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SBC Exceeds Budget; Total
Receipts Top \$40 Million

NASHVILLE (BP)--For the first time, the Southern Baptist Convention exceeded its budget during the month of November, and recorded more than \$40 million in missions gifts during any year.

Contributions through the SBC Cooperative Program unified budget plan for the first 11 months of 1966 reached \$21,430,609 when the monthly financial books were closed in November.

Contributions for November put the convention \$169,859 over the \$21.2 million budget, with still another month left in the year.

According to the budget plan adopted by the convention, all in excess of the budget will be divided two-thirds to foreign missions and one-third to home missions.

Porter W. Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee here, predicted that the advance funds to home and foreign missions would hit \$2½ million before the end of the year if Cooperative Program receipts continue at the same rate as in 1965.

An end-of-the-month financial statement prepared by the Executive Committee also disclosed that, for the first time, the grand total of Cooperative Program contributions plus designated offerings had exceeded \$40 million in a single year.

In addition to the \$21,430,609 in Cooperative Program contributions, a total of \$18,826,166 has been given to designated, specific SBC causes during the first 11 months of 1966.

This brings the grand total of designated and undesignated (Cooperative Program) contributions to \$40,256,774, exceeding total contributions of the entire year in 1965 by \$578,867. If past giving trends continue, grand total contributions for the year may exceed 1965 contributions by \$3 million.

For the month of November alone, Southern Baptists gave \$1,971,345 through the Cooperative Program, and an additional \$205,902 to designated causes.

The SBC budget for the year actually was met on the day before Thanksgiving, but announcement was not made until the books for November were closed on the last day of the month.

Routh expressed jubilation that the budget had been reached so early in the year, the earliest ever, and that now all advance funds will be sent to the SBC Home and Foreign Mission Boards.

"With growing opportunities at home and around the world, it will make possible a new thrust in missions," said Routh.

Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, said in a telegram: "Praise God for the good news about advance program funds. We are greatly encouraged."

In Atlanta, the head of the SBC Home Mission Board, Arthur B. Rutledge, said that the advance section of the SBC budget would enable the board to provide pastoral salary supplements to many more young churches in "pioneer areas," and would also provide needed salary increases for career SBC home missionaries.

So far during 1966, the SBC Foreign Mission board has received \$24.6 million in designated and undesignated missions gifts from many of the 33,000 churches in the SBC.

The Home Mission Board has received \$8.1 million so far through the budget allocations and designated special offerings.

Nineteen different SBC agencies receive allocations through the SBC Cooperative Program unified budget plan. The SBC Executive Committee here receives the contributions and distributes them to the agencies.

Amounts reported in the financial report include only contributions to national and world-wide missions causes, and do not include financial support for local and state-wide mission efforts.

HMB Names Christian Social
Ministries Program Director

ATLANTA (BP)--Paul Russell Adkins of Texas has been elected to direct the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board program of Christian social ministries.

The program has been without a secretary since the Home Mission Board established the department of Christian social ministries about a year ago to administer the ministries of Baptist center work, juvenile rehabilitation, literacy missions and migrant missions.

Hugo Culpepper, director of the division of missions, said additional ministries such as ex-prisoner rehabilitation and work with alcoholics and drug addicts, also are potential responsibilities of this department.

Adkins previously was director of the Buckner Baptist department for aging, a unit of Buckner Baptist Benevolences in Dallas.

In other action involving Christian social ministries, the board voted in annual session here to boost the disaster relief allocation from \$50,000 to \$125,000.

This permanent fund was established in March 1966 to provide assistance to churches and church workers in hurricane-damaged south Louisiana.

In an interview, Adkins said Southern Baptists must gear their methods to meet the needs of an urban population. "We're no longer a rural-oriented society," he said.

"One of the big things we can do in this field of Christian social ministries is make our faith relevant to the needs of people in a changing society," he said.

Adkins is a graduate of Los Angeles Baptist College, Newhall, Calif., and has attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. He holds a master's degree in social work from the Carver School of Missions and Social Work in Louisville and has done additional study at the Kent School of Social Work at the University of Louisville and at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

"We are fortunate in securing a man of Adkins' training and experience to give leadership as secretary of this new department," Culpepper said. "In my judgment, the program of Christian social ministries offers Southern Baptists one of the most significant avenues of service for this generation."

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Dean Rusk To Get Doctorate,
Speak at Baptist University

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ABILENE, Tex. (BP)--Secretary of State Dean Rusk will speak at Hardin-Simmons University here on Jan. 27 in conjunction with the Baptist school's 75th anniversary.

Rep. Omar Burleson of Anson, Tex., who once attended Hardin-Simmons, will introduce the nation's top diplomat at a special convocation in which Rusk will be recipient of an honorary doctorate.

