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White House Aide Maddox To Assume College Posts

By Stan Hasty

WASHINGTON (BP)—President Carter's assistant for religious affairs will assume a college administrative position and take on a teaching assignment at a second institution upon leaving the White House in January.

Bob Maddox, who came to the Carter White House 19 months ago to coordinate the President's relations with the religious community, will become assistant to the president of Pitt Community College, Greenville, N.C.

During the 1981 spring semester he also will be visiting lecturer at East Carolina University, Greenville.

In an interview with Baptist Press, Maddox said his plans also include writing a book about his White House experiences, lecturing at Baptist colleges and seminaries, and doing television work locally in North Carolina.

Maddox came to the White House staff from the pastorate of First Baptist Church, Calhoun, Ga. He told Baptist Press he considered going back into the pastorate upon leaving Washington but said he has felt led to the field of college administration.

"Ministry is in the mind and in the heart, not just in the formal structure of the job," he said, adding one dimension of his White House job has been to counsel other members of the President's staff on personal and family problems. "I don't feel like I have left the ministry," he declared.

He termed his tenure at the White House "extraordinarily fulfilling," although the job required long hours and constant pressure. "I have made some mistakes that I regret," he said, adding his experience has been much more positive than negative.

One of his most painful experiences, Maddox said, was the misunderstanding among many Baptists and others over advice he gave Southern Baptist Convention President Bailey Smith not to participate in last August's National Affairs Briefing in Dallas.

The controversial meeting, sponsored by The Religious Roundtable, featured a parade of conservative candidates and public officials, including then-candidate Ronald Reagan. It was there that Smith made his now-famous comment that "God does not hear the prayer of a Jew."

Maddox came under fire after the revelation he tried to dissuade Smith from going to Dallas but said the Del City, Okla., pastor has since called him expressing regret over the pain caused by the effort.

According to both Smith and Maddox, the telephone conversation during which the presidential aide made his suggestion was understood to be personal but that Smith told Fort Worth Star-Telegram Religion Editor Jim Jones about the talk without knowing Jones was a reporter.

Maddox was eager in his Baptist Press interview to emphasize that he has no "hard feelings toward Bailey."

Asked to assess the impact of the religious right on this fall's elections, Maddox said that while fundamentalist preachers such as Jerry Falwell and James Robison had a pronounced effect on some senatorial and congressional races, they did not topple Carter.

He attributed the President's surprisingly poor showing to economic factors.

The religious right, he believes, was a direct by-product of old-line right-wing political organizations. Its leadership, he predicted, "is not going to be satisfied with Ronald Reagan." Although he said the movement will give the president-elect a "better shake" than it gave Carter, "it's only a matter of time" before the new president fails to live up to its leaders' expectations.

Maddox went on to say he now sees the religious right as a real and present danger to the nation, although he agrees with some of their positions. He assessed its leaders as being confused "about law and grace."

"A lot of these people are trying to be saved by works," he declared.

What hurt Carter personally about religious right attacks, Maddox said, was the view that his positions on several so-called "moral" issues amounted to a denial of his faith. "That really pained him," Maddox said. Such a transfer was "an unfair leap and unfair connection," he said.

Maddox identified Carter's primary achievements as a renewed emphasis on human rights in foreign policy, his continued efforts to negotiate arms limitation agreements with the Soviet Union, the achievement of the Camp David framework for peace in the Middle East, and a comprehensive energy plan for the nation. He predicted historians will treat Carter "rather well."

He also said Rosalynn Carter "will go down in history as one of the great first ladies." The Carters as a couple, he emphasized, "set a tremendous example of a husband and a wife." They have a "truly happy marriage," he said.

He said further that Carter genuinely wants Reagan to succeed. The President's position has been "to make it as easy as possible" on the new administration, Maddox said.

"I want him to succeed," the presidential aide concluded. "I pray for him. I'm going to be more supportive of him than (opponents) were of Mr. Carter."

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Former Pastor, Prof
Found Dead In Home

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CORTE MADERA, Calif. (BP)—Paul Winston Turner, 57, a former Tennessee pastor and professor at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, was found dead in his home Dec. 18 of an apparent self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Turner, whose body was discovered by his wife, Jane, had been a professor of ministry and director of professional training at Golden Gate Seminary for seven years until he resigned Feb. 8, 1980, reportedly to concentrate on other areas of ministry.

Prior to moving to California, Turner had earned his doctorate at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Previously, he was pastor of Brook Hollow Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn.,

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for nine years, and pastor at First Baptist Church of Clinton, Tenn., for 10 years.

While in Clinton in 1956, Turner was featured on a television documentary which showed him escorting six black children to a previously all-white high school in the racially-torn town. His act won him accolades.

He served on the boards of Carson Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.; Belmont College, Nashville; East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, Knoxville; the Tennessee Baptist Convention, where he also was a vice president, and as president of the Tennessee Baptist Pastor's Conference.

He also was a director of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Survivors include his wife, Jane, whom he married in 1943, and three children, Charles, Carol and Margaret.

