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**Maryland Board Suggests  
Severed Ties With College**

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LUTHERVILLE, Md. (BP)--The State Mission Board of the Maryland Baptist Convention turned down a request from Maryland Baptist College to conduct a \$5 million fund campaign, suggesting that the school's trustees consider three alternatives, including severing ties with the convention.

The convention board's executive committee recommended that the \$5 million fund drive for the embryonic school at Walkersville, Md., be denied because it is "not financially feasible."

Instead, the State Mission Board asked the college's board of trustees to consider three alternatives:

1. Re-evaluate the entire approach of the college as a two-year or four-year institution on the basis of the convention's previous actions and present circumstance.
2. Consider the possibility of severing the ties between the school and the convention, allowing it to become an independent, private college free to accept federal aid if it so chooses.
3. Consider an affiliate status with the convention, receiving some support from the convention but not being an institution of the convention, similar to the approach of either William Jewell College in Liberty, Mo., or Stetson University, DeLand, Fla.

The decision on which of the three alternatives to accept would be left entirely to the school's board of trustees, which later would make recommendations back to the State Mission Board and on to the Baptist Convention of Maryland.

Board members and observers in Maryland said the issue was extremely complex, and it is almost impossible to outline the factors involved in the decision briefly.

Adequate financial support of the school appeared to be one of the key points in the discussions.

Under the present charter of the school, the proposed Maryland Baptist College could not accept federal funds. Releasing the school to become a private institution would open that avenue of support.

The board, however, did not recommend that the school's trustees consider an alternative suggested in a 71-page document entitled "Analyses and Proposals" which would give the school permission to accept federal funds and remain a Maryland Baptist institution.

The first alternative proposed by the college was that the convention provide the needed financial support for the school, including the \$5 million fund campaign over a five year period.

The proposal called for the convention to allocate \$250,000 to launch the capital funds campaign, with that amount coming from the annual increase in Cooperative Program gifts of Baptist churches to the state convention.

In the past few years, the budget has increased by five per cent, or about \$250,000 per year, and the college was requesting all of this \$250,000 increase. In addition, the college was requesting an annual allocation of \$60,000 from the state Baptist budget.

Also requested was permission for the college to seek loans, with convention backing in case of default.

The State Mission Board, however, turned down all of the requests, saying it is not financially feasible.

Only two negative votes were cast by the 60 board members present against the executive committee's recommendation that the college request be denied.

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In a front page editorial in the Maryland Baptist, editor R. G. Puckett called the decision "right but regretable."

"There is no cause for rejoicing in the action of the State Mission Board," the editorial said. "Neither is there any question about the rightness of the decision."

"Let it be clearly understood that the college as envisioned by President C. Eugene Kratz is the kind of institution Maryland Baptists ought to have. Dr. Kratz speaks eloquently and convincingly of the need for a school that has Christian responsibility with academic respectability."

"We agree completely," said the editorial, "but the hard facts of life are that Maryland Baptists cannot now or in the foreseeable future afford this kind of school. Nor can we afford anything less," concluded the editorial.

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Loan Limits Raised  
By Mission Agency

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GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)--A major jump in church loan limits and the availability of \$3 million for new loans was announced here by the division of church loans of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

The agency presently has more than \$18 million of loans in force, and has played a significant role in the recent national expansion of the Southern Baptist Convention through the establishment and financing of new churches.

This expansion in the past 20 years has seen churches established in every state.

Loans on sites for churches were raised from \$15,000 to \$30,000, and the total loans on land and/or buildings were raised from \$50,000 to \$75,000.

Robert Kilgore of Atlanta, director of the board's loans division, indicated a life insurance firm in Dallas, has made available the \$3 million for church financing.

He said the loans division would place funds in escrow as a guarantee against any losses the insurance company might possibly have. These guarantee funds will be 10 per cent of the amount loaned. In addition, Kilgore said the division will process the loans.

According to Kilgore, the rising costs of buildings and sites had necessitated the increase in loan limits, plus the fact that most new churches are being started in urban areas where site costs are exceptionally high.

"Not much land can be bought in an urban area for \$15,000," he said.

The new limits will be effective immediately, and Kilgore expects a heavy demand on his office for the new loan funds.

"We will take them on a first-come, first-served basis," he said, "and we hope to meet every need presented to us that conforms to good loan practices."

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Seminary Professor  
Returns To Pastorate

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--Nolan P. Howington, professor of Christian ethics at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here for the past ten years, has resigned to return to a former pastorate at South Knoxville Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.

