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**Pacific Area Plans
SBC Per Cent Hike**

PORTLAND, Ore. (BP)--Southern Baptists in Oregon-Washington plan to increase the percentage of their Cooperative Program budget going to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The executive board of Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington voted here to propose an increase from 15 to 16 per cent of the year's budget. If approved by the October convention session, it would become effective in allocating the 1962 budget of \$164,000.

The 1962 Cooperative Program budget is also subject to convention adoption. It compares with \$156,500 budget for 1961.

The board had no report on the nomination of an executive secretary of the convention to succeed R. E. Milam of Portland. It appeared one might be made to the convention's October session.

Mrs. Roland P. Hood of Portland resigned as secretary of Woman's Missionary Union work for the convention. Her husband is the acting convention executive secretary for the two-state area.

In planning the 1963 calendar, the Oregon-Washington board voted to disband conventionwide Sunday School and Training Union Conventions in favor of several regional clinics. It said more people would be reached through regional meetings.

The convention's total 1962 budget, adding supplementary income from some SBC agencies for joint programs, would come to \$248,877.

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**J. D. Hughey Heads
Europe Theologians**

(7-27-61)

OXFORD, England (BP)--J. D. Hughey Jr., president of European Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, has been elected chairman of a group of European Baptist theologians.

Baptist teachers from 11 western European countries met at Regents Park College here. They elected L. G. Champion of Bristol College (Baptist) in Bristol, England as secretary.

This was the fourth such Baptist teachers' conference, the first having been held in 1954 at Zurich seminary. Since 1957 the conferences have been sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance commission on theological education.

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Oklahoma Pastors
Attack Dale Moody

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--A resolution aimed at weeding out heresy and strengthening doctrinal teaching in Southern Baptist theological seminaries has been adopted here by the Baptist Pastors' Conference of Oklahoma County.

The resolution calls on the six Southern Baptist seminaries to be certain all faculty members are in accord with Baptist doctrines and loyal to and in full sympathy with the Southern Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist churches.

The Pastors' Conference is composed of pastors, ministers of education, ministers of music and other ministers of more than 100 Southern Baptist churches.

Herschel H. Hobbs, Southern Baptist Convention president and pastor of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, is a member of the conference. He was present and voted for the resolution.

"While we fully agree with the right of any teacher to believe as he chooses," states the resolution, we do not believe that a teacher who does not meet the qualifications of doctrinal soundness and loyalty to the Convention has the right to teach in any of our Baptist colleges, universities or seminaries.

Other associations of Baptist churches in Oklahoma are considering similar action as an outgrowth of a statewide Bible conference in June, sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma and Oklahoma Baptist University.

Statements made at the conference by Dale Moody, professor of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, aroused widespread concern among pastors attending the conference.

Some of those attending the conference charged Moody with teaching the doctrine of apostasy, the possibility of a Christians falling from grace, and becoming lost after having once been saved.

The resolution also charges Moody indicated he favors "receiving members into our churches by alien immersion, and that he accepted the practice of open communion." The resolution also objects to Moody's "position favoring the ecumenical movement."

Moody is specifically mentioned in the copy of the resolution which is to be sent to officials of Southern Seminary.

Copies of the resolution are to go to presidents of all Southern Baptist seminaries and to the presidents of their boards of trustees. Copies to other than Southern Seminary will not mention Moody by name.

Copies of the resolution also will be sent to Oklahoma Baptist University and to Baptist associations in Oklahoma. The resolution was drawn up by a committee named by the Pastors' Conference and headed by Robert S. Scales, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church in Oklahoma City.

The resolution decries the "false sophisticated attitude being assumed by some teachers in some Southern Baptist institutions that a mark of scholarship is the ability to create doubts and questions concerning great fundamental truths."

Purpose of the seminaries, declares the resolution, should be "to create and strengthen the faith and loyalty of the pupils in the Word of God, the doctrines as believed by our churches, and the denomination which sustains these institutions."

The resolution also objected to any seminary having a faculty member "who by his writings casts doubt upon the authenticity of the Word of God." It called upon seminary authorities "to take appropriate action to prevent these and all other false teachings from being taught as truths in our institutions."

Medical-Dental Team
Reports On San Blas

MEMPHIS (BP)--The inhabitants of the San Blas Islands are still bound to the chants of the medicine man, his medicine dolls and his incense pots, but there is hope, a Southern Baptist medical-dental team reported after a two-week mercy mission.

