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**3 Agencies Cooperate
In Indiana Project**

LOUISVILLE (BP)--A missions program providing seminary student pastors for Southern Baptist churches in Indiana has been approved. Three Baptist agencies will participate.

The agreement includes Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, and the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, both agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. The third is the executive board of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana, with offices in Plainfield.

Beginning in September, approximately eight seminary students will pastor smaller and newer Indiana Southern Baptist churches and will receive salary supplements from the three sponsoring groups.

The Indiana board and SBC Home Mission Board will provide a total of \$100 for each student with additional amounts granted from a seminary missions work fund.

Churches served by the student pastors must be no more than three years old. Students, who have previously completed college degrees and are working on professional or graduate seminary degrees, can receive salary supplements up to three years as pastor of the churches.

Salary subsidies will decrease as the churches become self-supporting.

"The purpose of the program is to strengthen small churches, establish new places for worship and provide students fields for serving people and gaining practical experiences," said Joseph Stiles, Louisville, Southern Seminary professor and field work director.

The cooperative effort is also part of the Southern Baptist movement to establish 30,000 new missions and churches by 1964.

Indiana has 148 Southern Baptist churches with 28,736 members. Eighty-five per cent of the churches have less than 300 members.

Details for the student missions program were completed by Wendell Belew of Atlanta, for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, F. J. (Jack) Redford and Eldon Jones of the State Convention of Baptists in Indiana and Stiles. The number of churches served by student pastors will be increased as additional funds are available.

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**Kendall Cites Role
Of Historic Doctrine**

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Historic Baptist doctrines can help bring security and an affirmation of faith to a bewildered world, the chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Historical Commission said here.

W. Fred Kendall of Nashville declared, "Baptists do have an answer to man's cry for freedom in this day of revolution." He told fellow commissioners such Baptist distinctives as belief in the personal dignity of all men and in a personal experience with God are among the doctrines they need to "dig out and present again."

Kendall is executive secretary of Tennessee Baptist Convention. He addressed the commission at its annual summer meeting in Nashville.

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He said there are several characteristics of this period of current history--"A time to reexamine all foundations...a time of self-criticism...a time when some say we are in a post-Protestant or a post-Christian era...a time of searching for security and for the affirmation of a great faith...a time to positively present what Baptists believe."

In his report to the commission, Davis C. Woolley of Nashville, its executive secretary, said some day perhaps modern electronic computer machines will store a large mass of Baptist history information. The machines will be able to answer queries in a matter of minutes.

He pointed to the launching of Telstar, the communications satellite, and to the electronic brains he observed in operation at the Century 21 World's Fair in Seattle as indications of modern achievements.

The commission reelected Kendall as its chairman. It elected Hobart B. Ford, Nashville minister, vice-chairman; Gene Kerr of Nashville, recording secretary (re-elected), and Woolley as treasurer. Woolley continues to be the agency's executive secretary.

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Missouri Board Praises
Supreme Court Decision

(7-21-62)

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (BP)--The ruling of the United States Supreme Court outlawing the regents' prayer in New York public schools was commended here by the executive board of the Missouri Baptist Convention.

The board based its action upon its own interpretation of the court's opinion as ruling "that no state can impose a prescribed prayer upon public schools."

Another action of the board authorized its executive committee to take steps for financing the development program of Southwest Baptist College at Bolivar. The school, one of the two junior colleges owned and operated by the Missouri Convention, had one of its major buildings razed by fire last spring.

The new development will include an auditorium, fine arts building, fieldhouse and two dormitories at a cost of about \$1-3/4 million.

The board also authorized its executive secretary, Earl O. Harding, to make a round-the-world mission tour in connection with the Baptist World Youth Conference in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1963.

A recommendation of the board to the Missouri convention session this fall was adopted fixing the division of Cooperative Program receipts in 1963 at 35 per cent for Southern Baptist Convention work and 65 per cent for the Missouri Baptist Convention. All administrative expenses, ministers' retirement and other costs would come out of the Missouri section.

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Folks and Facts.....

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.....A Montgomery, Ala., Baptist layman and his family have given a gift of \$500,000 for the Montgomery Baptist Hospital, to be used in providing facilities for the care of long-term chronically ill patients. Arthur S. Mead, insurance and real estate man in Montgomery since 1917, announced the gift in the name of his family, including his wife and two daughters. (BP)

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50,000 Attend Small
Town Carolina Revival

PICKENS, S. C. (BP)--A total attendance of more than 50,000 and more than 600 decisions were reported here as the result of a two-week evangelistic meeting led by C. E. Autrey of Dallas, director of evangelism for the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The small, semi-rural community in central South Carolina has only 2000 residents in its incorporated limits and another 1000 immediately adjacent. Thirty-two of the area's Baptist churches supported the revival.

