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**Illinois Baptist Board
Rejects Student Building**

CARBONDALE, Ill. (BP)--The board of directors for the Illinois Baptist State Association rejected by a close vote a proposal to purchase space in a Student Center Building at the Edwardsville (Ill.) campus of Southern Illinois University.

In a debate over the proposal, Bill Fox of East St. Louis said the proposal committed Baptists to participation in "an ecumenical movement."

The proposed student center will be jointly owned and occupied by seven denominational groups composing the Religious Council of the University.

Chairman of the Baptist state association's Education Committee, Keith Stanford, argued that the move was necessary for a Southern Baptist ministry to the students at Edwardsville.

Rejection of the proposal would automatically remove Southern Baptists from participation and direction in establishing a University-approved religious ministry on the campus, Stanford argued.

Following a lengthy debate, the proposal lost in a 32 to 23 secret ballot, but a subsequent motion that Baptists remain members of the school's religious council if possible was approved.

In other action, the 72-member board created a position of area language missionary and employed J. E. Godsoe of Chicago for the post. Godsoe has been a language missionary in Chicago for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board since July.

The board tabled a motion to create a new department of church bond promotion, but the promotion of bonds will continue as a part of the administration's duties.

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**SBC 11 Months' Giving Tops
Budget, Overage to Missions**

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NASHVILLE (BP)--During the first eleven months of the year, the Southern Baptist Convention went over its \$19.8 million budget by \$267,857, sending that amount to support home and foreign missions.

November financial report from the SBC Executive Committee here revealed that the convention appears headed for a record year of giving during 1965, the 40th anniversary of the Cooperative Program plan of world missions support.

During mid-November, the budget was reached, and all amounts over the budget went two-thirds to foreign missions and one-third to home missions through the budget's advance section.

A total of \$20,103,457 was given through the Cooperative Program for the first 11 months of the year.

An additional \$16,933,554 was given to designated missions causes, bringing total (undesignated and designated) contributions to \$37,037,011.

Undesignated gifts for the first 11 months of the year exceed gifts for the same period last year by \$1 1/4 million; and designated contributions for that period exceed designations during 1964 by \$1.2 million.

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SBC President "Installs"
Former SBC President

LOS ANGELES (BP)--The President of the Southern Baptist Convention, Wayne Dehoney of Jackson, Tenn., spoke at formal installation services here for the immediate past president of the SBC--K. Owen White.

White was inaugurated as missions coordinator for Baptist work in the metropolitan Los Angeles area, a post he assumed July 1.

He was president of the Southern Baptist Convention from 1963-64 while serving as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Houston.

Now White is coordinating missions activity for a metropolitan area where the urban and suburban population is greater than the population of the entire state of Texas.

More than 2,000 Baptists attended the mass rally held in conjunction with White's installation.

Dehoney, in the major message, said that the crown present that night "could so transform Los Angeles that one year from tonight you would scarcely recognize it."

Dehoney challenged the crowd to claim the power of the Holy Spirit "which can capture even a sophisticated, scientific, cultured society in Los Angeles."

White, whose ministry began nearly 40 years ago in Los Angeles, told a luncheon gathering of 148 key civic, business and religious leaders that the metropolitan area desperately needs a spiritual awakening.

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Oklahoma Baptist Board
Approves Building Plans

12-7-65

OKLAHOMA CITY (BP)--The board of directors of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma authorized officials to proceed with plans for new construction projects at the Oklahoma Baptist Children's Home here and at two state Baptist encampments.

Projects approved include construction of a new \$75,000 cottage at the children's home, a dining hall at Camp Hudgens for Royal Ambassador boys near McAlester, Okla., and a sewer system at Falls Creek Baptist Assembly near Davis, Okla.

An undesignated bequest of about \$90,000 will be used to construct the new children's home cottage. The home is now operating at near maximum capacity with 120 residents.

Plans call for the \$100,000 "gravity flow" to be completed by August, 1966.

In other action, the board approved the appointment of convention committees and elected D. I. Fillmon of Davis, Okla., as supervisor of building and grounds for the Falls Creek Assembly.

