

February 26, 1961

Big Loan Corporation
Fails In Committee

NASHVILLE (BP)--The proposed \$3 million Baptist Home Mission Board Church Loan Corporation was rejected here by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

The Home Mission Board wanted to place the church loan corporation before the full Convention in St. Louis in May for approval. It required attention of the Executive Committee to be certain it conformed to the business and financial plan of the Convention.

A prominent Baptist lay member of the Executive Committee took strong exception to the committee's action. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Miss., industrialist, said the proposed corporation would meet the needs of churches in pioneer areas, where Southern Baptists are growing.

A fellow Mississippian, W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson, replied the corporation would "take a stated amount of money in hand and pyramid that money by legal and just procedures to make possible three or four times that amount of capital.

"We must bear in mind always what may be correct business procedure among businesses may not always be that for churches and denominations," Hudgins, a minister and former SBC vice-president, added.

"Every dime would be guaranteed by the good faith of Southern Baptists" if such a corporation were to be created, according to Hudgins. If the corporation suffered a loss, the Convention would be morally, even if not legally, liable.

Kendall Berry of Blytheville, Ark., lay chairman of the Executive Committee, cited the business and financial plan where it reads:

"An agency or institution shall not create any liability or indebtedness except such as can and will be repaid out of its anticipated receipts for current operations within a period of three years, without the consent of the Convention or the Executive Committee. In order to obtain such approval, the agency must file a statement showing the source of such anticipated receipts."

Porter Routh of Nashville, committee executive secretary, declared, "This action (the rejection) should in no way indicate the lack of concern in a very real problem on the part of the Convention and the Executive Committee."

Hudgins also voiced similar feelings that opposition to the corporation should not be considered as lack of recognizing the "great need for church loans."

It was pointed out the Convention through the Cooperative Program has made several large allocations to church extension loan funds of the Home Mission Board. This included \$900,000 each in 1960 and 1961 and a proposed \$850,000 in 1962.

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Further Review Voted
For American Seminary

(2-26-61)

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention wants to give further study to the program of the Convention's Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary.

The seminary here for Negro ministers and church workers is a joint project of the SBC and the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

The Executive Committee declared the seminary "should be studied in the light of the total program of theological education." It urged the seminary commission to defer employment of a full-time executive secretary to succeed L. S. Sedberry of Nashville.

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Sedberry, who retires Dec. 31, claimed the action of the Executive Committee "throws doubt on the structure of the seminary and whether it's to be a permanent program."

He said several SBC investigations of the seminary have been made during his 12 years as commission head. "We can only stir up more bad race relations here. Let the seminary alone and let it go on with its work," he begged. He said these studies of the seminary tend to discourage Negro Baptist financial support.

Herschel H. Hobbs of Oklahoma City, executive committee member, replied the "way in which the committee deals with the seminary will not cause the reaction which Dr. Sedberry fears." Hobbs is chairman of the program committee, subcommittee of the Executive Committee which will study theological programs.

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Relief Fund Matter
Held Till September

(2-26-61)

NASHVILLE (BP)--A proposal that Southern Baptists establish a million dollar a year fund for relief has been deferred for full study next September.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention took action here to keep the matter under advisement for six months more. E. S. James, Dallas, editor of the Baptist Standard, proposed the fund in an editorial. Later, he presented it for Executive Committee study.

James asked the Executive Committee "to set aside no less than one million dollars a year for charity work," proposing that the Home and Foreign Mission Boards administer the funds wherever they are needed in the whole world.

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1962 Convention Hotel

(2-26-61)

SAN FRANCISCO (BP)--The headquarters hotel for the 1962 session of the Southern Baptist Convention here will be the St. Francis Hotel. The Woman's Missionary Union, Convention auxiliary, will make the Whitcomb Hotel its headquarters. Convention sessions will be in the 10,000 seat Civic Auditorium.