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Rose To Direct Urban
Church Studies Center

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)—Larry L. Rose, executive director of the Waco (Texas) Baptist Association, has been named to direct the new Center for Urban Church Studies, to be located in Nashville, Tenn.

Rose's appointment, to be effective Jan. 1, 1980, was announced by G. Willis Bennett, chairman of the board of directors of the new center and professor of church and community at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The center, created through cooperative efforts of five Southern Baptist Convention agencies and six seminaries, will assist denominational agencies in their efforts to more effectively reach people for Christ and to congregationalize believers in the urban areas of the world.

Participating are the Baptist Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission and Southern, Southwestern, Southeastern, Midwestern, New Orleans and Golden Gate seminaries.

The center will conduct urban studies which can be used by denominational and church leaders in program development, engage in research related to specific needs and problems of urban areas, and provide consultation to staffs of SBC agencies and institutions.

The Center for Urban Church Studies will be a separate entity, and will be housed in facilities provided by the Sunday School Board.

"The board wanted to make it clear," said Bennett, "that the joint venture will not assume the program assignments of the various agencies and seminaries, nor will it duplicate any research being done." He further indicated that the board views the experiment "as an effort of the agencies and seminaries to cooperate so as to enhance the common concern all have for urban mission."

Members of the board of directors designated by agencies and seminaries are: Morton Rose, for the Sunday School Board, James Nelson for the Home Mission Board, Winston Crawley for the Foreign Mission Board, June Whitlow for the Woman's Missionary Union, Norman Godfrey for the Brotherhood Commission, and Bennett for the six seminaries.

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Rose, director of the Waco Association since 1974, has been active in urban ministries for several years, and is a member of the advisory committee of the Urban Training Cooperative and a consultant on urbanology to several state Baptist conventions.

Currently, he is president of the Southern Baptist Convention Directors of Missions Association.

He is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College in Marshall and Southwestern Seminary. He also has done graduate work in urban studies at the University of Texas at Arlington.

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Convention-Wide Agenda
For Peacemaking Explored

By Tim Fields

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)—"We have never lived in a time when it was more important to preach peace, practice peace and do the things that make for peace," Foy Valentine told a Southern Baptist Consultation on Peace With Justice.

Valentine, executive director of the SBC Christian Life Commission, was one of the participants in the consultation, which explored plans for a convention-wide agenda for peace and discussed new ways to help churches deal with peacemaking.

In spite of the seemingly dim prospects for world peace, two denominational ethicists and a South Carolina pastor, urged the moral concerns agency to help Southern Baptist concentrate on peacemaking.

Bill Elder, director of Christian citizenship development for the Commission, said Southern Baptists must understand the biblical definition of peace. "Peace is clearly linked with a constellation of values which are revealed throughout the Bible," he said. "Peace is whatever happens that fulfills God's purpose for humanity. When we work for justice and liberty and righteousness we are working for peace."

Elder added: "Southern Baptists need to preach and teach about the biblical basis for peace and we've got to make clear the relationship between peace and evangelism as well as the connection between peace and discipleship."

Glen Stassen, associate professor of ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, majored on the urgency of working for peace with justice, saying the current move toward ground-launched intercontinental ballistic missiles on the part of both Russia and the United States could lead to an uncontrolled arms race.

"These new weapons are too small to be counted by spy satellites," he said. "They are only 20 feet long, 21 inches wide and have the wingspan about the length of a man's outstretched arms. They are particularly dangerous because they will be set up in large numbers across the globe and will be controlled by lower level officers. This is very dangerous. We've never before had long range nuclear weapons that you can't count."

The ethicist said Ronald Reagan's election as President still leaves room to hope and work for peace, despite fears to the contrary.

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"During the campaign Ronald Reagan was worried about being labeled a warmonger and he changed his rhetoric and promised to do some things in support of peace," Stassen pointed out. "Reagan stopped talking about superiority and started talking about adequacy."

Stassen said that the President-elect can be influenced by individuals and groups committed to peace with justice. "Individual Christians and church groups should not just deplore the arms race, but should start being specific (with Reagan) about ways to achieve peace," he said.

David Matthews, pastor of First Baptist Church of Greenville, S.C., said Southern Baptists generally need to know the real facts about war and peace. "People in my congregation are largely confused about how to work for peace," he said.

Southern Baptists, he added, need to be taught that peace is involved in everything from arbitration in labor negotiations to interracial and intercultural relations.

Matthews called for pastors and churches to use piggyback strategies in working for peace. "We should weave peacemaking into evangelistic meetings, into discipleship meetings, and into other seasonal events and emphases of the church," he said.

Matthews also called on the Christian Life Commission to work aggressively to find new ways to develop helps for use by churches in educating Southern Baptists about peace and in leading them to work for peace. "Give us some simple, visible, viable programs of involvement in support of peace with justice," Matthews said.

Other suggestions for developing a Southern Baptist agenda for peace with justice call for the Commission to provide helps for churches on how to pray for peace and called for greater use of the Declaration of Human Rights approved at the Southern Baptist Convention in annual meeting in 1978.