



## REPORT FROM THE CAPITAL

### BAPTIST JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The American Baptist Convention  
The Southern Baptist Convention  
The National Baptist Convention of America  
The National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.  
The North American Baptist General Conference  
The Baptist General Conference of America



1628 16th Street, N.W., Washington 9, D.C. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ C. EMANUEL CARLSON, Ph.D., Executive Director

This monthly newsletter is sent free to editors, executives, and institutions. In order to cover cost of production and mailing a charge of \$1.00 per year is made to all others.

February 1957

#### ADDITIONAL CHURCH-STATE BILLS

A bill introduced by Rep. E. Ross Adair (R.-Ind.), H.R. 3598, would change our policy regarding chaplains at the United States Military Academy, West Point. Since before the turn of the present century the chaplain at West Point has been a civilian clergyman, appointed by the President. As a matter of tradition he is always a clergyman of the Protestant Episcopal church. Mr. Adair's bill would give effect to the change which has been sought by several Protestant denominations by placing the chaplaincy at West Point under the Chief of Chaplains of the Army. The Chief of Chaplains' normal method of caring for the spiritual needs of the cadets would be by appointment of a regularly commissioned military chaplain.

A bill calling for the continuation of the policy of the past was introduced by Rep. Paul J. Kilday (D.-Texas), H.R. 2459. Mr. Kilday's bill would raise the salary provided for the civilian clergyman and authorize the appointment of an assistant chaplain.

Rep. Melvin Price (D.-Ill.) has introduced a bill, H.R. 893, providing that the Chief of Air Force Chaplains shall be appointed for a four-year term by the President, as are the Army and Navy Chiefs of Chaplains. At present the Chief of Air Force Chaplains is named by the Secretary of the Air Force for a four-year period.

The members of the Armed Services Committees, to which these matters have been referred, are as follows (in each committee, Democrats are listed on the left, Republicans on the right, in order of seniority on the committee):

#### SENATE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

|                                       |                              |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Richard B. Russell (D.-Ga.), Chairman | Styles Bridges (N.H.)        |
| Harry Flood Byrd (Va.)                | Leverett Saltonstall (Mass.) |
| Lyndon B. Johnson (Texas)             | Ralph E. Flanders (Vt.)      |
| Estes Kefauver (Tenn.)                | Margaret Chase Smith (Maine) |
| John Stennis (Miss.)                  | Francis Case (S.D.)          |
| Stuart Symington (Mo.)                | Prescott Bush (Conn.)        |
| Henry M. Jackson (Wash.)              | Frank A. Barrett (Wyo.)      |
| Sam J. Ervin, Jr. (N.C.)              |                              |

#### HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE

|                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Carl Vinson (D.-Ga.), Chairman | Leslie C. Arends (Ill.) |
| Overton Brooks (La.)           | W. Sterling Cole (N.Y.) |
| Paul J. Kilday (Texas)         |                         |

Carl T. Durham (W.C.)  
 L. Mendel Rivers (S.C.)  
 Philip J. Philbin (Mass.)  
 F. Edward Hebert (La.)  
 Arthur Winstead (Miss.)  
 Melvin Price (Ill.)  
 O. C. Fisher (Texas)  
 Porter Hardy, Jr. (Va.)  
 William J. Green, Jr. (Pa.)  
 Clyde Doyle (Calif.)  
 George P. Miller (Calif.)  
 Charles E. Bennett (Fla.)  
 Richard E. Lankford (Md.)  
 George Huddleston, Jr. (Ala.)  
 James A. Byrne (Pa.)  
 Toby Morris (Okla.)  
 A. Paul Kitchin (N.C.)

Leon H. Gavin (Pa.)  
 Walter Norblad (Ore.)  
 James E. Van Zandt (Pa.)  
 James T. Patterson (Conn.)  
 Paul Cunningham (Iowa)  
 William H. Bates (Mass.)  
 William S. Hess (Ohio)  
 James P. S. Devereux (Md.)  
 Alvin E. O'Konski (Wis.)  
 William G. Bray (Ind.)  
 Robert C. Wilson (Calif.)  
 Frank C. Osmer, Jr. (N.J.)  
 Katharine St. George (N.Y.)  
 B. Carroll Reece (Tenn.)  
 Charles S. Gubser (Calif.)

Among the proposals referred to the Judiciary Committees are immigration matters. The administration immigration bill has been presented in the Senate by Sen. Arthur V. Watkins (R.-Utah) as S. 1006, in the House by Rep. Patrick J. Hillings (R.-Calif.), H.R. 4202, and Rep. Kenneth B. Keating (R.-N.Y.), H.R. 4205. Section 7, paragraph 3 provides for the admission of missionaries, brothers, nuns or sisters at the discretion of the Attorney General, regardless of their ineligibility under other immigration and naturalization laws. The bill provides that such persons shall not be deportable under the ordinary immigration laws, but solely at the discretion of the Attorney General's office. Section 7 also provides for the admission of aliens who have served in our armed forces and for relatives of United States citizens. The total for the three classifications is not to exceed 5000 per year.

