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Plans Launched For  
Educational Studies

WASHINGTON--(BP)--Plans to study religious and public educational policies from a Baptist viewpoint have been launched by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here. The Committee is composed of representatives from six national Baptist conventions, including Southern Baptists.

Other actions of the Public Affairs Committee's executive committee meeting here were to set a date for a religious liberty conference and to appoint a special committee to prepare a paper on the "Biblical Basis of Religious Liberty" to be read at the conference.

C. Emanuel Carlson, Washington, executive director, stated that in view of the current interest in rethinking the educational processes of America, studies on educational policies by Baptists should be of great significance. "The current educational scene in America contains a great many issues which we Baptists have not thought through together," Carlson pointed out. "Many of these issues involve church-state relations."

Growing out of previous discussions on the relation of moral and religious instruction to the public schools, a committee of five members from the Public Affairs Committee has been appointed by Eldon Koch, chairman. The committee is to be composed of Walter Pope Binns, Liberty, Mo., Porter Routh, Nashville, Tenn., Clarence W. Cranford, Washington, D. C., Lee Shane, Washington, D. C., and Mrs. John W. Bradbury, New York, N. Y.

(Binns and Routh are Southern Baptists. Cranford pastors a church here affiliated both with American and Southern Baptist Conventions, and is president of the American Convention.)

This committee along with five other persons to be appointed by the original five members will constitute a steering committee to lead in seminars, workshops, and conferences to reach a meeting of minds concerning Baptists and education. Out of these studies it is hoped that by 1960 a national conference on the subject may be conducted.

Following up recommendations by the Conference on Religious Liberty last October, the Joint Committee's executive committee voted to set Sept. 16-18, 1958,

as the date for the next Conference on Religious Liberty. The meeting will be in Washington.

The committee appointed to prepare a paper on the "Biblical Basis for Religious Liberty" to be presented to the conference in September is composed of Clifton J. Allen, Southern Baptist Convention Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., chairman; Benjamin P. Browne, American Baptist Convention Board of Education and Publication, Philadelphia, Pa.; Stewart A. Newman, Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., and Carl Morgan, Eastern Baptist Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa.

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'Round-Up Day' Feb. 23  
For Congress Of RA's

(Picture accompanies; cutlines separate)

FORT WORTH--(BP)--"Round-Up Day" will be observed Feb. 23 for the Southern Baptist Royal Ambassador Congress to be held here next August.

"The plan," according to Leonard Holloway, chairman of the Congress promotion committee, Dallas, "is for pastors to call attention to the Congress from their pulpits on this day."

Holloway urged pastors to encourage boys nine through 16 years old to attend the three-day meeting. He asked pastors to outline specific plans being made by the church and its Brotherhood for sending representatives to Fort Worth.

A goal of every RA chapter represented has been set, with a goal for total attendance of 8,858.

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Georgetown Dramatists  
Announce Tour Details

GEORGETOWN, Ky.--(BP)--The Maskrafter European Company, Georgetown College drama group, announced this week detailed plans which include appearances in Canada, France, and Britain this summer.

The company plans performances of the Book of Job, adapted by Prof. O. R. Corey, and "John Henry", written by Jim Peyton, a 1953 graduate of Georgetown.

After 21 days of rehearsals in May and June, the company will entrain for Canada June 19. Canadian performances will be under the co-sponsorship of the Leacock Memorial Theatre and Canada Culture Foundation.

On June 25 the Maskrafters sail from Montreal for Paris, to arrive there July 3. The company plans a week of lectures, tours and performance in France.

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Shortly after July 10 the group will begin touring Great Britain, starting with performances in London. Engagements after that will follow in Great Yarmouth, the Norfolk area, Derby, Leicester, Coventry, a Baptist missionary conference in Western Wales and on the South Coast.

The month of August is devoted to engagements with the British Drama League, one of the company's sponsors.

The last few days of the tour in early September will be spent in London, where the company will do some sightseeing, shopping, and resting.

Members of the company will stay in homes of local sponsors. The Company will be under the direction of Prof. and Mrs. O. R. Corey. Corey is director of drama, and Mrs. Corey is head of the art department at Georgetown College.

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FIRST RA REGISTRANT--First to register for the Second Southern Baptist Convention Royal Ambassador Congress next August is John Scales, left, of Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City. John is Oklahoma state ambassador-in-chief, holds the rank of Ambassador, and is associate counsellor of a junior RA chapter in Trinity Church. With John is Bob Banks, Oklahoma City, state RA secretary for Oklahoma. The Congress meets in Fort Worth Aug. 12-14 and total attendance goal is 8,858.