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**Oregon-Washington  
Still Has Vacancy**

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (BP)--The Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington took no action at its 1961 session here to fill the vacancy of its executive secretary's office.

It adopted a series of resolutions, one of which urges doctrinal orthodoxy among professors at the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries.

The Executive Board reported it was not ready to nominate a successor to R. E. Milam of Portland, whom the convention honored here for his 13 years as its executive secretary. Milam remains with the convention in another position.

A special session of the convention will be required if the vacancy is to be filled before next October. Under the convention's procedure, the board nominates, but convention action is necessary for election.

The next regular session is scheduled Oct. 23-25 at Wenatchee, Wash.

The seminary resolution urged them to employ only those teachers who believe "unquestionably" in certain doctrines which the resolution listed. The doctrines listed are those considered orthodox theology by most Baptists. They included necessity of regeneration, the sinless life of Christ, inspiration of the Bible, the virgin birth, the reality of heaven and hell, among others.

The convention adopted a next year's budget of \$250,707. The Cooperative Program goal makes up \$164,500 of this amount. The Southern Baptist Convention will get 16 per cent of Cooperative receipts, compared with 15 per cent previously forwarded.

The convention reelected Herman E. Wooten, pastor of Richland, Wash., its president.

Other resolutions reaffirmed church-state beliefs, and spoke out against beverage alcohol trade and the dangers of "careless" social life.

Text of the seminary resolution follows:

"We urge our Southern Baptist seminaries to keep as faculty members only those teachers who believe unquestionably in the complete inspiration and authority of the scriptures, the deity of Jesus as well as the humanity, his virgin birth, his sinless life, his sacrificial death, his personal, glorious return.

"That man is a lost sinner, that Jesus is the Saviour of sinners, that regeneration is necessary to salvation; it comes by faith and produces new life. Hell is the eternal abode of the lost, heaven the home of the saved.

"These things are to be taught and preached constantly to all the people of the world. This is the only basis of a lasting peace."

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Ramsey Declines  
Evangelism Post

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ALBANY, Ga. (BP)--Brooks Ramsey announced to his congregation that he is remaining as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Albany.

Ramsey earlier had accepted the position of associate in the department of evangelism for Texas Baptists.

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Tennessee's Highest  
Court To Rule On Tax

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Tennessee Supreme Court has decided to hear an appeal from the City of Nashville on whether it has the right to tax facilities of the Baptist Sunday School Board here.

Tax boards and lower courts held the board exempt from taxes against a cafeteria, snack bar and parking lots which the board claims are maintained for its employees. These were assessed at \$725,000.

While acknowledging the Supreme Court's decision meant the case was "highly significant," Baptist leaders feel the state's highest court will sustain the tax exemption.

They point out the court several years ago ruled the Baptist agency a "religious institution." James L. Sullivan of Nashville, the agency's executive secretary, added:

"We welcome this opportunity for the state's highest court to rule on the legality of the tax assessments which have been attempted against this religious institution.

"We are confident the decision of the lower court will be affirmed and our property ruled exempt."

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Editor Placed Under  
Executive Board

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KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (BP)--The editor of the Pacific Coast Baptist now is responsible to the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington.

This was one of several changes the convention made here in its constitution. Until the change, the editor of the convention's twice-monthly newspaper was responsible to the convention's executive secretary.

C. E. Boyle of Portland, Ore., is the present editor.

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