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Court expected to uphold  
abortion restrictions

By Tom Strode

WASHINGTON (BP)--A lawyer for Planned Parenthood Federation of America took a bold stab at convincing the Supreme Court to maintain abortion rights April 22 in the most-awaited case of the term.

Planned Parenthood's lawyer, Kathryn Kolbert, argued the court must return to the principles of the 1973 decision legalizing abortion or in effect overturn Roe v. Wade by upholding the restrictions in question. She largely ignored the specific provisions of the law, the Pennsylvania Abortion Control Act, despite the admonishments of two justices.

Meanwhile, Pennsylvania Attorney General Ernest Preate and United States Solicitor General Kenneth Starr argued the restrictions on abortion could be upheld without overruling Roe.

Kolbert, a staff lawyer for the American Civil Liberties Union, expressed doubt her courtroom strategy would succeed.

"It is our view that the president of the United States has done his best to make sure that our arguments will fall on deaf ears," she told reporters. "He has packed this court with justices who are hostile to the right to choose abortion ... and he has done his best to make sure that we must turn to Congress and to other forms of government ... to guarantee that all women have a right to liberty."

Michael Whitehead, general counsel of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, agreed Kolbert's side has little hope in the case.

Preate and Starr were interrupted much more frequently than Kolbert by the justices' questioning "because the court intends to uphold their views and must be more careful in defining and applying these principles of restriction on abortions," said Whitehead, who observed the arguments.

"I expect the court to uphold all the restrictions on abortion but not to reverse Roe expressly," Whitehead said. "The court will await the appeal of another similar statute, as in the Guam or Louisiana cases, before reversing Roe outright. The court will eventually decide that Roe was wrong in finding a 'right to abortion' which is greater than the state's interest in protecting fetal life and family life by regulating abortion."

The court's opinion is not expected until July.

After the arguments, abortion rights advocates, expectant of some kind of defeat in Planned Parenthood v. Casey, called for Americans to respond in November by electing a president and other officials who will support pro-choice legislation.

"We happen to believe that eventually this is a decision that will be made by the American people at the ballot box and we think that this is only one stop and probably will be decided by the voters in November," said David Andrews, acting president of Planned Parenthood.

"In a very real sense, we've gone from Roe v. Wade to this administration v. American women."

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Patricia Ireland, president of the National Organization for Women, and Kate Michelman, president of the National Abortion Rights Action League, also made statements encouraging people who support the pro-choice position to make a difference on election day.

The Pennsylvania law does not prohibit abortion but includes such regulations as informed consent with a 24-hour waiting period before an abortion can be performed, parental consent for minors, a ban on abortions after the 24th week of pregnancy except for severe health problems in the mother and a prohibition on sex-selection abortions. The Third Circuit Court of Appeals upheld these provisions but struck down a section requiring women to notify their husbands before the abortion.

Kolbert argued the court "must go back to the hallmark of Roe" or gut the constitutional right to abortion found in that decision in the process.

"The central question is whether the Constitution endows the government with the power to force a woman to continue or terminate a pregnancy," she said. While a wanted pregnancy may be a blessing, a "forced pregnancy is anathema" to American values, she said.

The Pennsylvania restrictions were not reasonable in cases where a woman has to travel 200 miles to a clinic two or three times or in cases of marital rape or in cases of spousal abuse, Kolbert said.

Otherwise, she referred directly to the restrictions only when addressing the spousal notification provision. Justices Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony Kennedy gently chided her for her refusal to deal with the provisions more directly.

On spousal notification, Kolbert said the "government has an obligation to honor the rights of the woman, not the husband."

CLC Executive Director Richard D. Land said the pro-choice arguments in the case were out of step with the American mainstream.

"This is clearly a case where the immoderation of the pro-abortion forces is starkly revealed," Land said. "On the narrow issues that are involved in this case, at least two-thirds of the American people agree with the law. They want spousal notification. They want parental consent. They want the woman to have the information necessary to give informed consent.

"I continue to hope and pray the Supreme Court will at the very least uphold all of the provisions of the Pennsylvania law. Hopefully, they will overturn Roe."

Preate argued all the law's provision, including husband notification, should be upheld under the court's 1989 Webster v. Reproductive Health Services decision, which approved some Missouri abortion restrictions. He said Roe did not need to be addressed except to affirm it "did not establish an absolute right to abortion on demand."

The law includes "no undue burden on anybody," Preate said.

Starr argued the Webster decision should be the basis for determining the case and thereby clear up the confusion for legislators and judges created by the court's rulings on abortion.

Justice John Paul Stevens asked Starr what the United States government's position was on whether the fetus is a person protected under the 14th Amendment to the Constitution.

The government does not have a position on it and need not in this case, Starr said. The government's position is it has a "compelling interest in protecting fetal life," Starr said.

"There's nothing wrong with the state promoting the interest in unborn children as opposed to having them aborted," Preate told reporters. "That's a perfectly legitimate state interest and the court cases over the last several years have said so. There is nothing wrong with the state promoting child birth over abortion."

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Trustees nominated for  
commissions, committees

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Trustees to serve on the commissions and committees of the Southern Baptist Convention have been nominated by the 1992 Committee on Nominations.

