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Dear Friends:

Baptist Press, with the biggest share of the work done by you, has come through again! During the state convention period, Baptist Press moved 9505 words of copy on the 28 meetings.

Baptist Press did what the city room boys on the big daily newspapers call a rewrite man's job, with only one or two exceptions. Manning the 'phone for long distance calls and editing teletype copy from points on the SBC Network was the job done here. In addition, Baptist Press regional men in Dallas, Atlanta and Washington reported direct the conventions in Texas, Georgia, and D. C.

Providing the exceptional coverage from the various states were:

District of Columbia--W. Barry Garrett, regional editor, Baptist Press.
Alabama--David K. Morris, public relations director for the convention.
Oklahoma--Leland Webb, associate editor, Baptist Messenger.
Mississippi--Joe Abrams, associate editor, Baptist Record.
New Mexico--Horace F. Burns, editor, Baptist New Mexican.
Louisiana--Grady Sparkman, associate editor, Baptist Message.
Arizona--Dee Cates, editor, Baptist Beacon. (His first, and a good one!)
Maryland--Gainer E. Bryan Jr., editor, Maryland Baptist.
Virginia--J. C. Hatfield, assistant to the executive secretary of the association.
Kansas--Mrs. Dorothy Wood, managing editor, Baptist Digest.
Tennessee--R. N. Owen, editor, Baptist and Reflector.
South Carolina--Tom McMahan, asst. to editor, Record and BP regular stringer.
Kentucky--C. R. Daley, editor, Western Recorder.
Florida--W. G. Stracener, editor, Baptist Witness.
California--Floyd Looney, pinchhitting and a welcome voice once more.
Ohio--Lynn M. Davis Jr., editor (full-time as of Jan. 1), Ohio Messenger.
Georgia--Jack Harwell, who does John Hurt's hard work, BP regional correspondent.
North Carolina--J. Marse Grant, editor, Biblical Recorder.
Hawaii--Stanton H. Nash, editor and state secretary.
Indiana--E. Harmon Moore, editor and state secretary.
Michigan--Fred D. Hubbs, editor and state secretary.
Arkansas--Erwin L. McDonald, editor, Arkansas Baptist.
Illinois--L. H. Moore, editor, Illinois Baptist.
Missouri--Lloyd W. Collins, director of public relations and promotion.
Texas--Orville Scott, public relations department, and BP regional office.
Oregon-Washington--C. E. Boyle, editor, Pacific Coast Baptist.
Colorado--O. L. Bayless, editor, Rocky Mountain Baptist. (His first and very good.)
Alaska--Andy Watson, editor and state secretary.

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With but one or two exceptions, stories on conventions moved by teletype and mail within 48 hours after reports were submitted to Baptist Press. (Trying to report 17 in one day proved impossible and some were mailed on Monday following!) Many thanks from all of us for your alertness--past, present and future!

Your friend,

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