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John R. Canning Called  
To Sunday School Post

PORTLAND, Ore.--(BP)--John R. Canning, president of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington, has been called as the convention's Sunday school secretary.

He is pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Springfield, Ore., and this is his second term as convention president.

With the coming of Canning on Mar. 1, the convention's department of religious education will be divided three ways. Canning will promote Sunday school and Vacation Bible school work, Bob Dove will promote Training Union, and Ed Seabough will promote church music and the Baptist Student Union.

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Korean Baptist Women  
Mail Lottie Moon Gift

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Baptist women in South Korea have given \$129 for the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions.

Missionary John A. Abernathy of the Southern Baptist Convention forwarded the offering from Seoul, Korea, to the treasurer's office of the Southern Baptist Convention here.

Abernathy said the Korean Woman's Missionary Union "wanted me to send it so they would have a part in sending the Gospel to the whole world." He told SBC Treasurer Porter Routh, Nashville, "There still may be more coming in later."

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Smith, Fuller, West On  
26,000-Mile World Tour

FORT WORTH--(BP)--Three Southern Baptist Convention leaders left here on a 26,000-mile world tour to gather material for an expanded foreign mission program by the denomination.

Making the trip are Rogers Smith, Richmond, Va., associate secretary for promotion, Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board; J. Woodrow Fuller, Dallas, associate executive secretary, Baptist General Convention of Texas; and G. Allen West, Jr., pastor, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

Smith said Southern Baptists are planning an enlarged missions program which will include sending more doctors and teachers to foreign fields.

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"On this trip," he said, "we hope to determine needs and specific areas where new work is needed."

The missions tour from now through Mar. 28 will take the three leaders to Hawaii, Japan, Korea, Formosa, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaya, Thailand, East Pakistan, India, Lebanon, Italy, and Spain.

West is a member of the Executive Committee of the SBC. He will give particular attention, he said, to political and economic conditions in areas where the denomination now has mission points.

He made a mission tour of South America in 1954.

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## SBC President Speaks On Lawmaking Process

WASHINGTON--Baptists in the South can do much to relieve tensions in the nation, declares Congressman Brooks Hays (D., Ark.), president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

"The Baptist influence in the South," Hays asserted in an address, "is perhaps greatest of any religious organization--not because we are more virtuous or sensitive than other Christians, but we are more numerous."

The lawmaker's address was inserted in a recent issue of the Congressional Record by Congressman Paul Brown (D., Ga.). The speech was originally given at the Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University, Macon, Ga., last November. Mercer is a Baptist school in Georgia.

Speaking on "Law Day" at Mercer on the subject, "Due Process of Lawmaking," Hays pointed out the relationship of Christianity to the lawmaking processes of the nation.

He said, "We Baptists have a fine tradition. We seek not to dominate the state but rather to influence it. That influence is exerted by sending into the struggles for decent government our dedicated sons and daughters who believe that the service to be rendered there may be a Christian service and may bring a satisfying human experience."

Pointing out the sacred character of the legal profession, Hays said that "without the guidance and depth of religious instruction the techniques of both law and politics may be tragically abused."

The Christian lawyer has a special contribution to make in the due process of lawmaking, declared the SBC president. "He should excel in interpreting public issues in terms of moral values." The Christian lawyer must be both "a craftsman in legal affairs, and a preceptor in political morality."

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Referring to events at Little Rock, Rep. Hays said that he had "gained a new comprehension of the magnitude of the problem," but that he had also "faith in our capacity to meet that challenge."

He pointed out that both sides in the racial problem need to explore possible solutions "in utmost good will" and that "Christian, rather than doctrinaire, attitudes on both sides will provide the answer."

Hays concluded his speech with an appeal "that an effort be made to channel the church influence into the processes of government and that firm though flexible partnership between lawyer and Christian minister be used for perfecting human society."

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Tells Congress Of ABC  
Race Relations Action

WASHINGTON--The Congress of the United States has had its attention called to an action of the American Baptist Convention concerning race relations.

Senator Frank Carlson (R., Kans.), a Baptist, has inserted in a recent issue of the Congressional Record a resolution adopted by the American Baptist Convention at its annual meeting last June.

The resolution points out that "God has made all men in his image, and therefore all men have equal rights." It also declares that "men can be reconciled to each other as they are reconciled to God through faith in Jesus Christ."

The resolution calls upon American Baptist Convention churches to rise above racial factors in consideration of church membership, the ministry, participation in public life, Christian fellowship, and in the activities of their denominational agencies and institutions.

In order to implement these objectives the ABC voted full cooperation with the national Baptist Jubilee Advance especially in the field of evangelism, requested Congress to observe the 100th anniversary of the Civil War as a call to national unity, and urged the churches of the convention "to demonstrate interracial understanding and shatter illusions that engender fear between races."

The six objectives of the ABC resolution are:

1. "That membership in each Baptist Church shall be open to all people of its community regardless of their race or national origin.
2. "That each church shall choose its minister on the basis of character and ability without regard to racial background.

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3. "That each church shall work to assure equality for all people in education, employment, housing, and political activity.

4. "That members of our churches shall base their fellowship with others on individual merit without regard to racial origins.

5. "That we shall not align ourselves with any organized group or movement that works to retain segregation whether in country clubs, sororities, fraternities, service clubs, organizations of property owners, the Ku Klux Klan, White Citizen's Councils, and all exclusive groups that deny membership to others on the basis of race.

6. "That each Baptist organization, school, home, and hospital shall follow practices that are consistent with clear policies of racial nondiscrimination."

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