They will serve if elected by the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting June 9-11 in the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION (35 members): 14 nominations considered; 12 new members, 2 renominations.

The Committee on Nominations nominates representatives from SBC agencies to serve on the Foundation board. For 1992, nine agencies have trustee representative vacancies.

Foreign Mission Board, Hoyt Savage, Las Vegas, Nev., replaces Paul E. Martin, Houston, Texas; Annuity Board, Donald H. Wills, Dallas, replaces Carl B. Allen, Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Southern Seminary, P.A. Stevens, Louisville, Ky., fills a vacancy for the seminary; Golden Gate Seminary, John Morgan, Houston, replaces John R. Lincoln, Columbia, S.C.; Midwestern Seminary, Don Deel, Vincennes, Ind., replaces Lloyd G. Minter, Bartlesville, Okla.

Education Commission, Edward Doug Hodo, Houston, replaces W. Randolph Davenport, Campbellsville, Ky.; Historical Commission, Kathleen Clements, Baton Rouge, La., replaces David J. McDaniel, Brentwood, Tenn.; Radio and Television Commission, Omer Ray Finch, Wetumka, Okla., replaces Harold T. Brundige, Martin, Tenn.; and Woman's Missionary Union, Virginia Caughman, Winnsboro, S.C., replaces Martha Wennerberg, DeFuniak Spring, Fla.

Terms of agency representatives are concurrent with their terms on the boards they represent.

At-large trustee slots, terms ending in 1996, include John Nanney, hospital engineer and member of Meridian Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., replacing Robert G. Lamons, Jackson, Tenn.; Kelly Cox, certified public accountant and member of San Jacinto Baptist Church, Amarillo, Texas, replacing Mel Carnahan, Rollo, Mo., who resigned a term expiring in 1993; and Richard Anthony Stone, purchasing and sales representative and member of New Salem Baptist Church, Winfield, Mo., replacing Miller Carpenter, Rothville, Mo., who died.

Nominated for additional terms, expiring in 1996, are Betty Pettey, Nashville, and William C. Lovell Jr., Brentwood, Tenn.

AMERICAN SEMINARY COMMISSION (16 members): 5 nominations considered; 3 new members, 2 renominations.

Nominated for terms ending in 1996, replacing members ineligible for renominations, are William Marvin Rorer, pastor of Alpha Missionary Baptist Church, Bolingbrook, Ill., replacing Donald L. Sharp, Chicago; Lloyd Brown, physician and member of College Heights Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn., replacing Kenneth L. Castleberry, Nashville; and Wayne Bayles, retired and member of Poplar Heights Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., replacing William T. Hill Jr., Nashville, who resigned a term expiring in 1994.

Nominated for additional terms, expiring in 1996, are Billy W. Murphy Sr., Saucier, Miss., and Hoffman C. Harless, Nashville.

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EDUCATION COMMISSION (21 members): 5 nominations considered; 3 new members, 2 renominations.

Nominations for terms expiring in 1996 and replacing members who are ineligible for re-election are Thomas A. Kinchen, college president and member of First Baptist Church, Graceville, Fla., replacing William R. Cotton, St. Augustine, Fla.; Charles Fred Donehoo, educational administrator and member of Calvary Baptist Church, Columbus, Ga., replacing George Brannon, Atlanta; and L. Ray Moncrief, financial consultant and member of Central Baptist Church, Corbin, Ky., replacing W. Randolph Davenport, Campbellsville, Ky.

Nominated for additional terms are Betty Jo Cooley, Chesnee, S.C., and Wilfred Chung, Mission Viejo, Calif.

BROTHERHOOD COMMISSION (35 members): 8 nominations considered; 7 new members including a representative of the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention, 1 renomination.

Nominated for terms expiring in 1996 and replacing members who are ineligible for re-election are George A. White, agronomist and member of Greenbelt Baptist Church, Greenbelt, Md., replacing Ellis M. Norris, Washington; Don Valentine, member of Fellowship Baptist Church, Troutt, La., replacing Donald H. Varnado, Alexandria, La.; Wayne Vann, Mission Service Corps volunteer and member of Merriman Road Baptist Church, Garden City, Mich., replacing Spurgeon M. Willet Jr., Warren, Mich.; Charles L. Wilson, retired salesman and member of First Baptist Church, Carlsbad, N.M., replacing Clare L. Bowe Jr., San Jon, N.M.; and Kelly Burris, pastor of Kempsville Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, Va., replacing Wendell C. Reed, Salem, Va.

Jim Hunt, and member of First Baptist Church, Gehanna, Ohio, will be nominated to replace Daniel S. Hunt, Austintown, Ohio, who moved with a term expiring in 1995. William Spicer, retired school teacher and member of Rancocas Valley Baptist Church, Rancocas Valley, N.J., will be nominated as the new representative from the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention, for a four-year term.

L. Joe Herndon Jr., Duncan, Okla., will be nominated for an additional term expiring in 1996. Walter Barnes, Birmingham, Ala., and John C. Baxley, St. Augustine, Fla., finished their terms and those at-large trustees positions will not be replaced if messengers approve the commission's request.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION (33 members): 12 nominations considered; 5 new members, including one from the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention, and 7 renominations.

