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600 Friends Honor

Rep. Brooks Hays

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WASHINGTON, D. C.--(BP)--More than 600 friends representing all shades of political affiliation and religious adherence paid tribute here to Rep. Brooks Hays, Democrat of Arkansas, at the Willard Hotel.

The dinner was given for Hays on his leaving Congress after serving 16 years as representative from the fifth district of Arkansas.

It was tendered against a background of headlines today predicting a bitter wrangle in the next Congress over Hays's defeat by Dr. Dale Alford of Little Rock, Ark., in the Nov. 4 election.

A special house election committee a few hours before recommended that Dr. Alford be kept from taking his seat on Jan. 7 until charges of irregularities in the election, won by a last minute write-in campaign, be investigated.

But speakers at the dinner dwelt more upon the contributions Hays, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, made to Congress and the nation rather than upon the pending political squabble.

Clarence W. Cranford, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church here and a former president of the American Baptist Convention, keyed the evening's theme by declaring in his invocation "We pray for all men who have to make a choice between principle and political expediency." Rep. Hays, he said, chose the former course and lost.

Telegrams from Vice President Nixon, Democratic 1952 and 1956 Presidential Candidate Adlai Stevenson, and Sen. John F. Kennedy, Democrat of Massachusetts, among others emphasized the loss to the nation in Hays's defeat.

Sen. Mike Monroney, Democrat of Oklahoma, told the gathering "We pay tribute to a modern hero who in temporary defeat has won lasting spiritual victory. . . . A pre-fabricated sticker may mutilate a ballot but it can never mutilate his integrity."

"Hays has lost nothing," Sen. Monroney contended. "It is the nation and his colleagues in Congress who are the losers. They have lost a marvellous Christian leader."

Former chairman of the house foreign affairs committee James P. Richards said "There is no disposition to question the right of Arkansas to send whomever it wishes to Congress. . . . I am sorry some people may use Brooks Hays's name and fame for political motives. Hays would never be a party to such a practice. He is charitable to all men."

Evangelist Billy Graham predicted Hays's defeat will give him greater opportunity to serve the nation and greater influence.

"I am convinced that this temporary defeat has already been turned into a triumphant victory for Brooks Hays," he asserted. "Because of his exceptionally outstanding ability, Christian character, and qualifications, he has become a world figure. I feel he is destined to play an important role in the future as we face the many problems that trouble the South and harass the entire world."

Declaring Hays has "The overwhelming support of the people of his denomination," Graham praised the Congressman for keeping to "the middle of the road" rather than yielding to extremists on either side of the integration question.

Mrs. Oswald B. Lord, member of the United States mission to the United Nations, cited Hays's contributions to the international organization and paid tribute to his qualities as a man.

"The country needs Hays's combination of humor and humanity," she said. "Wherever he goes he always leaves an indelible imprint."

Colgate W. Darden, president of the University of Virginia and former governor of Virginia, presided. He also served in Congress with Hays.

In his reply, the Arkansas Congressman insisted the cause of moderation in the South was not hopeless, despite his defeat. He then pointed out four rules the "just and prudent" should observe in advancing their cause:

1. "An appreciation of what the rule of law means in sustaining our liberties and our property. . . . The times do call for reminders that the constitution provides a method for change and that until changed, unpopular as well as popular laws must be respected."
2. "We must have a firm commitment to the Democratic tradition as expressed in our procedures and institutions. Our public school system must be preserved. Without it, the freedom that flowers from an educated citizenry would perish."
3. "The third imperative is disciplined freedom. The principle grants to both the proponents and opponents of proposed changes the right to organize, and their rights are not forfeited by methods and manners that are not admirable so long as they are not illegal."
4. "There must be due concern for the preservation of our common faith, the faith which sustains our position of world leadership. . . . The door religion alone can open leads to a sure passageway of peace and justice."

Numerous Baptist leaders from many parts of the country were in the large assemblage. There were also many Little Rock residents present at the dinner.

