



## DR. VINSON SYNAN ELECTED SECRETARY OF SOCIETY FOR PENTECOSTAL STUDIES

On November 6, 1970, a national society for the purpose of studying the Pentecostal movement was organized in Dallas, Texas in connection with the 9th Pentecostal World Conference. An *ad hoc* committee was formed as a result of young Ph.D's, Dr. Horace Ward of Lee College, Dr. William Menzies of Evangel College, and Dr. Vinson Synan of Emmanuel College, prepared the program and carried out the organization of the new body.

This new organization grew out of a research trip taken by Dr. Vinson Synan in the summer of 1969 which took him to the archives of several Pentecostal denominations. In each place he found a strong desire for an interdenominational society of Pentecostal scholars. The *ad hoc* committee was formed as a result of contacts made on this trip, and Dr. William Menzies of Springfield, Missouri was named chairman.

At the Dallas banquet, which initiated the new society were 139 persons from throughout the United States and sev-

eral foreign countries. The society was formed and organized by Dr. Synan with 108 charter members. The name of the new organization is: "The Society for Pentecostal Studies." Plans are for an annual meeting in which scholarly papers will be read and for an annual Journal which will carry articles from many disciplines relating to the world Pentecostal movement.

Officers elected to lead the new society were: President, Dr. William Menzies (Chairman of the Department of Biblical Studies, Evangel College, Springfield, Missouri); Vice President, Dr. Hollis Gause (Chairman of the School of Religion, Lee College, Cleveland, Tennessee); Secretary, Dr. Vinson Synan, (Chairman of the Division of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Emmanuel College, Franklin Springs, Georgia); Treasurer, Rev. Edward Wood, (President of Eugene Bible College, Eugene, Oregon). The next national meeting of the society will be in November 1971 in Des Moines, Iowa, in connection with the annual meeting of the Pentecostal Fellowship of North America. Anyone interested in membership in this organization should write Dr. Vinson Synan, Box 122, Franklin Springs, Georgia 30639.



(L. to R.): Rev. Edward Wood, Treas.; Dr. William Menzies, Pres.; Dr. Hollis Gause, President Elect; Dr. Vinson Synan, Secretary.