Although administering 1000 shots of penicillin and extracting several hundred teeth, Dr. John Miller, physician of Camden, Ark., and Dr. James Sawyer, dentist of Benton, Ark., reported most of the people were still unwilling to be examined or to accept medical treatment.

The San Blas visit, second in two years for the Arkansas medical-dental team, was sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission and the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Their expenses were paid by their home churches.

Since the first trip, the medical profession has begun to show greater interest in that part of the world, Dr. Miller said.

On the day the Arkansas team left, a team of five Panamanian doctors arrived at the San Blas Islands to give mass inoculations against contagious diseases, extract teeth and furnish a limited amount of medical work. It was the first visit of such a group.

While untrained in medicine, Southern Baptist missionaries are making a remarkable contribution in the medical field, Dr. Miller said.

As a result of their work, the death rate of mothers at childbirth and of infants has decreased greatly the past two years, he said. More mothers are being permitted to go to Panama for childbirth because there is no doctor available to them in the islands.

Southern Baptist missionaries also have installed a short-wave radio to summon doctors to Panama during medical emergencies.

During the two-week visit, the medical-dental team saw as many patients as possible and made plans for evangelistic missionaries to follow up. Dr. Miller carried 109 pounds of medical supplies and had another \$700 worth of drugs brought to the island during his visit.

The team members also met with island chiefs and other responsible people to explain the value of modern medicine. They left much of their equipment for the missionaries to use.

Dr. Miller said he plans to accept an invitation in 1962 from Southern Baptist missionaries to help open medical work in remote areas of the Panama mainland.

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Appointment Service
Feature Of Conference

(7-27-61)

MEMPHIS (BP)--A dramatic service commissioning new missionaries to serve in distant countries will be held at the Second National Conference of Southern Baptist Men.

The special commissioning service, climaxing the men's conference Sept. 13-15 at Ellis Auditorium here, was arranged by Baker J. Cauthen, Richmond, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and George W. Schroeder, Memphis, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission of the Convention.

During the service the audience will get an opportunity to learn first-hand why couples choose to go to strange lands, mingle among strange people, and expose themselves to hardships, sometimes even death.

After the services the new missionaries will join 1,539 other Southern Baptist missionaries already serving in 46 countries around the world.

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Addition of the commissioning service completed program arrangements, Schroeder said. There will be five major addresses, a strong musical program, panoramas, panels, seminars, and appearances by Memphis Mayor Henry Loeb and Tennessee Gov. Buford Ellington.

More than 10,000 men are expected to attend the conference sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission and state Baptist Brotherhood departments.

The new missionaries will share the spotlight of the last conference session with W. W. Adams, Louisville, seminary professor, and Dr. K. J. O'Banion of Birch Tree, Mo., a physician.

Adams, professor of New Testament interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will speak on "Men--Our Greatest Resource for Witness."

Dr. O'Banion, a soul-winning doctor, will reveal his unusual methods for giving patients spiritual plasma as well as treatment for physical ailments.

Four other major speakers will make conference appearances.

Roy O. McClain, pastor of First Baptist Church, Atlanta, will keynote the conference the first night with an address on the meeting theme, "That The World May Know."

The next morning Charles Malik, Lebanese Christian layman, will set out the Christian's role in world peace. He is a past president of the United Nations General Assembly and currently a professor at American University, Washington, D. C.

On the middle night of the conference, Louis Evans of Los Angeles, nationally-known Presbyterian churchman, will discuss the stewardship of personality. Brooks Hays, assistant secretary of state, Washington, will be interviewed about his stewardship of influence.

The major speaker the morning of the third day will be Gregory Walcott of Canoga Park, Calif., a Baptist lay preacher and television character actor. He will tell of his witnessing opportunities in the television colony.

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**Missionary Appointment
Assemblies Climax**

(7-27-61)

ATLANTA (BP)--Opening nights of Home Mission Weeks at Southern Baptists' summer assemblies were climaxed by the appointment of new missionaries. The assemblies are in Glorieta, N. M. and Ridgecrest, N. C.

Appointment services featured testimonies from candidates for appointment of their call to mission service.

Public appointment services, initiated last year at Glorieta, have continued throughout the year in Atlanta, where the Convention's Home Mission Board offices are located.

