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Federal Loans Denied
Texas Institutions

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DALLAS (BP)--Texas Baptists again last week told their institutions not to accept government loans for new buildings as they defeated a section of a church-state report that would have made such loans possible.

This was the second time in five years the convention has declared itself in opposition to loans from public funds.

The defeated church-state committee's recommendation suggested the Baptist General Convention of Texas approve loans from public funds for construction of buildings by Texas institutions "provided the institution voluntarily reimburses the government annually" for low interest rates that constitute subsidy.

Defeat of the recommendation, which was only one of 10, left the convention operating under a previous church-state study that rules out loans from public funds.

Two separate suggestions by the committee, dealing with research grants to individual students or to institutions, were approved on the basis that research grants represent money paid for services rendered.

Another acknowledged the subsidy involved in postal privileges used by Texas Baptist institutions and one favored tax exemptions on religious property and gifts.

A separate committee recommendation suggested that the convention "continue to oppose all direct aid from tax money for any program of Texas Baptist institutions."

At the end of the report, authorization was approved to appoint a committee to seek some means of financing the construction of buildings other than accepting loans from public funds. J. Carroll Chadwick, who was reelected president of the convention, called on Texas Baptists to raise \$10 million in the coming year and \$100 million in the next decade for Baptist institutions.

In other action, the Texas Baptist messengers adopted a record budget of \$12,225,000, more than \$4 million of which is earmarked for worldwide causes.

The convention's annual public relations award was presented to E.S. James, who had retired two days earlier as editor of the Baptist Standard.

Bruce McIver, pastor of the Wilshire Baptist Church in Dallas, and Gordon Clinard, pastor of the First Baptist Church of San Angelo, were elected vice presidents of the 1.8 million-member convention.

Mrs. C.J. Humphrey of Amarillo was reelected president of the Texas Woman's Missionary Union. Bruno Morgan of Corpus Christi was reelected president of the Brotherhood Convention.

Texas Baptists will meet in Lubbock Oct. 31-Nov. 2, 1967.

Negro Church Enters
Northwest Group

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EUGENE, Ore. (BP)--The Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington, acting in annual session here, accepted nine new churches into the convention, one a National Baptist church.

The Negro church, one of several now included in the two-state convention, is the New Hope Baptist Church of Portland, Ore.

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Addition of nine new churches represents nearly a five percent increase. Last year the convention reported 190 churches with about 31,300 members.

The convention approved a budget of \$367,889, \$246,000 of which is designated Cooperative Program gifts from the churches.

Harry Bonner, pastor of the Wenatchee Valley Baptist Church in Wenatchee, Wash., was elected president. Oregon-Washington Baptists will meet next year Oct. 31-Nov. 2 at Des Moines, Wash.

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Ouachita University Gets
College Housing Loan

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WASHINGTON (BP)--The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) approved a \$100,000 reservation in college housing loan funds for Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark. The announcement was made by Secretary Robert C. Weaver of HUD.

Ouachita is one of three church-related schools to receive reservation funds totaling \$1,175,000. The school plans to remodel and build an addition to an existing dining hall.

The other schools are Luther College (Lutheran Church of America), Decorah, Iowa, and Anderson College (Church of God) in Anderson, Ind.

The Federal Fund Reservation is established on the basis of preliminary application for assistance under the College Housing Program. It sets aside this amount for later use by the college if the project is approved by HUD, following review of a complete application.

Three other church-related schools received final approval on reservation funds totaling \$3,060,000. David Lipscomb College (Church of Christ), Nashville, Tenn., will receive \$2,450,000. Grand View College (Lutheran Church of America), Des Moines, Iowa, and Marymount College (Roman Catholic), Boca Raton, Fla., will get \$550,000 and \$60,000 respectively.

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