W. O. Beazley, coordinator of university relations and co-chairman for arrangements for Rusk's visit to the campus, said Rusk has confirmed the date.

Earlier this year, Secretary Rusk accepted the invitation to speak at Hardin-Simmons. He was unable to pinpoint the exact date at the time of his acceptance.

Whether Rusk chooses to make a major policy speech at the time may depend on changes in world events, Congressman Burleson said.

In announcing the visit of Rusk, Beazley said, "I feel this is one of the outstanding events of the 75th anniversary celebration underway at Hardin-Simmons." Beazley stressed the event will be open to the public.

The school's diamond jubilee celebration has been underway since last April and will conclude on Founders Day in April, 1967. Officials of the university earlier this year decided to seek an appearance of Rusk as one of the highlights of jubilee year.

Rusk, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Davidson (N.C.) College was a Rhodes scholar at Oxford and holds numerous honorary doctorates. He was appointed by the late President Kennedy as secretary of state after a distinguished career as head of the Rockefeller Foundation.

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Home Board Names
New Loan Officer

ATLANTA (BP)--The first of three new territorial loan officers was added to the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's church loans division during the agency's annual board meeting here.

He is Pat McDaniel, currently assistant to the executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, with offices in Detroit.

In other action involving the church loans operation, Division Director Robert H. Kilgore announced that the convention's Executive Committee had increased the board's borrowing power from 50 percent to 75 percent of the church extension loan fund.

In actual dollars and cents, this means \$3½ million in additional borrowing power.

Executive Secretary-Treasurer Arthur B. Rutledge announced that the Executive Committee also had authorized a special committee to confer with the board regarding a proposal to establish a guaranty fund, which will greatly multiply available loan resources.

Provision of the three new loan officers was made in August, when the Home Mission Board approved a reorganization of the church loans division.

The three field representatives will work out of the Atlanta office in particular geographic areas, initiating applications, servicing loans and counseling with church, association and state convention personnel.

McDaniel, a layman, has loan officer and credit experience in the Genesee Merchants Bank and Trust Co. in Flint, Mich., and the Mutual Building and Loan Association and the Citizens National Bank in Weatherford, Tex.

He attended Weatherford Junior College and the University of Texas in Austin, completing courses in retail credit procedures. He also attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He has been active in the American Institute of Banking.

Rutledge, in his annual report, cited the tight money and high interest rate problems plaguing the church loans operation and said there is a need for enlarging loan funds for language churches and Negro churches.

He said the board also needs to develop methods by which more adequate assistance can be provided for churches that are composed largely of military-related people and thus find it difficult to secure loans from local institutions.

In 1966, church loans assistance has gone to 270 churches with loans aggregating more than \$4.6 million. Kilgore said.

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Young Preachers Hear
1912 Seminary Grad

12/1/66

FORT WORTH (BP)--An 84-year-old retired minister, who enrolled at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary the day the school opened in 1910, urged young ministers here to stay in school and get a good education.

W. H. Sims, from Shreveport, La., addressed the seminary students and faculty in his first visit to the campus since his graduation 54 years ago.

According to Sims, many preachers drop out of the ministry because they don't have enough education to hold a church.

"Don't worry if going to school becomes difficult," he said. "It will be harder when you get out into the ministry."

Sims is the father of W. Hines Sims, secretary for the church music department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. Since his retirement in 1958 he has served as interim pastor of 22 churches.

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Board's Major Thrust
Aimed At U.S. Cities

By Dallas M. Lee

ATLANTA (BP)--U. S. cities are now officially the primary targets of Southern Baptist home front mission efforts.

In its annual meeting here, the SBC Home Mission Board adopted 14 long-range guidelines, one pinpointing cities to receive the major missions thrust, another citing evangelism as the heart of that thrust.

This formal action actually crystallizes what already has become the direction of the board as it has geared its 12 programs in the last few years to match growth trends in the nation.

The metropolitan missions program, which has been around in one form or another for a decade, is the structure through which mission thrusts in cities over 50,000 is coordinated and promoted.

J. N. Evans Jr., who previously was state director of missions for Maryland Baptists, was named last May to direct this program, which will spend \$675,590 in the year ahead working with local and state convention leadership to survey city mission opportunities, discover new cooperative ventures and coordinate the efforts of other programs in the city.

The evangelism division in the past year added new emphasis to its work, assigning metropolitan evangelism to a staff evangelist, Harold Lindsey.

After a year of investigating new angles such as cell groups, renewal groups, and organized person-to-person evangelism, Lindsey says the challenge boils down to one question:

"How do you get the 20th century man in metropolitan America to stop and listen?"

Language missions, the largest Home Mission Board program with a budget of \$2.5 million, also is increasingly involved in metropolitan centers because of language groups that constitute majorities in many of the cities of the Northeast and Midwest.