Nominated for a term ending in 1996, replacing a member who is ineligible for re-election is S. King Sanders, pastor of Rodeo Road Baptist Church, Santa Fe, N.M., replacing Richard Elkins, Albuquerque, N.M.

Deborah Kinsey, government employee and member of Colonial Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., will be nominated to replace Deborah N. Glanville, Reistertown, Md., who declined to serve another term. James Powell, physician and member of Chestnut St. Baptist Church, Ellensburg, Wash., will be nominated to replace Vernon Holliday, Klamath Falls, Ore., who declined to serve another term. James A. "Jackie" Kay, pastor of Bartlett Baptist Church, Bartlett, Tenn., will be nominated to fill a term expiring in 1995 by Carl B. Mitchell, Knoxville, Tenn., who resigned.

Jeff Rees, pastor of Grace Christian Church (SBC), Moorestown, N.J., will be nominated as the new representative of the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention for a term ending in 1995.

Nominated for additional terms, expiring in 1996, are Earnest J. Cook, Phoenix, Ariz.; James W. Richards Jr., Baton Rouge, La.; Mrs. Michael D. Wester, Caro, Mich.; Cledith V. Campbell Jr., Huntington, W.Va.; and Mrs. Tim Minnick, Austin, Texas.

At-large members of the Public Affairs Committee with remaining terms were elected to serve as members of the Christian Life Commission by action of the SBC, June 4-6, 1991. Two members are eligible for additional terms and will be nominated for terms expiring in 1996: Robert Showers, Alexandria, Va., and William L. Stone, Phoenix, Ariz. Not to be replaced are: J. I. Ginnings, Wichita Falls, Texas, who finished eligibility; Robbie Hughes, Jackson, Miss., who resigned; and Thomas E. Pratt Jr., Brighton, Colo., who declined to serve another term.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (29 members): 8 nominations considered; 4 new members including a new representative of the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention, and 4 renominations.

Nominated for terms ending in 1996 and replacing members ineligible for re-election are Carel Norman, pastor of Oak Grove Baptist Church, Van Buren, Ark., replacing Ray Granade, Arkadelphia, Ark.; and Ronald Martin, college professor and member of Orangewood Ave. Baptist Church, Garden Grove, Calif., replacing Jerry L. Tillman, Fresno, Calif.

Majure Marvin Jones, college professor and member of Immanuel Baptist Church, Hannibal, Mo., will be nominated to replace John Powell, Hannibal, Mo., who resigned a term expiring in 1994. Emma Walker, retired government employee and member of Greencastle Baptist Church, Mercersburg, Penn., will be nominated as the new representative of the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention for a term to expire in 1996.

Nominated for additional terms, expiring in 1996, are Kathleen B. Prince, Columbia, Md.; Roy T. Myers, Lucedale, Miss.; H. Max Daley, Lincoln City, Ore.; and Mrs. C. Nolan Phillips, Middletown, Ohio.

A local commission member, David J. McDaniel, Nashville, finished his eligibility and his position will not be replaced.

RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMISSION (29 members): 11 nominations considered; 8 new members including a new representative of the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention, and 3 renominations.

Nominated for terms ending in 1996 and replacing members who are ineligible for re-election are Nancy Berlin, special events coordinator and member of Riverside Baptist Church, Denver, Colo., replacing Ted E. Savage, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Mary Tearman-Brock, self-employed and member of Florida St. Baptist Church, Greensboro, N.C., replacing J. Russell Capps, Raleigh, N.C.; and Harold Curtis Fry III, airline pilot and member of Germantown Baptist Church, Germantown, Tenn., replacing Harold T. Brundige, Martin, Tenn.

Jack A. Marcum Jr., senior minister at Fort Washington Baptist Church, Fort Washington, Md., will be nominated to replace Richard O. Logsdon, Upper Marlboro, Md., with a 1995 term who moved. Ken Mitchell, engineering management and member of Hope Baptist Church, Flanders, N.J., will be nominated to replace Robert M. Brooks, Lake Grove, N.Y., with a 1994 term who moved.

Ed Parker, architect and member of Liberty Baptist Church, Hampton, Va., will be nominated to replace Charles H. McKeever, Roanoke, Va., with a 1994 term who moved. Jack W. Dial, retired businessman and member of Highlawn Baptist Church, Huntington, W.Va., will be nominated to replace Thomas L. Youmans III, who moved but finished a 1992 term. Dial will be nominated for a 1996 term.

Don Hulsey, director of missions and member of Bolivar Drive Baptist Church, Bradford, Penn., will be nominated as the new representative of the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention for a term expiring in 1993.

Nominated for additional terms, expiring in 1996, are Mrs. Dexter Daniels, Winter Haven, Fla.; Paul E. Hatfield, Litchfield, Ill.; and D.J. Benson, Laurel, Miss.

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STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION (29 members): 8 nominations considered; 4 new members including a new representative of the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention, 4 renominations.

