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COOPERATIVE PROGRAM, DESIGNATED GIFTS
SOAR TO OVER \$1,250,000 ABOVE 1951

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Southern Baptists have given over \$1,250,000 more this year to the Convention's mission and benevolent causes through the Cooperative Program and designated gifts than they had at the end of the same period last year.

Total gifts to Convention-wide causes jumped 16.9 per cent during the first half of this year with the June 30 financial report reading \$8,671,445 as compared with \$7,414,129 last year.

The Cooperative Program receipts went up 13.52 per cent or from \$3,916,975 last year to \$4,446,433 this year. This year's total in designated gifts, \$4,225,011, is an increase of 20.8 per cent over the first six months' designated gifts last year.

June's receipts in the Nashville office, a total of \$965,244, include more than \$800,000 through the Cooperative Program. At the close of the June report, Cooperative Program receipts were very near the \$4,500,000 mark which provides for the operating budget funds. When that amount is reached, receipts then go to the capital needs funds, the second section of the Cooperative Program budget.

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TEXAS BAPTISTS BEGIN FUND
TO AID WESTERN BUILDING

DALLAS, Texas --(BP)-- Texas Baptists have taken steps to establish a \$2,500,000 loan fund to aid Southern Baptist churches in ten western states in the construction of new buildings.

The Texas move comes almost simultaneously with the launching in Atlanta, Georgia, of a special fund of \$500,000 to be added to the existing \$2,250,000 loan fund of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The two funds will provide over \$3,000,000 exclusively for buildings in the west and northwest.

A special meeting of the Texas executive board set up steps to reach their objective as follows: (1) promoting a campaign in September among the state's one million Baptists to raise a million-dollar loan fund; (2) setting up a corporation to handle the loans.

Several anonymous laymen have agreed to lend a total of \$500,000 themselves when the million dollars from the Baptist General Convention of Texas is raised. The Baptist Foundation of Texas also agreed to buy one million dollars in bonds to be issued by the corporation.

The Texas group's action was highly significant in that such an extension program would nominally be considered a denominational job.

As a new congregation does not qualify ordinarily for commercial loan, the Texas convention named a committee in June to study what could be done to help promote Southern Baptist work in the ten states. The committee recommended that action be taken at once, delegating the direction of the new corporation to the convention's Church Loan Association, a new agency set up this year for helping struggling churches within the state. Dr. A. B. White, Dallas, is executive secretary of the Loan Association.

Details of handling loans are being worked out by Texas leaders and those representing the western states. Leading in representing the west are Dr. R.E. Milam, Portland, Oregon; Willis J. Ray, Phoenix, Arizona, and S. G. Posey, Fresno, California.

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DR. ROUNDS IN HOSPITAL

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. --(BP)-- Dr. J. B. Rounds, former executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, underwent surgery July 2 at the Southwest Baptist Hospital, Mangum. He is reported as improving.

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TENTATIVE PROGRAM OUTLINED
FOR '53 RIO YOUTH CONFERENCE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Plans are in the making for the program of the Fourth Baptist Youth World Conference in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, July 15-22, 1953, according to Robert S. Denny, chairman of the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance and associate in the Student Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

The opening night's program, Wednesday, July 15, will feature the traditional roll call of nations, greetings, responses and an address by the chairman. A social hour and planned entertainment and fellowship will be scheduled for Thursday night, while Friday evening will present the Baptist World Alliance, with Joel Sorenson, youth secretary, and Arnold Ohrn, general secretary, in charge.

An open air meeting Saturday night will hear Dr. C. Oscar Johnson; Monday evening will be world mission time with Dr. Duke McCall; and Tuesday, the closing day, Billy Graham will speak in a gigantic evangelistic rally.

The morning sessions, probably to be held in the First Baptist Church of Rio, will include a devotional period led by young people, a Bible study hour, testimony services and the morning worship service. Periods for business will be reserved for two mornings.

After the lunch hours, the young people will go to the Baptist schools of Rio for fifteen or twenty simultaneous discussion groups on various requested subjects. On one or two afternoons there will be regional meetings for the representative from various sections of the world to get together by nations.

Mr. Denny announces that the official languages will be English and Portuguese but that there is a possibility that some interpreting may be done by manuscript projected on a screen. Earl Waldrup of the Department of Audio-Visual Aids of the Baptist Sunday School Board is working on this phase of the program.

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MRS. FULLER IS SEEKING
RECORDINGS, PICTURES

LOUISVILLE, Ky. --(BP)-- Mrs. Ellis A. Fuller, wife of the late Dr. Fuller, former president of the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, is anxious to secure copies of recordings of sermons, convention talks, revivals, assembly messages and other addresses by Dr. Fuller.

She would also like to have copies of available photographs of him. She will appreciate correspondence concerning any such available material and may be contacted at 2900 Grinstead Drive, Louisville 6, Kentucky.

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