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**Survey Shows 70 Per Cent
Of Churches Have Budgets**

NASHVILLE (BP)--A survey of 1,000 representative churches in the Southern Baptist Convention has indicated that almost 70 per cent of the churches have planned, unified budgets, but only about 14 per cent have long-range budget plans.

The survey, conducted by the research and statistics department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board here, was released publicly during a recent Cooperative Program Rally held in conjunction with the SBC Executive Committee meeting.

Purpose of the survey was to obtain information "as to how churches of various sizes plan their expenditures, and how much is to be included for various items," and "to request information about...budgeting and spending practices."

Findings were reported in a 60-page book, which outlined in detail responses to each question in the survey.

In drawing conclusions from the survey, Project Analyst R. Lewis Wingo of the board's research and statistics department wrote that almost 75 per cent of the churches study and revise their financial program each year. But less than one-half reported that their churches limited spending strictly to the amount allocated in the budget.

Of the churches which reported making long-range budget plans, only one-fourth make plans for more than five years, the survey conclusions stated.

One of the most obvious conclusions drawn from the survey "is that many churches do not keep accurate financial records. At least many did not submit accurate records for this survey," the conclusions added.

Of the 1,000 churches and pastors surveyed, 428 replied to the questionnaires. This is a response of 42.8 per cent. Churches of all sizes in each of the 29 state Baptist conventions were polled in the study.

Using 1964 budget figures, the lowest annual budget reported in the survey was \$1,773, while the largest budget was \$411,304. The median budget for all churches answering the questionnaire was \$105,474.

The survey outlined in detail amounts of church budgets allocated to 29 different categories, with responses tabulated according to the size of the churches.

In another table, the statistical report itemized the percentage of the church budget going to each of the 29 different categories.

The percentages and amounts varied greatly according to the size of the church and amount of the budget, and no conclusions were drawn by the project analyst on the tables.

For churches with less than 300 members, the largest percentage of the budget usually was allocated to the pastor's salary, with percentages ranging from 62 per cent of the budget for churches with less than 50 members to 39 per cent for churches with 200 to 299 members.

Among churches with membership exceeding 300, the largest budget allocations usually went to building equipment, with allocations ranging from 21 per cent to 28 per cent in this category.

Percentage of allocation to the Cooperative Program, the denomination's unified budget plan, ranged from a low of 7.75 per cent among churches of 100 to 149 members to a high of 17.5 per cent among churches with more than 1,000 members.

Porter W. Routh, executive secretary of the SBC Executive Committee who initiated the study, commented that the survey graphically shows that payment on buildings in church debt is the largest item in most church budgets.

"Realistically, we can expect to do more for world missions through the Cooperative Program only when we cut down on buildings or pay off existing debts," Routh said. "This study underlines the many demands made on the collection plate. The obvious alternative is that more dollars are needed."

President Urges Fight Against World Hunger

WASHINGTON (BP)--President Lyndon B. Johnson, in a special message to Congress, has urged that the "United States lead the world in a war against hunger."

He proposed a new five-year Food for Freedom program which would stress "self-help" to increase farm production in countries receiving American Food shipments.

The new Food for Freedom proposal is a revamping and expansion of the existing Food for Peace program which expires at the end of this year.

Voluntary church agencies are deeply involved in the distribution process for the existing Food for Peace Program.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs here has in the past expressed dissatisfaction with the church-state relationships in the distribution of American surplus food overseas.

The four largest church-related distributors are: American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, Catholic Relief Services, Church World Service, and Lutheran World Relief.

Baptists do not have a world distribution agency. They normally do their relief work through their mission boards. Under certain circumstances they channel relief funds through the Baptist World Alliance, which in turn uses other existing agencies for the distribution.

The current national program under review provides for the sale of surplus foods to countries for "soft" (non-convertible) currencies and for the outright donation of food in some cases.

Several changing conditions have made a re-evaluation of the present program necessary. Outstanding among these is the growing imbalance between food and population in many parts of the world. The President has already made it clear that this country will help those nations trying to control population growth.

He pointed out that a new element in today's world is the threat of mass hunger and starvation because food production has not kept pace with the population explosion. A balance between agricultural productivity and population is necessary to prevent famine, the President said.

In his message to Congress the President said the key to victory in the war against hunger is self-help, that American aid must be accompanied by major efforts on the part of those receiving it. He proposed:

1. Expanded food shipments to countries where food needs are growing and self-help efforts are underway.
2. Increased capital and technical assistance.
3. Elimination of the "surplus" concept in food aid.
4. Continued expansion of markets for American agricultural commodities.
5. Increasing emphasis on nutrition, especially for the young.
6. Provision for adequate reserves of essential food commodities.

