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Midwestern Enrolment  
Expected To Top 100

(with photos to editors ordering)

KANSAS CITY, Mo.--(BP)--Midwestern Baptist Seminary, newest in the Southern Baptist Convention family of seminaries, expects 100 to 150 students to enrol when it opens this fall.

The seminary will be using facilities of Calvary Baptist Church here for three, and perhaps four or five, years.

During this time, the seminary will be developing its own campus several miles north, across the Missouri River. Land for the seminary has already been purchased.

Westport Building of Calvary Church will house the seminary's classes. Westport Building is the former Hyde Park Christian Church of Kansas City.

When Hyde Park Church moved, Calvary Church bought the Hyde Park property and building, since it was adjacent. The Baptist church has been using the building for religious education purposes.

An area of Calvary Church will be set aside as an office for Millard J. Berquist, Midwestern Seminary president, according to Conrad Willard, Calvary pastor and seminary trustee.

The seminary will use a former residence across the street from the church auditorium for its library, according to present plans. This and four other former residences on the same street are owned by the church.

One is rented commercially and the other three are used on Sunday for church classes.

No dormitory space will be available immediately for students, Willard said. However, he reported there are numbers of homes in the neighborhood that can board students.

Taking care of the seminary for at least three years will mean that Calvary Church will have to crowd up a bit on Sunday. Willard said the church averages 750 in Sunday school now and that the rate of average attendance is increasing 50 a year.

After the seminary has moved to its own campus, Calvary Church members hope to consolidate their many buildings by embarking on a major rebuilding

program. The r building program would include a larger auditorium and new educational facilities, Willard added.

Westport Building--where seminary classes will meet--is so named because that part of the city is known as Westport. Willard said it is a starting point of the old Santa Fe Trail, where travellers began their long westward journey by land after coming up the Missouri River.

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J. L. Corzine, South  
Carolina Leader, Dies

COLUMBIA, S. C.--(BP)--Funeral services were conducted at Shandon Baptist Church here Feb. 20 for J. L. Corzine, Sunday school secretary for South Carolina Baptists.

Corzine died two days earlier at his Columbia home after an illness of several weeks. He had lived in Columbia 38 years, although he was a native of Anna, Ill., and a graduate of University of Illinois.

Corzine was 65.

E. C. Brown, pastor of Shandon Baptist Church--where Corzine was a member; C. F. Sims, general secretary for South Carolina Baptists, and R. Archie Ellis, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbia, officiated at funeral services. Corzine was buried in Columbia.

A layman, Corzine formerly taught at Mars Hill College, Baptist junior college at Mars Hill, N. C., and was once associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C. He was in charge of the church's educational program primarily.

Corzine was also a graduate of the University of South Carolina here, and was a recognized leader in the field of religious education. He wrote several books on religious education.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Nellie Carter Corzine, and two daughters.

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Marse Grant Chosen  
'Tar Heel Of Week'

RALEIGH, N. C.--(BP)--J. Marse Grant, Thomasville, N. C., editor of Charity and Children, has been honored by the Raleigh News and Observer as "Tar Heel of the Week."

Charity and Children is published by the Baptist Children's Home of North Carolina, located at Thomasville.

The newspaper, second largest in North Carolina, refers to Grant as "unofficial public relations man for about 830,000 Tar Heel Baptists." Grant has been editor of Charity and Children since 1949.

North Carolina Baptists have no state public relations department. Grant, however, is chairman of their committee on publicity. He serves as press liaison during sessions of the state convention.

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Houston Church Plans  
Auditorium, School

HOUSTON--(BP)--Members of Second Baptist Church, Houston's largest congregation with more than 6,000 members, approved plans for a \$2,900,000 financial campaign to build a new church and school.

The plans include not only a church but also full facilities for a comprehensive youth program.

The church has a fully accredited six-grade elementary school. Plans are flexible to include space for a fully accredited junior high school if the church wants to add it later.

The proposed building plan would include an auditorium for 2,000 permanent seats and room for another 500 temporary seats. Sunday school facilities, designed for use of the day school, also would accommodate 2,200 to 2,500.

James S. Riley is pastor of the church.

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With Church In 1834

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Texas Baptists number more than 1,528,000, or one out of every six persons in the state. There are 3,784 churches affiliated with the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

This convention owns more than \$405 million worth of property and assets.

