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SOCIAL SERVICE COMMISSION WILL STUDY RACE RELATIONS

LOUISVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--The Social Service Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will, within the next few months, call a meeting of outstanding Negro Baptist leaders and white Baptist leaders to explore the field of race relations.

Dr. Hugh A. Brimm, executive secretary of the Commission, said that the meeting of leaders of the two races will explore "ways and means by which better understanding can be achieved in this all important area of race relations."

Decision of the Commission to give thorough study to problems of race relations was reached at the annual meeting of the group at Ridgecrest, N. C., last month, Dr. Brimm said. It also was voted that the whole of the 1949 annual meeting will be devoted to a thorough study of the problem, especially as it exists in the Southern states.

"The Commission feels that the problem of race relations is being treated too much, at the present time, as a political football, and that the time is ripe for a thorough and vital Christian analysis of the problems," Dr. Brimm said.

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A DIME PAYS THE FREIGHT

NEW ORLEANS, La.--(BP)--Donors contributing used clothing to the Southern Baptist Relief Center here can pay complete handling charged on their gifts by sending along 10 cents for each pound.

The dime a pound represents the approximate cost of receiving the bundles at the Relief Center, processing them, pressing and baling them for shipment, and paying ocean freight to its destination overseas, said Director Clovis A. Brantley. The money should, of course, be sent separately from the bundle, and bundles should be sent to the Center prepaid.

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ARIZONA BAPTISTS GO
"OVER THE TOP WITH CO-OP"

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--Arizona Baptists determined to avoid an August slump, and countered the usual let-down with a major emphasis on the Co-operative Program.

"Over the Top With Co-op" was their August slogan, and it rang out through the columns of the Arizona Baptist Beacon and in all the churches.

Dr. Willis J. Ray, state secretary, has just announced results: total receipts of \$6,724 for the Co-operative Program as compared with a previous record high of \$4,627.54 and with the normal August expectations of about \$2,400.

Leader in the campaign was Rev. Roy F. Sutton, assistant to Dr. Ray. There was promotional literature, special associational meetings, and a special edition of the Beacon. There was no effort for special offerings; simply encouragement that the churches give to the Co-operative Program out of their regular receipts.

"A spirit of missions was created in our people such as we have never seen before," comments Editor W. Barry Garrett. "Arizona Baptists are on the way up in their support of the Co-operative Program."

Catching onto the Southern Baptist Convention slogan of "Fifty-Fifty by 1950," Assistant Secretary Sutton has pointed the way up by degrees. He points out that Arizona Baptists, young in history, have not been able to give much heretofore, but the future will be different. He now cries, "28 in '48," next year will plead for "39 in '49," and then the climactic "Fifty-Fifty in 1950."