The bill proposes the enlarged immigration projected a year ago, including the pooling of quotas from various areas.

Another revision in the Immigration and Nationality Act is proposed by Rep. Abraham J. Multer (D.-N.Y.) to the effect that clergymen who are naturalized citizens shall not lose their nationality by residence abroad, even though they are not representatives of American organizations, providing they devote full time to their clerical duties. This is H.R. 791.

Other bills of interest referred to the House Judiciary Committee include two declaring Good Friday in each year to be a legal public holiday, H.R. 1029 introduced by Rep. Clement J. Zablocki (D.-Wis.) and H.R. 3043 by Mrs. Kathryn Granahan (D.-Pa.).

Resolutions to submit to the states for ratification an amendment to the United States Constitution recognizing "the authority and law of Jesus Christ, Saviour and Ruler of Nations" have been introduced by Reps. Eugene Siler (R.-Ky.) and James B. Utt (R.-Calif.).

#### SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

|  |                                 |
|--|---------------------------------|
| James O. Eastland (D.-Miss.), Chairman |                                 |
| Estes Kefauver (Tenn.)                 | Alexander Wiley (Wis.)          |
| Olin D. Johnston (S.C.)                | William Langer (N.D.)           |
| Thomas C. Hennings, Jr. (Mo.)          | William E. Jenner (Ind.)        |
| John L. McClellan (Ark.)               | Arthur V. Watkins (Utah)        |
| Joseph C. O'Mahoney (Wyo.)             | Everett McKinley Dirksen (Ill.) |
| Matthew M. Neely (W.Va.)               | John M. Butler (Md.)            |
| Sam J. Ervin, Jr. (N.C.)               | Roman L. Hruska (Neb.)          |

## HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

|                                    |                              |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Emanuel Celler (D.-N.Y.), Chairman |                              |
| Francis E. Walter (Pa.)            | Kenneth B. Keating (N.Y.)    |
| Thomas J. Lane (Mass.)             | William M. McCulloch (Ohio)  |
| Michael A. Feighan (Ohio)          | Patrick J. Hillings (Calif.) |
| Frank Chelf (Ky.)                  | William E. Miller (N.Y.)     |
| Edwin E. Willis (La.)              | Dean P. Taylor (N.Y.)        |
| James B. Frazier, Jr. (Tenn.)      | Usher L. Burdick (N.D.)      |
| Peter W. Rodino, Jr. (N.J.)        | Laurence Curtis (Mass.)      |
| E. L. Forrester (Ga.)              | John M. Robison, Jr. (Ky.)   |
| Byron G. Rogers (Colo.)            | DeWitt S. Hyde (Md.)         |
| Harold D. Donohue (Mass.)          | Richard H. Poff (Va.)        |
| Jack B. Brooks (Texas)             | William C. Cramer (Fla.)     |
| William M. Tuck (Va.)              | Arch A. Moore, Jr. (W.Va.)   |
| Robert T. Ashmore (S.C.)           | Russell W. Keeney (Ill.)     |
| Charles A. Boyle (Ill.)            | F. Jay Nimitz (Ind.)         |
| Earl Chudoff (Pa.)                 |                              |
| John Dowdy (Texas)                 |                              |
| Lester Holtzman (N.Y.)             |                              |

A bill to prevent the service or consumption of alcoholic beverages aboard passenger or military aircraft, S. 4, introduced by Sen. Strom Thurmond (D.-S.C.) was referred to the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. So also were a similar bill, S. 592, introduced by Sen. Richard L. Neuberger (D.-Ore.) and Sen. William Langer's (R.-N.D.) bill, S. 582, which would prohibit the transportation in interstate commerce of advertisements of alcoholic beverages.

In the House, a bill to prohibit the serving of alcoholic beverages to passengers on aircraft in flight was introduced by Rep. Thomas J. Lane (D.-Mass.) and is H.R. 301. Somewhat similar bills have been introduced by Rep. John Bell Williams (D.-Miss.), H.R. 1009; by Rep. Carl Elliott (D.-Ala.), H.R. 1111; and by Rep. Robert C. Byrd (D.-W.Va.), H.R. 4502.