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Kansas, Ohio Gain
Agency Membership

(2-26-61)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Kansas and Ohio will become eligible this year for full representation on Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention here voted to ask the Convention at St. Louis in May to grant them representation.

This does not mean the two states will have members on every agency, because charters of some agencies have special provisions. Most agencies will be included, however.

Kansas several years ago gained representation on the four boards and Executive Committee. Bylaw changes have since been completed on the SBC Constitution to give them representation on still more agencies.

Ohio has not previously had members on agencies. It will be allowed representatives on all agencies whose charters permit.

Eligibility for agencies depends on membership of cooperating churches. When this membership passes 25,000, a state may apply for representation.

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Kansas City, Detroit
Possible 1966 Cities

NASHVILLE (BP)--Kansas City, Mo., and Detroit are top contenders for the site of the 1966 Southern Baptist Convention session.

Both were referred by the SBC Executive Committee for consideration at the Convention in St. Louis in May. The Committee on Time, Place and Preacher then will suggest a 1966 city.

Southern Baptists are well-acquainted with Kansas City, having met there in 1956 and having scheduled another session there in 1963.

Detroit is a newcomer. Fred D. Hubbs of that city, executive secretary of Baptist State Convention of Michigan, feels a session in Detroit will help Southern Baptists get a look first hand at work in the Great Lakes area.

The city has a 13,000-seat, \$54 million civic auditorium on the banks of the Detroit River, overlooking Canada. Seven of the largest hotels in Detroit are within walking distance, it was reported. Accommodations are adequate to have the Convention.

The only session in the Great Lakes area, site of rapid Southern Baptist expanse from New York state to Minnesota, has been in Chicago.

Kansas City has a well-organized local program of Southern Baptist work. The Convention's newest theological seminary, Midwestern, has built a campus there. It adjoins Kansas, another growing edge of Southern Baptists. The auditorium is conveniently-located in the heart of the city.

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Boy Scout Liaison
Duties Suggested

(2-26-61)

NASHVILLE (BP)--It has been suggested the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis receive duties of being liaison between the Southern Baptist Convention and Boy Scouts of America.

The matter goes before the 1961 Southern Baptist Convention session for approval.

The Brotherhood, an agency of the Convention, would provide service to pastors of Southern Baptist churches and to such boys as might be seeking help to earn a God and Country Award.

It would also act as a go-between in matters of common concern. The commission, however, wouldn't be responsible for promoting or servicing Boy Scout troupes in Baptist churches.

Nor would the agency's Royal Ambassador program be affected. The Ambassadors are a missionary group for Baptist boys. The Brotherhood itself is a layman's organization which directs the boys' movement.

The Executive Committee of the SBC recommended the duties to the Brotherhood Commission at its meeting here.

No agency of the Convention has had liaison responsibility before. Joe Carrington, a retired Austin, Tex., businessman, has worked through an Association of Southern Baptists for Scouting. The association had no formal ties with Baptist agencies.

In earning a God and Country Award, a Scout passes through three stages. In one stage he gives evidence of regular personal devotions, stewardship, knowledge of Baptist mission fields, and location of Baptist agencies. In another, he explains doctrines held by Baptists, such as baptism and the Lord's supper.

In the third, he writes a 1000-word essay about an ordination or dedication service in his church.

Many boys are members of both the Boy Scouts and Royal Ambassadors. Some of the knowledge and experience gained in one organization helps the boy meet requirements in the other group.

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2 Seminaries May
Borrow On Capital

NASHVILLE (BP)--Two seminaries have been allowed to borrow against their future income from the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptist Convention financial plan.

The Executive Committee of the SBC here voted to allow New Orleans (La.) Baptist Theological Seminary permission to borrow this year up to 50 per cent of its capital funds approved for 1962. The Convention approved \$320,000.

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., may borrow this year up to half its capital funds okayed for 1962. The amount set aside by the Convention is \$700,000.

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Astounded Committee
Grants Budget Cut

(2-26-61)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Astounded members of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention asked R. Alton Reed to repeat his statement.

