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**Board Acts To Avert  
 Kansas Loan Disaster**

ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directors voted unanimous approval of an unprecedented, emergency action that hopefully will avert financial disaster for the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists.

The plan--already approved by messengers to the Kansas convention--calls for the Home Mission Board to assume full management of the obligations and is under scrutiny by the federal Securities Exchange Commission.

In order to prevent bankruptcy proceedings that would force foreclosure on 70 per cent of the Kansas loans; the Home Mission Board will spend about \$1 million in the emergency action.

The board will purchase about \$400,000 worth of Kansas loans, establish a \$300,000 funded reserve and refinance the Kansas convention building for \$325,000.

Most of this money is recoverable, said Robert H. Kilgore, director of the Home Mission Board's Church Loan Division.

The major financial risk for the Home Mission Board involves the \$300,000 funded reserve, which would be lost if bankruptcy proceedings were initiated.

The Home Mission Board action includes informing the committee of the Southern Baptist Convention of the details of the problem.

Kilgore said the overwhelming workload created by the situation will require up to 75 per cent of the time of one Home Mission Board staffer.

Kansas Baptists took immediate steps of their own by reducing their 1969 budget by \$61,000--which includes elimination of two state office positions--and pledging complete cooperation with the Home Mission Board.

Kilgore said the Home Mission Board church loans staff will implement a new phase of its ministry in 1969 that should help prevent the kind of situations that finally caught up with the Kansas convention.

The church loans budget includes funds for traveling, mortgage finance courses for missionaries and mission pastors. The staff will compile a textbook on the mortgage loan business, with particular emphasis on church situations, and conduct the courses in the field.

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**Criswell Plans SBC  
 Evangelistic Session**

(12-6-68)

ATLANTA (BP)--An old-fashion evangelistic meeting may put a little revival fire into the "graveyard" ending of the next Southern Baptist Convention session, scheduled for New Orleans June 9-14.

The Friday evening session--when many messengers have drifted toward home--will be devoted to an area-wide evangelistic service.

The plans were announced by Convention President W. A. Criswell at the annual fall session of the SBC Home Mission Board.

"We are entering a new emphasis--that of faith and works, of soul winning and social sensitivity. God is in this," Criswell said. "But now some have gotten the impression we've turned our backs on the 'Old Book' (the Bible).

"Why don't we go down there and have the greatest evangelistic hour the world ever saw?"

Criswell said he asked the convention program committee to turn the final two sessions over to him.

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Appelling to the Home Mission Board as the agency that has led out in many areas of social ministries, Criswell said the effect would be unifying in the denomination if the board would sponsor the evangelistic effort to demonstrate the balance of its concern in a national meeting.

"I believe if the Home Mission Board will come along with me, we will do more to pull our people together in common determination than anything else we can do," he said.

"We can write and we can speak, but to 'do' is infinitely more powerful," Criswell added.

No action on Criswell's appeal was necessary by the board of directors. After a conference with Criswell, evangelism secretary C. E. Autrey confirmed the support of the Home Mission Board and said his division would help Louisiana Baptists rally the support of South Louisiana churches and train counselors.

Autrey said the convention committee has named John R. Bisagno, pastor of the Baptism-leading Del City (Oklahoma) Baptist Church to do the preaching. He said a major effort will be made to appeal to the multiplicity of races and cultures in New Orleans.

The Friday afternoon convention session will involve the association, Louisiana Baptists and Home Mission Board personnel in devotion-prayer service that will serve as preparation for the evening session.

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Pastor Proposes Study  
Of National Newspaper

(12-6-68)

ATLANTA (BP)--A Dallas pastor wants Southern Baptists to start a national news publication, and he asked the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here to initiate a study of its feasibility.

Neil T. Jones, pastor of the Shiloh Terrace Baptist Church and a member of the Home Mission Board, said he saw a need for a national periodical that would include all of the best features of our leading periodicals.

"Personally, I would like something like Time magazine," he said: "But I wouldn't want to prejudice the findings of the committee.

"We have a great story to tell, but we are just telling it in little pockets. There's too much fragmentation in our periodicals."

Presently most agencies of the denomination have one or more publications, many of them with the same target audience in mind. In addition, each state convention has its own weekly newspaper.

"No one is telling the whole story, and too often the periodicals we have give the appearance of cheap tracts. We have professionals with the ability, but we need to create the vehicle," he suggested.

Jones said he realized the project was bigger than the Home Mission Board, "but you have to start somewhere, and this is the only group I'm a member of that counts."

Executive Secretary Arthur B. Rutledge, in commenting on the motion, said that while it would not be the mission agency's place ultimately to implement such action, it could initiate the study.

The motion passed without opposition, but president Don Aderhold of Atlanta did not announce the committee since the action was taken just before adjournment.

