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**World Baptists Plan  
Enlarged Relief Work**

WASHINGTON (BP)--Vitamins, medicines, men's suits and shoes got into discussions of the relief committee of the Baptist World Alliance, meeting in connection with sessions of the Alliance administrative committee.

R. Dean Goodwin of New York, committee chairman, said the vitamins and medicines are for sick people in scattered parts of the world who cannot get these supplies locally. This includes the seriously sick wife of a Baptist minister in eastern Europe.

The suits and shoes are for pastors whose witness for Christ is in a nation officially unfriendly to both the minister and his religion.

Attention was given also to plans for resettling refugees from Cuba, Europe and China, and for providing food and shelter for refugees from Angola, Africa.

Surveying the worldwide need--which the Alliance executive committee had agreed last summer is "permanent rather than temporary"--the committee decided to ask member Baptist conventions and conferences for \$10,000 for the remaining months of 1961 and for \$40,000 in 1962.

Adolph Klaupiks, relief coordinator here, reported it is still possible, despite political barriers and tariff restrictions, to send help to Baptist people in areas of acute need.

Spokesmen at the administrative committee, hearing Goodwin's report, cited these widely scattered and diverse needs as providing unusual opportunities for scattered Baptist conventions and unions to work cooperatively in humanitarian causes.

Relief channels of the Alliance, said Theodore F. Adams of Richmond, Va., provide opportunity for even the smallest group of Baptists in a remote part of the world to share in a worldwide program. It further affords opportunity for the larger groups to show their Christian concern to peoples in need in lands even beyond their own mission areas.

Goodwin said inquiries and gifts should be directed to Baptist World Alliance, 1628 Sixteenth St., N. W., Washington 9, D. C., or to Southern Baptist Convention offices.

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**Maryland 1962 Budget  
Proposal \$510,000**

(10-21-61)

BALTIMORE (BP)--Baptist Convention of Maryland will vote here on a proposed 1962 state Cooperative Program budget goal of \$510,000.

The State Mission Board will recommend this sum to the convention. It is 8 per cent greater than the 1961 goal. The convention treasurer reported Cooperative Program gifts for 1961 to date are running 6.8 per cent more than for 1960.

The distribution of 40 per cent of the budget to Southern Baptist Convention agencies will be continued if the budget passes.

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Evangelism In '64  
Worldwide Emphasis

WASHINGTON (BP)--The Baptist World Alliance will promote a worldwide emphasis on evangelism in 1964.

Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Alliance, said all the world's 24 million Baptists in more than 100 countries will be urged to participate.

Plans for the 1964 program were discussed at a meeting of the Baptist World Alliance administrative committee here. The Baptist World Alliance commission on evangelism and missions was assigned responsibility for its promotion and implementation.

Frank H. Woyke, Forest Park, Ill., is chairman of the commission on evangelism and missions, and J. D. Grey, New Orleans, La., is cochairman.

The worldwide emphasis is timed to coincide with the climax of a five-year Baptist Jubilee Advance now underway in United States and Canadian churches. The date, 1964, is the 150th anniversary of the founding of the first national organization of Baptists in North America--an organization designed to sponsor the mission activity of the first American Baptist missionaries to Burma.

Alliance President John Soren, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Secretary Nordenhaug were asked to initiate program outlines for the 11th Baptist World Congress which will meet in Miami Beach, Fla., June 25-30, 1965.

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Sixth Baptist Youth  
Conference Date Set

(10-21-61)

WASHINGTON (BP)--Date for the sixth Baptist Youth World Conference has been set for July 15-21, 1963. Beirut, Lebanon was previously announced as the site.

The date was set by vote of the Baptist World Alliance administrative committee on recommendation of Robert S. Denny, associate secretary and youth secretary of the Alliance here.

An attendance of about 4000 young people from 50 or more countries is expected for the meeting. Tours to Damascus, Jerusalem, Bethlehem and other well-known Bible places are being arranged for conference delegates.

Denny said a theme and program for the 1963 conference will be set by the administrative committee of the youth department, probably at its Nov. 21 meeting. Suggestions are already in hand from Willie Wickramasinghe of Colombo, Ceylon, youth committee chairman.

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Folks and Facts.....

(10-21-61)

.....The highest attendance at an annual associational Brotherhood officers workshop in the Southern Baptist Convention is claimed by Brotherhood leaders of Tarrant Baptist Association at Fort Worth, Tex. More than 300 men attended. Robert Lynn of Fort Worth is the associational Brotherhood president. (BP)

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Oklahoma Church-State  
Study Faces Convention

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--Oklahoma Baptists may undertake a "detailed and comprehensive study" of church-state issues as they affect the work of Baptists.

Directors of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma were to put the study before the convention proper in its 1961 session, for adoption.

A few weeks before, directors reaffirmed their policy of operating six hospitals which Baptists lease from local government bodies.

Some felt the issue could reach the convention floor this year at Tulsa, but the recommendation for the study of church-state issues may head off debate.

