

Study Link Between
Florida-Puerto Rico

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.--(BP)--Executive Secretary John A. Maguire of the Florida Baptist Convention here will visit Puerto Rico soon to study Baptist work on that Caribbean island.

Puerto Rico, a possession of the United States sometimes referred to as the "51st state," has two Baptist churches, applying for affiliation with Tampa Bay (Fla.) Baptist Association. These churches were organized as a result of the transfer of military personnel to bases in Puerto Rico.

These two English-language churches have in turn organized missions among the Spanish-speaking population.

Southern Baptists have not had missionaries in Puerto Rico, but the American Baptist (Convention) Home Mission Society has several institutions listed in its 1959 yearbook.

Mrs. Maguire will accompany her husband on the trip. Both are going at the request of the state mission board of Florida convention.

At the board's September meeting, it adopted a 1960-61 state convention budget of \$2½ million. Administration, Woman's Missionary Union, and retirement plan contributions constitute preferred items of \$424,924. After they are cared for, the budget income will be divided 50-50 for state and Southern Baptist Convention work.

The budget is subject to final approval at the annual convention session in November. It is an increase of \$300,000 over 1959-60.

The board asked for a year's study of the percentage division of funds it makes each year with the Southern Baptist Convention.

It employed Doak S. Campbell, former president of Florida State University, Tallahassee, and other consultants to conduct a professional study of Florida Baptist higher education. It set aside \$7500 for this.

Campbell is a well-known Baptist layman.

The study may help the convention find ways it can better support Stetson University in DeLand, its four year college, and discover any need that should arise for new junior or senior Baptist colleges in Florida.

It voted to name the conference room in the new Florida Baptist office building here in memory of the late W. N. Chaudoin, first executive secretary of the board.

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Edmunds In Russia
To Study Colleges

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DELAND, Fla.--(BP)--J. Ollie Edmunds, president of Stetson University here, is in Russia on a private fact-finding mission and attended opening exercises of Moscow State University.

While president of the Association of American Colleges, Edmunds undertook a detailed study of Russia's educational system. One of the purposes of his trip is to check his findings through first-hand observation.

Long an outspoken critic of communism, Edmunds considers the welfare of mankind is in greater jeopardy from spread of this system than it is from atom bombs. His writings on this subject won him an award from Freedoms Foundation.

The Baptist university he heads requires its students to complete a course in the principles of capitalism before they are eligible for a degree.

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Evangelism, Missions
Given Extra Push

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Evangelism and missions will receive added emphasis during the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board conferences at Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorieta, N. M., assemblies in 1961, according to the board's executive secretary, Courts Redford, of Atlanta.

The board will assist associational evangelism chairmen and missions chairmen in attending two new conferences. Evangelism chairmen will attend as a part of the Baptist Jubilee Advance emphasis on evangelism. The missions chairmen will attend in preparation for the denomination's church extension emphasis in 1962 and as a part of the Movement to establish 30,000 new Southern Baptist churches and missions by 1964.

J. D. Grey, pastor of First Baptist Church of New Orleans, La., will preach each evening during home mission week at Glorieta Baptist Assembly. Carl Bates, pastor of First Baptist Church in Charlotte, N. C., will preach during home mission week at Ridgecrest, Aug. 17-23.

The mid-year meeting of the 51-member Home Mission Board is set for Aug. 3, at Glorieta, preceding the home mission conference which is scheduled for Aug. 3-9.