to more than \$2.2 million are earmarked for the program, with an additional \$1 million to come from the capital and endowment campaign.

Tom Berry, the seminary's vice president for development, will serve as campaign director for the various campaigns.

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Police Strike Has No Effect
On New Orleans Seminary

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--A strike by New Orleans policemen is having no effect on the program and operation of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, school officials said.

More than 1,100 policemen throughout the city walked off their jobs Feb. 16, forcing the cancelation of several activities throughout the city, including all parades and Mardi Gras celebration activities in Orleans Parish.

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Seminary President Landrum Leavell said the campus is protected by a special campus police department, with special, armed policemen guarding the campus around the clock. Campus police officials said the policemen have been instructed to make additional patrols throughout the 75-acre campus, particularly at night.

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Louisiana Minister Named
'Retiree of the Year'

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ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP)--The minister to retired Louisiana Baptist Convention ministers has been named "Retiree of the Year" by the Southern Baptist Association of Ministries with Aging.

Sam C. Reeves of Alexandria, La., was to receive the award at the organization's national meeting at the Queen Mary Hyatt Hotel, Long Beach, Calif.

A longtime pastor in Arkansas and Louisiana, Reeves retired from the First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia, Ark., 10 years ago and has worked with the Louisiana convention's retired ministers on a part-time basis.

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Church Volunteers
Cut Wood for Needy

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STATESVILLE, N.C. (BP)--Three teams from Grace Baptist Church volunteer their free time to warm the winters for the poor, disabled and those on fixed incomes in Statesville.

About 40 members of the church spend their Saturdays and free afternoons cutting firewood for the wood heaters and cook stoves of those who otherwise might have to do without.

"Our goal is not to supply large amounts of wood, but to keep people warm until their money comes in," says David Comer, Grace Baptist's pastor.

Teams include children, teenagers, women, students and men. Two other local churches have joined the effort, providing about 25 truckloads of wood.

"Those we offer wood," Comer wrote his congregation, "deserve to be warm as much as anyone else. Their morals, their attitudes, their behavior do not enter into the picture. What we respond to is their need to be warm. Their need to survive the winter is as important as ours."

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