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Senate Rider Would Offer  
Social Security Choice

By Larry Chesser

**WASHINGTON (BP)**--An amendment giving ministers and churches the option of treating clergy as employees for Social Security purposes has been added to the Senate's version of the \$165.3 billion package to keep the retirement system solvent.

Sponsored by Sen. Walter D. Huddleston, D-Ky., the amendment is identical to a House bill introduced by Rep. Berkley Bedell, D-Iowa, too late to be considered as part of the Social Security reform plan passed earlier by the House. Under the Huddleston amendment, both the church and minister would have to elect to treat the minister as an employee for Social Security purposes.

Huddleston, who introduced the rider after a group of ministers from Long Run Baptist Association, Louisville, Ky., called the issue to his attention, cited inconsistencies in current laws which require ministers to participate in Social Security as self-employed persons while treating them as employees of churches for income tax purposes.

The Kentucky Democrat called his amendment both purposeful and compromising, saying, "it restores a balance to the method by which we tax these respected members of our community, while allowing those churches and clergy members with particular objection to this change to simply opt against implementing it."

Joining as co-sponsors of the amendment were Senators John C. Danforth, R-Mo., Jennings Randolph, D-W.Va., Wendell H. Ford, D-Ky., and Claiborne Pell, D-R.I.

Currently, ministers and other self-employed participants in Social Security pay 75 percent of the combined employer-employee tax rate. Under the Social Security reform package passed by the House as well as the one being considered by the Senate, self-employed participants would be required to pay the full employer-employee rate. Both the House and Senate versions would partially offset that 33 percent hike by providing tax credits against Social Security taxes, though the Senate bill would call for larger credits.

In another area affecting ministers the Senate bill also differs from the House-passed package by maintaining the current tax law on employer contributions to certain non-profit pension plans such as those administered by the Southern Baptist Convention's Annuity Board. The House bill would change the law to make employer contributions to these retirement plans subject to Social Security taxes.

Differences between the House and Senate versions of the Social Security rescue plans will be worked out in conference after the Senate completes work on its bill.

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HMB Names 72 To  
Mission Service

By Charlene Shucker

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**ATLANTA (BP)**--Home Mission Board directors approved 72 persons for assignment in 17 states at their March meeting, including six missionaries, six missionary associates and 60 persons to receive pastoral aid.

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Bernard and Louise M. Blount of Orlando, Fla.; E. Philip and Judy M. Langley of Plainview, Texas, and Martha S. and Leonard C. Willingham of Charlottesville, Va., were appointed missionaries.

Missionary associates are David and Sherry Lee of Gautier, Miss.; Gary W. and Karen E. Parnell of Fort Worth, Texas, and Charles B. and Peggy A. Watson of Hendersonville, Tenn.

The Blounts will remain in Florida to continue their missionary work in black church relations. Blount, a graduate of the Interdenominational Theological Center, Morehouse School of Religion in Atlanta and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C., has been a pastor since 1976 and is presently regional director of the black church relations department in Orlando. She is a former business education teacher and a graduate of Lane College. She has completed one year at Southeastern Seminary.

The Langleys will move from Texas to Colorado to begin their missionary work in Parchute. He is a graduate of Wayland Baptist College, Northern Arizona University and has completed work at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He previously worked with the Foreign Mission Board in Togo, West Africa. She is a graduate of Wayland Baptist College, formerly an elementary school teacher and worked for three years in Togo, West Africa.

The Willinghams will remain in Virginia to start their Christian social ministries work at the Woolen Mills Baptist Center. She is a graduate of Gardner-Webb College in North Carolina, Carson-Newman College in Tennessee and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and is presently the director of Woolen Mills Baptist Center. He is a graduate of Berry College and Southern Seminary and is the minister of music and youth at University Baptist Church in Charlottesville.

As missionary associates the Lees will start their language missions work in Mississippi. He is a graduate of William Carey College in Hattiesburg, Miss., and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He presently is pastor of the Crowder Baptist Church in Mississippi. She is a graduate of William Carey College and teaches school at Delta Academy in Marks, Miss.

The Parnells will move from their home state of Texas to Washington where they will be church planter apprentices. He is a graduate of Tarleton State University and Southwestern Seminary. A former teacher, he has been very active in the Jaycees and Kiwanis Clubs. She is a graduate of Texas Tech University.

The Watsons are moving from Tennessee to Michigan as church planter apprentices. He is a graduate of Tennessee Technological University and Southern Seminary. She is a graduate of Tennessee Technological University and has attended Southern Seminary. She is a part-time teacher at Volunteer State Community College.

