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'Statesmanship Needs
Recognized Yet'--Hays

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The South still recognizes "the need for statesmanship on the political level" in the race issue, even though its political moderates "have paid a heavy price," one of the price-paying moderates declared here.

Brooks Hays of Washington, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, said there are three simple rules which he advocates in considering racial tensions:

1. "A non-violent settlement of the controversy. This is the first and primal rule.
2. "Never seal the lips of God's prophets . . . through exercising political, economic, and social pressures against their dictates of conscience.
3. "Seek to execute full justice."

Hays's remarks were made to the annual meeting of the Advisory Council on Work with National Baptists here. The organization has no official standing in Southern Baptist life, but representatives from state Baptist bodies and from SBC agencies make up its membership.

The statements by Hays carried the weight of his experience of political defeat, attributed to his moderate position on the racial issue in the South. He was defeated by voters in Little Rock, Ark., last November after 16 years as their representative in Congress.

For the political statesman, Hays said, there are five points to consider.

The first, according to Hays, is the "rule of law."

The second--popular education. "Popular government can not survive without popular education," Hays continued. "The public school system as we know it is in jeopardy." Hays described as "shocking and dangerous" the proposals to divert public tax funds to private schools. "We thought this issue had been settled in 1793 in Virginia.

"There is utterly no way to reach the sources of contamination of education when we turn away from public education," he declared.

A third factor for the political statesman to weigh is that of "disciplined freedom." Hays defined this as the "state granting us the right to sacrifice for our own private views."

Placed in a practical setting, it is the right of parents to send their children to private schools if they fear public education, but for them to pay extra for that private schooling rather than seeking public funds to support private education, Hays said.

"High procedural standards" is the fourth point Hays mentioned. "Erect a standard to which the wise and prudent may repair. Respect man's capacity to govern himself. Recognize the sanctity of all life," Hays said.

Point No. 5 is the "exaltation of a common faith." This is to "acknowledge common humanity and to fight common enemies," Hays asserted.

"The lodge and church used to occupy the attentions of the Negro," he continued. "Today, his attentions are the labor union and the political party."

Decisions of the Advisory Council on Work with National Baptists are not officially binding on state or nationwide Baptist groups. However, it may forward suggested courses of action for cooperative work with Negro Baptists along to state and Southern Convention agencies for their consideration.

T. B. Maston Chairman
Of Advisory Council

NASHVILLE--(BP)--T. B. Maston, professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, was elected here as chairman of the Advisory Council on Work with National Baptists.

He succeeds Clifton J. Allen of Nashville, editorial secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board. It is Maston's second time to serve as chairman of the semi-official organization.

The group meets annually in Nashville to discuss work carried on jointly by Southern Baptists and Negro Baptists. The council draws its title from the names of the two large Negro Baptist conventions---both called National Baptist Convention, but one is called "incorporated" and the other is known as the "unicorporated" convention.

G. Kearnie Keegan, secretary of student work for the Baptist Sunday School Board here, was elected vice-chairman of the council. Mrs. Mildred Dunn, associate editor of Brotherhood Commission periodicals, Memphis, was elected secretary.

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2 Books On Racial
Question Published

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Two Southern Baptist leaders are authors of books on racial understanding, it was reported to the Advisory Council on Work with National Baptists here.

Southern Baptist Convention President Brooks Hays has written one, entitled "A Southern Moderate Speaks." It will be put on sale Mar. 14 by the University of North Carolina Press.

T. B. Maston, professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, has written the other. Bearing the title, "The Bible and Race," it was released by Broadman Press, book publishing department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

The Advisory Council, a semi-official organization which considers co-operative work carried on by white and Negro Baptists, said it recommended both books to Southern Baptists.

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