In the past ten years this country has sent over 140 million tons of food to other nations. Seventy million children now receive American food in school lunch and family and child feeding programs. But, the President added, "The problem of world hunger is more serious today than ever before."

He warned that "the time is not far off when all the combined production, on all of the acres, of all of the agriculturally productive nations, will not meet the food needs of the developing nations--unless present trends are changed."

To fight against malnutrition the President's science advisory committee has been directed to seek new ways of adding nutritional value to the foods shipped abroad.

The proposal calls for a shift in emphasis in distributing the food for purchases with local currencies to purchases on long-term credit. It provides for continued work with voluntary agencies in people-to-people assistance programs, and for better coordination

of food aid with other economic assistance. It encourages international efforts to combat hunger and modernize agriculture, such as the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations.

The President said his proposed program is built on three universal truths:

"That agriculture is an essential pursuit of every nation,

"That an abundant harvest is not only a gift of God, but also the product of man's skill and determination and commitment,

"That hunger and want--anywhere--are the eternal enemies of all mankind."

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Seminary Purchases 184
Carroll Park Apartments

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FORT WORTH (BP)--Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here has purchased 184 apartments three blocks from the main seminary campus to house seminary student families.

Purchase of the Carroll Park Apartments for an undisclosed amount was announced by Seminary President Robert E. Naylor.

The apartments, located on a 21 acre plot purchased by the seminary, include one, two and three bedroom units. Present occupants will have until July 1 to locate other housing.

The purchase was made by the Southwestern Seminary Development Foundation upon recommendation of the executive committee of the board of trustees.

With this acquisition, the seminary now owns 557 family living units.

The name, Carroll, traces back to B. H. Carroll, founder of the seminary. Nearby is the B. H. Carroll Elementary School and the B. H. Carroll Baptist Church.

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Oklahoma School Names
New Church Music Head

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SHAWNEE, Okla. (BP)--Oklahoma Baptist University here has named James D. Woodward as chairman of a newly-created department of church music in an effort to provide better-trained church musicians for Baptist churches.

The new department head is James D. Woodward, presently minister of music at the First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla. Woodward assumes the new post in September, according to an announcement by Warren M. Angell, dean of the College of Fine Arts at the Baptist school.

Woodward said he would do everything possible to prepare, equip and encourage young church musicians to go to the seminaries for graduate study in church music, but to give them the very best training possible "in the event that they never see the inside of a graduate school."

Woodward said the course curriculum will be substantially increased.

A graduate of the University of Kentucky and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Woodward has been at the Tulsa church since 1959. Previously he was minister of music at Vineville Baptist Church, Macon, Ga., where he also taught at Mercer University (Baptist).

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Chowan College Approves
Library-Arts Building

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MURFREESBORO, N.C. (BP)--The board of trustees for Chowan College (Baptist) here approved plans for construction of a new library-fine arts building and authorized a campaign for necessary funds.

The new facility, to be built at an estimated cost of \$800,000, will replace crowded facilities now being used, said school officials.

In other actions, the board approved a new master plan for campus development and authorized a six per cent salary increase for faculty members and staff "to bring the

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average salary of faculty members at Chowan more in line with the national average."

The trustees' long-range planning committee recommended a new master plan for the school, reporting that the plan outlined in 1958 has been outdated by "phenomenal growth of the college during recent years."

J. Felix Arnold, Baptist pastor from Enfield, N.C., was re-elected chairman of the board.

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Custodian At Maryland
Baptist Building Beaten

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BALTIMORE, Md. (BP)---Albert Bundy, 67 year-old veteran custodian of the Maryland Baptist Building in Lutherville, Md., was robbed and beaten at the entrance of his apartment building here by three teen age thugs.

The teenagers took 35 cents from his hand, all the money he had at the time, and kicked Bundy repeatedly in the face after knocking him to the sidewalk.

Two men standing nearby were either unaware or took no notice of the incident, reported the Maryland Baptist.

Mrs. Bundy, hearing her husband's cries for help, rushed to the street from their second floor apartment as the attackers fled. A neighbor called police.

Four stitches were taken in Bundy's forehead. The area just below his eye was fractured. He was held in the hospital for 24 hours, treated for facial injuries and for shock and released.

Bundy was recovering from an attack of acute bronchitis, and was returning home from buying medicine at a nearby drug store when the hoodlums jumped him.

The boys, described as 16 to 18 years of age, were lurking inside the stairway entrance when they pounced on Bundy and demanded his money, he said. The teenagers, unknown by Bundy, have not yet been apprehended.

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