Nominated for terms ending in 1996 and replacing members who are ineligible for re-election are Harvey McClellan, retiree and member of Immanuel Baptist Church, Rogers, Ark., replacing Lloyd A. Sparkman, Russellville, Ark. and Roy Southerland, corporate vice president and member of Reynoldsburg Baptist Church, Reynoldsburg, Ohio, replacing Dan T. Stowe, Dublin, Ohio.

Carlisle Driggers, executive director of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, will be nominated to replace Ray Rust, retired South Carolina state executive and thus ineligible, for a term expiring in 1994. Douglas M. Pilot, pastor of Wyoming Valley Baptist Church, Plains, Penn., will be nominated as the new representative of the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention, for a 1996 term.

Nominated for additional terms, ending in 1996, are Thomas D. Beaty Sr., Clayton, Ala.; Gene Parrott, Lakewood, Colo.; Roy D. Moody Jr., Topeka, Kan.; and William M. Pinson Jr., Dallas.

ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE (6 members, plus the SBC president): 2 nominations considered; 2 new members.

Fred Powell, associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Moore, Okla., will be nominated for a term ending in 1995 and replacing Joe Aulds, Winnsboro, La., who completed his term. Roy Belcher, pastor of Grant Ave. Baptist Church, Corvallis, Ore., will be nominated for a term ending in 1995 and replacing Danny E. Watters, Douglasville, Ga., who also finished his term.

The Committee on Nominations will nominate Fred Powell, Moore, Okla., as chairman.

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR COMMITTEE (6 members): 2 nominations considered; 2 new members.

Nominated for terms ending in 1995 and replacing members who are ineligible for re-election are Doug Jackson, pastor of First Fountain Hills Baptist Church, Fountain Hills, Ariz., replacing Don O. Davis, Gresham, Ore., and Jerry Cooper, pastor of Four Way Baptist Church, Fort Lupton, Colo., replacing Tom V. Harlan, Lovington, N.M.

The Committee on Nominations will nominate V.M. Bob Piland, Tulsa, Okla., as chairman.

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Committee nominates  
seminary trustees

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Trustees to serve on the boards of the six Southern Baptist seminaries have been nominated by the 1992 Committee on Nominations.

Under convention bylaws, seminary trustees serve five-year terms and are eligible to serve two consecutive terms.

In order to serve, the trustees must be elected by messengers to the 1992 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 9-11, at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis.

SOUTHERN SEMINARY (63 members): 13 nominations considered; 6 new trustees, 7 renominations.

Nominated to terms to expire in 1997, replacing trustees ineligible for re-election are:

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Jim D. Prock, pastor of First Baptist Church, Chandler, Ariz., replacing Jerry R. Day of Tucson, Ariz.; Roger Spradlin, pastor of Valley Baptist Church, Bakersfield, Calif., replacing Jess C. Moody, Chatsworth, Calif.; Jim Wilson, staff evangelist for First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla., replacing Alton Butler, Pensacola, Fla.; Jim Lee, attorney and member of First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla., replacing R. Edward Walker, Miami, Okla.; Jerry L. Rexroat, retiree and member of Highview Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., replacing Fred Pfannenschmidt, Louisville.

Melvin L. Elam, dentist and member of Rockford Lane Baptist Church, Shivley (Louisville), Ky., will be nominated to replace John Lee Smith, Louisville, Ky., whose term expires in 1996. Smith has resigned his position.

Nominated to additional terms, expiring in 1997, are: David Miller, Heber Springs, Ark.; Wayne Gaunce, Glasgow, Ky.; Virgil Dugan, Albuquerque, N.M.; Richard D. White, Franklin, Ky.; Gene Russell, San Antonio, Texas; P.A. Stevens, Louisville, Ky.; and Robert D. Beddingfield, South Lyon, Mich.

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY (39 members): 12 nominations considered; 8 new members including a new member from Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention, 4 renominations.

Nominated to terms to expire in 1997, replacing trustees ineligible for re-election are:

L. Sid West, pastor of Waynedale Baptist Church, Fort Wayne, Ind., replacing Delmar G. Morris, Seymour, Ind.; Robert E. Anderson, pastor of Parkview Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La., replacing Wallace B. Palmer, Leesville, La.; Jack Price, staff evangelist at Orchard Hills Baptist Church, Garland, Texas, replacing John McKay, Fort Worth, Texas; Ralph Pulley, attorney and member of First Baptist Church, Dallas, replacing Bill G. Grubbs, Dallas.

Robert E. Reccord, pastor of Bell Shoals Baptist Church, Brandon, Fla., will be nominated to replace Max E. Cadenhead, Naples, Fla., whose term expires in 1993. The vacancy was created by Cadenhead's death. The new member nominated from Pennsylvania-South Jersey will be Charles R. Lord, pastor of Larchmont Baptist Church, Mt. Laurel, N.J., for a term to expire in 1994.

Laura Lee Cogswell, homemaker and member of First Baptist Church, Sherman, Texas, will be nominated to replace James T. Draper, Euless, Texas, who moved and whose term expires in 1994. David Allen, pastor of Audelia Road Baptist Church, Garland, Texas, will be nominated to replace Jim M. Bolton, Dallas, who resigned a term expiring in 1994.

