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**Kansans Support New
President With Prayers**

SALINA, Kans.--(BP)--Kansas Southern Baptists said here Baptists should continue to show themselves as good citizens, and they should support with their prayers President-elect John F. Kennedy.

They added Kennedy should be reminded to keep his campaign promises favoring separation of church and state and no government tax aid to parochial schools.

This was contained in a resolution adopted at the 1960 session of the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists. It includes messengers from 158 churches in Kansas and eastern Nebraska.

Another Kansas convention resolution supported United Nations efforts for world peace and for improving the welfare of people around the world.

The convention adopted a 1961 budget of \$500,000 of which \$230,000 will be through the Cooperative Program. The Southern Baptist Convention's share of the Cooperative Program amount is 30 per cent.

Gordon Dorian of Wichita was re-elected convention president. The 1961 session is set Oct. 31-Nov. 2 in Bethel, Kans.

The convention approved construction of a new building to house convention offices in Wichita. The new location in a western suburb of that city is convenient to the airport. It will cost about \$250,000. Work probably will begin in 1961.

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**Indiana Says It Has
25,000 Church Members**

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WHITING, Ind.--(BP)--Indiana Baptists said a preliminary report shows 25,000 members of 140 Southern Baptist churches in the state.

This would permit the state convention to petition for election of Indianans to membership on Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

The State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, at its 1960 annual session here, also approved a Baptist foundation and plans for an office building to house convention staff members.

The state convention is one of 28 in co-operating affiliation with the S B C.

The Hoosiers also adopted a \$150,380 budget for 1961 with a Cooperative Program goal covering \$121,000 of this. The S B C portion of Cooperative Program receipts will be one-fourth.

The executive board of the state convention will seek suitable rental arrangements for a camp, and will consider the possibility of employing more convention staff members.

Walter R. Davis, Hammond, Ind., minister, is the Indianans' new president. The convention voted to meet for its next annual session, Nov. 9-11, 1961, at Indianapolis.

The Baptist foundation would be an investment agency. It would also encourage Baptists to write clauses into their wills to benefit Baptist missionary work.

State convention offices are at Plainfield, Ind., where they presently use educational space in the Plainfield Baptist Church.

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W. E. Grindstaff, Nashville, Baptist stewardship leader, told the Indiana convention "This young convention is to be highly commended for sharing 25 per cent of its Cooperative Program funds with the S B C . . . almost as much (percentage) as some conventions" which have been affiliated with the S B C for a longer period.

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Furman Remembered

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GREENVILLE, S. C.--(BP)--An additional bequest has been received by Furman University here for its new auditorium. The latest \$200,000 grant brought to a half-million dollars the total from the Upshur Estate of New York City for this building project at the Baptist college.

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Son's Footsteps Follow
Those Of Famous Father

(11-16-60)

LIBERTY, Mo.--(BP)--Like father, like son.

This familiar saying is finding itself borne out in the life of John Soren, new president of the Baptist World Alliance.

The popular pastor of First Baptist Church, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, recently received an honorary doctor's degree from William Jewell College here. It is the same Baptist college from which his illustrious father had graduated in 1899 and from which his father had likewise been granted an honorary degree in 1929.

John Soren succeeded his father, Francisco F. Soren, at the Rio church. Francisco Soren had been its pastor for 33 years. John Soren has served the church now for 26 years.

When Francisco Soren came to William Jewell College in 1893, it was aboard a sailing vessel hauling coffee to the United States. It arrived in Baltimore, Md., one month and 20 days after leaving Rio.

John Soren took a new jet airliner and got from Rio to the United States in a matter of hours.

It is John Soren's first visit to the United States since he was elected Alliance president last summer at the Baptist World Congress in Rio. However, he is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

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