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Oklahoma May Increase  
Amount Outside State

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--Directors of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma here approved a record budget for 1963 which includes a possible increase to Southern Baptist Convention mission causes.

The proposed budget will be recommended to the convention meeting in Shawnee in November.

T. B. Lackey, Oklahoma City, executive secretary, explained that the percentage of gifts to the SBC will be increased in 1963 "the same proportion as the churches increase." Oklahoma currently gives 40 per cent and the budget goal calls for a one per cent increase.

Directors further recommended "the convention should continue to increase its percentage to Southern Baptist Convention causes until it is giving at least 50 per cent."

The \$2.7 million budget will be an increase of \$170,000 over 1962. Allocations for purchasing new mission sites in the state, a new program for the Oklahoma convention, are also included in the budget.

A local fund-raising campaign for expansion of Baptist Memorial Hospital, Oklahoma City, was also discussed. The convention board set future allocations to be designated for this purpose until the convention has contributed \$500,000. The campaign, in 1963, is hoped to net an additional \$1.5 million.

The board also took action to speed up the expansion of Oklahoma's two Golden Age Homes and Camp Hudgens for Royal Ambassadors.

"World conditions and missionary needs are such as to challenge every Oklahoma Baptist and each church to enlist members in Bible stewardship and in increased giving to world missions through the Cooperative Program," the report read.

"The average should ultimately reach at least 25 per cent to world missions through the Cooperative Program (from local church budgets)."

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Virginia Area Under  
50 Per Cent Churched

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NEWPORT NEWS, Va. (BP)--Only 47 per cent of the 223,833 residents of the Virginia peninsula, which includes this city, were found to be members of local churches.

The announcement was made by Billy Hargrove of Atlanta, survey specialist for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, following a house-to-house survey which he directed. All denominations participated in the project.

"We found 79,191 white and 26,753 Negro residents members of local churches," Hargrove said. "This was a very high unchurched area due to the many military installations in the area. The people are very mobile."

The survey indicated there were 37,667 non-church members above nine years of age, including 27,090 white residents. More than 14,400 children under nine were not enrolled in Sunday schools, but 48,718 children under nine were enrolled.

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Religious Surge Noted  
In Communist Asia

WEST BERLIN (BP)--A dynamic Christian movement, covering a large part of Siberia and central Asia, has put the Communist party on the defensive, according to an article in Die Gemeinde, journal of German Baptists.

The article quoted a Soviet paper as saying "religion is coming forward in a modern attire. It is no longer presenting contradictions between natural science and faith, and is even exercising a beneficial influence on social life in the Soviet Union."

The Communist paper said weakness of atheistic propaganda and foreign influences through radio, etc., were other reasons for this rise of Christianity during a period of "great success" for socialism.

Die Gemeinde said it was evident that vital influences are going out from churches of many denominations. Quoting various communist reports, it says that a Baptist church in Semipalatinsk seemed to be particularly alive.

"The Baptist Church of Semipalatinsk has built a large house where men and women from different classes may meet. The pastors, not lazy, are visiting those they want to influence. Apart from meetings for young people and other meetings at the church, the Baptists have prayer meetings on Wednesdays and Saturdays and two on Sunday.

"The Baptist Church in Omsk is increasing at such a rate," says another report in the Communist paper, "that the party is no longer able to hush it up, but tries to arouse the laborers in the factories to demonstrate in protest."

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Roman Church Parley  
Attacked By Editor

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BUDAPEST (BP)--The Reformed Church in Hungary has had too many sorrowful experiences of Rome's lust for power to be swayed by any illusion as to the kind of unity sought by the Vatican, says Imre Kadar, editor of the Hungarian Protestant paper, Theologiai Szemle.

Kadar, in an article published in the journal, Reformatusok Lapja, said the Roman Catholic interpretation of "ecumenical" precludes the recognition of non-Roman Catholic churches as equal partners in discussion.

"This council," he says, "will be a domestic affair of the Roman Catholics to which we Protestants cannot take any other attitude than proper reserve and sober watchfulness which becomes outsiders."

He said the papal encyclical, Aeterna Dei Sapientia, calls on Christendom to acknowledge papal infallibility: "As a concentrated and unmistakable statement, the encyclical dashes all expectations which were entertained concerning the announced council, not only by Roman Catholics sincerely desirous of unity, but by some Anglican and Protestant leaders."