To receive pastoral aid are Dwight R. Adams of Ontario, Ohio; Richard T. and Julie Allen of Chandler, Ariz.; Frank E. and Jeanette Bentley of Tucson, Ariz.; Ralph C. and Dolores "Dee" Berry of Exeter, N.H.; Johnny and Linnie M. Blanks of Detroit, Mich.; L. E. Bailey and Linda J. Boydston of Oak Grove, Ore.;

Clyde A. and Nancy G. Bumgarner of Marshallville, Ohio; Frederick R. and Sherrie Cantrell of Phoenix, Ariz.; P. Allen and Sandra D. Gambrell of Grove City, Ohio; John C. and LaNelle Gilbert of Cincinnati, Ohio;

Roger Keith Graves of Littleton, Colo.; Harold N. and Jutta Jarnagin of Leavenworth, Wash.; E. Leon "Lee" and Mary L. Jewell of Glendale, Ariz.; Thomas A. and Shirley A. Jones of Oak Hill, W.V.; Ronald E. and Shirley Klingsick of Medicine Lodge, Kan.; Robert "Bob" and Grace Kuchcinski of Selah, Wash.; James and Virginia McAfee of Russelville, Ind.; William G. and Debbie J. McCrary of Hardinsburg, Ind.; Donald R. and Carole Machen of Ramey, Pa.;

Jack O. and E. Dawn Marslender of Gila Bend, Ariz.; Jimmy D. and Gail Morse of Lake Placid, Fla.; Ralph M. and Diane Nygard of Delray Beach, Fla.; David T.P. and Elizabeth Perrin of Painted Post, N.Y.; Richard and Alfreda Prince of Horseheads, N.Y.;

Keith E. and Deborah Risner of Trenton, Ohio; Carl E. and Veneta M. Roach of Blunt, S.D.; James H. and Fran Robb of Cleveland, Ohio; Dwight F. and Ann Marie Simpson of Driftwood, Pa.; Philip A. and Katie Wyrick of Centerville, Ohio, and Ottis D. and Glenda L. Young of Sycamore, Ill.

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Two RTVC Additions  
Aid ACTS Launch

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FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)--Two persons have been added to the staff of the Radio and Television Commission to help the agency prepare for the launch of the American Christian Television System (ACTS) network next year.

Lloyd E. Hart and Howard Whiteley both have begun work in the media services division of the RTVC.

Hart, 45, is consultant in broadcast services. His primary duties will be negotiating with cable TV system operators for carrying the programming of the ACTS.

A native Texan and former Southern Baptist pastor, Hart worked for 11 years with World Wide Pictures, distributors of Billy Graham Films. Recently he worked for Christian Media Network and CBN Satellite Network marketing Christian programming to cable TV systems. He attended the University of Corpus Christi.

Whiteley, 55, of Tulsa, Okla., is consultant in media services. He will work with ACTS commercial recognitions, the sponsor identification spots that will appear on the network. Whiteley will contact corporations, foundations and other groups interested in supporting ACTS programming.

He has 28 years experience in radio and TV advertising sales, including 20 years with KOTV-TV, Oklahoma City, where he was general sales manager. He holds a bachelor's degree in communication and business from Oklahoma State University.

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Thai Refugee Work Aids 60,000;  
5,000 Baptized in 7-Year Work

By Susan Cahen

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RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--Southern Baptist missionaries who have touched the lives of one of every 10 Indochinese refugees in Thailand over the past seven years are winding down their refugee work.

Missionary Earl Goatcher, head of the Thai relief work since 1980, estimates Baptist workers were able to assist 60,000 to 70,000 refugees. Some 5,000 of them were baptized as a result of the Christian witness.

Southern Baptists began relief efforts there early in 1975 before the massive United Nations programs were in place and continued until the end of 1982 when Kamput, the last camp where they had major responsibilities, was closed.

Now, the Thailand Mission (organization of Southern Baptist missionaries) is responsible only for feeding any Vietnamese boat people to reach Thai beaches and for providing medical care for refugees at transit centers in Bangkok.

Most future relief efforts will emphasize community health and rural development among the Thai people. At the request of the Thai government, the mission will work with thousands uprooted by fighting along the Thailand-Cambodia border, rather than "foreign refugees."

According to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, nearly 600,000 refugees poured into Thailand between 1975 and 1982 seeking sanctuary from the political upheaval in Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.

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Thailand agreed to accept the refugees as long as the international community would provide for their care. After the rate of resettlement slowed, Thailand closed her borders to the refugees in 1980. But many have continued to cross into Thailand illicitly.

At the height of the refugee migration into Thailand there were 22 camps and Southern Baptists had responsibilities in seven, including transit centers. Today, there are only three camps; all those where Southern Baptists had major responsibilities have been phased out.

At the end of December, 410,000 people had been resettled in third world countries (276,000 in the United States), and 170,000 remained in camps. Those remaining are awaiting repatriation to their own country or do not qualify for resettlement.