## SENATE INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE COMMITTEE

|   |                            |
|---|----------------------------|
| Warren G. Magnuson (D.-Wash.), Chairman |                            |
| John O. Pastore (R.I.)                  | John W. Bricker (Ohio)     |
| A. S. Mike Monroney (Okla.)             | Andrew F. Schoeppel (Kan.) |
| George A. Smathers (Fla.)               | John M. Butler (Md.)       |
| Alan Bible (Nev.)                       | Charles E. Potter (Mich.)  |
| Strom Thurmond (S.C.)                   | William A. Purtell (Conn.) |
| Frank J. Lausche (Ohio)                 | Frederick G. Payne (Maine) |
| William A. Blakley (Texas)              | Norris Cotton (N.H.)       |

## HOUSE INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE COMMITTEE

|                                 |                             |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Oren Harris (D.-Ark.), Chairman |                             |
| John Bell Williams (Miss.)      | Charles A. Wolverton (N.J.) |
| Peter F. Meck, Jr. (Ill.)       | Joseph P. O'Hara (Minn.)    |
| Kenneth A. Roberts (Ala.)       | Robert Hale (Maine)         |
| Morgan M. Moulder (Mo.)         | John W. Heselton (Mass.)    |
| Harley O. Staggers (W.Va.)      | John B. Bennett (Mich.)     |
| Isidore Dollinger (N.Y.)        | John V. Beamer (Ind.)       |
| Walter Rogers (Texas)           | William L. Springer (Ill.)  |
| Martin Dies (Texas)             | Alvin R. Bush (Pa.)         |
| Samuel N. Friedel (Md.)         | Paul F. Schenck (Ohio)      |
| John J. Flynt, Jr. (Ga.)        | Joseph L. Carrigg (Pa.)     |
| Torbert H. Macdonald (Mass.)    | Steven B. Derounian (N.Y.)  |

February 1957

George M. Rhodes (Pa.)  
 John Jarman (Okla.)  
 Leo W. O'Brien (N.Y.)  
 John E. Moss, Jr. (Calif.)  
 John D. Dingell (Mich.)  
 J. Carlton Loser (Tenn.)

J. Arthur Younger (Calif.)  
 William H. Avery (Kan.)  
 Bruce Alger (Texas)  
 Will E. Neal (W.Va.)

Since treaties must be ratified by the Senate, the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations holds the strategic place with reference to the proposed treaty of friendship, commerce, and navigation with Haiti, from which was omitted the customary clause on religious liberty.

Congressional leadership with reference to the problem of diplomatic representation at the Vatican will also stem from the Foreign Relations and Foreign Affairs Committees. The Knights of Columbus and some other Roman Catholic organizations are pressing the issue again.

## SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE

|  |                               |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Theodore Francis Green (D.-R.I.), Chairman |                               |
| J. W. Fulbright (Ark.)                     | Alexander Wiley (Wis.)        |
| John Sparkman (Ala.)                       | H. Alexander Smith (N.J.)     |
| Hubert H. Humphrey (Minn.)                 | Bourke B. Hickenlooper (Iowa) |
| Mike Mansfield (Mont.)                     | William Langer (N.D.)         |
| Wayne Morse (Ore.)                         | William F. Knowland (Calif.)  |
| Russell B. Long (La.)                      | George D. Aiken (Vt.)         |
| John F. Kennedy (Mass.)                    | Homer E. Capehart (Ind.)      |

## HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

|                                      |                                |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Thomas S. Gordon (D.-Ill.), Chairman |                                |
| Thomas E. Morgan (Pa.)               | Robert B. Chipperfield (Ill.)  |
| A. S. J. Carnahan (Mo.)              | John M. Vorys (Ohio)           |
| Clement J. Zablocki (Wis.)           | Frances P. Bolton (Ohio)       |
| Omar Burleson (Texas)                | Lawrence H. Smith (Wis.)       |
| Brooks Hays (Ark.)                   | Chester E. Marrow (N.H.)       |
| Edna F. Kelly (N.Y.)                 | Walter H. Judd (Minn.)         |
| Wayne L. Hays (Ohio)                 | James G. Fulton (Pa.)          |
| Robert C. Byrd (W.Va.)               | Donald L. Jackson (Calif.)     |
| Armistead I. Selden, Jr. (Ala.)      | Karl M. LeCompte (Iowa)        |
| J. L. Pitcher (Ga.)                  | Edmund P. Radwan (N.Y.)        |
| Barratt O'Hara (Ill.)                | Albert P. Morano (Conn.)       |
| L. H. Fountain (N.C.)                | Marguerite Stitt Church (Ill.) |
| Dante B. Fascell (Fla.)              | E. Ross Adair (Ind.)           |
| Frank M. Coffin (Maine)              | Winston L. Prouty (Vt.)        |
| Leonard Farbstein (N.Y.)             | Alvin M. Bentley (Mich.)       |
| D. S. Saund (Calif.)                 |                                |

Before the Committees on Post Office and Civil Service are some bills which propose the issuing of special postage stamps honoring the anniversaries of certain organizations. Probably the most questionable of these are S. 259, and at least seven similar bills in the House, all of which would recognize the 75th anniversary of the Knights of Columbus. In the past the Post Office Department has tried to take a firm stand against the sectarian use of its facilities in this manner.

Sen. Olin D. Johnston (D.-S.C.) is chairman of the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee; Sen. Frank Carlson (R.-Kan.) is the senior minority member. In the House, Rep. Tom Murray (D.-Tenn.) is chairman, Rep. Edward H. Rees (R.-Kan.) the senior minority member.