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....Robert A. Baker's address to the 1962 Southern Baptist Convention on "Baptist Heritage and Religious Liberty" is a joint arrangement of the SBC Historical Commission and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. Both agencies have relinquished part of their time on June 3 to allow Baker, church history professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, to speak. (BP)

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Women Create Fund  
For Seminary Help

LOUISVILLE (BP)--A first-time scholarship fund for women students has been established by the woman's committee of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

An amendment to the organization's by-laws was recently made to allocate "not less than 50 per cent of membership dues" for the scholarship fund. These memberships are regular and patron, \$1 and \$10 annually, and a \$50 life membership.

The woman's committee was organized one year ago and now has 823 members in 13 states.

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.....Several Spanish students from the Baptist Seminary in Barcelona, temporarily closed during a period of reorganization, are to study for this period in Spurgeon's, Rawdon and perhaps other Baptist colleges in Great Britain. In addition, at least one of the Spanish students is to work in West Ham Central Mission during this period.  
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VIRGINIA BUILDS--The Baptist General Association of Virginia has a new office building in Richmond. Occupied this year, it cost over half a million dollars. The two-story building is located on Monument Ave. a mile west of the building housing the Southern Baptist Convention Foreign Mission Board. (BP) Photo

March 17, 1962

Seminary Trustees  
Agree With Merger

LOUISVILLE (BP)--Southern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees voted here to accept a proposed merger with Carver School of Missions and Social Work and approved a report on Professor Dale Moody concerning his doctrinal beliefs.

In a joint meeting with seminary trustees, Carver trustees made a formal proposal to merge the 55-year-old institution with Southern Baptists' oldest seminary.

Subject to Southern Baptist Convention approval in June, the seminary trustees gave their executive committee authority "to make such arrangements and contractual agreements as necessary to effectuate the merger."

Long operated as a Woman's Missionary Union Training School before becoming a Convention institution, Carver consists of three buildings on 10 acres adjacent to the seminary here and has 55 students.

Carver School President Nathan C. Brooks Jr. and Seminary President Duke K. McCall termed the proposed merger "an historic Southern Baptist event." If the merger is approved, Southern Seminary trustees pledged themselves to continue the institution's purposes of training students in church social work and advanced mission studies.

Carver, in its annual report to the San Francisco Convention, June 5-8, will recommend the merger. First announcement of the proposed union came to the SBC Executive Committee in its recent winter session.

At that time, Brooks said 1963 would be expected to be the closing year for Carver under the merger plan. New students in the fall of 1962 would be admitted by the seminary, although second year Carver students would complete courses leading to a Carver degree.

"We are still negotiating the location of Carver's course work in the seminary curriculum," Brooks said. "Next year, Carver School faculty will be teaching in the joint operation."

In a resolution accepting the Carver School trustees' action, the seminary board praised the Woman's Missionary Union (Convention auxiliary), Carver's administration and faculty, and made an appeal for "loyalty and devotion" from the school's alumni.

Answering a resolution from the Oklahoma County Baptist Pastors' Conference, which covers the Oklahoma City area, and the Delaware-Osage Baptist Association, covering the Bartlesville, Okla., area, trustees acted on a subcommittee report concerning Professor Dale Moody.

The trustees accepted the subcommittee report which found Moody's beliefs on security of believers not inconsistent with the Articles of Faith adopted by the 1925 Southern Baptist Convention.

Moody had been accused of teaching doctrines not in keeping with Baptist beliefs.

After Moody addressed an Oklahoma Baptist Bible Conference last summer, the two groups requested Southern Baptist seminaries to determine if their professors were teaching doctrines as defined by the Articles of Faith.

The groups accused Moody of believing it is "possible for a person once saved to be lost."

A special committee consisting of three seminary trustee officers and C. Penrose St. Amant, school of theology dean at the Louisville seminary, met with Moody on Feb. 1 to discuss the charges.

At the meeting, Moody stated he was in complete agreement with the 1925 Articles of Faith. In addition to interviewing Moody, members of the committee read transcribed manuscripts of addresses given at the Oklahoma meeting.

The trustees' statement to the Oklahoma group expressed "regret" from the trustees and Moody that the "addresses should have given offense and hope that the brethren of Oklahoma and Dr. Moody will join with us in prayers that no permanent harm will prove to have been done to our beloved fellowship."

Moody, now doing studies at Oxford University in England, was back in the States for series of lectures when he met with the special trustees' committee. He will be in England through the summer of 1963.

In other action, Southern's trustees promoted three faculty members--Ernest J. Loessner from associate to full professor of religious education, David L. Mueller from assistant to associate professor of Christian theology and John N. Sims from assistant to associate professor of church music.

O. Norman Shands, pastor of West End Baptist Church, Atlanta, was reelected chairman of the trustees.