It operates 11 institutions of higher learning, eight hospitals, six children's homes, two homes for the aged, a home for unwed mothers, a Baptist foundation, and a Baptist building.

Its weekly denominational magazine, The Baptist Standard, has the largest circulation of any publication in the state, including newspapers and magazines.

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Baylor University, the largest Baptist university, is located at Waco. The largest orphanage, Buckner Orphans' Home, is at Dallas.

Texas Baptists also boast the oldest junior college--Decatur Junior College at Decatur--and the oldest woman's college operated by an evangelical faith west of the Mississippi River, Mary-Hardin Baylor College at Belton.

The Texas institutions also number San Marcos Academy, the only academy in the South offering 12 full years of scholastic work.

Additionally, the BGCT serves the state with a fully-approved school of dentistry, a school of medicine, and four schools of nursing, and the only denominationally-owned geriatrics hospital in the world.

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In 1953 there were 1,307,054 members of Texas Baptist churches; in 1957 there were 1,528,000, an increase of 220,946. There were 3,474 churches in 1953; in 1957 there were 3,784, an increase of 310 churches in the state.

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Texas Baptists gave a record \$2,148,267 in January of this year, including gifts through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and regular contributions through the Cooperative Program. The 1958 Cooperative Program budget for Texas Baptists is \$10½ million.

Future plans of the state's Baptists include a 1958 goal of 100,000 new Sunday school members. Texas Baptist educational institutions have a \$25 million proposed building program.

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Cutlines to picture No. 1

WHERE SEMINARY TO HOLD CLASSES--Midwestern Baptist Seminary, sixth in the Southern Baptist Convention, opens in Kansas City, Mo., this fall using Calvary Baptist Church until its own campus is built. Calvary Church has designated its Westport Building, shown here, for classroom purposes. Westport Building is the former site of Hyde Park Christian Church of Kansas City. When Hyde Park Church moved to a new site, Calvary Church bought their sanctuary, renamed it, and built a connecting hallway to their own church. It has been used by Calvary Church for Sunday school classes, etc.--Baptist Press Photo.

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CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH--Calvary Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo., will be the "campus" of Midwestern Baptist Seminary until the seminary can build its own campus across the Missouri River. Conrad Willard, former vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, is pastor of Calvary Church and a seminary trustee. Pictured here is the auditorium of the church. The seminary will use one of the church's educational buildings for its classes.--Baptist Press Photo.

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CALVARY CHURCH CHAPEL--This is the chapel of Calvary Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo., one of three major buildings on the church property. It has not yet been determined where the new Midwestern Baptist Seminary will conduct its meetings for the entire student body, but the chapel of Calvary Church undoubtedly will be the scene of some seminary functions during its three to five years of existence in buildings of Calvary Church.--Baptist Press Photo.

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Nashville, Tennessee--Southern Baptists reported numerical gains in all areas surveyed in 1957, according to their yearly statistical report. J. P. Edmunds, secretary of research and statistics, said "Southern Baptists nudged three milestones during 1957--nine million membership, seven million Sunday school enrolment, and \$400 million total gifts--and should greatly surpass them in 1958."

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Washington--Rep. Brooks Hays (D., Ark.), Southern Baptist Convention president, and Clarence W. Cranford, American Baptist Convention president, will go to Moscow Apr. 25-30 at the invitation of Russian Baptists. The two convention presidents said they hoped to create a "peacemakers fellowship" with Russian Baptists. Hays is the first Southern Baptist Convention layman president to visit Russia. The Foreign Mission Board voted to appropriate up to \$2000 for Hays' trip to Moscow.

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Fort Worth, Texas--W. O. Harper, Southern Baptist missionary to Tanganyika 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. "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."

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Dallas, Texas--R. S. Jones, investment director of the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board is retiring. Dr. and Mrs. Jones served as missionaries to Brazil from 1920 to 1930. In 1933, Jones was appointed associate secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. He left the SBC Foreign Mission Board in 1943 to become associate secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board.

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### Senator Langer Hits At Liquor Advertising

WASHINGTON--(BP)--"Educating Americans to turn their homes into drinking places and their children into juvenile delinquents" is what alcoholic beverage advertising is doing to the nation.

So declared Sen. William Langer (R., N.D.) recently to the United States Senate here.

