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1963 Convention Takes
On Missionary Flavor

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--The 1963 Southern Baptist Convention here will have even more of a missionary flavor than usual.

John Soren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and president of the Baptist World Alliance, has been added to the Convention program.

Soren will preach at 11:45 Thursday morning, May 9, following the report of the Baptist World Alliance.

The Committee on Order of Business, which recommends the agenda, has invited both foreign and home missionaries to have the Scripture readings and prayers during the program, the committee chairman, J. Samuel Phillips of Lovington, N. M., said.

"These will be voiced in the language of the people with whom they work," he added.

Foreign missionaries asked to read Scripture or pray include Ralph Calcote of Japan and Wesson, Miss.; Roy B. Wyatt Jr. of Spain and Rogersville, Tenn.; W. Carl Hunker of Taiwan and Canon City, Colo.; James D. Crane of Mexico and Harlingen, Tex.

J. Loyd Moon of Brazil and Auburn, Ala.; Albert Craighead of Italy and Rockmart, Ga.; C. Glynn McCalman of Brazil and Bradley, Ark.; Robert E. Beaty of Southern Rhodesia and Memphis, Tenn.

H. Earl Peacock of Brazil and East Point, Ga.; Charles W. Whitten of Spain and Clinton, Miss.; Hoke Smith Jr. of Colombia and Longview, Tex.; Gerald F. Riddell of Chile and Oxford, Miss.

James P. Satterwhite of Japan and Sebring, Fla.; LeRoy Albright of Nyasaland and Phoenix, Ariz., and James A. Yarbrough of Nigeria and Rome, Ga.

Home missionaries called on for similar roles include T. A. Welch, teacher-missionary at Western Baptist Bible College (Negro), Kansas City, Mo.; R. H. Cagle, area missionary for Southern Baptists at Colorado Springs, Colo.; Oscar Romo, associate in the language missions section, Baptist General Convention of Texas, Dallas.

J. Edward Cunningham, Lexington, associate superintendent of direct missions department, Kentucky Baptist Convention; William R. Young, missionary to the Indians at Zuni, N. M.

Armando Silverio, Tampa, Fla., missionary to the Italian-speaking; Genus E. Crenshaw, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., missionary to the Seminole Indians; Glen Prock, missionary to the deaf, Washington, D. C.; Tom K. Muskrat, missionary to the Indians at Lawrence, Kans., and Eddie Savoie, missionary to the French-speaking at Lafayette, La.

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Wayland's Sad Story:
Nashville Won Tourney

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ST. JOSEPH, Mo. (BP)--It was the same old story, Wayland Baptist College meeting Nashville (Tenn.) Business College in the finals of the women's Amateur Athletic Union basketball tourney here. But it was a sad story for Wayland; Nashville won, 45-41.

Nashville Business College and Wayland annually provide stiff competition for each other in the girls basketball rounds. In the national tourney here, Wayland usually wins the odd year--like 1957, 1959, and 1961.

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Nashville alternates with the championship--like 1958, 1960 and 1962. This year, Nashville licked the off-year jinx and dropped in four points in the closing minutes after Wayland's Flying Queens came from behind to tie it, 41-41.

It was the fifth national title for Nashville which first won in 1950. Wayland was gunning for its seventh national title, since the Queens also won in 1954, 1955, and 1956.

Iowa Wesleyan College of Mount Pleasant won third place by downing Silverton, Tex., 53-44. Silverton's entry included six Wayland coeds.

Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Ark., won the consolation championship of the tournament by downing Topeka, Kan., 41-39.

Wayland placed three members on the All-American team--Laura Switzer, Glyna Masten and Betty Scott. Miss Peggy Holt, Ouachita freshman, was named queen of the tournament.

Nashville's players stay on its team year after year but Wayland's team changes as students graduate. Nera White of Nashville, for example, placed on the all-star team for the ninth time.

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Ghana Students Find
Seminary Study Helps

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By Phil Royce

WAKE FOREST, N. C. (BP)--Last year, Alfred Oteng and Stephen Akinleye, special students at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary here, were preaching to pagans in Ghana. This year they are preaching in churches in America.

They are the first students from Africa to study at Southeastern. The story of their arrival at Southeastern actually has its beginning in their conversion to Christianity. Both were introduced to Christ by the preaching of Southern Baptist missionaries.

Stephen accepted Christ in 1933, while a boy living in Nigeria. He remembers attending Sunbeam class. After graduating from the mission high school, he taught for seven years and then accepted a position with the government. It was in this capacity that he responded to the call to preach and entered the Nigerian Baptist Seminary.

In contrast, Oteng was an adult when he gave his life to Christ. "I was serving as a policeman at the time of my conversion," Oteng said. "A Baptist missionary stayed in the village for three days. Not only his message but his humility impressed me."

"After my conversion, I tried to win my parents to the Lord. Now they, and my brothers and sisters are Christians," he said.

Stephen Akinleye has been a pastor in Ghana for eight years, Alfred Oteng for five. Akinleye is responsible for nine growing churches, spaced about 50 miles apart. In order to reach these churches, he has been forced to ride on public buses.

