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Defense Education Act Considered

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--The National Defense Education Act passed this year was subject of discussion at the fall meeting of the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools here.

The act of Congress provides loans, fellowships, and other aid for college students, both at graduate and undergraduate levels.

Baptist educators are chiefly concerned about any implications the new act may have on the Baptist tradition of separation of church and state, since the financial assistance is from the government.

While there was general consensus that government loans to students would not violate separation of church and state, Southern Baptist-related colleges in one state reported they would not be interested in the loan program.

The Baptist educators---representing mainly denominational schools although some are connected with state and private universities---adopted no formal statement on the National Defense Education Act.

They were meeting as a special-interest group while in Louisville for the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, a secular accreditation organization.

The Baptist educators adopted a resolution praising R. Orin Cornett of Nashville for the work he has done for the Baptist group as their executive secretary.

Cornett, executive secretary of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, fills the association's post because of its close relationship to his SBC duties. He has resigned the Education Commission and association offices effective in January to accept a position with the U. S. Office of Education in Washington.

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Baptist Editor Urges Party Consider Hays

WASHINGTON--(BP)--The editor of the Capital Baptist here suggests that the Democratic Party "look with favor" on outgoing Congressman Brooks Hays as a vice-presidential candidate in the 1960 national elections.

James O. Duncan, in an editorial in the Dec. 4 issue, said that it was unlikely the party would consider a Southerner for the Presidency. Instead, he asked, "would it not be wise to have the next highest office filled by a man who knows and loves the South . . . yet one who has complete devotion and allegiance to the whole Nation."

"This suggestion is not made . . . because Mr. Hays is the President of the Southern Baptist Convention . . . but because Mr. Hays, in my opinion, can give moral and constructive leadership to the present problem," Duncan wrote.

He referred to Hays, defeated representative from Little Rock, as "another Lincoln."

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Grant Succeeds Pruitt In Committee Office

NASHVILLE--(BP)--J. Ralph Grant, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Tex., has been appointed chairman of the administrative committee of the Southern

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Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

The appointment was announced by Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, Tenn., chairman of the Executive Committee.

Grant succeeds the late Thomas P. Pruitt, Hickory, N. C., layman.

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Maryland Makes Fiscal,
Budget Year Correspond

BALTIMORE--(BP)--Maryland Baptist State Mission Board has voted to make the fiscal year for the state Baptist Union Association conform to the budget and calendar years.

Although the budget and calendar years correspond, there has been a difference of several months in the fiscal year. Baptist leaders said the change was made to eliminate confusion.

Re-elected president of the board was Rowland McD. Ness, Baltimore layman.

The December meeting, lasting 55 minutes, was one of the shortest state board sessions in memory.

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1959 Brings Changes
Of 4 Agency Leaders

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Changes in leadership in top administrative offices face Southern Baptists as they approach the year 1959.

Four of the 22 Southern Baptist Convention agencies will have changes brought about by retirement or resignation of their executive secretaries, the chief administrative officers of each agency.

Dr. Frank Tripp, who led Southern Baptists through their successful endeavor to get out of debt during the depression '30's, retires as executive secretary of the Convention's Hospital Board and superintendent of its two hospitals.

Also retiring during 1959 is Dr. Norman W. Cox of the Historical Commission, who leaves behind a comprehensive, two-volume Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists and stacks of valuable historical files---two of the major accomplishments of his service with that agency.

The executive secretary of the Education Commission, R. Orin Cornett, has resigned to accept a high post with the U. S. Office of Education. Cornett was the first executive secretary after the agency received status as a commission. He has done Christian education surveys for several state Baptist groups and has worked toward an expanded college teacher placement service for Baptist schools.

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell retired several months ago as president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. His successor, H. Leo Eddleman, now president of Georgetown (Ky.) College, takes office about Feb. 1.

It is the first New Year's Day in office for two other agency heads---President Robert E. Naylor of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and President Nathan C. Brooks of Carver School of Missions and Social Work.

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Survey Under Study
By Kentucky Board

MIDDLETOWN, Ky.--(BP)--The executive board of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky voted here to delay a decision on the recent management survey done of the association's work.

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It referred to a 17-member committee of the executive board, to be appointed later, the job of considering the recommendations made following the survey.

The committee will report back to the executive board and the board in turn will bring any business concerning the recommendations to the 1959 session of the general association.

The executive board adopted a resolution of appreciation to its special survey committee, which worked with a management consultant firm in studying Kentucky Baptist life during the past year.

The 1958 session of the general association killed the educational section of the survey recommendations, which would have set up a Baptist university and consolidated regional Baptist educational institutions.

However, the 1958 session remanded the other recommendations to the executive board for a year of further consideration.

The 17-member committee will be named by Harold D. Tallant of Madisonville, newly-elected chairman of the executive board.

LOOK OUT BELOW!—At Mexican Christmas parties in the Southwest, breaking the pinata (pronounced pin-yah—tah) is one of the popular events. The pinata is an earthenware jug filled with candy, nuts, cookies, and other good things to eat, sometimes also with gifts. At children's parties, they are blindfolded and try to break the pinata with a bat or some other strong object. The pinata is suspended from the ceiling, and often is movable so that it is raised and lowered to make it harder for the children to hit. When broken, its contents spill all over the surrounding floor and there is a mad scramble. The fragile earthen jars are often decorated as a doll's face, a bull fighter, or in this chap's case, a combination of Jug and Sputnik.—
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