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Southern Baptists Aim  
At Faster Communication

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Southern Baptists may soon combine the magic of the telephone with the marvel of the typewriter to gear their communications to the speed of an air age.

What combines the telephone and typewriter? A machine known as a tele-typewriter. With a typewriter-like keyboard, but with the inner-workings needed to convert the typist's touch to an impulse on a telephone wire, it provides simultaneous and instantaneous communication to any point necessary.

The Southern Baptist Convention's Executive Committee here authorized public relations leaders in the denomination to negotiate with parties interested in establishing such a communications service. It will be first established on a six-month trial basis.

Agencies subscribing to the service would share the cost of its operation.

Public relations leaders pointed out that such a service---now used by large business firms with branch offices in many states and even in foreign countries, and used by worldwide news services---would prove of great value to Baptists in their vital communications set up.

News in their periodicals would be fresher, in some cases only a day old. Executives of Convention agencies and state boards could correspond by wire and eliminate one-to-three days' delay in mail correspondence, and many other efficiencies could be brought about.

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2 New Associates  
For Seminary Work

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Seminary Extension Commission has approved the addition of two associates for the Seminary Extension Department, based in Jackson, Miss. The department is supported by the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries to carry on extension and correspondence courses in the religious field.

It was expected that the first new associate will be located in Texas.

Associates are responsible for certain geographical areas, assisting in the establishment of new seminary extension centers.

The Inter-Seminary Conference, composed of representatives from the various seminaries, approved a 1959-60 budget of \$106,000 for the Seminary Extension Department. This is based on a total allocation of \$84,750 of the budgeted amount being sent by the six seminaries.

A plan for specialized training for the director of the department and his associates was approved by the Inter-Seminary Conference. The plan will be equivalent to a sabbatical leave program for seminary professors.

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161 Eighth Ave. No.  
To Have New Tenants

NASHVILLE--(BP)--161 Eighth Ave. No. in Nashville, an address familiar to millions of Southern Baptists across the country, will have new tenants probably in the summer of 1960.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has voted to accept an offer from the Baptist Sunday School Board which will give title to the four-story building to the SBC.

The building will be used to house offices of the Executive Committee and other Nashville-based Convention agencies, with the exception of the Board and the Historical Commission.

All Nashville agencies except the Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary are housed in buildings owned by the Sunday School Board. Two of them--the Education and Christian Life Commissions--are already in the building at 161 Eighth Ave. No.

The others are in the new Sunday School Board 12-story administration building at 127 Ninth Ave. No., separated from the Eighth Ave. Building by a city street.

The Historical Commission offices will remain on the Ninth Ave. property because it and the Sunday School Board jointly sponsor a library containing valuable Baptist periodicals and historical files.

161 Eighth Ave. No. was the address to which orders for the Baptist Sunday School Board literature were addressed prior to 1955 when the occupancy of the building at 127 Ninth Ave. No. was completed. The address was changed at the time to the Ninth Ave. building.

The Sunday School Board told the Executive Committee it will renovate the Eighth Ave. building to accommodate the Committee and other offices and to provide a chapel and conference rooms. The Nashville Baptist Book Store, presently located on the ground floor, is expected to relocate and its space be converted into the chapel and conference rooms.

Target date for having the building remodeled and ready for its new occupants is June 1, 1960. The delay is necessary while the Board completes construction of a \$4-1/2 million operations building nearby.

Operations now carried out at 127 Ninth Ave. No. will move into the new operations building some time in 1959. Then the former operations space on Ninth Ave. will be remodeled to house Sunday School Board offices located

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on Eighth Ave. After they move across the street, the Eighth Ave. structure will be renovated inside and outside.

The front of 161 Eighth Ave. No. faces a street carrying three major federal highways through the city. It has been visited by many Baptist tourists to Nashville and was pictured on much of the Board's literature, its four stone columns being an architectural landmark.

The Executive Committee voted to express its appreciation to James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, and members of the Board "for their fine spirit of co-operation and assistance in this matter."