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Mission Agency Studies  
Role In Refugee Work

(12-6-68)

ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has assigned a staff member for an extensive study of the denomination's role in helping refugees and other immigrants entering the United States.

The task was given to W. Bertram King of Toronto, Canada, who has served for the past eleven years as liaison representative between Southern Baptists and Canadian Baptists.

King will move to Atlanta in January and divide his time between his liaison assignment and the new position. He will be attached to the department of language missions at the agency.

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The move represents the first step in phasing out the Canadian position, created earlier because of tension between the denominations when new churches in Canada affiliated with Southern Baptists.

"King has served effectively in improving the climate of understanding, and the time has now come, it seems, to begin a two years' phase-out of this position," said Arthur B. Rutledge of Atlanta, executive secretary of the mission board.

In his new role of consultant on immigration and refugee service, King will give special attention to Cuban refugees entering the United States through such countries as Spain or Canada. A refugee center in Miami aids the bulk of Cuban refugees entering the country.

In addition, he will seek to coordinate the immigration and refugee service of the language missions department by helping to design a ministry to meet the needs of all immigrants.

King will work closely with the Church World Service, a refugee and relief agency, with the Baptist World Alliance, and with government agencies involved.

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Experimental Crusade  
Held In 7 Languages

(12-6-68)

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (BP)--A unique multilingual "Festival of Faith" here recently encouraged Southern Baptist leaders by providing directions for the denomination's ministry to large concentrations of various ethnic groups in this area.

Although attendance couldn't be termed large, services in French, Polish, Russian, Ukranian, Italian, Spanish and English drew persons even from the Hartford, Conn., area, about 60 miles from Springfield.

"We didn't expect big crowds from the beginning," said Charles Clark, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, a cosponsor of the crusade-type meetings and the only Southern Baptist church in western Massachusetts.

"But we did make some contacts that we didn't have in the beginning," Clark said.

He indicated that the biggest response came from the Spanish-speaking and Slavic people, and that the denomination now hopes to establish a full-time ministry to these groups.

Clark revealed that in a week of visitation prior to the crusade about 30 persons professed their faith in Christ. Several thousands of portions of scripture and evangelical tracts were distributed in the week of visitation.

In addition, five men from Georgia and two from South Carolina volunteered their assistance in visitation during the crusade. In the weeks following the crusade, Clark said church laymen again are visiting in the homes.

The experimental crusade was sponsored by the Baptist General Association of New England, in addition to the Emmanuel Church and in cooperation with the department of language missions of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta.

With the exception of the French, all groups met simultaneously the first four days in the local YMCA to hear messages in their individual languages. French services were conducted in the high school at nearby Chicopee.

The last days of the crusade all the people met together to hear English-speaking Charles Knight, pastor of Emory Baptist Church in Atlanta. Special music was provided in the various other languages.

Those attending the meetings indicated they would be interested in other such crusades for Springfield and also that the crusades would be effective in other areas.

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Home Board Elects  
North Carolina Chaplain

(12-6-68)

ATLANTA (BP)--Richard Warren McCay, a chaplain supervisor at the Winston-Salem, N.C. Baptist Hospital, has been named to the staff of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's division of chaplaincy.

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As the new assistant director of the institutional chaplaincy, McCay will be replacing T. E. Carter who recently was appointed secretary of the department of Christian social ministries.

McCay, a native of Drewry's Bluff, Va., will be a liaison between the denomination and Baptist chaplains in correctional and other institutions and also will help secure chaplains for city, county, state and federal institutions.

One primary task of the job is to interest institutional executives in establishment of a volunteer or paid chaplaincy position, said George W. Cummins, director of the division.

McCay currently is a chaplain supervisor at the school of pastoral care, Bowman-Gray Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, N. C.

He is a graduate of the University of Richmond and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest, N. C. He also holds a master of theology degree from Southeastern seminary, and has clinical training and pastoral care experience from the Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh, N. C., as well as from Bowman-Gray.

McCay also has been pastor of churches in Virginia and North Carolina and served as chaplain at the Southwestern State Hospital in Marion, Va.

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Foundation Trust Corpus  
Exceeds \$10 Million Mark

(12-6-68)

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Southern Baptist Foundation meeting here for its 23rd annual session reported that the total trust corpus held and managed by the service agency exceeded the \$10 million mark for the first time in 1968.

It also noted the largest increase in the total trust funds since the foundation was established.

Actual amount of the total trust corpus at the end of the 1968 fiscal year, Sept. 30, was \$10,206,536. It was an increase of more than a million dollars over the 1967 corpus of \$9,121,101.

A ten-year record of growth in the foundation's annual report showed that the total trust corpus has more than doubled during the past decade, from \$4.3 million in 1959 to the current \$10.2 million.

Income earned for the Baptist agencies, endowment and annuity beneficiaries, totalled \$503,129 last year, marking the first time the income exceeded half a million dollars. Ten years ago it was \$155,272.