"Looking back over the years of refugee work reveals some striking achievements," Goatcher says. "Thailand Baptist mission statistics reveal there has been greater response (to the gospel) from the refugee work in seven years than among Thai nationals in over 30 years of work in Thailand.

In most of the 22 camps a church was established, sometimes more than one. Each of the four camps where Southern Baptists had major responsibility had a Baptist church.

Before the Kamput Camp was closed at the end of December, Baptists had to add a second Sunday service to accommodate the 400 to 500 persons attending.

"Governments and international organizations have had the key role in financing most of the refugee effort, but they could never provide that dimension which we feel is so significant for a people in the midst of such turmoil--the spiritual dimension," says Goatcher, now home on furlough in Arlington, Texas.

Many agencies were happy to provide help, Goatcher and others have commented, but it was the Christian agencies who had personnel with experience and language skills to relate immediately to the refugees.

Goatcher says that nearly \$700 million was spent to assist the refugees. The Thailand mission spent about a million dollars provided by Southern Baptists and were responsible for dispensing several million dollars worth of U.N. funds for food, health care and other services.

A handful of the approximately 70 missionaries in the Thailand mission were involved in the refugee ministry, but their number was boosted by missionary journeymen, some 50 Southern Baptist volunteers, special project workers, Thai Baptists and sometimes by "borrowing" personnel from other Christian organizations.

Workers did everything from providing basic shelters of plastic, tin and bamboo to teaching sewing, knitting and crochet. They provided the basics--food, medical care and a massive milk feeding program for children--in all four camps where Baptists worked.

They mailed letters, did banking and in one camp provided a tract of land, tools, livestock and seed so refugees could produce their own food.

Baptists taught refugees some vocational and survival skills, encouraged and helped them in language study and led in Bible study and church leadership training.

Not only have the refugees dispersed to some 20 countries, but many felt God leading them to return to their own country to witness to their own people. In letters and chance meetings with some of the missionaries, refugees have told of starting their own ethnic Baptist churches and are becoming active in established churches in third world countries.

Three Christian organizations, including the Thailand Baptist Mission, and eight other groups were recognized last fall for their work with refugees. The mission was awarded the Thai Red Cross medal and a certificate.

Several Baptist missionaries who have been working with the refugees in Thailand will continue in that role in the Philippines.

Goatcher will use rural development to strengthen the ministry of established churches and missionaries in Thailand. He will not only be in charge of the Thailand development projects, but also will act as consultant for similar Baptist projects in other areas of Southeast Asia.

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Louisiana Baptists Aid  
Zimbabwe With Drilling

By Oscar Hoffmeyer Jr.

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TULSA, Okla. (BP)--Late afternoon sunrays bounced from the newly painted waterwell drill as the bit chewed into the earth.

A crew of Louisiana Baptist men participated in a "hands on" demonstration test of a 45,600 pound machine scheduled to depart Houston for Zimbabwe, Africa in late March.

The drill will be used in the Louisiana-Zimbabwe "People Who Care" partnership mission project to continue over the next three years.

Louisiana Baptists, during their annual meeting in November, voted to participate in the project in Zimbabwe's Gowke area, an arid bush country section of the nation.

Drilling wells to provide fresh water is a top priority project carried out by Louisiana volunteers, according to Don Mabry, director of the Louisiana baptist missions division.

John Cheyne, project coordinator at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board who is working with Louisiana Baptists, said "evangelism is the basic premise of the work there, plus an integrated approach to meet the total needs of the people."

Wells are needed to support health and nutritional clinics, literacy programs and church planting. People of the remote Gowke area of Zimbabwe, formerly Rhodesia, have been relatively isolated since the war in the late 1970's when clinics were destroyed and wells damaged.

John Majors, a Baptist layman from Tulsa, designed and supervised construction of the mobile rig scheduled to drill approximately 25 wells a year.

During an interview here last week Majors said the drill has been constructed to minimize down time. "Everything such as engines, shafts, clutches, hoses and other equipment has been developed to exceed any specifications for this type of a rig used in our country."

Work was begun less than three months ago as a GI truck stripped to the basic chassis. It has been rebuilt with all new equipment.

Cost of the rig is \$152,000, with the Foreign Mission Board's paying about 80 percent of the cost from hunger and relief funds. Majors and other Baptists have provided the balance of the funds in addition to donating labor and time.

Shipping costs from Houston will be \$21,000 with estimated time of arrival three and one-half weeks.

Majors will fly to Zimbabwe to check the drill off the ship and drive it to Sanyati where the Baptist Hospital is located. Three or four wells will be drilled there to increase the water supply. Another dozen locations have been plotted. He plans to spend a few weeks with the rig after it arrives.

Johnny Armstrong volunteer coordinator of the Louisiana Baptist missions division, said the drilling rig will need three or four persons to operate it. When drilling becomes operational in May a rotation is anticipated with groups traveling to and from the field.

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