He was pastor of the church from 1951 to 1953. Later he was pastor of First Baptist Church in Little Rock, Ark., prior to joining the seminary faculty.

His move is an expression of faith in the role of the local pastor and the task of the church in contemporary society, he told his seminary colleagues.

"The possibility of leading a church to attempt new or revised forms of ministry to a total community and the whole man intrigues me," Howington continued.

Howington holds the bachelor of arts with highest honors and the master of arts from Wake Forest College, and the master and doctor of theology degrees from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has also been associate professor of sociology at Carson-Newman (Baptist) College in Jefferson City, Tenn.

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Senate Acts Quickly  
On Emergency Food Bill

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WASHINGTON (BP)--The U.S. Senate has hastily passed a bill to provide food and medical services on an emergency basis "to prevent human suffering or loss of life."

The unanimous action was a quick response to reports that there are people in the United States who simply do not have enough to eat and cannot get the medical attention they need.

The measure calls for emergency funds of \$75 million over the next two years and authorizes the secretaries of Agriculture and Health, Education, and Welfare (HEW) to work with the governor of the particular state to take immediate action to prevent starvation and suffering.

In addition, the bill calls for a comprehensive study to locate and examine the serious food and health problems reported to exist throughout the nation. This report, due in six months, will in no way delay action on immediate needs.

The bill has been sent to the House of Representatives where it is expected to receive immediate attention.

Sen. John Stennis (D., Miss.), chief sponsor of the bill, received high praise from his fellow Senators for the quick action of the humanitarian bill. The Senate itself was praised because the bill "demonstrates what the Senate can do when it wants to pass legislation quickly."

Earlier this summer a Senate subcommittee held hearings on the problem of hunger in America. During the hearings a group of doctors reported finding "mass malnutrition" and conditions of "starvation" in some parts of the country, and particularly in Mississippi where their study was concentrated.

Administration officials were criticized during the hearings for not taking sufficient emergency action to relieve the desperate conditions described by the doctors and confirmed by members of the subcommittee who had also visited poverty-stricken areas in the Mississippi Delta.

The Emergency Food Bill will give the secretaries of Agriculture and HEW the necessary authority to act on an emergency basis. The bill will not be an encroachment nor a substitute for the existing government food programs.

In addition to providing food and medical care, the bill will help pay the administrative costs of deputizing private doctors to go on a voluntary basis to the areas of greatest need.

It will also help accelerate the implementation of new programs to bring organized medical care to areas where service is now non-existent.

Sen. Robert Kennedy (D., N.Y.) told the Senate that we know enough now to be certain that in this great, rich land of ours, we have a national hunger problem.

Kennedy told the Senate that in the last four months he had seen "migrant children in California, Indian children in Utah and Arizona, Negro children in Washington, D. C., and in New York City--all of whom have one tragic thing in common--they do not have enough to eat.

"To some of these children," he continued, "meat and milk are a rarity. In some of these places, two meals a day are a luxury. For too many, in short, one meal a day of rice or beans or grits is the rule."

As a result of these diets, children in some of these places have serious medical problems, Sen. Kennedy said. He told the Senate that he saw children with "swollen bellies and sores that would not heal." Many had wasted limbs and suffered from extreme lethargy, he said.

His brother, Sen. Ted Kennedy (D., Mass.) said "as shocking as the facts that these conditions exist is the fact that the nation is, to a large degree, ignorant of them."

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Youth Attracted to Helping  
Others, Y.W.A. Groups Told

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GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)--The need for individual response to a world full of conflicts and prejudices was stressed to more than 1,100 Baptists attending the annual Young Woman's Auxiliary Conference at Glorieta Baptist Assembly here.

Nathan Porter, associate secretary of the department of missionary personnel for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, told the conferees that today's youth are intrigued with government programs that emphasize helping people in need.

"Since the day of John F. Kennedy, the national government has captured the attention of our young people through VISTA, the Peace Corps, Head Start and other programs.

"It is not that they want to work for the government," he explained, "but they are saying they want to work for the other guy. They've been caught in the exciting mission of helping their fellow man.

"We ought to ask ourselves," he continued, "if we really believe that the Israeli and the Arab or the Negro and white in Detroit, Mich. are one in God's sight.

"The world is saying," he concluded, "don't shoot at me anymore, but come by and live next door to me."

"We've gone into the world crying for peace, peace everywhere and made it sound so easy," Porter added.

"We've said that all we need to do is to be a friend and to become involved, but this is not easy."

