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**Routh Named Interim Leader
Of Baptist Joint Committee**

WASHINGTON (BP)--Porter W. Routh, recently retired executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, was named here as interim executive director-treasurer of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, effective June 1, 1980.

Routh, who will be 69 in June, was elected unanimously by representatives of the nine Baptist bodies sponsoring the Washington, D.C.-based agency. He served for 28 years in the Executive Committee post. For 27 of those years he was on the board of the Baptist Joint Committee.

He was recommended for the interim post by a search committee seeking a permanent successor to James E. Wood Jr., who steps down May 31 to return to a teaching position at Baylor University.

Grady C. Cothen, one of 15 SBC representatives on the Baptist Joint Committee and chairman of the search committee, said Routh will join the staff one or two weeks before Wood leaves Washington. He will serve until Wood's successor is named, possibly by the time of the Baptist Joint Committee's October meeting.

Cothen, president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, reiterated the search committee's earlier announcement that all cooperating Baptist bodies, their institutions and agencies, and individual Baptists are invited to submit nominations for the Washington post. They should be made in writing to Cothen or any other member of the search committee. Appropriate biographical information and a rationale for the recommendation are also requested.

Besides the Southern Baptist Convention, nine other Baptist bodies make up the Baptist Joint Committee. They are the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., Baptist Federation of Canada, Baptist General Conference, National Baptist Convention of America, National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., North American Baptist Conference, Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., and Seventh Day Baptist General Conference.

Seven of the nine groups are represented on the search committee. Other members, besides Cothen, are Harold C. Bennett, present executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee; Charles G. Adams, Progressive National Baptist Convention; William Cober, American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.; K. Duane Hurley, Seventh Day Baptist General Conference; William F. Keucher, American Baptist Churches; Pearl McNeill, American Baptist Churches; Warren R. Magnuson, Baptist General Conference; Harry A. Renfree, Baptist Federation of Canada; Gideon K. Zimmerman, North American Baptist Conference.

Public Health Program Follows
Response To Measles Epidemic

By Susan Cahen

NALERIGU, Ghana (BP)--The measles inoculation program conducted by Southern Baptists last year in Ghana is continuing as part of a community health program led by missionary physician Walter M. Moore.

Dr. Moore, stationed at the Baptist Medical Centre, Nalerigu, says he hopes to get 10,000 doses of the measles vaccine flown to Ghana every four months this year. Larger batches cannot be sent at wider intervals because the medicine must be kept frozen until it is used, and must be used within two months.

Early last year, Ghana was hit with a serious measles epidemic and many children were dying. Southern Baptist missionaries and volunteers, utilizing a \$25,000 appropriation from the Foreign Mission Board's emergency relief fund, acquired 50,000 doses of the measles vaccine and set up immunization clinics in the northern area of the country where the medical missionaries were stationed.

The Ghanaian government was at work in other areas of the country attempting to curb the spread of the epidemic.

Dr. Moore says he feels last year's program was highly successful because the hospital has seen few cases of measles this year, and only one case where the child had the vaccination. That patient, he says, was really too young when he received the vaccination for it to be effective.

"I have checked in towns where we gave vaccinations and have not seen a single case," Dr. Moore reports. But, he added, "I have been told that measles has been as serious as before in other hospitals and in areas where the vaccinations were not given. We must continue to give the vaccinations to those who have not received it or in a few years we will have the same problem as before."

Dr. Moore plans other branches for his community health program. "A good teaching program is going on with expectant mothers and patients in general," he says, adding that he hopes to do more of this in the schools and in the villages.

He hopes to expand his immunization program to include D.P.T. (diphtheria, pertussis or whooping cough, and tetanus) and polio.

Already he has begun an extensive program to curb hookworm infestation. Expecting an infection rate of about 50 percent, Dr. Moore conducted a pilot study in a village of 600 people near Nalerigu. More than 97 percent of the people over two years of age were found to have the disease.

All of the people in the village have been treated twice, at two-week intervals, and Dr. Moore intends to expand his project to cover the 20,000 people in the 40 villages within five miles of the hospital. So far all the people in 39 of the villages have been registered.

But, says Dr. Moore, "from a public health standpoint, treatment is not the answer." Education in the need for building and using latrines is the only way the disease will be controlled.

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John E. Mills, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board secretary for West Africa, commends the good results of the community health program in Ghana. But, he said, "We are on uncertain ground as long as we are short of staff and without long-term (career) missionaries."

Dr. Moore emphasizes the need for a public health nurse. "We need one now, but especially in two years I will be retiring and there will be no one to carry on this work."

Volunteer physicians giving short terms of service assumed Dr. Moore's routine at the Nalerigu hospital so he could begin the community health program.

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'Playboy' Controversy
Results in Baylor Firings

By Terry Barone

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WACO, Texas (BP)--Three senior editors of Baylor University's school newspaper, "The Lariat," were fired here March 3, and a Baylor journalism faculty member relieved of his teaching responsibilities because of their support of a continuing controversy involving Baylor women posing for "Playboy" magazine.

The three editors were Jeff Barton, editor in chief; Barry Kolar, city editor; and Cyndy Slovak, news editor.

In support of the students, journalism faculty member, Don Williams, turned in his resignation Feb. 29 to become effective at the end of the semester. But on March 3, Baylor officials accepted his resignation effective immediately and relieved him of all teaching responsibilities. He will be paid until the end of the semester.