Nominated to additional terms, expiring in 1997, are: M. Grady Roan Jr., Vidalia, Ga.; Donald Eugene Taylor, Asheville, N.C.; Paul Ronald Coppock, Xenia, Ohio; and O. Damon Shook, Houston.

NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY (39 members): 12 nominations considered; 8 new members including a new member from Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention, 4 renominations.

Nominated to terms expiring in 1997, replacing trustees ineligible for re-election are:

Jerry Adkins, surgeon and member of First Baptist Church, Biloxi, Miss., replacing Paul G. Moak, Jackson, Miss., and Charles Reidlinger, higher education administrator and member of First Baptist Church, Alamogordo, N.M., replacing Bill R. Shelton, Albuquerque, N.M.

Don Taylor, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Alameda, Calif., will be nominated to replace Michael L. Prince, San Diego, who moved during a term which expires in 1994. Donald A. Dunnevant, salesman and member of Clifton Park Baptist Church, Silver Spring, Md., will be nominated for a five-year term to replace Kenneth Kohl, Washington, who declined to serve another term.

Martin F. King, public relations director and member of Kingston Ave. Baptist Church, Anderson, Ind., will be nominated to replace Benjamin F. Woods, Kokomo, Ind., who moved during his term which expires in 1993. Richard J. "Rick" Meigs, trust company president and member of Sunset Baptist Church, Portland, Ore., will be nominated to replace Robert P. Marshall, Richland, Wash., who resigned a term expiring in 1993.

Troy Massey, director of missions and member of New Providence Baptist Church, New Providence, Penn., will be nominated for term to expire in 1994 as the new member from Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention. Dennis W. Swanberg, pastor of First Baptist Church, West Monroe, La., will be nominated to replace Jesse Lott, Harrisonburg, La., who moved during a term expiring in 1993.

Nominated for additional terms, expiring in 1997, are: Arnold A. Burk, Russellville, Ark.; Edward D. Johnson, Ocala, Fla.; David Prather, Centerville, Ohio; and Charles G. Rhinehart, River Ridge, La.

SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY (30 members): 8 nominations considered; 4 new members, 4 renominations.

Nominated to terms ending in 1997, replacing members ineligible for re-election are:

Cecil Ray Taylor, Baptist college professor and member of First Baptist Church, North Mobile, Ala., replacing Kenneth Bush, Eufala, Ala., and Stanley A. Denham, naval officer and member of London Bridge Baptist Church, Virginia Beach, Va., replacing Christine Gregory, Danville, Va.

William D. Bowyer, pastor of Rockhill Baptist Church, St. Louis, will be nominated to replace Wendell L. Page, Lee's Summit, Mo., who resigned a term expiring in 1994. Adrian P. Rogers, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova, Tenn., will be nominated to replace Jack May, Memphis, Tenn., who resigned a term expiring in 1995.

Nominated to additional terms, expiring in 1997, are: Dale E. Thompson, Fort Smith, Ark.; Walter R. Lonis, Morrison, Colo.; Wesley A. Dans, Shreveport, La.; and Cecil D. Rhodes Jr., Wilson, N.C.

MIDWESTERN SEMINARY (35 members): 8 nominations considered; 5 new members, 3 renominations.

Nominated to 1997 terms, replacing trustees ineligible for re-election are: Carl Weiser, pastor of Unity Baptist Church, Deville, La., replacing Graydon K. Kitchens Jr., Minden, La.; Reagan Bradford, physician and member of Northwest Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, replacing Lloyd G. Minter, Bartlesville, Okla.; Conrad "Buster" Brown, pastor of East Cooper Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant, S.C., replacing Lester P. Branham Jr., Lake City, S.C.; and Charles S. Kelley, retiree and member of First Baptist Church, Beaumont, Texas, replacing Jerry Davenport, Sheffield, Texas.

Dean Shields, pastor of First Baptist Church, Seward, Penn., will be nominated to replace Ralph F. Carter Jr., Statesville, N.C. who resigned a term expiring in 1994.

Nominated to additional terms, expiring in 1997, are: Donald B. Deel, Vincennes, Ind.; Stoney W. Shaw, St. Louis; and Richard L. Proctor, Wynne, Ark.

GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY (38 members): 8 nominations considered; 6 new members including a new one from Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention, 2 renominations.

Nominated to terms ending in 1997, replacing members who are ineligible for re-election are: R. Dale Gross, pastor of South Hill Baptist Church, Milford, Mich., replacing W. Carl Petty, Flushing, Mich.; Samuel R. Porter, pastor of Bartlesville Southern Baptist Church, Bartlesville, Okla., replacing Robert C. Harris, Del City; Charles D. Anderson, businessman and member of Shandon Baptist Church, Columbia, S.C., replacing John R. Lincoln, Columbia; and William E. East, director of missions and member of Immanuel Baptist Church, Bakersfield, Calif., replacing Cecil Pearson, Fresno, Calif.

Steve Cavanaugh, pastor of Garwood Baptist Church, Coal Center, Penn., will be nominated as a new member, term expiring in 1997, from Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention. Grant Etheridge, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lavaca, Ark., will be nominated for a 1997 term to replace Stephen P. Davis, Russellville, Ar., who has declined to serve another term.