Pioneer missions, too, although it often conjures up thoughts of a Western frontier, actually is focusing special emphasis for the next several years on the Northeast, an area that includes New York, Philadelphia and Boston.

Reinforcing all these efforts is the program of Christian social ministries, which for the most part is a city-oriented effort.

In coordinates and promotes juvenile rehabilitation, Baptist center work, literacy missions, and work with migrants through big city churches and associations, and currently is studying the possibility of additional ministries such as work with alcoholics and drug addicts, and help for ex-prisoners.

"With 70 percent of the population now in urban centers and with the prediction that 90 percent of the population will be in urban centers by 2000 A.D., it seems necessary that urban missions be given priority," the board's resolution stated.

Included in the 14 long-range guidelines is another objective that is especially important in city ministries. It states that the interest of the Home Mission Board "shall be in each person because of his intrinsic worth apart from incidental identification as to race, language, economics, nationality, or religion."

Another point stipulated that communication and cooperation with other denominations will be welcomed and initiated by the board, where there is "no sacrifice of principles or weakening of basic beliefs and practices."

Others declared that flexibility in methods will be maintained, stated that concerns for human welfare and race relations will be related to public and private agencies working in these areas, and said that resources in personnel and finances at the board "shall be utilized primarily outside the states where Southern Baptists are well established and where associations and state conventions are strong enough to carry on effective mission programs."

Missions Budget Includes
Raises, 4 New Positions

ATLANTA (BP)--A record \$12.1 million 1967 budget that includes \$175,000 in missionary salary increases was approved by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, acting in its annual session here.

The \$4.1 million jump from a 1966 budget of \$8 million is due largely to a change in budgeting procedures, which allows anticipated receipts from sources such as loans interest income and publication sales to be included in the budget.

An actual comparative increase over the 1966 budget is about \$1.4 million, which reflects anticipated increases in Cooperative Program and Annie Armstrong Offering receipts over 1966 receipts.

Executive Secretary-Treasurer Arthur B. Rutledge said the missionary pay raises also reflect a revised uniform salary scale, which follows a format of position grades and salary steps based on responsibility and experience.

"We believe these advances will bring missionary salaries to a more realistic and adequate level," he said.

As of Nov. 15, the missionary force totaled 2,190.

"While this is a lower figure than that reported a year ago (more than 2,500), the number of active workers actually has increased during the year," he said. "The new figure is due to a careful check of personnel lists and the elimination of names that should have been removed earlier."

The new budget also provides for four new staff positions at the board: associate secretary of metropolitan missions, associate secretary of pioneer missions, secretary of records processing services and associate secretary of missionary personnel.

This will bring to 74 the total number of Home Mission Board staff members, Rutledge said.

Largest allocation in the budget is the \$7 million earmarked for the division of missions, which includes nine of the Home Mission Board's 12 programs of work.

They are: establishing new churches and church-type missions, pioneer missions, rural-urban missions, metropolitan missions, language missions, Christian social ministries, work related to non-evangelicals, associational administration service, and work with National Baptists.

About \$2.5 million of the missions division allocation is designated for language missions, which works with more than 40 language groups in the U.S., Panama, and Puerto Rico.

This department also is responsible for work in Cuba, where it was announced recently that Herbert Caudill, a missionary imprisoned since April 1965, was released "conditionally" to seek medical attention for failing eyesight.

Reflecting the board's increasing concern for combining spiritual ministry with social services, the missions division assigned about \$1 million to the department of Christian social ministries.

Here is a breakdown of other Home Mission Board divisions: evangelism--\$293,000; chaplaincy--\$147,000; church loans--\$2.6 million (this includes nearly \$1.5 million in interest income not included in the 1966 budget); communication--\$480,000; administrative services--\$1.2 million.

General administration, which includes the department of survey and special studies, the department of missionary personnel and the administrative offices, will account for about \$347,000 of the 1967 expenditures.

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C O R R E C T I O N

On story mailed 11/23/66, headlined "State Conventions Approve / New Annuity Board Program; please correct the last word in graph 4 of story. Word should be mortality rather than "morality" as sent.

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A. B. Cash, Pioneer
HMB Leader, Retires

By Walker L. Knight

ATLANTA (BP)--Anyway you look at the retirement of A.B. Cash, veteran leader of Southern Baptists' thrust into new areas of the United States, it's a milestone.

One reason, the 65-year-old Georgia native is the only secretary the SBC Home Mission Board has had for its pioneer missions department. He retires from this position Jan. 1, and will be on special assignment until June 30, 1967.

Still another reason, Cash can point to significant accomplishments by Southern Baptists since 1940, when the denomination actually began its movement out of traditional Southern states, following laymen who had moved and called out for help in starting churches.