"We don't need \$25,000 of the \$325,000 we've been allocated from the Cooperative Program this year," the Annuity Board executive secretary said.

The committee members, wrestling with a financial trend which showed a levelling off in contributions, had been hearing requests for substantial budget increases all day.

A member of the Executive Committee immediately moved the \$25,000 be stricken from the 1961 budget, which was already adopted by the Convention. Someone in turn asked Reed, "Are you serious?" "Yes, I'm serious," Reed responded.

The motion passed. Later, an official of the Annuity Board in Dallas explained the Cooperative Program allocation is used to pay only relief funds. The board's multi-million dollar retirement program for Baptist preachers and workers is self-sustaining from direct contributions on behalf of persons involved.

"With more preachers making preparations for their retirement through the protection plan ministry of the Annuity Board, there are less of them to become dependent on relief," L. Taylor Daniel, associate executive secretary of the Annuity Board, explained.

Daniel said the relief roll dropped to below the 1000 mark in 1960, the first time in 34 years for this to happen.

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Folks and Facts.....

(2-26-61)

..... Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Tex., has named one of its women's dormitories for a Dallas Baptist woman, Mrs. Fred M. Lange, and dedicated the building to the spiritual, social and cultural development of the school's women students. The building was named "Blanch Lange Hall" in honor of the Dallas woman's support of Christian education. (BP)

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We propose that the 1962 agency allocations be approved as follows:

I. OPERATING BUDGET

	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>
Convention Operating	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Foreign Mission Board	6,290,000	7,250,000	7,250,000
Home Mission Board	1,750,000	2,000,000	2,000,000
Annuity Board	325,000	325,000	300,000
Carver School of Missions	150,000	160,000	160,000
Golden Gate Seminary	291,200		
Midwestern Seminary	262,926		
New Orleans Seminary	515,013		
Southeastern Seminary	464,912		
Southern Seminary	557,491		
Southwestern Seminary	698,458		
<u>Six Seminaries - Total</u>	<u>2,790,000</u>	<u>3,000,000</u>	<u>3,012,000</u>
Southern Baptist Foundation	31,400	38,500	40 00 ,500
Southern Baptist Hospital	25,000	25,000	25,000
American Seminary Commission	80,000	88,000	88,000
Brotherhood Commission	120,000	179,500	179,500
Christian Life Commission	31,500	35,000	37,000
Education Commission	48,000	60,000	62,000
Historical Commission	38,000	42,500	44,500
Radio and TV Commission	400,000	475,000	480,000
Public Affairs Committee	33,000	60,000	60,000
TOTAL	<u>\$12,311,900</u>	<u>\$13,938,500</u>	<u>\$13,93⁸0,500</u>

II. CAPITAL NEEDS BUDGET

Golden Gate Seminary	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Southeastern Seminary	200,000	300,000	300,000
Southern Seminary	200,000	350,000	500,000
Southwestern Seminary	300,000	500,000	500,000
New Orleans Seminary	220,000	320,000	320,000
Midwestern Seminary	700,000	700,000	700,000
American Seminary Commission	25,000	25,000	25,000
HMB Church Extension Loan Funds	900,000	900,000	850,000
HMB Capital Funds	330,000	280,000	255,000
Foreign Mission Board	800,000	800,000	1,275,000
Radio and TV Commission	200,000	200,000	200,000
Brotherhood Commission	50,000	50,000	
Southern Baptist Hospital	50,000	50,000	50,000
TOTAL	<u>\$ 4,075,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,575,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,075,000</u>

III. ADVANCE SECTION

Advance Purposes	<u>\$ 1,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,500,000</u>	
75% to foreign missions			
25% to home missions			

SUMMARY

Operating Budget	\$12,311,900	\$13,938,500	\$13,93 ⁸ 0 ,500
Capital Needs Budget	<u>4,075,000</u>	<u>4,575,000</u>	<u>5,075,000</u>
TOTAL*	\$16,386,900	\$18,513,500	\$19,01 ³ 7 ,500
Advance Section	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>	<u>1,500,000</u>
GRAND TOTALS	<u>\$17,886,900</u>	<u>\$20,013,500</u>	<u>\$19,01³7,500</u>