Langer has introduced bills the past several years to prohibit beverage alcohol advertising on radio, television, and through channels controlled by the interstate commerce laws. The current bill (S. 582) is scheduled for hearings April 22-24 before the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce of the Senate, of which Sen. Warren G. Magnuson (D., Wash.) is chairman.

Deploing the increased consumption of alcoholic beverages as a result of radio and television advertising, Langer declared that "now something new has been added." This he described as a "rather terrifying invasion of the subconscious, a system of flashing a message on a screen at a level where the observer is neither conscious of seeing or hearing it during the broadcasting of another program." The "ad" has a hypnotic effect and the viewer gets up and carries out the suggestion.

"The sellers of alcoholic beverages have been doing all too successful a job of wrecking the American home," asserted Langer. Juvenile delinquency in rural districts increased notably following a series of advertisements in home magazines sponsored by the United States Brewing Foundation.

"My bill would stop all this," declared Langer and would "deny both radio and television to alcoholic beverage advertising, and dry up the flow of magazines carrying such advertisements across state lines."

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Thus far Langer's bill has never gotten further than committee hearings. In response to a question as to what people could do to get favorable action on the bill, Langer's office suggested that one of the most effective efforts would be for many people to write to Sen. Magnuson.

(Editor's Note: For those wishing to write their sentiments concerning the Langer bill the address is: Sen. Warren G. Magnuson, Chairman of Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, Senate Office Building, Washington 25, D. C.)

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#### Asks Best Thinking On Education Proposals

WASHINGTON--(BP)--A call to the nation to do its best thinking on current education proposals and to respond to its highest motives is issued by C. Emanuel Carlson in the February issue of the Report from the Capital.

Carlson is executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here, and the Report from the Capital is a monthly newsletter from the Public Affairs office giving observations and information about current issues in the nation's capital.

The February report is a detailed analysis of the Hill-Elliott Bill to aid education (S. 3187 and H.R. 10381) which seeks to enlarge the number of qualified teachers in the nation, to provide more and better educational facilities, and to provide scholarships for qualified students.

The 74-page bill emphasizes education in science, engineering, mathematics, modern foreign languages and other disciplines, but is not restricted to these. Now in the process of hearings in the Senate Committee on Labor and Public Welfare and the House Committee on Education and Labor, the bill provides for 40,000 scholarships per year, for \$40,000,000 of student loan funds per year and for \$25,000,000 per year in grants to educational institutions for student work opportunities.

Carlson's analysis describes how the Federal aid to education bill would be administered, points out that "many of the institutions benefited will no doubt be private institutions," and raises several questions that should be considered before final passage of the bill is approved.

"What would this bill do to or for the teachers and their profession?" asks Carlson. "How will the program affect the morale of the teaching profession?"

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Will we end up with less or more teachers? Does this measure really put the American economy behind American education? With the current tidal wave of college students now coming over the horizon, and with the additional students made possible by this bill, will the educational institutions find themselves financially adequate to meet the additional load?"

"How will all this affect the churches in their distinctive spiritual role and ministry?" Carlson continues. "Could these developments leave mostly second-rate abilities for the church-related vocations? Or, will federal scholarships and loans become the means for training the educational if not also the pulpit leadership of the churches?"

In his call to serious consideration of the bill by the nation Carlson says, "To grasp the full scope of the long range effects of a piece of legislation is difficult even when the law is comparatively simple....The legislators who discuss and enact an education bill will undoubtedly be greatly surprised in the manner in which it works out."

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Will American Negro  
Remain Protestant?

WASHINGTON--Which direction, religiously, is the American Negro going the next few years?

Occasion for this question is a report of the Roman Catholic Commission for Indian and Negro Missions as released by the National Catholic Welfare Conference here. Father J. B. Tenny, secretary of the Commission, reports 11,375 Negro conversions in 1957 and 890 Indian conversions.

The 1957 Negro Catholic gain in the United States was set at about 30,000, according to the report, making a total of 575,925 Catholic Negroes and 117,400 Catholic Indians. The report says that 17 million Negroes and 250,000 Indians remain in "spiritual darkness."

Traditionally the American Negro is Protestant with the Baptists and Methodists claiming the larger percentages.

An active Negro missionary campaign is being conducted in the United States by the Roman Catholic church. There are 413 churches, 743 priests and 343 schools with 83,384 pupils. In the last 10 years Catholic negroes have increased 60 per cent by about 200,000.

