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Foreign Missions Gets \$6 Million In February

NASHVILLE (BP)--February disbursements to the Foreign Mission Board amounted to nearly \$6 million, according to a report from Southern Baptist Convention Treasurer Porter Routh here.

The Foreign Mission Board received \$5,106,192 from designations and \$782,638 from the Conventionwide portion of the Cooperative Program. The designations still reflected the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Receipts from state Baptist offices, which send funds to the SBC treasurer, came to \$6,788,528 in February. This included \$5,132,150 in designations and \$1,656,377 through the Cooperative Program.

Both Cooperative Program and designated receipts for the month showed increases over February, 1962. The Cooperative Program figure compared with \$1,523,040, a gain of 8.75 per cent, while designations compared with \$4,941,359, up 3.86 per cent.

The year-to-date sums showed an increase of 1.83 per cent in Cooperative Program funds forwarded, and an increase of 4.54 per cent in designations for the two months. This is in comparison with 1962.

The 1963 totals for two months were \$3,284,377 for the Cooperative Program and \$7,653,266 for designated money.

Cooperative Program funds, which come undesignated, are distributed to SBC agencies, following a scale adopted at each year's Convention. State Baptist conventions first take out, on a nationwide average, two-thirds of the Cooperative Program contributions from the churches.

The state funds support statewide activities. Churches keep a high percentage of their collections to meet their local budgets. Neither local nor state figures are included in the SBC report.

During February the SBC Home Mission Board got \$267,836 through the Cooperative Program and \$24,480 from designated gifts. Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, received \$108,658 through the Cooperative Program and \$96 through designations.

Other agencies received smaller sums.

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1963 Convention Bumper Stickers Now Available

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NASHVILLE (BP)--For the second year, two-color bumper stickers are available free to those driving to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Saying, "Southern Baptist Convention, Kansas City, May 7-10," the blue and green luminous stickers will call attention to the meetings and also help fellow Baptists identify one another as they travel.

The bumper stickers are made available by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. To obtain one write to: Bumper Stickers, care of the Baptist Program, 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville 3, Tenn.

When ordering for more than one person, be sure to list individual names and addresses so duplications can be avoided.

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Mission Leader Named
To Agriculture Group

ATLANTA (BP)--M. Wendell Belew of Atlanta, a Southern Baptist mission leader, has accepted appointment to the U. S. Department of Agriculture public advisory committee on rural areas development.

The request came from Orville L. Freeman of Washington, secretary of agriculture.

Belew, who is secretary of the associational missions department of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, said the goal of the committee is to create a new climate of hope and progress in rural areas.

The committee also wants to abolish rural poverty and to bring agriculture, industry, recreation, forestry and other possibilities into productive balance, he added.

Belew and two other churchmen on the committee will give special attention to the involvement of churches in cooperating in rural areas development.

The associational missions department which Belew heads has special assignments in the rural and mountain areas.

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Evangelist Wanting Name
Listed Should Write In

(3-9-63)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Southern Baptist ministers, serving as evangelists not employed by any denominational agency, will have their names listed in the 1963 Convention Annual if their names and addresses are available.

These evangelists should send information to Martin B. Bradley, secretary of research and statistics, SBC Sunday School Board here, to be listed.

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Orba Lee Malone Again
Heads SBC Commission

(3-9-63)

NASHVILLE (BP)--An El Paso, Tex., attorney--Orba Lee Malone--has been reelected chairman of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The commission's other elected non-staff officer also was reelected at the annual meeting here. He is James P. Craine, pastor, First Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tenn., vice-chairman.

Foy Valentine of Nashville continues to serve as executive secretary, full-time staff head of the agency.

The commission announced plans for a Christian citizenship seminar in Washington, D. C., Nov. 25-26. Valentine said the program and personnel will be reported later.

The agency also kept alive plans to employ a second associate to Valentine, to be tentatively titled director of organization. The new associate, whom the commission hopes to employ in the immediate future, will team with state Baptist Christian life commissions in the interests they share with the nationwide commission.

He will also represent the commission as an observer at United Nations and work in the commission's program of human welfare, in keeping with its assignment from the SBC, Valentine said.

The commission members were introduced to its new offices in the Southern Baptist Convention Building here. A. C. Miller, Sedona, Ariz., immediate past executive secretary, took part in the consecration service for the new offices.

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Members of the commission assisted in the service.

The commission voted to hold its 1964 meeting in Nashville March 2-4.

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Peace Theme Picked
For Assembly Weeks

(3-9-63)

NASHVILLE (BP)--"The Things That Make For Peace" is the theme for the annual Christian Life Commission summer conferences at two Southern Baptist Convention assemblies.

The week at Glorieta, N. M., Baptist Assembly is Aug. 8-14. At Ridgecrest, N. C., it is Aug. 22-28.

