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**Cuban Work Difficult,
People Hunger For Word**

HAVANA (BP)--"The work in Cuba is difficult, but we find a real hunger for the gospel."

With these words, Herbert Caudill of Havana, superintendent of missions for Southern Baptists in Cuba, characterized the recent sessions of two separate Baptist conventions meeting on the island.

Baptists in Cuba are divided into conventions, east and west, with American Baptists sponsoring the Eastern Convention and Southern Baptists, through their Home Mission Board, sponsoring the Western Convention.

Caudill attended both meetings, held in the middle of April, and found similar opportunities and problems.

Both conventions, he reported, are having space problems, with more people than buildings. Each also is having difficulty in getting literature; "few of our churches had Sunday school literature for the first quarter of the year."

The Western Convention met at the Baptist Temple in Havana. More than 2,000 filled the auditorium, balconies, classrooms, patios and lobby.

At the invitation for Christian service, 30 young people responded.

Caudill reported \$28,088 given by the 145 churches and missions of the Western Convention through their Cooperative Program for Cuba. This was an increase of \$2,970 over the previous year.

The convention adopted a goal of \$50,000 for the next year, enlarging their Cooperative Program to include publications, the Baptist Home, the camp, the seminary and the ministerial retirement plan.

"The general feeling is that our work must go forward," he said. "There is an urgency to the task, especially for our young people. University and secondary students want to do all they can to win their fellow students.

"The times are propitious for advance in our Christian testimony. Some doors are closed, but hearts are being warmed by the gospel message," he concluded.

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**Reporting Convention?
Board Offers Help**

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ATLANTA (BP)--Southern Baptists attending the 1962 Convention June 5-8 in San Francisco will have help from the Home Mission Board in reporting their trip and meeting.

Courts Redford of Atlanta, executive secretary of the mission agency, announced preparation of items designed to make the travelers' trip more meaningful and to help them tell others about their trip.

The board is offering, on a share-the-cost basis, 35-mm. color slides on California, San Francisco and other mission points, as well as slides of some Convention personalities. These will be available at the Home Mission Booth during the Convention.

For the trip to and from the Convention, the May issue of Home Missions magazine was produced as a national travel guide.

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An opportunity for the Convention messenger to meet the missionaries has been provided through a reception from 3 to 5 p.m., June 6 at the Vista Room, Whitcomb Hotel, in San Francisco.

The presentation of home mission work to the Convention on June 7 stresses the people, places and progress in mission work.

"The Convention messenger who spends his time wisely in traveling to and from San Francisco, and who participates in the proceedings while there, will return home with an exciting report of what Southern Baptists are doing, both at home and abroad," Redford said.

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Mission Magazine Is
Baptist Travel Guide

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ATLANTA (BP)--The May issue of Home Missions Magazine here has been produced as a nationwide travel guide for Southern Baptists.

The 32-page issue presents colorful maps, history and locations of the Convention's institutions and mission points, with a special emphasis on California. The Southern Baptist Convention and auxiliary meetings will be held June 4-8 in San Francisco.

According to Editor Walker L. Knight of Atlanta, the issue attempts to (1) name mission locations to visit, (2) establish guidelines for visiting these locations, (3) present the alignment of state conventions and the pioneer areas, (4) briefly tell the history of Southern Baptists in each state or area, (5) highlight many of the historical points in Baptist life and (6) list the Southern Baptist agencies, state convention board offices and institutions of each state convention.

The issue is an enlargement of the travel guide produced for a number of years by the division of education and promotion of the Home Mission Board, in an effort to meet the need of the traveling Baptist who wanted to visit mission points.

A limited number of free copies are available from the Home Mission Board at 161 Spring St., N. W., Atlanta.

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California Increases
World Mission Share

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FRESNO, Calif. (BP)--The Executive Board of Southern Baptist General Convention of California voted here to recommend a California Cooperative Program budget of \$935,000 for 1963.

The board also approved an increase in the percentage of its funds going to the Southern Baptist Convention for worldwide missionary work. Presently, 24 per cent goes outside the state; this would be increased to 25.

The budget is subject to adoption by the convention proper this fall.

Counting receipts from the SBC Home Mission and Sunday School Boards for jointly sponsored field and mission work, the total budget would be \$1.6 million.

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