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Mission Workers Study
Association Purposes

ATLANTA (BP)--More than 100 superintendents of missions recently studied the purposes of the association and plans for more effective association work at two Southern Baptist seminaries.

The workshops, an expansion of sessions held the last two years, were sponsored by the Home Mission Board and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., all agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

According to M. Wendell Belew of Atlanta, the workshops were refresher courses and in-service training in mission techniques for both experienced and inexperienced personnel.

Belew is secretary of the associational administration services and church extension department of the mission agency.

The study, which gave seminary credit to participants, viewed associational work from its history and definition, purpose, program, organization and administration, and personnel involved.

Practical problems, such as the relation of the association to the Baptist state convention staff, were reviewed and studied through panel discussions.

At Southern Seminary, the workshop was supervised by Allen W. Graves, dean of the school of religious education. At Golden Gate Seminary, R. F. Royal, field guidance director, supervised the project.

Conference leaders in Louisville were Baptist state executive secretaries Fred D. Hubbs of Detroit, and Noel M. Taylor of Carbondale, Ill.; Belew from Atlanta, and James Chatham and Clifford Holcomb, consultants in associational work from the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

Conference leaders in Mill Valley were Foy Rogers of Jackson, Miss., state secretary of the cooperative missions department; Belew; James V. Lackey of Nashville, director of stewardship development for the SBC Stewardship Commission, and Howard Halsell of Nashville, superintendent of new work for the Sunday School Board.

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Mississippi College
Launches Campaign

(2-22-64)

CLINTON, Miss. (BP)--Mississippi College here has launched a \$2-1/4 million "meet the challenge" fund-raising drive to provide improved housing for students, more classroom space, a modern science building and increased endowment for scholarships.

College officials said the campaign will help the Baptist school meet its expected increasing enrolment during the next five or six years.

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**Education Commission
Elects An Associate**

NASHVILLE (BP)--Travis M. Adams, of Warren, Ark., has been named assistant executive secretary of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention here. Rabun L. Brantley, executive secretary of the Commission, said Adams will assume his duties about June 1.

Adams takes the place left vacant last June by John A. Barry Jr. who joined a firm in Chicago.

Adams will work in all areas of the commission's program, including the teacher placement service, surveys and studies, promotion and coordination and assistance to Baptist schools in recruiting and other areas.

Adams is completing work for the doctor of philosophy degree with a major in history at Vanderbilt University here, by the summer. He was valedictorian of his high school class, holds the bachelor of arts degree from Arkansas Polytechnic College, and the master of arts degree from Vanderbilt.

Adams has spent a year in King's College, Cambridge University, on a Rotary scholarship. While in England, he spoke extensively on the American way of life, and on returning to the United States spoke to many Rotary Clubs on his experience at Cambridge, Brantley said.

At Vanderbilt Adams has been on a graduate scholarship, a teaching fellow in the Institute for Research in the Social Sciences, and the first chairman of the graduate student council in 1963. His college honors include Blue Key, Military Honor Society, Senior Honor Society, class president, member of theater guild, and member of newspaper staff.

Adams married Louan Van Dover of Plainview, Ark., who graduated from Arkansas Tech and is now a home economist with the Nashville Gas Co.

From 1956 to 1958, Adams was a first lieutenant in the U. S. Army in strategic intelligence, stationed at El Paso, Baltimore, and Washington.

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(Picture to be mailed to state papers.)

**Race Relations Meet
Held In East Texas**

(2-22-64)

COMMERCE, Tex. (BP)--A conference believed to be the first depth study of race relations problems ever held in predominately segregated east Texas was sponsored here by the Hill County Baptist Association.

The integrated conference, meeting at the First Baptist Church here, attracted more than 400 persons of nearly every denomination in the community.

Theme for the meeting was "The Christian Confronts the Race Issue." Speakers examined the Christian's role in race relations in the light of the teaching of the Bible, and effect race relations has on missions, the place of law in race relations, and the nature of prejudice.

