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College Money Needs  
May Force New Session

RALEIGH, N. C.--(BP)--North Carolina's seven Baptist colleges, with pressing financial needs, may be the cause of a special Baptist state convention session next year.

A committee of the convention will recommend the special session. Messengers to the regular 1960 annual convention in Asheville, N. C., Nov. 15-17 will vote whether to meet for the special session.

If the special session were held, chief topic would be starting a campaign for \$45 million dollars to meet the "minimum immediate needs" of the seven schools. The money would meet capital needs and operating expenses.

Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, and Meredith College, Raleigh, are the two senior Baptist colleges. The state Baptists have junior colleges at Murfreesboro, Boiling Springs, Buies Creek, Wingate, and Mars Hill--two of which are moving toward senior college status.

The general board of the Baptist state convention, in its recent meeting here, heard the special 1961 convention session proposed.

The board also adopted a budget goal for 1961 for the convention. The goal, subject to final approval by messengers next month, is \$4.4 million. This is up \$300,000 over the present year.

It would be divided 66-34 per cent with the 34 per cent going to worldwide Baptist activities of the Southern Baptist Convention via the Cooperative Program.

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Student Union Disavows  
Pro-Kennedy Telegram

(10-19-60)

NORMAN, Okla.--(BP)--The Baptist Student Union here disavowed any connection with a telegram prepared by some University of Oklahoma students endorsing John F. Kennedy.

The sharply-worded telegram was prepared to be sent to Memphis to Ramsey Pollard, president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Pollard is strongly against Kennedy's election to Presidency of the United States.

The telegram led one Oklahoma newspaper to declare in a headline that Baptist students "Back Kennedy."

The Baptist Student Union, in a formal resolution, said it thinks framers of the telegram are "non-representative" of Baptist students on the campus here.

There are about 2,000 Baptist students enrolled at University of Oklahoma. The resolution said that less than 2 per cent of the Baptist students are in the group referred to.

Director of the Baptist Student Union, Franklin Farmer, said, "We are not trying to speak for any individual, but are trying to make it clear that the telegram does not have the support of the Baptist Student Union." The resolution said that the student union, as a body, "had not supported either candidate in the forthcoming election."

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Colorado Opposes  
Catholic President

BOULDER, Colo.--(BP)--Messengers to the Colorado Baptist General Convention here unanimously approved a resolution opposing election of a Roman Catholic to the United States Presidency.

The resolution was drafted by the convention's resolutions committee, of which Marvin Capehart of Denver was chairman.

The Colorado convention is the first of 28 state Baptist groups to hold annual fall sessions. The 28 groups, each independent, are in co-operating affiliation with the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Colorado convention's resolution contained this statement:

"That we go on record opposing any candidate for the high office of President of the United States who is affiliated with such a purpose and conquest as is the Roman Church."

Without using the name of Massachusetts Sen. John F. Kennedy, the Coloradoans reported that the Democratic nominee, though he had repeatedly announced that he is for the principles of religious freedom and separation of church and state . . . as a member of Congress bowed to the wish of the hierarchy . . ."

The convention also approved resolutions denouncing the liquor traffic and endorsing the state's temperance group, and reaffirmed "undying opposition" to gambling. This was prompted by an effort to make Denver a "wide-open" gambling center.

The 1961 budget of the convention--which has co-operating churches in Colorado, western Nebraska, Montana, Wyoming, and North and South Dakotas--will be \$397,414. The Southern Baptist Convention will get \$34,730 of the year's Cooperative Program receipts from churches.

Messengers re-elected convention President Glen E. Braswell of Denver. They voted to hold their 1961 session Oct. 10-12 in Billings, Mont.

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Text of the church-state resolution of Colorado Baptist General Convention:

"Whereas the Roman Catholic hierarchy has written the history of domination in all areas of human existence throughout the centuries and has gained control of every state in which it has become the dominant force;

"And whereas Romanism has for more than a quarter of a century given every evidence that she is determined to dominate the United States and has been bold to acknowledge her conquest;

"And whereas the Roman Catholic hierarchy has made great inroads in the fields of education obtaining government subsidy for schools and other institutions, and in many instances placed garbed nuns in the public schools as teachers;

"And whereas she has encouraged infiltration of her servants into the political realm and has urged them to obtain such subsidy;

"And whereas the Democratic Party has nominated a candidate for the highest office of our land who is a member of the Roman Catholic Church, and who though he has repeatedly announced that he is for separation of church and state, has yet as a member of Congress bowed to the wish of the hierarchy, thus giving evidence that the hierarchy may strongly influence his future decisions;

"Therefore, be it resolved:

"That we go on record as re-emphasizing our conviction on the principles;

"That we seek to inform our people concerning the present political issue;

"That we urge our people to be fair in using only evidence that can be substantiated;

"That we go on record opposing any candidate for the high office of President of the United States who is affiliated with such a purpose and conquest as is the Roman Church."

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Eskimo Church First  
In Jubilee Revival

ANCHORAGE, Alaska--(BP)--An Eskimo Baptist church in Anchorage, Alaska, was the first church in the Southern Baptist Convention to qualify for a certificate in the Baptist Jubilee revival plan.

The announcement came from Vernon Yearby of Dallas, Tex., associate director of the division of evangelism of the denomination's Home Mission Board. Yearby has just returned from leading an evangelistic crusade in Alaska.

The Baptist mission, with Mike McKay as pastor, fulfilled the requirements which include following details of the revival plan book: inauguration of a spiritual growth program, and prompt reporting of results.

High attendance during the meeting was 55 in Sunday school, and there were nine professions of faith with seven additions by baptism. Herman Mauch of Norfolk, Va., was the evangelist.

The certificate of participation will be given the church at the Alaska Baptist Convention Oct. 25-27.

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Two New Churches  
Formed In Panama

(10-19-60)

BALBOA, Canal Zone--(BP)--Two new churches were constituted in Panama, according to L. D. Wood of Balboa, Canal Zone, who is superintendent of Southern Baptist mission work in the area.

In Playon Chico on the San Blas Islands, a church with 66 charter members became the fourth organized church on the islands. There are 40 missionaries on seven of the 20 islands off the Panama coast. Other islands are asking for missionaries but none are available, says Wood.

A mission for Americans in Gamboa, Canal Zone, constituted a new church with 32 charter members and called their mission pastor, James Nelson, as pastor. Cocoli Baptist Church in the Canal Zone sponsored the group as a mission.

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Polite Thief Strikes  
Large Memphis Church

(10-19-60)

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--A robber with big ambitions had to settle for practically pocket change when he was unable to get into the safe at Bellevue Baptist Church here.

George Rush, administrator of the 9,000-member church, was victimized of \$13 when the thwarted thief turned on him.

Church officials theorized the crook, unfamiliar with the church's method of handling money, had high hopes of getting some of the church offering of \$12,000 gathered six days earlier. However, it had been taken to the bank a few minutes after it was collected.

The crook, who held his hand menacingly in a paper sack, tried to force Rush to open the safe but accepted the administrator's plea that he didn't know the combination.

Rush reported the thief, reeking with alcohol and furious at the small amount of loot, apparently simmered down on the way out for he politely held the door open for a Negro janitor to enter.

Pastor of the church is Ramsey Pollard, president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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