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Seminary Names Member
Of Accrediting Group

12-7-65

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary has been approved as an accredited member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools at the organization's annual meeting of delegates here.

For several years New Orleans Seminary and each of the five other Southern Baptist seminaries have been accredited members of the American Association of Theological Schools, the professional academic organization for graduate level divinity and theological schools.

New Orleans becomes the first SBC-affiliated seminary to gain accredited membership into the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

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Said President H. Leo Eddleman, "The added accreditation is part of New Orleans Seminary's program of academic excellence and will also permit a more complete exchange of course credits with colleges and universities.

"It also means that seminary graduates who teach in colleges and universities can have their degrees fully accepted as part of an institution's academic accreditation," he explained.

New Orleans Seminary has schools of theology, religious education, and church music. Seven graduate degrees are offered by the schools, including doctoral degrees of religious education and theological education.

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California Baptist College
Board Rejects Federal Aid

12-7-65

RIVERSIDE, Calif. (BP)--The board of trustees of California Baptist College here adopted a statement rejecting federal aid and stating agreement with the Southern Baptist General Convention of California which earlier had passed a similar resolution.

Trustees of the Baptist school stated: "We pledge our support of the principle of separation of church and state by declaring again our opposition to our use of such funds."

The trustees also expressed "appreciation of, and wholehearted agreement with, the convention action concerning the rejection of federal funds for aid to education."

During the annual Baptist state convention in San Jose just a few weeks earlier, California Baptists had adopted a strongly-worded resolution condemning the use of government funds for church-related institutions and programs.

The convention also ignored a motion which would have authorized the college trustees to accept federal aid in whatever form they could get it. The motion died for lack of a second.

During the college board meeting here, there was no discussion or debate on the statement. It was adopted unanimously.

Three laymen were elected as new officers of the board. New president is Elmer Austin, Alhambra, Calif.; who previously was vice-president of the board. New vice-president is Walter Carney of Claremont, Calif., and new secretary is Glen Young, a layman from San Bernadino, Calif.

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Joseph C. Clapp Elected
Texas College President

12-7-65

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex. (BP)--Joseph C. Clapp, vice-president for development at the University of Corpus Christi, has been promoted to the Baptist school's presidency.

Clapp, former director of public relations at William Jewell College (Baptist) in Liberty, Mo., had been vice-president of the Texas Baptist school for the past 18 months.

He succeeds W.A. Miller, who resigned as president in July to become superintendent of schools in Crane, Tex.

E. N. Jones of Dallas, secretary of the Christian Education Commission for the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has been interim president since July, holding down both posts.

Clapp's selection as president of the school was announced by O. E. Brand of McAllen, Tex., chairman of the board of trustees.

Consideration for the presidency was given to around 30 outstanding educators from throughout the nation, said Olan Runnels, Corpus Christi pastor who headed the trustee's selection committee.

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Since coming to the university in July of 1964, Clapp has been responsible for public relations activities, fund raising, student recruitment, alumni affairs, and management of the school's news bureau.

A native of Fulton, Ky., Clapp received the bachelor of arts degree from Union University (Baptist) in Jackson, Tenn., and bachelor of divinity, master and doctor of theology degrees from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He also studied at Tulane University and Vanderbilt University school of religion.

For about five years before coming to the Texas Baptist school in 1964 he was public relations director at William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo.

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Gardner-Webb Approves
20-Year Campus Design

12-7-65

BOINING SPRINGS, N. C. (BP)--Trustees for Gardner-Webb College (Baptist) here employed an Oklahoma man to draw the master plan for a campus layout projecting the college's facilities for the next twenty years.

The proposed campus would take care of a possible enrollment of 5,000 students within 20 years.

Trustees voted to approve employment of Robert Rucker of Norman, Okla., to draw the master plan for future development.

Trustees also voted to purchase 24 acres of land adjoining the south section of the campus bordering on state highway 150.

Lloyd C. Bost of Shelby, N. C., was re-elected chairman of the board, along with other board officers, all of whom were re-elected.

