Texas group meets in Lubbock

101Baptists told to witness here Company

United Press International LUBBOCK — The chief officer of e Baptist General Convention of xas, calling the state a spiritual tier, has challenged some 2,500 the denomination's faithful to acpt the duty of Christian service. Dr. Milton E. Cunningham fuesday reminded some 3,000 Bap-

sts they no longer need to go to eign countries to witness for Cunningham said some Baptists fer an excuse that they can not af-

ord to accept mission service. He d that excuse is no longer accept-"No longer is it necessary for you

go (to foreign lands)," said Cun-ingham, pastor of the Westbury aptist Church in Houston. "We ke up in the middle of a mission field every morning. How shall we

Cunningham's challenge to the aptist "messengers" in Lubbock is week echoed the theme of the ual session: "Bold churches in

The Nashville-based Southern Baptist Convention, of which the Baptist General Convention of exas is the largest component, mbers some 13.2 million memers worldwide as the world's gest Protestant denomination.

Messengers, a term Baptists use differentiate between a person who speaks for himself and a deleate who represents a group, have ome to Lubbock this week to conder church business, including a

cer U.S.life standards on decline

United Press International HOUSTON — Experts attending conference on growth agree nericans must give up their exjudi work and accept a declining standard of living for the near fu-

> "Times have changed and Amerins simply cannot go on demandng more and more from work while producing less and less," said Dr. nes O'Toole of the University of

"We can now feel the breath of bortions desp our competitors (other nations) on our backs and soon we will be seeing

Pollster Daniel Yankelovich told e Third Biennial Conference on owth Policy 72 percent of Ameris accept part of O'Toole's thesis, nat the United States is becoming a nd of want.

Yankelovich warned Americans ay be on the verge of losing "that est of luxuries, the privilege of ility." He said 51 percent of ricans believe the nation's fuprospects are very dark.

Toole suggested a reevaluation.

Tsuggest that the problem is that erica has an inappropriate phiphy and organization of work for era of declining growth," O'Toole

"The current system breeds de-ands for more money, benefits entitlements from work, while he same time ensures that less less effort will be expended at rk and that workers will assume and less responsibility for the lity and quantity of their work. The threat of being fired doesn't k," O'Toole said, "because welunemployment compensation, stamps and other sources of inme provide a cushion that turns ief spells of joblessness into va-

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Yankelovich said Americans ze hard choices are coming but said they have not yet begun to ncile themselves personally and dividually to the conflict and dispointment they expect in the fu-

TV station bars movie in Boston

United Press International BOSTON — The author of the st-selling novel "Freedom Road" as called the cancellation of the lade-for-television movie based on 's in San e book "outrageous" and "ridicul-

e management of WBZ-TV deed not to air the two-part film ut the post-Civil War South bee of racial tensions in Boston. e decision was reached after mmunity leaders — black and lite — previewed the movie.

velist Howard Fast, in a teleinterview from his Beverly fills, Calif., home, said, "The aconis so out of keeping with what is appening in the world that at first I

ough it was a joke."
Fast said the \$7 million movie, apted from his 1944 book, "has thing in it that can incite racial

\$34 million Cooperative Program pain" from drugs, alcohol, broken

budget that represents the Texas share of the "bold mission" and the homes, abandoned children, financial problems and numerous sources election of new state officers today. of stress. A Baptist, he said, must be As some members of the press aware of that pain, as well as two and others watched via closed-crosses: one a Biblical event, the circuit television, Cunningham told other a symbolic reference to a printhe audience Texas residents "are in ciple.

to pay for man's care

United Press International HOUSTON — A disgruntled

former employee who held two executives and two security guards hostage will receive com-pany financial aid for psychiatric care and likely will not be charged, spokesmen said Tues-

Loren Bain, executive vice president of United Energy Resources Inc., said the company would pay "reasonable psychiat-ric costs" for Raymond Reyes Garza, 29, of Beaumont, who was arrested in the Pennzoil Place North Tower Monday.

A police spokesman said Garza, a former pipe line worker for United Energy's United Gas Pipe Line subisdiary, had been "released and not charged. He

was released to a psychiatrist."
Garza surrendered after holding John F. Brown, John B. Clopton and two security guards hostage on the 13th floor of the office tower using a .32-caliber pistol and a bag he claimed contained a grenade.

Clopton escaped through a back door and Brown and the guards were released about noon after two hours at gunpoint. No one was hurt. Brown is president of United Gas and Clopton is a vice president of United Energy Resources.

Wearing a T-shirt emblazoned "Be Patient," Garza told reporters the incident was his protest of "the system," which he said caused his parents suffering and made him fear he would never be financially secure.

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