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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE APPROVES GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY'S LOAN

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in a called session voted to approve Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary's request to borrow \$150,000 to complete payment on a \$400,000 site on the San Francisco bay area for the Seminary's permanent location.

The 130-acre site, located on part of Strawberry Peninsula, is four miles north of Golden Gate Bridge.

The Seminary's board of trustees, meeting September 17-18, obtained an option on the piece of property, and the action of the Executive Committee allows them to complete the transaction at once. The first improvements on the property, which was once offered by San Francisco as the United Nations site, are expected to be a road and utility lines.

The officials of the Seminary stated that they intend to present a full picture of the cost of the development to the Executive Committee meeting here next December.

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## COOPERATIVE PROGRAM GIFTS SHOW INCREASE OVER 1952

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced at a meeting of the Committee that \$7,214,702 had been received through September 24 through Cooperative Program receipts.

"This is about \$600,000 more received than for the same period in 1952, however, due to action of several states last year in reducing offerings to world mission causes, the final total for 1953 is not expected to reach last year's total," Routh said.

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## "KNOW YOUR DENOMINATION DAY" TO BE OBSERVED JANUARY 24

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention approved a recommendation made by Norman W. Cox, executive secretary of the Historical Commission, to set January 24, 1954, as "Know Your Denomination Day."

Dr. Cox announced that a 350-page history, The Southern Baptist Convention, 1845-1953, by Dr. W. W. Barnes, Fort Worth, Tex., will be off the press January 5, and will be on sale in all Baptist book stores.

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CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION  
ADOPTS FIVE POINT PROGRAM

RIDGECREST, N. C.--(BP)--The Christian Life Commission meeting at Ridgecrest, N. C., recently voted a five-point program of work according to A. C. Miller, executive secretary of the Commission. The program adopted is as follows:

A source of information--The Commission proposes to meet the urgent need for a factual source of information on the moral issues and complex problems which face the Christian in his daily life.

Special studies and reports--The Commission has divided its twenty-four members into eight committees to make special studies and reports this year on alcohol and drug addiction, obscene literature and amusements, gambling, the family and home, juvenile delinquency, progress in race relations, industrial relations, and Christian citizenship.

Leadership training--A series of state and regional workshops will be sponsored by the Commission in co-operation with the state committees and commissions in this field of work.

The Christian Life Conference--The Commission will foster the Christian Life Conference which is so devised in organization and subject matter that it can be held by a church or group of churches regardless of their size or location.

The creation of literature--The Commission will prepare an authentic literature to be used in its educational function through the Christian Life Conferences and as supplemental material in group and class lessons. Other materials will be prepared for telecasts as a part of the education programs of TV stations.

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ARIZONA EXPECTED TO INCREASE  
1954 BUDGET 26 PER CENT

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The executive board of the Arizona Baptist Convention will recommend to the state convention meeting in November an increase of \$55,650 in the 1954 budget. The budget for 1953 was \$250,000, whereas the 1954 budget will be \$307,650.

Convention-wide cooperative agencies will receive 32 per cent, Grand Canyon College, Phoenix, Ariz., 27 per cent, and state missions 41 per cent of undesignated receipts less operational expenses.

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