Nominated to additional terms, expiring in 1997, are: Kenneth D. Hall, Carmi, Ill., and Robert L. Zinn, San Bernardino, Calif.

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CORRECTION:

In the Baptist Press release, dated April 21, the second story, "Executive Committee, board nominees are recommended," please make the following insertions.

Under the Home Mission Board portion, last paragraph..."Nominated for additional terms, expiring in 1996..." please delete the following name:

Joe DeLeon, Pico Rivera, Calif.

Under Sunday School Board portion, last paragraph..."Nominated to additional terms, expiring in 1996..." please add this name:

James W. Hume III, Jeffersontown, Ky.

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CORRECTION:

In the (BP) story April 22 titled "Chinese student's Christian pilgrimage leads her to Missouri Baptist College," please change the 9th and 13th paragraphs to read:

Ruth also made her first American connection through the Bible study. An American student offered Ruth guidance and support. "She said she would pray for the situation and try to help. She told me that if God wanted me in the United States that he would provide the way."

As Ruth left China, the American student's assistance became a reality. She arranged for Ruth to have a place to live and helped with her eventual location in Colorado.

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Nelson Price voices hope  
for 'open convention'

By Debbie Moore

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--"If it is me (who is elected as Southern Baptist Convention president) it will be a new precedent in that the president will not be chosen before the convention this year but at the convention," said Nelson Price, elected last year as SBC first vice president.

Price, one of three candidates for president at the June 9-11 Southern Baptist Convention in Indianapolis, was the guest speaker for a recent chapel service at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Pastor of the nearly 8,000-member Roswell Street Baptist Church in Marietta, Ga., Price, at the invitation of seminary President Landrum P. Leavell II, spoke a few minutes about his nomination for convention president before his chapel message on discipleship.

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Acknowledging the denomination's 12-year conservative trend, he said, "Reputedly for some years a very small group proud of the Southern Baptist Convention chose an individual who would be their candidate for the presidency and almost inevitably that person emerged as the president. ...

"Those who did that had for some time said there's got to be a day when we get away from that and it becomes an open convention and persons can be nominated without that individual being chosen in advance of the convention," said Price, a 1956 graduate and former trustee of New Orleans Seminary.

Believing conservative SBC leaders to be sincere in wanting to depart from methods used in past years and since there is no official conservative candidate this year, "I responded to the overture of friends and acknowledged my desire, my willingness, for my name to be put in nomination for president of the convention."

Concerning his personal beliefs, Price asserted, "I am an unashamed conservative. ... That's our basic heritage and that's our root. We're committed to the Book and to the Lord of the Book, uninhibitedly."

In conclusion he said, "I may well not be elected, but if the Lord is so gracious as to use this experience to open our convention so that in the future a number of individuals can and will be nominated and the convention itself (chooses) the president, it will be a good thing."

Following the chapel address, Price said privately, "It is my prayer our conservative movement is so strong we no longer need a coalition candidate. If we can, and we can, elect a president without using the method of the last few years, we will prove we are a movement and not a party. Thus we will demonstrate a unique strength and further validate the breadth of our credible cause.

"If we do not do this at some point, we will have fallen into an opposite but equal error as the denomination loyalists/moderates before us who chose our presidents and whose actions were resented."

A native of Osyka, Miss., Price is 60 years old. He was president of the SBC Pastors' Conference in 1987 and president of the Georgia Baptist Convention in 1982-83.

Roswell Street Baptist Church, where Price has been pastor since Nov. 1, 1965, regularly has been among the top five churches in Georgia in Cooperative Program giving every year. Some of the ministries he has led his church to establish over the past 26 years include a Christian radio station, WFTD 1080 AM; a Christian preschool and kindergarten; the second largest worship center in the southeastern United States, seating 4,000; "Come Alive," a weekly television ministry; and Love Life, Inc., which includes a Women's Pregnancy Center offering alternatives to abortion and The Clay Home, a residence for unwed mothers.

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(BP) photos available upon request from New Orleans Seminary.

African American Fellowship  
to organize, honor McCall

By Art Toalston

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INDIANAPOLIS (BP)--The African American Fellowship of the Southern Baptist Convention will hold its organizational meeting June 8 and honor Emmanuel L. McCall, longtime Home Mission Board liaison with black churches.

The fellowship has meet for a luncheon or dinner, a program and dialogue for some 10 years in connection with the annual SBC meeting, said E.W. McCall Sr., one of the fellowship's organizers and pastor of St. Stephen Baptist Church in La Puente, Calif. (The HMB's McCall and pastor McCall are no relation.)

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This year, the group will vote on a constitution drafted by a 25-member steering committee that met in September in Dallas, McCall said. The steering committee also is recommending a slate of officers, headed by Joe Ratliff, pastor of Brentwood Baptist Church in Houston, as president and McCall, of St. Stephen's, as first vice president.

The fellowship's organizational meeting and program will begin at 11:45 a.m. June 8 at the Holiday Inn, Union Station, in Indianapolis, host city for this year's June 9-11 annual SBC meeting.

