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Texas Executive Board Cuts Appropriations

DALLAS (BP)--The Texas Baptist Executive Board, meeting here, cut appropriations to all Cooperative Program causes by five per cent for the remainder of the year.

The across-the-board decrease in appropriations was part of a three-point proposal aimed at curing a 15 per cent slack in meeting the state Convention's record \$13.6 million budget this year.

The board (1) urged 3,900 Baptist churches in Texas to increase gifts to world missions by five per cent during the remainder of the year, (2) cut appropriations to all causes by five per cent, and (3) transferred five per cent of the Convention's funds held in reserve to the operating budget.

R. A. Springer, treasurer for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, said that although missions gifts from the churches had topped \$9 million during the first eight months of 1961--the most ever received during an equal period in the state Convention's history--the board was still \$355,000 short of the budget. "Our budget simply outstripped our income this year," he said.

In other action, the board approved a proposal to conduct a special "Demonstration Day Offering" on Sunday Oct. 29, to boost the Convention's Cooperative Program receipts, and to help local church finances.

The board also sent out an urgent appeal to Baptist churches in Texas to help relieve human suffering in the hurricane-stricken areas of the Gulf Coast by conducting another special offering for "Hurricane Carla Relief."

A special \$25,000 emergency fund was set up by the board from the Convention's contingency fund, and the board urged churches in areas not hit by Hurricane Carla "to be good Samaritans" and provide cash, food, and clothing for people in the disaster area.

In other action, the board approved two comprehensive 5-page statements of objectives for nine Texas Baptist schools, and for eight Baptist hospitals, seven children's homes, and two homes for the aged.

The board also removed race restrictions from the charter of Buckner's Orphans Home in Dallas, killing the phrase "of Anglo Saxon parentage" from the charter when it came up for renewal. The home's board of trustees has the authority to decide who should be admitted, but Buckner President E. L. Carnett indicated that he felt his board would continue its present policy.

Also approved by the 192-member board was a \$46,900 faculty improvement program at Baptist colleges that will grant the schools' professors monthly stipends to help them obtain doctor's degrees.

The board also set up criteria for accepting or rejecting any new hospitals or benevolent homes, outlined in detail the relationship between chaplains of Baptist hospitals and the Convention, and approved requirements for membership on the boards of trustees of hospitals and benevolent homes.

Brotherhood Commission
Approves Record Budget

MEMPHIS (BP)--The largest budget in the 54-year history of the Brotherhood Commission--\$303,460--was approved here by commissioners of the Southern Baptist Convention agency.

Their annual two-day meeting preceded the opening of the Second National Conference of Southern Baptist Men.

Of this amount, \$179,000 is expected to come through the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program. The remainder will be earned by the Commission from sales of magazines, books and other supplies.

Executive Secretary George W. Schroeder of Memphis was authorized to request allocations from the SBC capital needs funds for the completion of the Commission's building needs when such funds are available.

The fourth phase of its building program was completed this year. The headquarters building, located at 1548 Poplar Ave., in Memphis, will be completely debt free by the end of 1962, Schroeder reported.

Doyle E. Carlton, Jr., son of a former governor of Florida, was elected chairman of the Commission to succeed Plaford David of Effingham, Ill., who was rotating off. Carlton is a citrus grower and cattleman of Wauchula and has been active in politics.

Elected vice-chairman was R. N. Landers, owner of the Landers Laundry, Inc., of Atlanta, Ga.; recording secretary was Joe Burnetter, administrator of the Baptist Home for the Aging at Darlington, S.C.

Schroeder of Memphis, who has served for ten years as executive secretary-treasurer was re-elected.

Members of the Commission approved a new approach for Brotherhood weeks at Ridgecrest and Glorieta. Instead of using the time for training of leaders, Schroeder suggested that men be brought together for depth studies in seminar-type discussions. It is hoped that from such groups will come practical and worthwhile ideas to be used in Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador work. Training of leaders would then be left largely to the states, associations, and churches.

Plans were made to enlarge the Commission's area of world leadership in Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador work around the world by authorizing the executive secretary to answer as many calls for help from other countries as possible. Help in starting and promoting Brotherhood work would be given by staff members as the budget permits.

New regional Brotherhood improvement and enlargement campaigns were approved, the first one to be held May 12-18, 1962, at Birmingham, Ala. The purpose of these campaigns is to introduce the work in churches where none now exists, strengthen existing organizations, and develop leaders.