Thirteen home and foreign missionaries from seven countries and four states led the conference in daily group discussions and workshops.

The conference was sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham.

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Ohio Board Elects Staffer,  
Recommends \$1 Million Budget

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COLUMBUS, Ohio (BP)--The Executive Board of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio named a new Training Union department secretary and voted to recommend a \$1.1 million budget for 1968 to the state convention in November.

Elected Training Union secretary was Raymond Langlois, area superintendent of Baptist missions in Cleveland and North East Ohio.

The budget, which totals \$1,102,601, would provide \$718,726 for state Baptist work and \$353,875 for Southern Baptist Convention causes, divided 33 per cent to world causes and 67 per cent to state causes, increasing by one per cent the amount to SBC causes.

The budget is \$9,000 less than the recommended budget last year, but Baptist officials pointed out that the 1967 budget included a special \$25,000 allocation to an evangelistic effort in Dayton, which will not be repeated in 1968.

Langlois, the new state worker, is a native of Tennessee, a graduate of Belmont College in Nashville, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

He was pastor of Calvary Baptist Chapel, Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Westgate Baptist Church, Columbus, before becoming the Cleveland superintendent of missions.

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SBC Missions Gifts  
Total \$33 Million

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Contributions to Southern Baptist Convention world mission causes passed the \$33 million mark during July, an increase of nearly \$1.8 million over contributions for the same seven-month period last year.

The \$33,357,013 total includes \$14,659,527 in undesignated contributions through the Southern Baptist Cooperative Program unified budget plan, and an additional \$18,697,486 in designated contributions to specific Baptist mission causes.

The \$14.6 million in Cooperative Program gifts was up by \$1,073,976 or 7.91 per cent over the Cooperative Program contributions for the first seven months of last year.

Designations were up \$719,570 or 4 per cent over the \$17.9 million designated last year.

During the month of July, a total of \$2,066,571 was contributed through the Cooperative Program, and an additional \$450,595 was given to designated causes.

Of the \$33.3 million contributed so far in 1967, a total of \$21.7 million has supported the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, and \$7 million has gone to the SBC Home Mission Board.

The monthly financial summary on SBC world missions contributions is prepared by the SBC Executive Committee here on the basis of funds sent to its office to be relayed to Baptist SBC agencies. It does not include amounts given to support local and state-wide Baptist mission efforts.

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Craig Elected Head  
Of Union University

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JACKSON, Tenn. (BP)--Robert E. Craig, president of Southwest Baptist College in Bolivar, Mo., for the past six years, has been elected the 17th president of Union University here.

The 40-year-old educator is also a former academic dean of California Baptist College, Riverside, Calif., serving there from 1958 until 1961 when he became president of the Missouri Baptist school.

Craig is a graduate of East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Tex., and holds the doctorate in administration from North Texas State University, Denton, Tex.

He served in various capacities as a public school teacher, coach, high school principal, and school superintendent in Gillham, Ark., and at Hawkins, Grand Prairie, and Irving, Tex.

After receiving his doctorate, he was chairman of the teacher education division and director of the demonstration school at the University of Corpus Christi, another Baptist school in Corpus Christi, Tex.

An active Baptist layman, Craig has been a deacon and president of the Baptist Brotherhood layman's organization at his church.

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#### C O R R E C T I O N S

Editors, please make the following corrections in Baptist Press stories on the B.W.A. Executive Committee meeting, mailed Aug. 3, 1967. Corrections follow:

1. On story headlined: B.W.A. Urges Baptist Work/For Peace, Racial Justice, change graph 21 of story (fifth graph of page 2) to read:

C. Ronald Goulding, associate secretary for Europe, said that "permissive religious activity" rather than religious freedom is the lot of a majority of the Baptists in many countries of Europe. (rather than Baptists in his country, as sent)

Also please correct typographical error, graph 22, making it "restrictions" on line 3, instead of "restruictions."

2. On story headlined, B.W.A. Executive Committee/Deplores War, Riots, Prejudice, change one word in graph 13. "Anything" as sent should be "nothing," making it read: "...expresses the hope that nothing in the application..."

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**BAPTISTS PARADE FLAGS:** During a Baptist World Fellowship Convocation in Nashville, more than 5,000 white and Negro Baptists of four different denominational groups watched as Baptist youth participated in a colorful "March of the Nations" flag parade, displaying flags of 80 nations in the world where Baptists are affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance. The convocation was held just prior to the alliance's Executive Committee meeting in Nashville. (BP) Photo by Fon Scofield.

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