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**Convention Invited  
To Meet In Seattle**

RICHLAND, Wash.--(BP)--Baptists in the Pacific Northwest hope the Southern Baptist Convention will come to Seattle, Wash., for its session in 1966 or 1967.

This was the subject of a resolution adopted by the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington at its annual fall meeting here.

It will probably be presented to the S B C when it meets in St. Louis in May, 1961. The Southern Baptist Convention has committed itself to meeting places through 1965.

Seattle apparently is first city for those years to be placed before the S B C committee which considers future Convention locations. The St. Louis Convention will vote on the 1966 city.

The Oregon-Washington convention also adopted a resolution on church and state, but it carefully omitted any reference to the so-called "religious issue" in the 1960 Presidential campaign.

The resolution urged education of Baptists to the "dangers that beset our nation in the weakening of the democratic principle of separation of church and state." The resolution commended Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State (POAU) for its work in this field.

William Fleming, Fort Worth, Tex., Baptist oil millionaire, again offered Oregon-Washington Baptists \$12,000 for the coming year if the convention set aside \$6,000 in its budget for church extension in western Canada.

Some churches in Alberta and British Columbia, westernmost Canadian provinces, are co-operating with the Oregon-Washington convention.

Fleming's similar offer for 1960 had been accepted by the previous convention, and a field worker now resides in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The state convention's 1961 budget, as adopted here, will be \$236,879. The Cooperative Program share is \$156,500, of which 15 per cent will go to worldwide Baptist work through the Southern Baptist Convention.

Baptists of the two states set Oct. 18-20 for their 1961 convention, and picked Klamath Falls, Ore. Herman E. Wooten, host pastor here, is their new president.

The Southern Baptist Convention has never met at Seattle, Wash. Its only visit to the West Coast was in 1951, when it went to San Francisco. It will again go to 'Frisco in 1962.

Sites for 1963-1965 are Kansas City; Atlantic City, N. J., and Dallas respectively.

The American Baptist Convention selected Seattle in 1956. It had 2000 delegates and 5300 visitors to register that year, an average attendance.

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**Required Chapel Stays**

(10-27-60)

BUIES CREEK, N. C.--(BP)--Trustees of Campbell College here have reaffirmed a 73-year policy for mandatory student chapel attendance of 30 minutes each school day. Their action came in response to a student demonstration aimed at amending the policy. Campbell is a junior college operated by North Carolina Baptists.

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Belief In Immersion  
Gets Rugged Test

WRANGELL, Alaska--(BP)--Baptists' belief in immersion gets a rugged test in the 49th state, but it has not slowed the denomination's growth. Baptists are the largest "Protestant" group in Alaska.

The latest struggle against temperature and facilities is reported by the First Baptist Church of Wrangell, which recently closed a revival with an average attendance of 26.

T. James Efird of First Baptist Church in Tahoka, Tex., preached, helped to organize the Sunday school on an age-group basis, and led in the ordination of school teacher Wesley Dutiel as a minister. The church promptly called Dutiel as pastor.

During the two-week revival, two united by letter and three came on profession of faith. But the church does not possess a baptistry.

Efird and Dutiel solved this by enlisting the aid of a nearby shrimp cannery. The three were baptized in a cooking vat in the cannery.

"We did have warm water for the service," Efird wrote, "but the temperature in the building was about 45 degrees. The candidates did not seem to mind either the cold or the fishy smell."

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All Churches Supported  
Cooperative Program

(10-27-60)

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.--(BP)--New Mexico may be the only state in the Southern Baptist Convention in which every co-operating church has contributed this year through the Cooperative Program.

Joseph B. Underwood, secretary of promotion and stewardship for the Baptist Convention of New Mexico here, reported that the 243 churches in the state all gave through the Cooperative Program in 1960.

S B C stewardship leaders in Nashville, Tenn., said they did not know of another state where this is true.

The Cooperative Program is the financial plan of Southern Baptists through which churches may support a wide range of Christian missions and services beyond their communities--both in their own states and around the world.

Within the states, Cooperative Program funds make possible church extension, Christian higher education, children's homes, hospitals, ministry to foreign-language groups, and a host of other objectives.

The state conventions, in turn, send a share of the Cooperative Program receipts from the churches to the S B C, which uses the money to educate future ministers and church staff at seminaries, to support missionaries in nearly 50 countries, and to further the witness of the churches in many other ways.

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4 Associations Oppose  
Catholic Candidate

(10-27-60)

By The Baptist Press

Four associations of Baptist churches in the Southeast have adopted resolutions opposing election of a Roman Catholic to the Presidency.

They are Kershaw Baptist Association, Camden, S. C.; Edisto Baptist Association, Wagener, S. C.; Augusta (Ga.) Baptist Association, and Little River Baptist Association, Cadiz, Ky.

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