Charles Wells of Princeton, N. J., Christian lecturer and writer, is expected to appear at both weeks. So will Charles Wellborn, former Waco, Tex., pastor, now working on a graduate degree at the divinity school of Duke University, Durham, N.C.

Jimmy Allen, director of the Christian life commission for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas, will appear at Glorieta. Bill Pinson, who moved from the Texas commission to a teaching post at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, also will speak at the New Mexico assembly.

Carlyle Marney, pastor, Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C.; and Frank P. Graham, United Nations mediator and former senator and university president from North Carolina, also speaks on the Ridgecrest program.

The topics under study include, "Biblical Insights and The Concept of Peace," "A Historical View of Christians and Peace," "The United Nations: An Instrument of Peace," "The Imperative of Peace and the Nuclear Age," "Missions and Peace."

"Things That Threaten Peace," "The Things That Make For Peace," "Practical Steps for Peace."

Foy Valentine, Nashville, executive secretary, reported the conference arrangements to the commission in its annual meeting here. The commission decided the theme for 1964 summer conferences at the same assemblies will be race. Speakers and topics will be announced later.

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Church Colleges Ask
For Federal Loans

(3-9-63)

WASHINGTON (BP)--Two Baptist colleges and 15 other church-related colleges applied for \$21,330,000 in college housing loans in January, according to a report from the Housing and Home Finance agency of the Community Facilities Administration.

Gardner-Webb (junior) College, Boiling Springs, N.C., a Southern Baptist school, asked for \$175,000.

Salem College, Salem, W. Va., a Seventh Day Baptist School, applied for \$390,000.

Five Roman Catholic colleges asked for \$11,530,000; four Lutheran schools asked for \$5,755,000; two Presbyterian for \$847,000; and one each for the following: Brethren, \$488,000; United Church of Christ, \$900,000; Disciples of Christ, \$375,000, and Friends, \$870,000.

In announcing these applications, Commissioner Sidney H. Woolner said, "While these applications have not yet been processed, their receipt is made public so that private lenders may negotiate with the institutions if they wish to make the loans."

During the month of February, three church colleges were approved for college housing loans for a total of \$2,305,000. There was one each for Presbyterians, American Evangelical Lutherans and Roman Catholics.

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Association Shifts
On Higher Education

WASHINGTON (BP)--The National Education Association has shifted its position on federal aid to private colleges. Last year the association opposed the higher education bill on the ground that it violated separation of church and state.

This year it supports President Kennedy's omnibus education bill that contains the objectionable features.

The association's opposition was a contributing factor to the defeat of aid to higher education in the last Congress.

The National Education Association has adopted the position that it will support the "omnibus" approach to federal aid to education, but if the bill is broken into segments for aid to certain segments of education, the association reserves the right to evaluate each one separately.

The National Education Association's position is stated in its publication "Washington Outlook on Education," which was published by Sen. Wayne Morse (D., Ore.) in the Congressional Record.

The administration's education bill restricts federal aid to public schools on the elementary and secondary levels, although it continues certain benefits for parochial schools that are now in the National Defense Education Act of 1958. However, on the higher education level, the bill provides loans, grants and other aids to both public and church-related colleges.

William G. Carr, executive secretary of the National Education Association says, "The association will seek the widest possible civic and professional cooperation to secure the enactment of the program as a whole."

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Harvard Archaeologist
Speaks At Dedication

(3-9-63)

LOUISVILLE (BP)--A Harvard University professor spoke at dedication here of the Nicol Museum of Biblical Archaeology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He was G. Ernest Wright, archaeologist with Harvard's divinity school. "Current theology in Protestantism is floundering and uncertain of what it is doing," he declared.

"Man's existence cannot be solved without concern for the struggle of civilizations to be civilized," said the Harvard professor in pointing out the value of archaeological studies.

The seminary museum was established by the late Murray B. Nicol of Anchorage, Ky., on a \$25,000 gift and named in his honor. It contains more than 300 artifacts from archaeological excavations in Shechem, Jerusalem, Bethel, Jericho and Ezion-geber.

Over 1200 pieces of pottery, coins, ancient plaster and potsherds remain to be catalogued and displayed in the future. "These additions will make the museum one of the most complete of its kind in any Protestant seminary," said Joseph A. Callaway, associate professor of Biblical archaeology at the seminary.

Many of the objects now on display came from the 1962 Shechem excavation led by Wright. Callaway participated in the excavation while on Sabbatical leave from the seminary last year.

Mrs. Nicol and her two sons, Murray Jr. and James, were presented a certificate of appreciation by the seminary for their insight and generosity in establishing the museum.

Museum exhibits now include coins from the period of the four Gospels, plaster from Solomon's famous temple, and a 2700-year-old Egyptian mummy.

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