*All above this is divided 75% to foreign missions and 25% to home missions.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE

KIEL AUDITORIUM

SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

May 22-23, 1961

Roy O. McClain, Georgia -- President
Carl E. Bates, North Carolina -- Vice-President
Ray McCollum, California -- Secretary-Treasurer

Theme - "Christian Maturity"

Scripture - Ephesians 4

Monday - May 22, 1961

Monday Morning Session

- 9:30 Song and Praise
Scripture & Prayer
Welcome...Response
Program Projections
Solo ----- Mr. Bill Sutter, N. C.
- 10:00 - "The Unsearchable Riches of Christ" - Eph. 3:8 - Dr. Chas. Howard, N. C.
Hymn--- (Congregation Standing)
- 10:40 Worship Through Art and Music ----- Dr. Karl Steele, Ill.
Solo ----- Mr. Frank Boggs, Minister of
Music at Large
- 10:55 Message - "Grow Up -- in Christ's Likeness ..." - Dr. L. D. Johnson, Va.
(Eph. 4:15)
Hymn --- (Congregation Standing)
Quartette
- 11:20 Message -- "According to the Power That Works In Us..." - Ephesians 3:20
(minister's name to be supplied later)

Monday Afternoon Session

- 2:00 Song Service
Meditation & Prayer
Announcements
Quartette
- 2:25 Message ----- "The Ramparts We Watch" --- Mr. Glenn L. Archer, Washington, D.C.
Hymn
- 2:50 Worship Through Art and Music ----- Dr. Karl Steele
- 3:15 Message - "Alienated From the Life of God Through Ignorance" - Ephesians 4:18
Dr. D. J. Evans, Georgia
Quartette
- 3:45 Message - "Sealed Unto the Day of Redemption." - Ephesians 4:30
Dr. Wm. Hull, Kentucky
- Benediction

Monday Evening Session

- 7:00 Song Service
Devotional
Special Music
- 7:20 Message - "Through the Eyes of a Layman" ----- Mr. Arch Avary, Georgia
Solo ----- Mr. Frank Boggs
Worship Through Art ----- Dr. Karl Steele
Hymn
- 8:10 Message - "Maturity's Pinnacle: Kindness, Tenderheartedness, Forgiveness" ---
Ephesians 4:32 -- Dr. Marshall Craig, Texas
Special Music
- 8:40 Message - "Keeping the Unity of the Faith" - Ephesians 4:3-13
Dr. Carlyle Marney, North Carolina
- Benediction

Tuesday Morning Session

- 9:00 Song Service
Prayer
Duet

2 - The Southern Baptist Pastors' Conference

9:20 Message - "Through the Eyes of Youth" ----- Harold Cole, State Baptist Student Secretary, N. C.

Hymn

9:50 Message - "Be Angry and Sin Not" ----- Dr. Gordon Clinard, Ephesians 4:26 Southwestern Seminary, Texas

Choral Music

10:25 Worship Through Art ----- Dr. Karl Steele

10:40 Message - "Know Ye Not That the Body is the Temple of the Soul?" (speaker's name to be supplied later)

Hymn

Solo

11:15 Message - "Carried About With Every Wind of Doctrine" -- Ephesians 4:14 Dr. Dale Moody, Southern Seminary, Kentucky

Benediction

Tuesday Afternoon Session

2:00 Song Service
Scripture & Prayer
Announcements
Solo

2:25 Message - "Speaking the Truth in Love."-- Ephesians 4:15 Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

Choral Music

Worship Through Art ----- Dr. Karl Steele

Hymn

Solo ----- Mr. Frank Boggs

3:30 Message - "Walking Worthy of the Vocation" --- Ephesians 4:1-17 Dr. Earl Guinn, Louisiana

Benediction