Concerned about the apparent loss of influence in the world by the church and Christians, Schroeder said:

"In these days during which basic freedoms of men are being attacked, and when holes are being punched through walls that have protected the dignity of men through the years, surely the time has come when men who stand for freedom and that which is right should move into the world arena and make their presence felt," he continued.

"The next great step of the Brotherhood Commission will be to try to lead Baptist men to go into their communities and the world and make their influence felt for Christ and righteousness," Schroeder said.

Georgia Baptist Board
Approves Record Budget

ATLANTA (BP)--The Executive Committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention approved a record budget for 1962 which tops the 1961 budget by \$114,040.

The operating budget, to be voted on by the Convention in November, totals \$3,317,600, with a total budget goal of \$3,500,000. All over the operating budget goes to a capital improvements program for six Georgia Baptist colleges.

The budget will be divided 50-50 between Georgia and Southern Baptist Convention causes after deduction of some administrative and promotion costs.

The Executive Committee also approved a \$600,000 loan for Baptist Village, the Convention's home for elderly citizens at Waycross, Ga. The loan, for plant expansion, will come from the Federal Housing and Home Finance Agency.

Also approved was the designation of the state Brotherhood-Royal Ambassador department as the coordinating agency for gathering materials that are "distinctively Georgia Baptist" to be used in helping pastors and churches counsel boys working toward a Boy Scout God and Country award.

J. Robert Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, Statesboro, Ga., is chairman of the Georgia Executive Committee.

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Listening Parties Urged
For Graham Telecasts

(9-13-61)

DALLAS (BP)--Southern Baptists are being asked to organize listening parties for telecasts of the Billy Graham Philadelphia Crusade Sept. 17-24.

"We have suggested that pastors give out prospect cards to members and urge them to invite the prospects to their homes to hear the telecasts," said C. Y. Dossey, associate director of the division of evangelism of the denomination's Home Mission Board.

He said secretaries of evangelism of the state conventions are joining him in the request that the listening parties be organized.

The telecasts will be shown by stations in the following cities; Asheville, Charlotte, and Raleigh, N.C.; Baton Rouge, Monroe and Shreveport, La.; Beaumont, El Paso, and Wichita Falls, Tex.; Columbus, Ga.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Minneapolis, Minn.; New York City; Norfolk, Va.; Oklahoma City, and Tulsa, Okla.; Orlando and Pensacola, Fla.; St. Louis, Mo.; Topeka and Wichita, Kan.; Tuscon, Ariz.; Washington, D.C.; Wilkes Barre, Pa.; Denver, Colo., and Peoria, Ill.

Most of the hour-long telecasts are between the evening hours of 5 and 10:30.

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Kentucky Elects Sanders
New General Secretary

(9-13-61)

MIDDLETOWN, Ky. (BP)--Harold G. Sanders of Tallahassee, Fla., has been elected new general secretary of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

Sanders, pastor of First Baptist Church in Tallahassee, also is chairman of the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

W. C. Boone, present general secretary at the office here, is retiring.

Sanders, 54, is a native of Aurora, Mo., who graduated from Southwest Baptist (junior) College, Bolivar, Mo.; William Jewell College (Baptist), Liberty, Mo., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He received the doctor's degree at Louisville.

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He served several churches in Kentucky and Indiana during the 1930's and 1940's. He went from the pastorate of Norwood Baptist Church, Birmingham, in 1943 into service as a chaplain with the United States Navy.

Separated from the service in 1946, he accepted the call to Tallahassee. He served a term as national chaplain for the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and as president of the Southern Baptist Chaplains' Association.

Sanders also has been on several preaching missions to army and navy bases in the United States and in Europe.

He is a former president of Florida Baptist Convention.

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Arkansas Presented
\$1,936,250 Budget

(9-13-61)

LITTLE ROCK (BP)--The Executive Board of Arkansas Baptist State Convention will recommend a \$1,936,250 budget for 1962 to the Convention's annual session this fall.

It includes \$633,650 as the portion of the Cooperative Program going to national and world causes through the Southern Baptist Convention.

The board also will recommend a special campaign to increase the endowment of its senior college, Ouachita College at Arkadelphia.

The state share of the 1962 budget has \$167,500 appropriated for Ouachita, \$100,000 of which would go toward endowment.

The college administration and the executive secretary of the Arkansas Convention will work together in the special campaign, soliciting funds from foundations and from individual donors.