When he returns, this problem will be remedied by a gift of \$500 presented by the Sharon Baptist Church of Smithfield, N. C., to buy a used Volkswagen. The pastor is a former Southeastern student, James Pulley.

One of the major differences between life in America and life in Ghana is the absence of rural families in Ghana. "Country living, such as we see around Wake Forest, is very unusual in Ghana," Oteng said. "In Ghana, the people tend to live together in village life."

These villages are often visited by the Ghana pastors as well as the missionaries in an effort to present Christ to the pagans. Akinleye explained the pagans are idol worshippers. But witchdoctors and voo doo are no longer elements in the religion of pagans, Oteng pointed out.

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"The pagans are very responsive to our message," Akinleye said. "We are often invited into their homes where we are able to witness to them. A hospital has been built in the pagan area and through the medical work pagans are won to Christ."

The two have spoken to church groups in nine North Carolina cities while at Southeastern. In addition, Akinleye has spoken at a chapel service at Meredith College, a Southern Baptist college for women in Raleigh, N. C., and Oteng at Southeastern.

"We have received a tremendous welcome," Akinleye said. "Everyone has made us feel at home." Oteng noted that they had been guests for dinner in homes of married students and professors.

The friendly Ghana pastors say they are enjoying their studies. "They have been very helpful," Akinleye said. "Our knowledge in theology and New Testament has expanded," he added.

They will return to Ghana in September.

Executive Committee
Has 13 Recommendations

NASHVILLE (BP)--Among the 13 Executive Committee recommendations to the 1963 Southern Baptist Convention are those concerning Canada messengers, the 1964 SBC budget and recognitions of state Baptist bodies in Colorado and Oregon-Washington.

A 14th recommendation, dealing with the post-1964 Convention programs, is expected to be presented to the Executive Committee's preConvention meeting at Kansas City and may go from there to the Convention itself.

All recommendations from the Executive Committee are presented for Convention approval. They will be acted on when the Executive Committee gives its report on Wednesday morning, May 8, according to Porter Routh, Nashville, its executive secretary.

The Executive Committee has concurred in the proposed withdrawal of a request to seat as messengers members of Baptist churches in western Canada. It asks the Convention to agree to the withdrawal.

Nolan M. Kennedy of Amarillo, Tex., who offered the proposed amendment to seat Canadian messengers, initiated the withdrawal request.

The 1964 budget, through the Cooperative Program, offered the Convention for adoption at Kansas City totals \$19,248,500. This includes \$14,626,500 for operating budgets of all agencies (except the Sunday School Board which is not supported through the Cooperative Program).

Another \$3,372,000 would be used by 11 agencies as capital funds, which are paid in full only after all operating funds have been assured. It would take another \$1,250,000, the Executive Committee will report, to complete unmet capital needs in the 1963 SBC budget.

Routh said the budget figure, lower by about \$1/2 million than the 1962 Convention budget, should allow for an advance section in which only the two SBC mission boards share.

Failure to reach the full operating and capital needs budgets for several years has stalled the advance program in which foreign missions get 75 per cent and home missions 25 per cent of all receipts above the approved budget for the year.

The Colorado Baptist General Convention and the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington would be recognized for their cooperating churches having passed the 25,000 combined membership figure.

Subject to Convention agreement, they would be entitled to have trustees and directors elected to most Convention agencies. Names of persons to fill these spots will be ready to offer the Convention this year, if the Convention adopts the Executive Committee recommendation.

The program structure for the SBC Annuity Board is contained in another recommendation. If approved, it will join the programs of other agencies already approved and awaiting their place in a forthcoming SBC Organization Manual.

In another proposal, the Executive Committee asks the 1963 Convention at Kansas City to "reaffirm the action of the 1947 Southern Baptist Convention 'that we recommend to the churches that they co-operate with the (U. S.) Census Bureau in taking this (religious) census and that an effort be made to reach every church.'"

The remaining seven recommendations cover amendments to the Constitution of the SBC and changes in the bylaws.

They ask:

1. Approval of an amendment affecting future constitutional amendments. If passed, all future amendments would have to be voted on approvingly at two successive Convention sessions, not merely be offered at one session and voted on the next year as now is the practice.

2. Change in the name of the two Convention secretaries. The "senior secretary," under that title, now records the Convention's minutes. He would be known henceforth as the "recording secretary." The present "secretary," who registers messengers, would afterward be called "registration secretary." The "senior secretary" or "recording secretary" would continue to be a member of the Convention's Executive Committee.

3. Action to prevent the naming of any person "to serve on an agency as a trustee or director, who has resigned from service as a trustee or director on any other agency during the current convention year, unless the person shall have resigned because of moving to another state."

4. End of the special Committee on Time, Place and Preacher each year. It nominates the time and place about five years ahead and the preacher for the Convention Sermon the following year. Recommendations of time and place for future Conventions would come afterward from the Executive Committee. The preacher of the next year's sermon would be nominated by the existing Committee on Order of Business.

5. Adjustment of a requirement on closing financial books because of changes agencies have made in the dates of their fiscal years.

6. Deleting the name of Carver School of Missions Social Work, Louisville, as an SBC institution. Its merger with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary there is pending.