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Project 500 Slowed,
Crisis Response Debated

ATLANTA (BP)--Project 500, the Southern Baptist Convention's high priority strategy venture in church extension, has been staggered by the lack of money.

In a report to the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board director's meeting, the board's executive secretary, Arthur B. Rutledge, said nearly two-thirds of the \$3.4 million expected to be available for Project 500 may not develop.

In a major action, the directors voted to create a special steering committee of board members to work with the staff and full board to help implement the "Crisis in the Nation" Statement adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston. The proposal here prompted nearly an hour's debate, but was adopted by a four to one margin.

As an "over-and-above" effort, financing for Project 500 was to come from such resources as a special home missions offering and noncommitted Cooperative Program receipts.

"In initial planning, Rutledge said, 'we were hoping that almost \$400,000 would be available in 1968 Cooperative Program money--there is only \$100,000.

"We put down \$1 million as the Project 500 portion of the Annie Armstrong (Home Missions) Offering--we will come nearer getting \$200,000. And we had hoped next year to get \$500,000 through the 1969 Cooperative Program--we will not get any. There was just not enough to spread that far."

Rutledge said that at the end of July, 124 projects were underway out of 500 places picked for development during 1968 and 1969 because of their strategic nature.

The disappointing income "has not stopped us but made us more resourceful," Rutledge said. "Out of the 124 projects started, probably half or more are handled by lay people, many of whom meet in homes during the week."

"If we come to the end of 1969 without reaching the full 500, and the remainder of the places continue to merit priority consideration, then I think we will want to go right into 1970 and move into these places as rapidly as possible."

Rutledge said program leaders were making safe, conservative estimates about what income will become available for Project 500, and refusing to commit funds not already on hand.

For example, the 1969 Annie Armstrong Offering goal is \$6½ million, the last \$1½ million of which is to be designated for Project 500. Planners, however, are only counting for sure on getting \$½ million of that \$1½ million project goal.

"We've had some firm letters to reply to and some broken hearts to comfort," Rutledge said. "It's been hard to say no to people who were counting on us.

"But I would rather be a little embarrassed today by saying we are going to try to get with you later--but can't do it today--than come up at the end of December 1969 wondering where we are going to get some \$3 million."

In other major action, Louisville, Ky., board member Edwin Perry made the motion that the full board formally accept the assignment to the Home Mission Board included in the "Crisis In the Nation" Statement voted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston last June.

He also recommended that a special coordinating committee be formed and charged with the responsibility of working under the direction of the full board and staff to carry out the assignment to implement the crisis statement.

The statement called on the Home Mission Board to work with other SBC agencies and boards to develop a tangible response to the racial and poverty crises of the nation.

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The request for the special steering committee triggered an hour-long discussion.

Perry said the committee would help people see that it was "not just business as usual at the Home Mission Board" and that it would more closely include "grass roots" representatives (the board members) in subsequent actions.

One Alabama board member stated during the discussion that the Cooperative Program receipts in his area already had suffered from the voting of the crisis statement, and that some in his area considered the convention's action on the statement as "aligning with the Stokely Carmichaels."

He asked that it be made clear that voices of all convictions be heard in explorations for an adequate response to the crisis.

Another board member opposed the special committee, saying that it might resemble a "task force" approach to the problem, an element in the original wording of the crisis statement that many at the SBC found strongly objectionable.

Approval of the special committee, however, was voted about four to one. Shortly thereafter, at the request of Lewis Rhodes of Knoxville, Tenn., the board voted for the committee to investigate an ecumenical ministry in the southeast called ACTS (Association For Christian Training and Service) to see if the Home Mission Board should contribute to it and participate in it.

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Mary Hardin-Baylor To Go
Coed, Rejects Baylor Merger

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EELTON, Tex. (BP)--The board of trustees for Mary Hardin-Baylor College here has decided to grant degrees to non-resident males, and rejected a controversial recommendation of the "Carden Report" asking Mary Hardin-Baylor to become a part of Baylor University.

The board relaxed further their restrictions on male students at the traditionally woman-oriented school by deciding to grant degrees to non-resident men and campus boys who meet the general requirements for graduation.

In other major action, the board rejected the portion of the report prepared by William J. Carden for the Christian Education Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas which recommended that Mary Hardin-Baylor go under the trustee and administrative supervision of Baylor University in Waco, Tex.