Churches cooperating with the Convention also will be asked to hike their Cooperative Program gifts 15 per cent.

The board will ask the Convention to appoint Tom Logue, state director of Baptist student work, and Erwin L. McDonald, editor, Arkansas Baptist, both of Little Rock, as guides to the Baptist World Youth Conference. The conference meets in 1963 in Beirut, Lebanon.

C. W. Caldwell, state mission secretary, Little Rock, would conduct a tour by Arkansas pastors to mission fields in South America in 1962, subject to Convention approval.

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Swedish Pair Pioneer
Work In Belgian City

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BRUSSELS, Belgium (BP)--"Pioneer Baptist work is still needed in Europe, and we should not hesitate to receive fraternal workers from other countries to help," Erik Ruden told a meeting of Baptist leaders here.

Ruden, of Stockholm, is associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, representing it in Europe.

Ronald Goulding of England, president of the European Baptist Federation, referred to the host pastor and his wife as examples of what Ruden had in mind.

This young couple--the Hans Fernlunds--were missionaries under the Swedish Baptist Missionary Society in the Congo until forced in July, 1960 out by conditions there.

They are now fraternal workers in Belgium for the European Baptist Federation, their salary still being paid by the Swedish Society. Fernlund is interim pastor of the Baptist church in Brussels.

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Total membership of Baptist churches in Belgium is approximately 250. There are four pastors in addition to the fraternal worker from Sweden. The largest church, with 66 members, is Polish-speaking. It has refugees in the city of Liege.

Ruden and Goulding spoke at the executive committee meeting of the European Federation.

Ruden also said European Baptists must maintain closer contacts with Baptists in eastern Europe. Alexander Karev, Moscow, secretary of Russian Baptists, sent a letter of regret at having to miss the meeting.

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California To Enter
Negro Work Program

(9-13-61)

FRESNO, Calif. (BP)--The board of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California voted here to enter a pilot project and set up a director of cooperative work with Negro Baptists.

The pilot project would be jointly conducted with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, which has a department of work with National (Negro) Baptists.

The three-year program would begin Jan. 1.

The California State Board also adopted a 1962 budget to present to the annual fall convention and authorized employment of an associate executive secretary to direct a division of church services.

The proposed 1962 budget would be \$1,472,382 counting supplements from the SBC Sunday School, Home Mission and other Boards for jointly sponsored work.

The Cooperative Program goal would be \$880,000 including \$210,000 for National and world-wide work through the SBC.

A survey of California Baptist work resulted in providing for three associate executive secretaries. Edmond Walker, the present associate here, would continue as such and direct cooperative missions.

The second associate, voted on at the current board meeting, would be employed by Jan. 1 to begin his work. A third associate, to handle stewardship and public relations, would come later on.

No persons were called to fill either new position by the Board at this meeting.

The Board also voted to center activities at its Jenness Park Assembly at Sonora, Calif., on those for young people and intermediates.

Miss Polly Anna McNabb, assistant here to the editor of the California Southern Baptist newspaper, was promoted to the position of associate.

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GLOBE-TROTTING With GINNY

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They Died With Their
Treasure Beside Them

POMPEII, Italy (BP)--When Pompeii was destroyed by 24 feet of burning cinders, boiling rain, and sulphurous fumes, thousands of its inhabitants escaped by sea. I wondered why the 2000 who died here did not escape!

The excellent preservation here makes it easy to guess at some of the answers. Excavators have forced plaster into the cavities left behind by the bodies as they deteriorated, making it possible to make reproductions so complete that even the nails in the sandals of the Roman sentries on duty are shown.

Leather belts worn only by slaves show that many slaves died by remaining with their masters. Two men bound in the stocks were forgotten in the excitement. A woman's body lay in the street of escape, an infant clutched in her arms.

One characteristic seems common to most of those who stayed behind. Nearly all bodies had treasures beside them.

One woman who went back for her jewels threw her treasures on the floor when she lifted her arms to ward off the falling ceiling. Another woman clinging to her jewels climbed six or seven feet up the cinders as they began to bury her, but finally she was overcome. A merchant was holding the key to his strong box as he searched for his treasure. His slave died holding a lamp for his master.

As we explored the dead city, I wondered what my town would leave behind if suddenly destroyed without warning. Would we be clinging to the material wealth that seems to take the place of God in so many homes?

A still more sobering thought came: The Bible warns me some unannounced day destruction will fall upon the entire world: Will such advance warning be heeded?