Principal speakers included a Negro educator, M. K. Curry, president of Bishop College (Negro Baptist) in Dallas; Milford Howell, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria; T. B. Maston, professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth; Jimmy R. Allen, secretary of the Texas Baptist Christian life commission; Dr. S. H. Frazier Jr., chairman of Baylor University college of medicine's department of psychiatry; and Dallas attorney Talbot Rain.

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The Cooperative Program Operating Budget for 1965, the Executive Committee recommendation to the Convention:

<u>AGENCY</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u> <u>PROPOSAL</u>
Convention Operating	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Foreign Mission Board	7,550,000	9,300,000 (1)
Home Mission Board	2,150,000	2,847,350 (2)
Annuity Board	250,000	250,000 (3)
All Seminaries	3,250,000	3,458,000 (4)
Foundation	52,000	54,000
Hospital	35,000	35,000
American Seminary	88,000	88,000
Brotherhood Commission	185,000	185,000
Christian Life Commission	56,500	71,500 (5)
Education Commission	74,500	76,500
Historical Commission	50,500	78,000
Radio-TV Commission	550,000	800,000 (6)
Stewardship Commission	65,000	65,000
Public Affairs Committee	<u>70,000</u>	<u>82,500 (7)</u>
TOTAL	\$14,626,500	\$17,590,850
CAPITAL NEEDS		<u>2,244,750</u>
TOTAL		\$19,835,600
ESTIMATED ADVANCE		<u>500,000 (8)</u>
GOAL		\$20,335,600

(1) Includes \$1,250,000 transferred from Capital Needs to Operating.

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(3) For relief, any unused portion to be transferred to Old Annuity Fund.

(4) Of this amount, \$100,000 is allocated to improvement of seminary salary structures as determined by the trustees.

(5) Of this amount, \$15,000 is allocated for research into problems related to alcohol, gambling, and narcotics.

(6) Includes \$200,000 transferred from Capital Needs to Operating.

(7) Of this amount, \$12,500 is allocated for personnel to implement the study and research program.

(8) All funds above \$19,835,600 are Advance funds and shall be divided two-thirds to the Foreign Mission Board and one-third to the Home Mission Board.

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\$1.6 Million Proposed
For New Orleans Work

(2-22-64)

NASHVILLE (BP)--To help recondition its campus, \$1.6 million has been recommended for use by New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

It is a part of the capital needs proposed for 1965, 1966 and 1967 by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. Final approval must come from the 1964 Convention session in May.

The sum recommended by the Executive Committee carries a notation that this fund may be used to finance relocation of the seminary, subject to future Executive Committee approval to use the funds in this manner.

It was reported the seminary has a chance to sell its campus for \$7.3 million.

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W. Douglas Hudgins of Jackson, Miss., said New Orleans Seminary officials came to the budget-drafting session of the Executive Committee here with this alternative proposal:

That the Executive Committee through the capital needs budget provide \$5 million for a new campus, or that it provide \$3.6 million for renovating the present campus which it has occupied since 1952.

Hudgins added, "It is not the feeling of the capital needs subcommittee that the relocation of the seminary campus is our responsibility to decide. That is the prerogative of the institution's trustees."

An hour-long discussion in the Executive Committee, which included some amendments to the original proposal, brought out these observations concerning the New Orleans Seminary condition:

1. "We have a real problem," Hudgins said. But the capital needs subcommittee could find no way to provide \$5 million for New Orleans Seminary when it also had before it requests of other SBC agencies for capital needs funds during the same span of years.
2. The \$3.6 million requested for renovation of the present campus on Gentilly Rd. would include "considerable upgrading"; the \$1.6 million voted would restore damaged buildings to good condition with a limited amount of "upgrading."
3. The \$1.6 million will include termite treatment, waterproofing buildings, installing underground drainage--which has not been provided before, replacing water service to every building, installing new copper pipes and some new plumbing fixtures, air conditioning classroom and service buildings but not apartments, and constructing parking areas and sidewalks.
4. Seventy-five per cent of the visible damage is water damage, Hudgins said, a hazard throughout New Orleans because of its elevation only five feet above sea level.
5. The \$1.6 million does not include \$526,000 said to be needed to remodel and recondition the Providence Housing Corp. project where all on-campus student families are housed. Hudgins said the SBC's business and financial plan does not permit funds to be distributed to a corporation not directly owned and controlled by the Convention.
6. The campus condition was reviewed by at least three engineering firms, one of which mentioned "starting over again" on a new campus as an alternative to repairing the present 75-acre site.
7. Owen Cooper, Executive Committeeman from Yazoo City, Miss., said Seminary President H. Leo Eddleman has had an offer of \$7.3 million for the Gentilly Rd. site which the seminary bought in 1948 and moved to, from an earlier downtown location, four years later.
8. The trustees of New Orleans Seminary, according to Eddleman, have voted "overwhelmingly" to start over again on a new site. No one, in the long discussion, mentioned where the seminary would relocate.
9. Hudgins said New Orleans Seminary officials did not come to the Executive Committee with a statement "we can sell our campus for X dollars and we can buy a new site for X dollars." Discussion of the offer to buy the present campus and of any relocation site have been solely "corridor comment," he added, meaning it took place only in informal meetings.
10. The SBC has invested about \$6 million in its seminary in New Orleans, including the housing corporation project, according to Cooper.
11. Most buildings are partially or entirely of frame construction with brick veneer. No building codes in force at the time were violated in building the campus, although Hudgins commented that brick veneer in New Orleans probably was not the best construction in that location.
12. Eddleman warned there is little chance to refinance the 250-apartment Providence Housing Corp. project to allow for repairs. "Whatever happens in the future, we have alerted you to it," Eddleman added.

13. The type of construction used in building the Gentilly Rd. campus was "not the most permanent," according to Committee member Charles E. Curry of Kansas City, who headed a subcommittee which visited the campus.

Committeeman Alvin O. West of Washington said maintenance of the present buildings may run \$270,000 a year, and they have an expectancy of only 20 years--although other estimates made of expectancy ranged as high as 25 or 50 years.

It was West who moved to amend the \$1.6 million appropriation with the notation it could be used for a new campus, rather than reconditioning the present one. However, Committee chairman Harold W. Seever of Mobile, Ala., said the Executive Committee would have to approve the diversion of funds.

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Proposed 1965 Budget
Set At \$20,335,600

(2-22-64)

NASHVILLE (BP)--The proposed 1965 operating and capital needs budget through the Cooperative Program for Southern Baptist Convention agencies is \$20,335,600.

John H. Williams, Nashville, financial planning secretary for the SBC Executive Committee, said this is the amount expected to be received from state Baptist conventions during the year.

The 1965 budget includes \$17,590,850 for operating expenses of the agencies and \$2,244,750 for their capital needs. The remaining \$500,000 is the advance section to be shared by home and foreign missions only.

Messengers attending the 1964 Convention in Atlantic City, N. J., will vote on this budget, as recommended by the Executive Committee which drafted it.

In voting the budget recommendation, the Executive Committee had a short debate over distribution of the expected half-million in advance funds.

Formerly, all advance funds were divided 75 per cent for foreign missions and 25 per cent for home missions. The program subcommittee of the Executive Committee suggested the 1965 division be two-thirds and one-third, still weighted in favor of foreign missions.

Committeeman James L. Pleitz of Pensacola, Fla., moved to amend the program subcommittee's report when it reached the full Executive Committee. Pleitz wanted the 75-25 per cent ratio kept intact.

"A number of us are disturbed over the change," Pleitz continued.

Committeeman Owen Cooper of Yazoo City, Miss., said he "didn't want to be in a position of opposing foreign missions" as he quoted figures on home and foreign mission funds.

In home missions support, there was "from 1960 to 1964 an increase of only \$52,000. The increase was \$1,365,000 to the Foreign Mission Board over the same period of time," he said.

Cooper said the estimated advance should be \$1 million, rather than \$500,000. "Go out and ask the people for the money and you'll get it," he added.