The recommendation of the board for the church-state study does not single out hospitals alone. It calls attention to "questions being raised throughout our nation concerning the complex facets of overlapping interests of the church and state in the areas of benevolence, healing, education, taxation and privileges extended to our denomination, churches and ministers..."

It recommends the membership of the committee. If adopted, the chairman would be J. C. Segler, pastor, Crown Heights Baptist Church here.

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Education Groups  
Go To Winston-Salem

(10-21-61)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Two Southern Baptist educator groups plan to hold their annual meetings next summer at Wake Forest College in Winston-Salem, N. C. The dates are June 26-28.

They are the Education Commission, an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools. The association includes the presidents and other top administrators of Baptist-related colleges, but is not an official agency.

Rabun L. Brantley of Nashville, Education Commission executive secretary, said, "We hope to meet in alternate years on a campus of one of the Southern Baptist colleges, with the annual meetings to be in Nashville in other years.

"We have asked the Wake Forest president to give us a personal, conducted tour of their new campus in Winston-Salem, feeling its experience in developing a campus will benefit other presidents."

This may be the first meeting for the Education Commission on a Baptist college campus. Recent annual meetings have been held in Nashville, site of Education Commission offices.

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New Orleans Seminary  
Serves World Center

(picture accompanies)

By Bill Bolton  
For Baptist Press

New Orleans is a major world crossroads. Currents of trade flow down the Mississippi River from the North and into its miles of waterfront docks from Central and South America, too.

The eastern and western railroads have their terminals here. Airplane service reaches not only to all directions in the United States but across the Gulf into Latin-America.

The city is also a popular tourist attraction, being located far enough South to visit year-round. The Mardi Gras parades, the Sugar Bowl football game on New Year's Day are among its many attractions.

As a result, New Orleans has a cosmopolitan citizenry, many of the people hearing the gospel for the first time from mission teams from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

On its campus again you would find this cosmopolitan citizenry--students from 33 states and five foreign countries. Here they pursue theological, religious education and church music studies in an academic atmosphere.

These students--present enrolment is 750--serve churches as distant as 500 miles. All students take part in activities in New Orleans Baptist churches, as well as fulfill a seminary requirement by working in mission teams among the minority and language groups of southern Louisiana.

Students worship three days each week at a morning chapel hour. In addition leaders from all walks of life appear on campus throughout the year, thus giving Seminary students opportunities to both be inspired by the visitors and keep in touch with the world in which they will someday be the leaders.

Baptists realize the value of a seminary education.

While they believe a man needs a Bible and the call of God to preach the Gospel, they recognize that study under Christian professors is just as helpful to the minister as it is to the medical student.

Some misconceptions about seminary training which still exist are that students go to seminary to learn to preach, and that it is better for preachers to learn by doing. While theology students are given pointers on sermon construction and delivery at New Orleans Seminary, an emphasis is also placed on Bible scholarship.

As a result, a reputation for scholarship at New Orleans Seminary stands alongside the seminary's long-maintained emphasis on missions and evangelism.

Every type of church, missionary or denominational worker receives training at this Southern Baptist Convention institution. Some of these, including education and music directors, are familiar to all Baptists.

Few realize the Southern Baptist Convention needs trained nursery school workers, employees for Good Will Centers and editors of its Sunday School Board literature. Even church secretaries can take seminary courses tailored to their special needs.

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With students training for a variety of Christian vocations, a purpose of New Orleans Seminary must be to open paths for the inquiring mind into the study of God's truth. To this purpose the New Orleans Seminary offers a faculty which is interested in helping students and which is grounded in Baptist principles as found in the Bible.

The student of Bible, religious education or music can therefore attend the Seminary knowing that he will be able to study with 40 experienced and wise teachers and to prepare for the special place to which he has been called.

Since 1947 when the present campus site was purchased for \$247,000, \$7 million has been added to the valuation of New Orleans Seminary. The bulk of this money has gone into the building of the beautiful campus on Gentilly Boulevard. The Seminary moved here from downtown New Orleans in 1953.

Without funds from the Cooperative Program, money would have been unavailable for construction of this new campus. At least four out of every five dollars spent on the continuing building program at New Orleans Seminary comes from capital improvement funds supplied by Southern Baptists through the Cooperative Program.

For the 1961-62 academic year, another \$525,782 of Cooperative Program funds are marked for the seminary's operating budget.

Other income, including gifts from alumni and friends of the institution, is enough to give the Seminary an operating budget of over \$1 million.

Directing this \$1 million training endeavor for Southern Baptists is President H. Leo Eddleman, who has served as chief administrative officer since 1959.

Southern Baptists' Southernmost seminary, at the gateway to Latin-America and the crossroads of east and west in the United States, helps assure a growing Baptist witness in one of the nation's key cities.

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Cutline to photo:

A seminary student works among fisher folk along the picturesque bayous and marshes of coastal Louisiana, where French is still a popular language.

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