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Keegan Impact Went
Beyond Campus Life

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The impact of Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan, who died of a heart attack Sept. 13 in St. Louis, reached far beyond the campuses of colleges ministered to by the Baptist Student Unions whose cause he promoted for Southern Baptists.

Many below or beyond the age of campus life will remember the 53-year-old Baptist leader for his inspired preaching and his moments at the piano when he accompanied himself in song for Baptist gatherings.

When Dr. Keegan died, he was on his way to Hawaii--on his way to another engagement to aid churches in reaching nearby campuses where a Christian influence could be cast among students who are preparing themselves for leadership. As director of the student department for Baptist Sunday School Board, he was doing this type of work for 10 years.

He was boarding a new jet airliner at St. Louis Airport which would have brought him to the 50th state in a twinkle of the time it took when he was a boy growing up in Red River country of Louisiana.

He was a man who defied the tradition which says that a leader is not appreciated by the people he grows up among. The folks in Louisiana--in little Bunkie, the town where he was born; in Alexandria, where he once was pastor, and in Natchitoches, where he attended college--loved him.

Dr. Keegan's influence had extended around the world through his service for the Baptist World Alliance, where he served both on the executive committee and youth committee at various times. His global travels took him to Europe, Asia, Australia, South America, and Africa.

Funeral services were scheduled Sept. 16 in First Baptist Church of Nashville, where he was a member. His fellow-workers in Southern Baptist Convention agencies in Nashville were to have part in the service.

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Meeting Clears Path
For Georgia Actions

(9-17-60)

ATLANTA--(BP)--By virtue of action taken by the convention's executive committee here, Georgia Baptist Convention at its annual session this fall can:

1. Authorize Georgia Baptist Hospital to borrow \$1,750,000 for construction of a \$2½ million dormitory for its school of nursing;
2. Establish a Cooperative Program state budget of \$3,203,560 for next year, an increase of \$214,900, with \$1,424,030 going to the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program budget, an increase of \$89,200.
3. Set up a new capital improvements program for Georgia Baptist institutions--allocating \$3,030,000 in the next six years, with the institutions adding matching funds in most instances for a total of \$5,710,000.
4. Clarify the status of the proposed Atlanta Baptist College which makes it subject to the trustees of Mercer University in Macon.
5. Place increasing emphasis on the area missionary program as an effective state missions ministry.

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Richmond To Telecast
Religious Education

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--The University of Richmond here will launch an educational television program, its first, giving instruction in "The Life and Teachings of Jesus."

The 23-week course will be viewed Saturdays over WRVA-TV of Richmond. In the studio from which the program originates, L. D. Johnson, chairman of the department of religion for the Baptist college, will teach a "live" class of university students. This will permit questions and answers.

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Folks & facts.....

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.....Roy D. Gresham, Baltimore, executive secretary-treasurer of the Maryland Baptist Union Association, will be awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Sept. 27. (BP)

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.....Frank Tripp, Montgomery, Ala., retired executive secretary of Southern Baptist Hospitals, has been serving as acting administrator of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. He also is managing consultant of Montgomery (Ala.) Baptist Hospital and interim pastor of a Montgomery Baptist church. (BP)

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Stick To Principles
In Campaign--Report

(9-17-60)

ATLANTA, Ga.--(BP)--Georgia Baptists have been challenged to "adhere to principles, avoiding partisan politics," in the current Presidential campaign in the United States.

A report released by the public affairs committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention said: "Let us take care at all times to make certain that what we say and write and distribute is authentic and documented, and that we adhere to principles, avoiding partisan politics."

The report quoted liberally from Scripture and from leaders of American political thought of years gone by to call on "good Christians to be good citizens."

The report asked the question: "Are we convinced, in the light of history's relentless testimony, that we have something to stand for in the principle of a free church in a free state?"

It then answered the question by stating: "If you have any difficulty applying this principle in today's world, look at Spain, with its church-dominated government, where, according to our Foreign Mission Board, six Baptist meeting houses are now padlocked."

The report concludes with an admonition relative to voting in the election: "Be sure of the facts. Consult history. Inquire of God."

Louie D. Newton, pastor of the Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta and a former president of the Southern and Georgia Baptist Conventions, is chairman of the eight-member committee which drafted the report.

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World's Largest Survey
Scheduled For Miami

MIAMI, Fla.--(BP)--Possibly the largest religious, house-to-house survey ever undertaken will be attempted by more than 400 churches and synagogues Oct. 7-14 in the gold coast area of Florida.

The churches, representing most Protestants and Jews, will use 40,000 members to survey more than a million and a half people from Palm Beach to Key West, according to Billy Hargrove of Atlanta, Ga., secretary of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's department of survey and special studies.