The proposed constitution will create a 20-member executive board to act in behalf of the fellowship between SBC meetings, McCall said.

In honoring Emmanuel McCall, tribute is being paid to him as "one of the pioneers" in involving blacks in the Southern Baptist Convention, E.W. McCall said.

McCall, who retired in July 1991 after 23 years on the HMB staff, was director of the black church extension division from 1989-91; director of the black church relations department, 1975-88; and associate director of the department of cooperative ministries with National Baptists, 1968-74. McCall has written three books and edited six others.

He earned a master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., in 1962, a master of religious education there in 1963 and a doctor of ministries degree from Emory University in Atlanta in 1976. He has been a visiting professor of black church studies at Southern since 1969.

McCall has given new vision "for blacks in terms of home and foreign missions," said E.W. McCall. "Before there was not a real thrust in the black church for supporting missions." McCall has been a key advocate "giving purpose as to why we should support missions," the California pastor said.

He also was active in "encouraging other blacks to seek a higher level of professionalism in their ministry, not to just settle for being adequate," E.W. McCall said. He encouraged blacks to enroll in seminary and in other arenas of higher education "and earn the degrees that would make them more efficient in building the Kingdom of God."

And McCall played a key role in helping white Southern Baptists "understand and appreciate the contributions blacks can make and have made to Christendom" and black Baptists "to understand the contributions they can make by being a part of a dynamic convention," E.W. McCall said.

The African American Fellowship June 8 program will begin with a devotional period at 11:45 a.m. led by Willie Simmons, pastor of Greater Cornerstone Baptist Church in Los Angeles; his wife, Marva; George May, pastor of Southpark Baptist Church in Houston; and E.W. McCall Sr.

After a luncheon, a program honoring the HMB's McCall will be led by H.E. Anderson Sr., pastor of Singing Hills Baptist Church in Dallas, and Ratliff.

The fellowship's business session will be at 2:15 p.m.

African American Fellowship  
of the Southern Baptist Convention  
Luncheon  
Monday, June 8, 1992  
Holiday Inn, Union Station, Grand Central Station Area  
Indianapolis

- 11:30 Fellowship  
11:45 Mini Concert  
12:00 Devotion  
Special Music -- Marva Simmons, soloist, Los Angeles  
Scripture Reading -- George May, pastor, Southpark Baptist Church, Houston  
Prayer -- Willie Simmons, pastor, Greater Cornerstone Baptist Church, Los Angeles  
Welcome -- E.W. McCall Sr., pastor, St. Stephen Baptist Church, La Puente, Calif.  
12:15 Lunch  
1:00 Denominational Presentations  
1:15 Special Program Honoring Emmanuel McCall, retired director of black church extension division, Home Mission Board, Atlanta -- H.E. Anderson Sr., pastor, Singing Hills Baptist Church, Dallas; Joe Ratliff, pastor, Brentwood Baptist Church, Houston  
2:15 Business Meeting  
3:00 Closing

Navy seeking chaplains  
despite military cuts

By David Winfrey

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ATLANTA (BP)--Despite cuts in U.S. military personnel, the Navy is currently seeking chaplain candidates, the head of naval minister recruitment said.

Because the Navy trimmed its ranks much earlier than the Army and Air Force, it must now replace retirees and other departures while the other two branches are still trying to downsize, said Father Joseph Lamonde, senior recruiter for the naval chaplain corps.

The result is a confused message to ministers who think no more opportunities exist for a military chaplaincy ministry, he said.

"We are fighting the image that we (the Navy) are sending people home left and right," Lamonde said. "Pastors are basically saying, 'You're asking me to give up security for my family and myself for a ministry that may not be viable in a few years.'"

For those able to wade through the confusion, Lamonde said the chaplaincy corps offer ministers great opportunities.

Much of a chaplain's ministry is directed towards servicemen and women who are younger than 30 and seeking spiritual truth and direction, he said.

The job appeals to "people who are looking for real job satisfaction and a profound sense of personal fulfillment in their ministry," Lamonde said.

Lew Dawson, associate director for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's chaplaincy division, said Southern Baptist ministers often are popular with chaplain recruiters because they aren't bound by numerous liturgical requirements from their denomination.

"The Southern Baptist pastor or chaplain is free to work with his congregation to design a worship experience that meets everybody's needs," he said.

Requirements for chaplain candidates include:

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- A commitment to 3 years of full-time active duty.
- Two years of ministry experience.
- 90 semester hours of post-graduate work towards a master of divinity or similar degree.
- Endorsement of the candidate's denomination.

Endorsements for Southern Baptist candidates come from the Home Mission Board's chaplaincy department. Requirements for HMB endorsement match the Navy's requirements for acceptance, Dawson said.

The navy is currently seeking candidates for its July class for duty assignment in September, Lamonde said.

Chaplains starting with two to seven years of experience enter the Navy as a junior-grade lieutenant, Lamonde said. Starting chaplains with more than seven years experience enter the Navy as full lieutenants, he said

Southern Baptists seeking more information about chaplaincy opportunities can call Lew Dawson at the Home Mission Board's chaplaincy division, (404) 898-7423, or write him at chaplaincy division, Home Mission Board, 1350 Spring Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30367-5601.