The shake-up comes after David Chan, a "Playboy" photographer, said in January he would be in Waco, Texas, where the university is located, in February seeking Baylor coeds to photograph for a feature in the magazine on "The Girls of the Southwest Conference." As of March 4, he had not shown up.

The editors were dismissed by the Baptist university's board of publications on the recommendation of the director of publications, Ralph Strother, for what was termed as non-compliance with new university guidelines requiring that editorials be screened by administrators before publication.

"The Lariat" has made the "Playboy" offer to photograph coeds a matter of continuing coverage of and editorial opposition to Abner McCall's threat to take strong disciplinary action against any coed who poses nude or semi-nude as a representative of Baylor. McCall is Baylor's president.

McCall said he did not object to balanced news coverage of the "Playboy" episode, only to continuing editorials advocating a stance contrary to that of the university position or to point-of-view stories that did so.

If Baylor takes legal action against a coed who poses for the magazine, "Playboy" officials have said they will provide legal counsel for her.

Loyal Gould, chairman of Baylor's journalism department and board of publications, said the vote of the 11-member board, composed of six students and five faculty members was "unanimous" for dismissal.

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The editors' dismissal came after Strother gave an ultimatum on Feb. 29 to resign or be fired because of an editorial in the newspaper to which sentences critical of the Baylor administration were added after he had approved the original editorial. He caught the additions before they went to press after he said he was told by the students they had "polished up" the editorial. He told them in an early morning call he would not view the changes but then changed his mind and found the added sentences.

The sentences said: "We hope the time has come when the student body will no longer accept the smugness of Dr. McCall's interpretations. We hope the protest Wednesday is a sign that students are tired of the arrogant position taken by the administration."

The "protest Wednesday" referred to a silent protest carried out by a handful of students outside McCall's office on the steps of the university administration building, Pat Neff Hall.

The protest was in regard to new publications guidelines adopted the previous week after "The Lariat" published an editorial advocating that women should be allowed to pose nude.

The editorial stated: "To pose or not pose: that is the question--a clear and simple issue now buried somewhere under a mudslide of moralism precipitated by a new rain of fundamentalist politics."

Earlier in the week, the Baylor president warned the editors that he would not tolerate editorials "denying the basic tenets of the Christian faith of the Baptist beliefs on biblical personal morality."

McCall went on to say, "Since Baylor University was founded by Texas Baptists and is operated by Texas Baptists to conduct a program of Christian higher education, it has always been the policy of the university that no university publication, including "The Lariat," should espouse a position contrary to the Christian nature and purposes of the university.

"If any student editor or reporter sincerely feels that he or she cannot work within the policies or guidelines therein set forth, he or she should resign from 'The Lariat' staff.

"I cannot accept the efforts (of 'The Lariat') to present a questionable preoccupation with the plans of a pornographic magazine involving Baylor as a noble stance on a non-existent right of the freedom of the press in this situation."

McCall said the university is the publisher of "The Lariat" since it owns the newspaper and pays all of the expenses incurred by the newspaper.

He said, "historically and legally, freedom of the press under the First Amendment has always been freedom of the publisher. The publisher of the newspaper has the freedom to establish the policies of the newspaper and determine the editorial stand of the newspaper. This constitutional freedom does not belong to the editors or reporters employed by the publisher. They have only such freedom to establish policies and take editorial positions as the publisher shall, in his discretion, give to them. This is not censorship historically or legally."

Publication of "The Lariat" has been suspended until the board of publications' next meeting, March 18, after Baylor's Spring break.

Her Zest Lasts
Over Century

By Oscar Hoffmeyer Jr.

ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP)--Mrs. Lelia McCoy had been a Baptist 11 years when she underwent an emergency appendectomy at age 89.

Now at 100, she's still up every morning at 6 a.m. to fix herself and her daughter, just 78, a cup of coffee.

With a slight French accent, Mrs. McCoy said she consumes her days with household chores in her apartment adjoining her daughter's home, piecing quilt tops, travelling and anticipating her first airplane ride.

She took her first motorcycle ride three years ago with a grandson. Another grandson expects to receive his pilot's license soon. "He said he would take me for a ride and this is about the only thing I haven't been on," she said.

How does she remain so healthy and active at 100?

"I don't sit in a chair and groan," she said. "I eat meat and vegetables and anything else I want. And I get a checkup every six months."

From the kitchen window of her apartment she pointed with pride to the backyard where she raises tomatoes and flowers.

Mrs. McCoy has been a widow since 1939. She and her daughter, Cora Kelly, also a widow, attend Emmanuel Baptist Church in Alexandria usually three times each week. Her husband was a Baptist when they married in 1901. "I fed a lot of preachers in my time," she recalled.

Although her grandparents on both sides owned large plantations during the Civil War and had "money," she worked in the fields hoeing cotton and potatoes and helping "to gin cotton."

"I worked because I wanted to. Later my grandfather lost everything after hard times following the Civil War and when the Red River took away the land," she said.

"I'm worried about today's young people because they just ride around in cars and don't have much to do. It's not that they are all bad but they need responsibility," she said seriously.

Whether she's riding a motorcycle, flying in an airplane or tending her garden, it's reasonable to assume Lelia McCoy will continue to spread the enthusiasm that has brought her through 100 years of living.