"These services have been highly successful and the interest shown by the public has been gratifying," said Glendon McCullough, Atlanta, personnel secretary.

The appointees attend two days of orientation in board policies and programs before being commissioned for mission work in the United States, Cuba or Panama. Three hundred forty-three appointments were made during the last year, bringing the total number of Southern Baptist home missionaries to 2030.

"We expect to appoint more than 35 new missionaries during the summer months," said McCullough. "As many of these as possible will be brought to the assemblies for appointment and orientation."

A survey of public opinion on the high points of last year's Home Mission Weeks placed the appointment service first, according to L. O. Griffith of Atlanta, director of the mission board's division of education and promotion.

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Panama Baptists Launch
Modern Evangelism Plan

by Walker L. Knight

BALBOA, Canal Zone (BP)--By Stateside standards the audience was a strange mixture of cultures and races.

Beside the casually-attired United States citizen sat a dark-skinned, formally-dressed Panamanian of Jamaican ancestry. Nearby were others of Spanish descent, and yet others listened who had the bronzed skin of the short, black-haired San Blas Indians.

You could hear three languages during the informal periods--English, Spanish, and Cuna.

However, most everyone was bilingual, and provision had been made for those who could speak only one tongue. A translation system channeled the words of the speaker into either English or Spanish.

Nearly all of the San Blas Indians were bilingual, so Cuna was not used formally.

Despite the differences, there was unity. They were all Baptists. This was an evangelism meeting of the Panama Baptist Convention, arranged by L. D. Wood, superintendent of Baptist work under the Home Mission Board of Southern Baptists.

Everyone wanted to know the most effective evangelism methods that the visitor from the States could supply. He was Vernon Yearby of Dallas, associate secretary of the evangelism division of the mission board.

The immediate goal was plans for the first Baptist jubilee revival for Panama, to be held Feb. 4-18.

Then, 40 Spanish and English-speaking pastors from the States would be invited to take part in the revivals (at the expense of their Stateside churches). Students of the Panama Baptist Theological Institute would fan out into the far corners of the isthmus to hold mission revivals.

Yearby was not new to his task. He had made earlier trips for clinics with the islanders, with the English-speaking Panamanians, with the Spanish-speaking churches, and with the churches serving United States personnel in the Canal Zone.

He had learned to avoid such things as telephone surveys--since few have telephones, and he was careful not to allow census cards to appear again with such items as "survey white areas only."

September will be the first target date--then the survey will be taken. Other dates will follow. In January there is Soul-Winning Commitment Day and a time for clinics and associational rallies. Finally the meetings in February.

But the work will not stop there. Feb. 18 begins a follow-up spiritual growth program.

Jose Salano, the alert pastor of First Baptist Church of Panama City and veteran observer of Baptist affairs in Central America, said, "I feel there is a new day for Baptists in Panama. There is a spirit of unity and fellowship I've never felt before."

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....T. C. Smith, pastor, First Baptist Church, Mooresville, N. C., will attend the International Congress of New Testament Scholars at Oxford University in England Sept. 11-15. Smith is former professor of New Testament at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. (BP)

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D. Eugene Wallace
Victim Of Shooting

(For use at your discretion--information asked for)

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (BP)--Dr. Douglas Eugene Wallace, 37, professor of Bible and religious education at California Baptist College here, apparently took his own life July 10.

A former worker with Extension Department of Southern Baptist Seminaries, Wallace had been on the local faculty since 1958.

Wallace returned on a Sunday night from a preaching engagement, local Baptist leaders reported. He inflicted injuries on Mrs. Wallace, then drove to a suburb where he shot himself.

Mrs. Wallace was reported recovering in a hospital.

"Dr. Wallace's death is a severe loss to our college and to Baptist work in the state as well as to his loved ones," Loyed R. Simmons, college president, declared.

Robert E. Craig, dean of the Baptist college, called Wallace one of the most popular teachers here.

A graduate of Grand Canyon College (Baptist), Phoenix, Ariz., and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., Wallace earned a doctor's degree at the University of Edinburgh.

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3 Alabama Churches
Deny Southern Funds

(7-27-61)

DOTHAN, Ala. (BP)--The Associated Press reported three south Alabama churches have asked none of their Cooperative Program gifts be shared with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Their action resulted from Martin Luther King, Negro Baptist integration leader and minister, appearing on a seminary lecture series.