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Trustees learn RTVC's Russian opportunities just got bigger

By Doug Dillard

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FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)--As president Jack Johnson signed final contracts before cameras at the Radio and Television Commission's April trustee meeting, a guest Russian TV executive surprised everyone with news the contract just got "sweeter."

The ceremony finalizing agreements to place the Southern Baptist commission's programs on Russian TV was a highlight of a midyear meeting of trustees, who also:

- voted to pursue refinancing of RTVC's capital debt.
- elected officers for the coming year.
- recommended that a \$10 million budget be planned for 1992-1993 fiscal year, the current budget level, holding the dollar line in the light of uncertain income.
- heard reports of continued financial stability as well as gains in almost every outreach area as a result of new programs.

Valery Sarukhanov, vice president of the Russian State Radio and Television Broadcasting Company "Petersburg," brought to Fort Worth contracts negotiated by Michael Wright, the commission's VP for network operations, in two prior trips to Russia. The contracts already had been signed by the president of the St. Petersburg station and awaited only Johnson's signature.

Sarukhanov, using his daughter Karina Amelang as interpreter, reminded Johnson that during his November visit to St. Petersburg he had been told the station reached 75 million viewers. Then the Russian added, "Since that time the number has increased. Now the number is 110 million viewers, which is one-third of the country."

As if enjoying the fact that he had topped the Texans with his Texas-sized numbers, Sarukhanov added, "And it's even better because our good relations could be expanded to an even wider audience in Russia.

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"I'm not afraid to make this promise," he continued. "I think we have a good chance to do a lot for our two countries and their relationship.

"Even though some people are Russian, some American, some English, some German, we're all TV viewers," he said. "And through this 'magic box' we can find a very good way to reach all peoples' souls in the world."

Johnson responded by commending the company's strong interest in strengthening Russian families through TV programming. "This was the attraction which drew the Russians to RTVC's ACTS/FamilyNet exhibit at the 1990 national cable TV show in Anaheim, Calif.," he said. "I don't believe I have seen such interest in our own country."

James M. (Mickey) Castleberry, pastor of Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Montgomery, Ala., was reelected RTVC trustees chairman. New officers, who will take office following the June meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, are Dallas Bumgarner, pastor of Elvaton Baptist Church in Millersville, Md., first vice chairman; C. Wyman Copass, pastor of Farmdale Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., second vice chairman; and Gary Underwood, executive vice president of Beech Street Communications Corp., ACTS affiliate in Texarkana, Texas, secretary.

The RTVC financial picture is better than it has been in years, according to the report of Jerry Stamps, vice president for business services. Sound financial controls and favorable interest rates have combined to make possible a renegotiation of long-term debt that is a carryover from crises that threatened to destroy ACTS a few years ago.

RTVC's business services committee expressed optimism SBC Executive Committee approval of a favorable refinancing option now on the table could reduce cash outflow for debt by as much as \$300,000.

Those extra dollars will be greatly needed in the face of the breakthrough Russian opportunities, which are not covered in the present budget, Johnson reminded trustees.

"Our first two hours of pilot programs," Johnson reported, "took 235 man hours to produce and cost \$38 a minute.

"We have committed funds to produce the first 13 weeks by reducing other activities," he said. "We are praying that by that time, we will have a clear signal of additional support ... or clear directions of where to cut expenses.

"But to choose not to answer this Macedonian call is not an option," he concluded.

While incredible opportunities beckoned from abroad, current programs also are prospering, according to other reports. They revealed:

- a 34 percent increase in ACTS distribution.
- an 8 million increase in FamilyNet viewers.
- an estimated 20 million homes reached in the "Family Enrichment Series" which featured James Dobson in its premiere on ACTS and FamilyNet and was simulcast on Moody Radio Network.
- the largest potential audience in RTVC history reached by "Night of Nights," the Christmas Eve special featuring a pageant performed by First Baptist Church of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and televised on 88 percent of ABC's affiliates, Armed Forces Television and NHK network, which covers Japan.
- 80 new stations added to radio distribution this quarter, with Baptist Hour showing the greatest increase in its 51-year history.

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-- an expansion of RTVC's printed Baptist Hour sermon subscription service to include Frank Pollard's televised version as well as Joel Gregory's radio sermons, mailed on a monthly basis.

-- renewal of The Beam International magazine which will be introduced in a new format at the Southern Baptist Convention.

In the face of what he termed staggering opportunities, Johnson pledged to trustees the commitment of RTVC to continued fiscal integrity and fidelity to the mission assigned by the convention.

"Seizing the Russian opportunity is not a departure from our mission, it is a continuation of our mandate from the beginning to use broadcast media to preach the gospel and support our churches and agencies as their broadcast resource."

To illustrate that commitment, Johnson cited a long history of RTVC global efforts, as well as continuing discussions to assure cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board. He reminded trustees the Russian invitation was "on a commercial level" that would likely never have come through normal religious channels.

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(BP) photo of actual signing available from Steve Gregory, Director of Public Relations, Radio and Television Commission.