The new two-thirds and one-third pattern was upheld by the Executive Committee in a standing vote.

Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board building funds were transferred from the capital needs budget to the operating budget for 1965. Film funds for the Radio and Television Commission were treated the same.

The recommended 1965 operating budget includes \$9.3 million for the Foreign Mission Board. The six SBC seminaries will share \$3,458,000 according to a formula they have worked out. Of this amount, \$100,000 is to improve the seminary salary structures as determined by trustees of the seminaries.

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The Home Mission Board will receive \$2,847,350 for operations plus \$606,250 through capital needs for its church extension site and loan fund. (See full dollar breakdown by agencies carried separately.)

Operating expenses are paid before capital needs are allocated. Full operating and capital needs are paid before entering the advance section.

The 1964 SBC budget of \$19,187,355 is expected to be reached, with another million expected for advance.

It will take care of the \$1,188,855 in capital needs for 1963 which were carried over into 1964 when Cooperative Program receipts were not enough to meet them in 1963.

Thus, according to Williams, the Convention will enter 1965 not owing capital funds to any agency for a previous year.

The Cooperative Program budget covers all agencies but the Sunday School Board, which is self-supporting from sales of literature and supplies.

An item of \$80,000 for the Baptist World Alliance in 1965 will be paid out of the Convention operating budget. The 1964 sum, handled in the same way, is \$75,000.

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4-Year Capital Needs
Near \$9 Million Mark

(2-22-64)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Capital needs totaling nearly \$9 million have been approved by the SBC Executive Committee here and will be submitted to the 1964 Southern Baptist Convention for adoption.

The allocations cover four years, 1965-1968. The Convention's 1959-1963 capital needs program, which will expire this year, was \$23.5 million.

Funds for church extension loans and church sites, through the SBC Home Mission Board, and for reconditioning the campus of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary (see separate story on New Orleans project) take up more than half the \$8,955,000 voted.

The funds will come through the Cooperative Program portion forwarded to the SBC by state Baptist conventions and associations.

Capital funds totaling \$5 million for foreign missions and \$1,775,000 for home missions have been transferred to the operating budget, as well as \$800,000 for producing films at the Radio and Television Commission.

The Home Mission Board aids new churches in buying sites for property and building worship facilities, particularly in pioneer areas where commercial loans are hard to secure because Southern Baptist work is new.

The proposal is to provide \$3,225,000 for building loans and sites--\$606,250 each in 1965 and 1966; \$906,250 in 1967, and \$1,106,250 in 1968.

The \$1.6 million voted New Orleans Seminary will recondition campus property and buildings suffering from water damage and other deterioration causes.

Projects for the seminaries include:

At Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., \$500,000 for student apartments in 1966 and 1967.

At Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., \$300,000 for student apartments in 1965 and 1966.

At Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., \$280,000 for a student center; \$25,000 for an infirmary, and \$20,000 to raze an obsolete building. The funds will come in 1966 and 1967. The Southeastern campus was formerly that of Wake Forest College (Baptist).

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At Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, \$300,000 to renovate Fort Worth Hall, built in 1910; \$50,000 to complete Memorial Building; \$300,000 to renovate Barnard Hall, also built in 1910, and \$260,000 to construct a children's building.

Southwestern's funds are spread over all four years.

At Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, \$675,000 to renovate Mullins Hall, built in 1925, and \$60,000 to convert Barnard Hall into a children's building. Southern's funds also come over four years.

The SBC Radio and Television Commission will have \$600,000 in almost equal installments in 1965, 1966 and 1967 to construct a new office and broadcast center in Fort Worth.

The Brotherhood Commission will get \$40,000 to buy a lot immediately west of its office in Memphis, this in 1967.

Another \$300,000 would be given the Public Affairs Committee to share in cost of a new Baptist Building in Washington housing it and two other Baptist groups. They propose to build it in the near future. This is not to be paid out till site, financing and other matters have been approved by the Executive Committee.

Out-patient clinics at two hospitals would be provided by \$380,000 for Southern Baptist Hospitals, Convention agency operating hospitals in Jacksonville, Fla., and New Orleans. This is a 1968 provision.

