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NEGRO MINISTRY IMPROVEMENT
SOUGHT BY EDUCATION COMMITTEE

WASHINGTON, D. C.--(BP)--Forward steps in the training of Negro ministers are being recommended by the Committee on Negro Ministerial Education to the Southern Baptist Convention, Houston, May 6-10. The report of the committee was received here by George B. Fraser, senior secretary of the Convention.

The six recommendations are (1) that existing schools provide extension service for the 63 per cent of Negro ministers who have only grammar school education; (2) encouragement of Negro colleges to confine their efforts to A.B. level; (3) urge American Baptist Theological Seminary to earliest possible accreditation; (4) creation from individual and private sources of 100 scholarships for Negroes. (5) encouragement of a Baptist Student Union movement on Negro campuses; (6) continuation of the committee.

Full text of the recommendations is as follows:

1. That the broadest and most accessible type of institute and in-service training for the 63 per cent under the high school level be pursued by all the agencies now working in that field, and that all other concerned agencies be urged to enter the field. Especially do we encourage our Negro colleges to recognize and accept their obligation to this group through an extension program.

2. That we shall encourage our Negro colleges to indulge some serious self-examination, recognizing their limitations and reconsidering their program of education, with the goal of confining their training to the liberal arts level (A.B. degree) with the distinct idea that such training is an integral part of a complete program of theological education. We should encourage them to work toward accreditation in order that they may be able to give our Negro youth who finish high school a broad liberal arts education, with perhaps a major in Bible or religious education, and that they shall restrict their education to the college level and leave seminary training to the seminaries.

3. That seminary training for those of that level be broad enough to provide professional training of an accredited type. All five seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention are now open to Negroes, but since some would not wish to attend these seminaries, we urge that the American Baptist Theological Seminary be raised as quickly as possible to accredited level. Until such time as this is done, we would encourage our people to co-operate with Baptist seminaries which are already accredited or which are near to or striving for accreditation. We would further urge that these seminaries confine their training to the seminary level, and leave the college work to the colleges.

4. That since most of our Negro ministers cannot financially afford such training, the committee be permitted to promote the giving by individuals and agencies of at least 100 scholarships or the equivalent thereof annually, fifty of which would be used for seminary training in those schools which either are accredited or are working toward accreditation level, the other fifty to be provided on the college level and granted to accredited or near accredited colleges.

5. That we encourage a program similar to our Baptist Student Union Movement on all Negro college campuses, where a sufficient number of Baptist students are

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enrolled to justify such a program. The purpose here is to keep in touch with Baptist students and seek out those who are called of God into the ministry, encouraging them to seek graduate training. We would further suggest that our Negro colleges encourage their students, who are called of God to special training, to continue their training in some accredited seminary or one seeking accreditation. We also suggest that in order for Southern Baptists to render maximum aid toward achieving these ends, the Convention request the Committee on Negro Ministerial Education to seek to work out with the proper departments and agencies a week on the denominational calendar for publicity and promotion of the facts involved.

6. That in order to co-ordinate the efforts of Southern Baptists in Negro work, the committee of the Southern Baptist Convention on Negro Ministerial Education be continued and that the committee, in conference with other agencies of the Convention, serve as a co-ordinating agency for our program in this field of Negro work.

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DR. DUKE K. McCALL
ON MISSION TO KOREA

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, left late in March for Korea as the Baptist representative in a group of denominational leaders studying the chaplaincy program.

Dr. McCall is making the trip on invitation of Gen. Charles Carpenter, air force chaplain and chairman of the chiefs of chaplains.

The seminary president is scheduled to return to this country April 11.

Approximately twelve ministers are to make the trip in a special plane, part of the group stopping at armed force bases in the Philippines, Okinawa, and Japan. Dr. McCall will make brief stops at each of these places and then continue on to Korea with two other ministers, spending the pre-Easter week there preaching.

Dr. McCall said his invitation for the trip came from Gen. Carpenter after his visit at the seminary where he observed the program for training chaplains. He added that the general expressed high appreciation for the work being done by the seminary.

Dr. McCall expects to bear messages and greetings to Baptist missionaries, civilians, and military personnel.

Dr. McCall said, "I earnestly beseech the prayers of all Southern Baptists as I take this opportunity to proclaim the good news of our Saviour at this Easter season."

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NEW WMU MAGAZINES

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--(BP)--World Comrades, young people's magazine for the Woman's Missionary Union, ceased publication in April. It is to be replaced in May by a magazine for girls called Tell.

The Sunbeam material formerly carried in World Comrades will appear in a quarterly publication called Sunbeam Activities which will be for Sunbeam leaders. Subscription price for Tell is \$1.50 per year and for Sunbeam Activities is \$1.00 per year.

With the appearance of the new magazine, the Woman's Missionary Union has five regular monthly missionary publications.

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MAGAZINE NAMES NEWTON
OUTSTANDING MINISTER

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Dr. Louie D. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta, was recently named the "nation's outstanding minister in 1952" by Church Management, a publication which reports achievements and personalities in American religious life. The award is made annually by this magazine.

A former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Newton is a graduate of Mercer and Columbia universities. Previous to becoming pastor at Druid Hills church in 1929, he was editor of the Christian Index, Georgia Baptist state paper, from 1920-1929.

Dr. Newton has long been a member of Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Georgia Baptist Convention, and the Baptist World Alliance. He has been a regular contributor to several leading Georgia newspapers.

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SOUTHERN SEMINARY
BUYS APARTMENT HOUSE

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will relieve its acute housing problem with the purchase of a 265-apartment house called Green Tree Manor. Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of the seminary, announced the purchase March 20. He said that the school would like to have possession of the apartments by July 1 and that all the apartments will be ready to house married seminary students by the beginning of the fall session in September.

The development was bought by the seminary with funds amounting to \$1,670,000

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provided primarily by the Southern Baptist Convention and allocated for the purchase of property. The seminary is to repay the amount over a five-year period. Funds from grants and other sources have been added to this amount.

Seminary enrollment has jumped from 400 to almost 1,000 within the last seven years. Approximately 60 per cent of these are married students.

Green Tree Manor is located approximately two miles east of the seminary campus.

Dr. McCall stated that the purchase does not affect plans to construct another 200-unit apartment.