During the board meeting, President Eugene Poston expressed concern over a decreasing number of students studying for the ministry. Gardner-Webb, with 1,050 fulltime students, has only 47 students studying for vocational Christian service, he said.

"We held our number up for many years but even now we see the number of young people entering Christian service on a fulltime scale dropping," Poston said.

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New Orleans Hospital
Gets Big Loan Check

12-7-65

NEW ORLEANS (BP)--A check for \$2 million, the initial portion of a huge loan to finance expanded facilities, has been deposited by Southern Baptist hospital here.

The financing agreement between the hospital and a life insurance company's mortgage loan correspondent provides that the hospital may borrow up to \$7.8 million on a long-term note.

It is one of the largest such loan agreements ever made by a single institution directly related to the Southern Baptist Convention.

The arrangement has unusual flexibility, providing that less than the full sum may be borrowed, said T. Sloane Guy, executive director of the board of Southern Baptist hospitals. Guy said that the hospital may pre-pay without penalty of any kind.

"Southern Baptist Hospital can realize full benefits from donations, fund raising activities, wills and bequests," said Guy.

The hospital reached the agreement with Connecticut General Life Insurance Co., through its New Orleans mortgage loan correspondent, Standard Mortgage Corp.

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Assignment of the Century:
"International Cooperation"

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Surrounded by talent, overwhelmed by the issues! Such was our reaction Nov. 28-Dec. 1 while attending the White House Conference on International Cooperation.

A University professor remarked to us: "You Southern Baptists are so large now, you ought to have considerable influence in world affairs."

Pondering his words came the alarming realization that among a total of 2,000 persons participating in this highly significant conference, only two Southern Baptists were present.

Because of the Christian Life Commission's role in emphasizing citizenship, Foy Valentine, the director, and I attended. We both agreed that an even wider representation by Southern Baptists could have enriched the conference as well as helped to bring our denomination to a larger responsibility on the international scene.

Against the backdrop of war in Vietnam, a fragile truce between India and Pakistan, and mounting tension in Rhodesia, conference participants from some 500 United States organizations discussed subjects ranging from the earth to the moon.

Thirty working committees had spent a year in compiling reports and forming panels to treat such diverse issues as the population explosion, social welfare, urban development, arms control and disarmament, cultural and intellectual exchange, peacekeeping operations, labor, business, industry and trade, space and human rights.

President Johnson referred to the conference's task as "the assignment of the century." He urged the participants to provide a mine of ideas seeking world-wide peace, justice and human fulfillment.

Running through vigorous floor discussion was the theme of the unity of humanity. "Nothing common to humanity is alien to us," Vice President Humphrey said.

Squalor, hunger, illiteracy, and political tyranny were signalled as awesome threats to peace. The gap between haves and have-nots was seen to be widening. Vast scientific and economic change as seen in the United States were judged largely irrelevant to most of the world. We conferees felt that space should be explored, but not at the expense of the neglect of human misery and injustice.

Hundreds of recommendations poured from the committees and the open discussions. Some were abstract. Others were specific in calling for action both by government and by the private sector of America.

Concern over Vietnam made the conference even more urgent. Citizen participants were free to address frank questions on war and peace to Secretary of the State Dean Rusk, Presidential Assistant McGeorge Bundy, and United Nations Ambassador Arthur Goldberg.

Said Rusk: "Day by day, bit by bit, and brick by brick must emerge a stable structure of world cooperation at every level of life."

Said Goldberg: "Neither superglobalism nor internationalism is an answer, but there are no islands and no uncrossable oceans between nations. Isolation is impossible."

The complexity of international issues faced by the conference was matched only by the diversity of the participants. From virtually every state in the Union came representatives of public education and the universities, labor, business, myriad international organizations, voluntary groups, the press, and religious bodies and institutions. Their talent and experience was awesome.

Southern Baptists too have remarkable talent and experience. Names and faces of our laymen and ministers crowded my mind with what we have to say and to give to a world in conflict.

The imperatives for Southern Baptists are responsibility and involvement. The task may indeed be the "assignment of the century."