A new chapel for which \$40,000 is set aside will be built at American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, a Negro institution jointly sponsored by the SBC and National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc. This too is a 1968 project.

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Conflict Of Interest
Policy Written Out

(2-22-64)

NASHVILLE (BP)--An action to avoid possible conflicts of interest by SBC agency trustees and employees is recommended to the 1964 session of the Southern Baptist Convention for adoption.

The SBC Executive Committee makes the recommendation, which would become part of the Convention's business and financial plan.

The policy would prohibit an agency from doing business with a trustee or employee or with any firm in which a trustee or employee "has an interest," except under special circumstances.

Executive Secretary Porter Routh of Nashville said the policy allows "considerable latitude" by permitting exceptions. He said it is already followed in practice although until now it hasn't been written policy.

Agency officials questioned whether this would affect business dealings with a company in which an employee might have a small amount of stock.

Committee chairman Harold W. Seever of Mobile, Ala., said the policy is intended to cover a case in which a trustee or employee "would receive personal benefit."

The policy also states "competitive bids should be taken if possible. In any case being considered for exception, the extent of the trustees' or employees' interest shall be disclosed to the entire board."

The action was to prevent any possible future conflict of interest rather than to respond to an existing situation.

The text of the recommendation to the Convention follows:

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"As a normal operating policy, each institution or agency of the Southern Baptist Convention shall refrain from entering any business transaction with a trustee or employee, or a business enterprise in which a trustee or employee has a major interest. An exception to this policy may be made, at the discretion of the board of trustees in any case wherein it appears that a commodity or service is unavailable on a more favorable basis from any other source, or a commodity or service, at the discretion of the board, is found to be in the best interest of the agency. Competitive bids should be taken if possible. In any case being considered for exception, the extent of the trustees' or employees' interest shall be disclosed to the entire board."

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1965 Convention May
Run Monday-Thursday

(2-22-64)

NASHVILLE (BP)--The 1965 session of the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas may start on Monday night and close on Thursday night, with Wednesday afternoon free for seminary luncheons and other events.

The Executive Committee of the SBC voted 29 to 14 here to recommend a suspension of normal Convention procedure to follow the revised schedule "on a trial basis."

Messengers to the 1964 Convention, which will follow the recent format of starting on Tuesday night and ending on Friday, will have to pass on the Executive Committee proposal.

Current procedure leaves Monday and Tuesday, up to the evening period, open for four major preConvention meetings--the Pastors' Conference, Woman's Missionary Union Convention, Religious Education Association and Church Music Conference--and a handful of others as well.

Wayne Dehoney of Jackson, Tenn., president of the Pastors' Conference for its 1964 session in Atlantic City, N. J., and a Committeeman, said he had once favored an earlier start for the Convention proper but had since changed his mind.

He said "I brought this motion" to move up the starting date two years ago after the Pastors' Conference and Convention held in San Francisco.

"We had gone through two Pastors' Conferences which had really violated purposes of the Pastors' Conference, which Dr. (M. E.) Dodd, organizer of the conference, said was not to be a forum to debate Convention issues," Dehoney said. "I believe the motivation behind the original motion is gone now."

No statement was immediately made about what changes the groups holding preConvention meetings might make in their schedules.

Nane Starnes of Asheville, N. C., another member of the Executive Committee, said he voted against the trial change of schedule when it was discussed in the subcommittee he belongs to.

He told the full Committee he did not agree with charges "the Pastors' Conference has become of such importance that it seems the Convention is an anti-climax."

Starnes said, "We would lose more in almost doing away with the Pastors' Conference and making the Woman's Missionary Union fish for another time than we would gain by eliminating an anti-climax."

The Southern Baptist Convention has met on varying days of the week throughout its history. As recently as 1956 in Kansas City, it started on Wednesday morning and had a final meeting on Saturday morning.

The 1942 Convention started on a Saturday and closed the following Wednesday. The 1947 Convention started on a Wednesday and closed with a Sunday meeting.

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