The help wasn't exactly fast in coming in the early stages, as debate raged over whether or not to enter these states where nearly a million Southern Baptist laymen had gone. The final decision came in 1951, when the SBC voted to give assistance to calls from any area in the nation.

Meanwhile, Cash had been pioneering his way through a number of churches, associations, and national ministries.

Wherever he served he left the work strengthened, and usually formed basic guidelines and programs others will follow for years.

As a pastor for 20 years he served both a field of small rural churches and a prominent church.

From 1944-48 he led the Columbus, Ga.-Phenix, Ala. area as superintendent of missions when 10 churches and 14 missions were started.

For the next four years he led Kentucky Baptists and the Home Mission Board in their mountain missions program, when all counties were reached with Baptist churches.

The mission agency returned him to Georgia in 1952, and broadened his work with rural churches throughout the nation, with special assignments in the Great Lakes area.

By now he was a silver-haired, statesman-appearing veteran, and he could speak to these Southern rural people who had moved to the metropolitan areas of the Northern and Western states.

In 1954 the department of pioneer missions was formed and Cash was the logical choice.

He was to see churches started in every state, as 31 states were newly reached through the program, and some areas of older states, like Maryland, Illinois, and Arizona, were served. By 1960 there was Southern Baptist work in all 50 states.

More than 3,000 churches and missions have been established, with membership in excess of 700,000.

As the work grew stronger in some states, they moved out of the pioneer classification, and now Cash's successor, M. Wendell Belew, will work in 24 states.

Cash picked up pointers he learned in his mountain mission work, like placing a church in a strategic spot and working out from there. He picked capital cities in each state for new Baptist churches.

Another major emphasis was on personnel, as more than 200 missionaries serve in the area. Cash handpicked as many as possible, and these men are the strength of Baptist efforts.

He loves to speak, annually preaching up to 300 times a year. He has spoken in every one of Georgia's 159 counties, every mainland state, and in most every type of situation.

A pragmatist, he often took the opposite position to something he wanted done, simply because he knew this was the best way to get someone else to do it.

A student of history, he holds a unique sense of yesterday's contribution to today's world and can cite dates and events from a memory that is encyclopedic.

Following an interview, a Newsweek reporter came out of a three-hour conference with Cash, shaking his head and saying, "I'm dead. I never got so many facts so fast in my life. He's a walking encyclopedia."

Baptist Board Forced
To Boost Loan Rates

ATLANTA (BP)--Pressing current economic conditions have forced the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here to allow its church loans division to charge the same interest rate to churches that it pays for its borrowed money.

This action, which frees the church loans operation from commitment to the current 6 percent rate it charges, was voted at the board's annual meeting here.

The board loans up to \$50,000 to fledgling Baptist churches that cannot qualify for local loans to finance church construction, or up to \$15,000 for site purchases.

About 1,000 churches, representing a total investment of \$20 million are on the rolls now.

"There will be at least a $\frac{1}{2}$ percent increase immediately and possibly a 1 percent increase depending on terms the board can arrange for the money it borrows," Church Loans Director Bob H. Kilgore said.

Kilgore said interest payments on the church loans not only cover what the Home Mission Board pays for its money, but they also cover operating expenses of the division.

"If we tried to hold at lower interest rates than we are forced to pay for our money, it will place an additional burden on Cooperative Program revenues of the board," he said.

(The Cooperative Program is the unified budget plan through which contributions from Southern Baptist churches are funneled to 19 different agencies of the convention.)

The board loans both money donated by Southern Baptists and designated for church loans, and money it borrows from private institutions.

With the same interest rate charged on both, Kilgore said, operating expenses of loan processing is covered without using Cooperative Program receipts.

Kilgore said churches are allowed to pay up to 20 percent of the original balance in any one year, which will allow them some cushion in case economic conditions change and money is suddenly available at considerably lower interest rates.

In other regulation changes involving church loans, the board also added a stipulation to the loans that will require churches to make weekly deposits totaling one-fourth the monthly payment at local banks.

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Leningrad Pastor, 41,
Dies of Heart Attack

12/1/66

LENINGRAD, U.S.S.R. (BP)--Anatol Kirukhantsev, 41-year old pastor of the Leningrad Baptist Church, died from a heart attack November 26.

It was the second death in Russian Baptist leadership ranks in a month. Jacov Zhidkov, 82-year old honorary chairman of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists, died October 27.

Kirukhantsev was a member of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance and of the administrative committee of the All-Union Council.

In 1965, Kirukhantsev addressed the Pastor's Conference during the Baptist World Congress in Miami Beach on "The Church in the Struggle for Peace."

He had participated also in the Baptist Youth World Conference at Beirut in 1963.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Wrapup story on the Home Mission Board's annual session will be mailed Friday. An important development on the proposed 1969 Crusade of Americas that broke too late for today's mailing will be the lead.

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