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Administration Officials

Oppose Spy Ban on Clergy

By Larry Chesser

WASHINGTON (BP)--Two Carter administration officials testified before the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence against a legislated prohibition of the use of clergy or religious institutions by the Central Intelligence Agency.

CIA Director Stansfield Turner said a prohibition against intelligence relationships with members of religious, media or academic organizations would be an "unwarranted limitation of flexibility."

"There can arise unique circumstances in which intelligence relationships with members of these institutions are not only warranted, but may be the only means available for accomplishing important intelligence objectives," Turner said.

Admiral Daniel J. Murphy, deputy under secretary of defense for policy, labeled any "outright ban" on the use of religious, media or educational organizations "unwise."

Both Turner and Murphy called for regulation of the relationships between clergy, media and academic persons and the intelligence community by executive branch guidelines, rather than by statute.

Their testimony conflicts with the positions taken recently by several members of the religious community, including the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board.

The position of these Baptist groups calls for a direct prohibition of the use of clergy as informants as well as an outright ban on members of the intelligence community posing as clergy.

The House committee and the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence are considering a massive charter bill for the intelligence community introduced by Sen. Walter D. Huddleston, D-Ky., as S.2284 and Rep. Edward P. Boland, D-Mass., as H.R.6588.

This bill is the result of several years of discussion and debate between administration and congressional leaders. Its present language prohibits the use of a relationship with a religious organization to establish cover for intelligence activities but does not specifically prohibit use of clergy as informants.

A more recent bill introduced by Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., is closer to satisfying the Baptist positions.

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A spokesman for Aspin said the Wisconsin congressman's bill (H.R.6820) contains a peacetime prohibition of the use of religious, media, academic and other groups as a source of cover as well as any "paid relationship for the collection of information for intelligence."

In introducing his bill, Aspin said, "I do not think Americans should have to wonder whether the priests they deal with, the professors who guide their research, or the newsmen who govern so much of our information about the world, are secretly employed by the CIA."

Neither the Aspin nor the Huddleston bills prohibits "voluntary contacts" or "voluntary exchange of information" between individual clergy and the intelligence community.

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Schmeltekopf New  
Texas Assistant

By Orville Scott

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DALLAS (BP)--E. Edward Schmeltekopf, pastor of First Baptist Church, Burleson, Texas, has been elected assistant to the executive director of the Texas Baptist executive board.

Effective April 7, the 47-year-old pastor will assist Texas Baptist Executive Director James H. Landes as resource person and liaison officer.

He succeeds Richard T. McCartney who was interim assistant while he directed the public relations office before becoming editor of the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger and director of public relations for Oklahoma Baptists last December.

Schmeltekopf, a native of Kyle, Texas, has been pastor of the Burleson church since 1961, and, since 1976, has also served as adjunct professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was named citizen of the year in 1975 by the Burleson Chamber of Commerce.

He's earned the bachelor of divinity, master of divinity and doctor of ministry degrees from Southwestern Seminary and the bachelor of arts degree from Southwest Texas State College. He's married to the former Lilla Kathryn Hutchinson, chairman of the home economics department at Burleson High School.

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Physical Fitness Should Be  
Way of Life for Christians

By Jerilynn W. Armstrong

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FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)--Dick Couey believes it's a sin to be out of shape.

"The human body is the greatest creation on earth and as Christians we should have the self-discipline to keep our bodies in peak condition," says Couey, associate professor of health and physical education at Baylor University.

Couey recently led a three-day seminar on "The Christian and Physical Fitness," at the Recreation Aerobics Center at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

"Our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit but we often treat them as a dumping ground," Couey said. "Through the ministry of the church we can encourage and motivate our members to keep their bodies in good working order to the glory of God."

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During the seminar, sponsored by the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, Couey led daily discussions on the cardiovascular respiratory system, muscular endurance, dieting and nutrition.

Couey recommended that church staff members initiate a basic exercise program in their churches in addition to regular sports. Activities such as exercising and jogging cost little and the church can provide information on nutrition and dieting.

Couey said 66 percent of Americans are fat and that America outweighs every country in the world.

"Obesity often results in high blood pressure, poor body alignment, heart trouble and diabetes. On the other hand, exercising and proper eating can add years to your life, cause fewer health problems and provide a better outlook on life," he said.

Couey cautioned the church staffers to start their members on exercise programs slowly and have all participants checked by a doctor before beginning.

"You have the remainder of your life to get in shape," Couey said. "So lose weight a pound at a time and build up an exercise program at a steady pace."

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Southeastern Sets Budget,  
Votes To Buy Fire Truck

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WAKE FOREST, N.C. (BP)--Trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary adopted a \$3.5 million budget for 1980-81, elected Paul Fletcher of Marion, Ala., as business manager, agreed to buy a fire truck for the town of Wake Forest, and voted to renovate historic Lea Laboratory.

The new budget, allocated a major share of the \$398,000 increase over 1979-80 to faculty and administrative salaries in an effort to offset skyrocketing living expenses.

The major source of income for the seminary, the Cooperative Program of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention, will provide \$2,510,557, or 71 percent of the budget.

Fletcher, director of development at Judson College, will succeed O. L. Cross, who is retiring on July 31. Fletcher, a native of McLean, Va., is a graduate of Wake Forest University and former vice president of the investment banking and brokerage firm of Hornblower and Week-Hemphill Noyes. He begins April 1.

