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**Missionary Says Bias
Has Effect On Youth**

FORT WORTH--(BP)--A Southern Baptist missionary told pastors attending a Christian Life Workshop here that racial prejudices in their churches have "profound influences" on youth both in America and in other lands.

"Young people," said W. O. Harper, missionary to Africa's Tanganyika territory, "are color-blind until we teach them otherwise."

Speaking on race relations during the conference at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Harper said the prejudices build psychological barriers in the minds of young people who may be called to serve on foreign missions fields.

"It is embarrassing," Harper continued "when we have to tell our Nigerian youth who plan to visit America that they will not be welcomed in the churches that send missionaries to them."

The 2-day workshop sponsored by the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission, featured discussions on Christian principles applied to race relations, moral problems, family life, daily work and citizenship. Foy Valentine of Dallas is director of the commission.

An Austin, Tex., Baptist pastor, Carlyle Marney, called for a stronger emphasis to be exerted by Baptist churches on morality in politics.

"If the community loses its own moral sources," Marney said, "the state cannot assure the soundness of its system of law."

W. Barry Garrett, associate director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D. C., declared that Baptists have not been alert to threats to religious liberty.

"Changing and enlarging concepts of government," Garrett said, "have produced inevitable overlappings of interests and functions of the church."

John Salzman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Galveston, said the "best example of a Christian is the dedicated use of brain and brawn."

"God cannot be honored on Sunday," he said, "if he is dishonored during the week. Men and women who wear working clothes should wear them as vestments of Christianity. Every shop should be a cathedral and every workbench a pulpit for proclaiming the gospel," he said.

E. S. James, Dallas, editor of the Baptist Standard, state newspaper, said "a person may be moral and not Christian. But a person cannot be Christian and immoral. There is no morality apart from personal purity."

T. B. Maston, professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Seminary, cited Baptists' concern for numbers rather than quality in members as a reason for low moral standards in churches.

"We must do a better quality job in our teaching and evangelism," he added, "or it will become increasingly difficult to do a successful quality job."

In an address on "Unchristian America," J. D. Grey, pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Orleans, said "Truly Christian forces are the only ones in a position to raise high the banner for morality, integrity and righteousness."

"Purpose of the workshop," Valentine said, "is to help inspire a revival in Christian behavior."

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Carpenter On Forum With Air Chaplains

WASHINGTON--(BP)--Alfred Carpenter, director of the Chaplains Commission, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, took part in the annual conference of staff chaplains of the U. S. Air Force here.

He was member of a forum group discussing the topic "The Challenge to Build-- An Effective Religious Education Program."

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Ouachita BSU Director

ARKADELPHIA, Ark.--(BP)--Mrs. Joe Simmons has been named director of the Baptist Student Union at Ouachita Baptist College here.

Mrs. Simmons is a graduate of North Texas State College, Denton, and Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth.

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