Other facilities for the Negroes, according to the report, include 13 hospitals, nine custodial institutions, seven boarding schools, and one large college. Since 1947 91 new mission churches and 45 schools have been opened by the Catholics for Negroes.

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Operation Understanding  
Is Good For Both Sides

By W. Barry Garrett

WASHINGTON--Baptists and Protestants can learn a lesson from a recent development in Roman Catholic efforts. The latter part of 1957 the Catholic "Operation Understanding" started by placing 12,000 non-Catholic ministers on

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the mailing list to receive a weekly newspaper giving news, interpretations and explanatory articles about the Catholic faith.

This idea by our Catholic friends is good and should find an equal response on the part of Protestant publications. This could well be the beginning of a new era of Protestant-Catholic inter-communication that is sadly needed in the present generation.

It is a fact that there has been practically no communication from Protestants to Catholics or from Catholics to Protestants except invectives, innuendos, name calling, charges and counter-charges. Proper and friendly communications between the two groups would clear the atmosphere and cause both sides to speak from the basis of fact rather than prejudice or suspicion.

Here is the Catholic plan. Mr. Dale Francis, a former Protestant minister and now a Roman Catholic convert, is editor of the Lone Star Catholic edition of Our Sunday Visitor. This new paper, edited out of Austin, Texas, is now being sent to a mailing list of 12,000 or more Protestant ministers, mostly Baptist, Methodist, and Episcopalian, as well as some in other groups.

Mr. Francis states that this "operation understanding" might not bring the Protestants any closer to the Catholic beliefs. "But even if it didn't bring them any closer, then at least they would be opposed to us for reasons that really existed."

It is the design of the Lone Star Catholic to emphasize important documents and movements within the Catholic church and to present a wide range of Catholic viewpoints, "giving the people a chance to weigh and think about the problems of the day." Departmentalizing of the news after the fashion of Time and Newsweek will come under such heads as "World," "Nation," "Latin America," "The Vatican."

If the Catholics are anxious for Protestants to understand their views and position, they should likewise welcome some similar effort on the part of Protestants to get the Catholic people to understand the Protestant views and positions. Likewise the Protestant people should be as willing and as anxious to communicate with their Catholic friends.

Life, information and understanding do not travel on a one way street. There must be two way communication if there is to be a real "operation understanding."

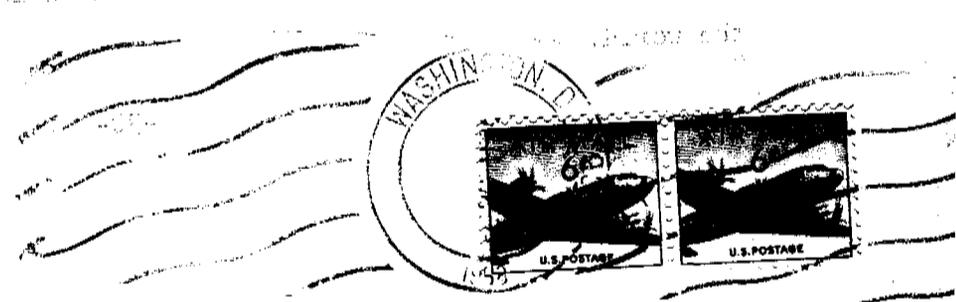
We propose that the Baptist and Protestant people take upon themselves to make available to every Catholic priest in the nation as many evangelical

publications as possible. Each publication could take upon itself the responsibility of asking its readers to assist with finances and with names and addresses for possible recipients among the Catholic constituency. Perhaps even the Catholics themselves in seeking to put on a genuine "operation understanding" would make available the names and addresses of their priests so the Protestant publications could be sent to them in exchange for the Catholic papers.

Protestant-Catholic relations have been tense through the years, sometimes justified and at other times perhaps not justified. Honest differences exist, but even though they are deep and abiding, we should agree to disagree on a friendly basis, and most certainly we should be intelligent as to the reasons for our differences.

Baptists and Protestants should welcome "operation understanding" with a response so generous on their part that every Roman Catholic in the nation could be made intelligently aware of the differences between his faith and that of others. Both Catholics and Protestants might even discover that there are areas of agreement and similarity between them, and there may be areas of cooperation where we could make the total Christian witness more effective in the world.

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