The survey is a prelude to the Billy Graham crusade Mar. 4-26 in Miami, and is only the beginning of a total survey of the entire state. All other major cities will be canvassed Feb. 17-24, Hargrove said.

Other leaders in the survey are Donald C. Swanson, executive director of the Greater Miami Council of Churches, and Sam Cohen, president of the Jewish Fellowship of Synagogues.

Materials and methods used will be those developed by Hargrove's department and produced by the denomination's Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tenn.

These methods have recently jumped Southern Baptist survey efforts into national prominence with huge surveys taken in San Diego, Calif., and Tucson, Ariz.

A unique family card, which is reproduced in the newspapers of the area to be surveyed, is the key to securing as high as 95 per cent coverage in most surveys. Every means of publicity, including radio and television programs, will be used to inform residents of the survey and instruct them in filling out the newspaper card. The card is to be placed on their door if they will be out when canvassers come.

Instruction clinics have already been held in the churches and synagogues, the cities have been divided into group areas, and these areas assigned to specific religious groups.

The mammoth task of sorting the materials and preparing them for use will begin when the first card comes back. A list of all prospects, actually a book in this case, will be given to every church participating in the survey. This list will contain the individual's name, address, and religious affiliation or preference if expressed.

Area leaders for the survey are the following: Leonard Irwin of Atlanta, Ga., for the Hollywood area; Fred Moseley of Atlanta and Al Dawson of Fort Lauderdale for the Fort Lauderdale area; W. W. Whitley of Fort Worth, Tex., for the Pompano area; and for Greater Miami, Ernest Upchurch of Raleigh, N. C., George Threadgill of Tampa; Billy Mitchell of Atlanta; Hargrove, and Ray Dobbins, of Miami.

District Missionary
Work Gets Defined

ALEXANDRIA, La.--(BP)--The executive board of Louisiana Baptist Convention voted here to continue and strengthen its district missions program.

The board's action climaxed a six-month study of the district program by a sub-committee of the program committee. The board unanimously adopted five recommendations of the sub-committee.

The recommendations follow:

1. That this work be conducted in the future as the district promotional program of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, and that it be made an integral division of the state mission department.
2. That the title of the workers henceforth be district secretary.
3. That in every case without exception, the secretary for a district be selected and his salary and expense allowances be determined through the joint action of a district missions committee, the state missions committee and the state missions secretary. Any necessary change in personnel shall be effected in the same manner. In no case shall a committee, state or district, act singly or separately with reference to any of these matters. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the state missions secretary to direct and correlate this entire program.
4. That in view of present departures from the original establishment of district lines, salary scales and expense allowances, consideration be given by the state missions committee to re-districting where it may be found that this would make for a stronger and more nearly uniform program.
5. That it be specifically understood that payment of the basic salary provided by the executive board be conditioned entirely upon full compliance with the above provisions.

In other action, the board adopted a \$2,655,000 budget for 1961. The new budget is the same as the 1960 goal with the exception of an additional \$5,000 added to help Acadia Baptist Academy at Eunice, La., with its building program. Several buildings at the high school were destroyed by fire last year.

31.4 percent of the 1961 budget goal will go for causes of Southern Baptist Convention.

Robert L. Lee, executive secretary, told the board that the new \$1.3 million Baptist Building in Alexandria will be formally opened in late October. The new suburban building, two years in construction, will replace a three-story office building in downtown Alexandria.

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A Vice-President Also
Forgot To Make Will

By J. W. Storer

In my reading one day recently, I ran across this
Associated Press item:

"Heirs of the late Alben W. Barkley received only about \$155,000 of
his \$634,801 estate, according to court records here (Paducah, Ky.)

"The bulk of the former Vice President's estate went for income tax and
administrative costs. Barkley left no will.

"Records in the McCracken County clerk's office show the Internal
Revenue Service took \$343,444 for income taxes; estate taxes totaled \$13,773;
and his funeral and estate administration expenses were \$132,740.

"Barkley's estate included \$100,637 worth of McCracken County real
estate, stocks and bonds valued at \$349,567 and other assets."

Note the statement: "Barkley left no will." Note further that of the
nearly \$635,000 estate, the heirs of the Kentucky Democrat received about
\$155,000.

How true it is that if you leave no will the government will. And again
how true it is that if you wish your estate to go where you want it to go,
do it now while you live.

You can do this through what is known as a "gift annuity," or through
"irrevocable trust." Whichever route you pursue, let not procrastination leave
a vacuum in this vital matter. If you do, you can be sure that alien hands
will empty the till.

Of every human being with absolute certainty it will be said, "he
was born." Unless living when Jesus comes, it will also be said, "he died."
Since there is no escaping the descending of the final curtain of life's drama,
why is it so many good Christian men and women fail to make provision for
it in the disposition of their estates?