The Cooperative Program is the financial plan of the Southern Baptist Convention to support all of its seminaries, hospitals, boards, commissions and other agencies. The largest percentage of the fund, coming from 32,000 churches, remains in the state where the money is given, to support state Baptist missionary and benevolence work.

The three churches were identified as First Baptist Church and Beulah Baptist Church of Dothan and First Baptist Church of nearby Columbia, Ala.

J. Theodore Jackson, deacon who introduced the resolution at Dothan's First Church, said the withholding of funds is "a disavowal of this unwise action and a change of attitude on the part of the seminary leadership."

The wire service further quoted the resolution as stating, "King's use of religion as a cloak for his racial agitation is offensive to this board of deacons and to the membership of this church."

The Southern Baptist Convention honors the wishes of churches in the division of funds. It counts such income as designated offerings when any part of the Cooperative Program is excluded.

King and several other national leaders in various fields were invited to appear at Southern Seminary this year during the annual Gay Lecture Series. Others invited were Howard E. Butt Jr., Corpus Christi, Tex., Baptist millionaire lay evangelist, and Brooks Hays, Washington, former president of the SBC.

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Text of resolution passed by Oklahoma County Pastors' Conference:

Whereas our Southern Baptist seminaries are owned and sustained by the mission gifts of our Southern Baptist churches through the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention, and

Whereas the entire future of the work of Christ through our churches and our Convention is greatly influenced by the beliefs and practices of the ministers who attend these seminaries,

The Baptist Pastors' Conference of Oklahoma County, Okla., being composed of pastors, ministers of education, ministers of music and other ministers of over 100 Southern Baptist churches,

Does solemnly and urgently petition the boards of trustees, and the administration of all of our seminaries to give all diligence to determining that all members of the faculties of these seminaries are in complete accord with the doctrines of the Baptist churches which compose the Southern Baptist Convention as they are taught in the Holy Scriptures and as they are delineated in the articles of faith which have been adopted by the Convention; and further that these faculty members be loyal to, and in full sympathy with the Southern Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist churches which they serve as teachers in our seminaries.

While we fully agree with the right of any teacher to believe as he chooses, we do not believe that a teacher who does not meet the above mentioned qualifications has the right to teach in any of our Baptist colleges, universities, or seminaries.

While we believe that a teacher has the right to use such methods as he deems best to bring about the greatest results in his pupils, we do not believe that any method should be used that creates or encourages doubts concerning the authenticity or authority of the Bible as the Word of God, or in any of its sacred teachings which Baptists have cherished through the years, or that creates or promotes distrust or disloyalty to our churches or our denomination.

We decry the false sophisticated attitude being assumed by some teachers in some Southern Baptist institutions that a mark of scholarship is the ability to create doubts and questions concerning great fundamental truths. We conceive the purpose of our seminaries to be to create and strengthen the faith and loyalty of the pupils in the Word of God, the doctrines as believed by our churches, and the denomination which sustains these institutions.

We seriously disagree with, and object to, the teaching of a teacher in one of our seminaries, who in a recent Bible conference at Shawnee, Okla., expressed himself both publicly and in private conversation with some of us and our brethren that he believed it possible for a person once saved to be lost, that he favored receiving members into our churches by alien immersion, and that he accepted the practice of open communion. We further disagree and object to his position favoring the ecumenical movement. We also strongly resent his statements made to some of our brethren that Oklahoma Baptists are "Landmark Baptists," thus declaring us to be something other than true Southern Baptists as we consider ourselves to be.

We further express our strenuous objection to a teacher being permitted to teach in any of our seminaries who by his writings casts doubt upon the authenticity of the Word of God. We also wish to call upon the Sunday School Board to use all diligence to avoid publishing books that deny the faith once delivered unto the saints.

We call upon the boards of trustees and administration of all our Baptist colleges, universities and seminaries to take appropriate action to prevent these and all other false teachings from being taught as truths in our institutions, and urge that every effort be put forth to strengthen in the faith the brethren who study there that the work of our Lord through his churches and our denomination may be furthered throughout the years to come to his honor and glory.

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Folks and Facts.....

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....Mrs. Ruth Davis, state Woman's Missionary Union field worker for Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, died July 25 in Okemah, Okla. She was widow of John Franklin Davis, chief of the Creek Indian nation from 1950-55. After his death, she became a field worker among Baptist women in 1959. (BP)

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