"This was the greatest thing ever to hit Pickens," a number of civic leaders, including the mayor and public school superintendent, commented.

The residents of the county swelled attendance to more than an average of 3000 each night of the first week, and to 4000 for the second week. Each Sunday night there were more than 5000 present.

"Many of our people drove 50 miles, each way, and served as counselors every night," Ewell Payne of Pickens, associational missionary, said. "This crusade proved that the semi-rural areas can have a great crusade."

Leading the singing for the services was J. N. McFadden of Lyman, S. C.

Autrey commented, "There was a deepening of spiritual life. One night a man who thought he had committed the unpardonable sin was converted. He immediately began working to bring an 80-year-old man under the influence of the gospel. He succeeded and the last night of the crusade the elderly man was saved. Experiences like this characterized the meeting."

Payne reports 75 per cent of the people who made decisions at the crusade have made them also in the churches since the close of the meeting.

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Oregon-Washington
Hikes 1963 Budget

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PORTLAND (BP)--The executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington has adopted a 1963 Cooperative Program budget of \$183,500.

It will be offered to the convention proper this fall for approval.

The new budget will provide 17 per cent to worldwide work of the Southern Baptist Convention, compared with 16 per cent in the 1962 budget.

New items in the 1963 budget include appropriations for juvenile rehabilitation work in Seattle, Wash., and for work among the deaf. Both projects will be carried out in cooperation with the SBC Home Mission Board.

The board also elected Bennett Cook of Portland to head the Sunday school department effective Jan. 1. Presently, Cook is associate in the convention's Brotherhood and evangelism department.

It voted to team up with the SBC Sunday School Board in providing a Baptist student director at the University of Oregon, Eugene. He is Jess Funkhouser of Granite City, Ill., who attended William Jewell College (Baptist) in Missouri. The new program begins with the fall term.

Until this appointment, Oregon-Washington Baptists have had a student director at only one campus, that of the University of Washington, Seattle.

The 1963 budget is an increase of \$19,500 over the current budget. In 1962, the convention hiked its SBC share from 15 to 16 per cent as well.

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Panelists Clarify
Religious Liberty

NASHVILLE (BP)--Separation of church and state is a political not a social separation, the dean of theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary told Baptist historians here.

C. Penrose St. Amant of Louisville said separation "means that the church shall not participate in official processes of state and the state shall not participate in the institutional functioning of the church."

St. Amant presented his definition to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Historical Society. He and two others took part in a panel discussion of "Religious Liberty and the Baptist Heritage."

The other panel members were David O. Moore, professor of religion, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and W. Barry Garrett, Washington, associate director, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

Moore told the historical society that biblical revelation is clear concerning religious liberty. He said the nature of God and man--God's allowing man the freedom of moral choice, the nature of individual faith, the nature of the New Testament church, and the New Testament teachings on the place of the state in society made this clear.

Garrett pointed out confusion exists in the minds of some Baptists on current problems of religious liberty. "We may have mixed sectional viewpoints with our church-state concerns," he said.

"Do Baptists believe in the principles of religious liberty enough to practice it among themselves?" he asked also.

St. Amant, describing historical developments of religious liberty in America, said:

"The history of American Christianity in the 19th Century shows separation of church and state facilitates rather than hampers the influence of Christianity."

Separation leaves the churches free to criticize the state. He said Lutheran churches in Germany failed to criticize the Nazis until it was too late because they were too dependent on the state.

Doing away with church-state separation, some say, would arrest the process of secularization, St. Amant continued. "But far from arresting it, this (elimination) would encourage it because it would make the churches dependent on the state and therefore obligated to it."

"I take issue with those who say the public schools are thoroughly secular," the dean at Southern Seminary contended. "Many spiritual values are found in the give and take of schools to which a heterogeneous group goes. They are laboratories of democracy. Let us support our public schools as one of the bulwarks of democracy.

"Nevertheless, we should not expect them (the schools) to do what only the home and church can do," St. Amant said.... "The solution is not to try to inject formal religion into the public schools but to strengthen our homes and churches, the citadels of our faith."

Garrett said, "There has been no more strategic time for our Baptist witness than today. No one remembers when discussions of church-state relations have been so prolonged. There is no abatement in sight."

According to Moore, "A respect for government is clearly taught in the New Testament. Neither state nor church has superiority now on the earth."

The society reelected its complete slate of officers. Richard N. Owen, editor of the Baptist and Reflector, Nashville, continues as president. Mrs. Ollin J. Owens of Greenville, S. C., stays on as vice-president; H. I. Hester of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., as recording secretary, and Davis C. Woolley of Nashville, as treasurer.