In their statement pertaining to the Carden Report, the Board said: "The trustees of Mary Hardin-Baylor College reject that portion of Dr. Carden's recommendations relating to MH-B going under the supervision of the trustees and administration of Baylor University, feeling that independence of operation is more desirable. The trustees do extend the hope that a closer relationship between the college and Baylor University might be established for the mutual benefit of both educational institutions."

In deciding to grant degrees to males, trustees urged that the historic emphasis of the college to recruit women students be continued, but believed men students should not be denied their senior year and degree.

In the past, "campus boys" could attend the school and work in campus jobs suitable for men up until the end of their junior year, but could not complete their degree at Mary Hardin-Baylor.

The decision to grant degrees to males is effective immediately, and degrees will be granted to men day students and to campus boys, but no male resident student facilities will be built.

Trustees rejected a proposal in late June to establish a coordinate college for men at Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Before leaving for the University of Corpus Christi where he is the new president, former Mary Hardin-Baylor President Leonard L. Holloway recommended that board members vote a degree plan of some form for men, and that they reject the Carden Report on the college.

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Scott Resigns Editorship,
To Work On Graduate Degree

THOMASVILLE, N. C. (BP)--Orville Scott, editor of Charity and Children, publication of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, has resigned to enter graduate school at the University of Missouri School of Journalism.

Scott, editor of the weekly newspaper which only recently converted from full newspaper format to tabloid style, had been at the editor's desk here for three years. His resignation becomes effective Sept. 30.

Before coming to North Carolina as editor, Scott was for six years press representative of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, working in the public relations office. Previously he was editor of Offshore Marine Oil Operations Journal in Conroe, Tex. He is a graduate of the University of Texas in Austin.

Scott's wife, the former Emma Jean Dunlap of Carthage, Tex., will serve as speech therapist in the Columbia, Mo., schools. They have three children, James, 9, Elizabeth, 7, and John, 5.

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Woman's Missionary Union
Names Editor of Materials

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)--Miss Rosanne Osborne, former assistant professor of English at Louisiana College (Baptist) in Pineville, La., has been named to the newly-created position as editor of Woman's Missionary Union (WMU) materials for the Southern Baptist WMU national office here.

She will develop and edit publications interpreting the overall Woman's Missionary Union program, according to Miss Alma Hunt, WMU executive secretary.

A native of Missouri, Miss Osborne attended Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., where she was editor of the student newspaper. She holds bachelor and master's degrees from Central Missouri State College, and from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. She has also studied at the University of Georgia.

Miss Osborne taught school in Missouri, and was youth director at Elysian Fields Baptist Church in New Orleans. She served as Baptist student director at four New Orleans universities and schools of nursing.

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Three New Missionaries
Named For Home Missions

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ATLANTA (BP)--Three career missionaries to National (Negro) Baptists are among the five appointments made by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here during its regular monthly meeting.

Roy Edgar Enterline of Edmond, Okla., will work as a center director in Tulsa; Chrispin Finnegan Smith Sr., of Morgan City, La., will serve as regional missionary to Franklin-New Iberia, La., and Roland Willard Perry of Chatham County, N. C., will serve as teacher missionary to the Friendship Junior College of Rock Hill, S. C.

Also appointed were Olivia Mae Temple of Newport News, Va., to serve in the weekday ministry program of Central Baptist Church in Akron, Ohio, under the department of Christian social ministries, and Dan Clayton Routledge of Joplin, Mo., who will serve under the department of rural-urban missions as a mountain missionary to El Portal Mission, Calif.

Enterline, the former pastor of Dumas Avenue Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee and Central Seminary in Kansas City, Mo. He has been pastor of churches in Chattanooga, Earlsboro, Fairland, Belview, and Chickasha, Okla.

Smith, a graduate of Southern University in Baton Rouge, La., and Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va., is the former pastor of Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church in Morgan City, La. He has also served as director of Christian education at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Franklin, La.

Perry, former pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in Clover, S. C., is a graduate of Shaw University in Raleigh, N. C. and Shaw Divinity School. He has also been pastor of numerous churches in North Carolina.

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Miss Temple is a graduate of Roanoke College in Salem, Va., and the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisiana. She has served as a student apointee to the coliseum weekday ministry in New Orleans.

Routledge, a graduate of Baylor University in Waco, Tex., and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., is a former English teacher in Alba, Mo., and pastor of the Belfast Baptist Church in Neosho, Mo.

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