In a move to develop further its community services partnership, the trustees voted to purchase a 1,000 gallon-per-minute pumper for the Wake Forest Volunteer Fire Department. The pumper, which costs \$75,917, is on order and will be paid for over a seven-year period. It will improve the fire protection of the town which includes more than 300 seminary-connected families and seminary property valued in excess of \$10 million. The action continues a 29-year tradition of cooperation between the town and Southeastern Seminary. Funds for the project will come from rental income and investments.

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Renovation of historic Lea Laboratory was projected several years ago when the trustees adopted a master campus plan. The structure, built in 1888 and now unoccupied, will house administrative offices and provide a meeting hall. Cost of the project is not to exceed \$500,000 with work begin this spring. Funding is already available through gifts of \$200,000 from the Broyhill Foundation and \$100,000 from the Kresge Foundation, an allocation from the Southern Baptist Convention, and gifts from alumni and friends.

Listed on the national register of historic buildings, Lea Lab was the first building on a southern college campus designed exclusively for the study of science. It is also reputed to have been the first building in the nation in which undergraduates studied biology with the aid of a microscope. Its preservation will dramatize the 146-year tradition of Baptist educational efforts on the campus, until 1956 the home of Wake Forest University.

The trustees received a report that after the first 12 months of its 36-month \$3.5 million capital and endowment needs campaign the halfway mark of \$1.75 million had been surpassed. The campaign will continue through 1981.

Seminary President W. Randall Lolley reported completion of 100 townhouse apartments costing \$2.7 million, and said that all units will be occupied by the opening of the 1980 fall semester.

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Arizona Editor  
Plans Retirement

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PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP)--For health reasons, C. L. Pair, for seven years editor of the Baptist Beacon, newspaper for Arizona Southern Baptists, will retire, April 30.

Pair, who will be 67 April 9, has developed a neuropathy from a 15-year history of diabetes that causes extreme pain, especially in stress situations.

Pair was a pastor in Arizona for 11 years before he became editor of the 12,500 circulation weekly. He was a long-time pastor in East Texas before that.

A graduate of Louisiana State University, Pair also attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He expects to be involved in part time church staff work after retirement.

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Southwestern Adopts Budget,  
Elects Seven New Faculty

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FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)--Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary adopted a \$9.6 million budget and elected seven new faculty members during their spring meeting.

The budget for the 1980-81 fiscal year is a 14 percent increase over the current \$8.4 million budget and includes salary increases of up to 13 percent for faculty and staff.

According to Russell H. Dilday Jr., seminary president, 69 percent of the new budget will be used for educational instruction. The Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program will provide 56 percent of the total.

The trustees elected five new faculty in theology, and one each in religious education and church music.

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Thomas V. Brisco, 31, was elected instructor of biblical backgrounds. Brisco currently is instructor of religion at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark. He anticipates completion of the doctor of philosophy degree from Southwestern in December.

Guy Greenfield, 47, was selected professor of Christian ethics with tenure effective May 15. He is presently pastor of the White Rock Baptist Church in Los Alamos, N.M.

Dan G. Kent, 44, associate professor of religion at Wayland Baptist College in Plainview, Texas, is a new associate professor of Old Testament. He is a former pastor in DeSoto and Dallas, Texas.

William Kirkpatrick, 41, was elected associate professor of theology with tenure effective Aug. 1. He's associate professor of religion at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo.

Robert Bryan Sloan Jr., 31, of Roscoe, Texas, was elected instructor of theology. He is a graduate of Princeton Theological Seminary and the University of Basel, Switzerland. Sloan is currently pastor of the First Baptist Church of Roscoe.

Robert Raus, 48, will become associate professor of church recreation. He's associate professor and program director of recreation and park administration at Illinois State University, and he holds the doctor of recreation degree from Indiana University.

Charles David Keith, 31, was elected to the fulltime faculty as assistant professor of conducting. He has been guest instructor during the 1979-80 academic year and will receive the doctor of musical arts degree from Southwestern in May.

Granted tenure were L. Russ Bush III, assistant professor of philosophy of religion; Al Fasol, assistant professor of preaching; Tom J. Nettles, assistant professor of church history; and Ebble C. Smith, associate professor of Christian ethics and missions.

During his report to trustees, Dilday announced that preliminary planning for the seminary's new learning resources center was still in the design stage.

Cost estimates from architects were about \$12 million, Dilday said, or \$5 million above initial projections. The architects are revising the plans to meet the \$7-8 million costs approved by trustees in October 1979.

He also announced the appointment of R. Cal Guy, Bottoms Professor of Missions, as founding director of the new World Missions/Church Growth Center being established on the seminary campus.

Guy will serve for an initial one-year period and assist in the organization of the center's program and the selection of a permanent director.

Trustees also authorized a \$950,000 endowment for operation of the new learning resources center. The endowment was a gift from the Ida M. Bottoms Trust which the seminary received in January.

A \$100,000 gift from Mrs. Vernon Davidson of Corpus Christi was approved by trustees to establish the Vernon D. Davidson Professor of Missions. The professorship will be awarded at a later date by seminary administration.

Trustees also approved an increase in the student matriculation fee to \$175 per semester. The \$10 increase will be effective with the 1980-81 academic year.