The average rate of return on the general fund investments continued to increase, with a rate of 5.92 per cent for the year. The rate of return was considered excellent by the foundation's investment committee. Compared with 10 years ago, it was 5.09 per cent.

During the meeting, directors discussed the need for more emphasis on trying to influence all of the agencies of the Southern Baptist convention to use the investment services of the Foundation, especially by placing their reserve funds in the Foundation for investment.

"I believe that the convention agencies are losing at least \$1 million a year by not allowing the Southern Baptist Foundation, with its high record of return to invest their funds," Kendall Berry, executive secretary of the Foundation told the directors.

Earlier in his report, Berry had commended several SBC agencies, especially the Home Mission Board and Woman's Missionary Union, for utilizing the foundation's investment services. Several agencies have all their reserve funds invested by the foundation.

"Word is getting around that we can really help them," Berry told the directors. He challenged those representing other SBC agencies to communicate the foundation's ability to help.

Berry reported that last year the foundation had set a goal of increasing the trust corpus by at least \$1 million, and had met that goal. "Let us set a goal of at least \$2 million next year," he told the directors.

He added that since the foundation's fiscal year ended Sept. 30 with \$10.2 million in the corpus, the total has since risen to more than \$11 million.

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The foundation also heard a lengthy report from an investment counselor, John C. Neff of Capital Investment Services in Nashville, employed to give expert technical advice on purchase and sale of securities.

Neff said that times have changed, and that the greatest fear today is not really a serious depression, but serious inflation. "Thus, we have needed to restructure and rethink our investment approaches." Investment in more stocks and fewer bonds will help guard against inflationary trends in the future, he added.

Re-elected as officers were Walton N. Smith of Clarksville, Tenn., as president; Stirton Oman of Nashville as vice president and chairman of the executive committee, John P. Gifford of Nashville as recording secretary; Berry as executive secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. E. W. Bess Jr. as administrative assistant.

The foundation is a service agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, investing reserves, endowments and trusts for all Southern Baptist agencies, and administering trusts and endowments on behalf of individual donors who wish to support Southern Baptist causes.

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Baptist Student Work Begun  
On Troubled San Francisco Campus

(12-6-68)

SAN FRANCISCO (BP)--While S. I. Hayakawa, acting president and general semantics scholar, tries to quell student uprising on the campus of San Francisco State College, Southern Baptists have begun a student program designed to be an influence for Christ on the troubled campus.

"We have begun our program with a nucleus of 14 students, and although small, this group is slowly gathering more prospects who are interested in a Baptist campus ministry," said Kenneth Schmidt, a student at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., and acting student work director at San Francisco State.

"There are over 20,000 students at San Francisco State. Our plans are to create a coffee house ministry in order to expand dialogue sessions.

"The dialogue sessions have been held with students seeking the social reforms. This helps us get an overall understanding of the campus situation," Schmidt added.

Abraham Thomas, an Indian student at Golden Gate Seminary, has begun work with international students at San Francisco State. Other Golden Gate seminarians have volunteered for a visitation ministry.

"We visit each Monday evening through the seminary field work class. Working with Miss Eva Marie Kennard, director of international student work in the San Francisco area, our students visit on several campuses including San Francisco State and also the University of California at Berkeley," said Francis M. DuBose, missions and evangelism professor at Golden Gate Seminary.

The student program is not called Baptist Student Union (BSU), but rather Baptist campus fellowship. The initials B.S.U., which have appeared so often in the news, also stand for Black Student Union, which is a part of the radical movement on the San Francisco State campus.

As the quest for student reforms is worked out between Hayakawa, his college administration and the students of San Francisco State College, a Baptist student work program is quietly becoming a reality.

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American Baptist President  
Says SBC Has Strategic Role

(12-6-68)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Unless Christian churches are able to reconcile the biblical theology of evangelism and social action, they will split into two polarized groups and fail at their very purpose for being, the president of the American Baptist Convention said here.

Speaking to the Southern Baptist Convention's Christian Life Commission, Culbert C. Rutenber added that Southern Baptists are in a unique role to creatively reconcile the two.

"You've got the strategic position," he said at a dinner meeting here. "You've got the evangelical zeal, the biblical theology, and now you're becoming more concerned about social issues."

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He lamented a continuing polarization into two camps---the orthodox, historical Christians on one hand who are concerned about winning others, praying, giving and building churches; and the social actionists on the other who are concerned only about changing society.

Saying that neither is true Christianity, Rutenber stated that "a form of orthodoxy which does not see the need for helping others and society lacks something that is in the New Testament. But an emphasis on social justice that is not grounded in the New Testament is nothing but shallow humanism, and that's liable to get worse instead of better."

Rutenber said that Christians must be peace makers in the world today, following the example of Jesus who was hung on the cross because he was a peacemaker. "A peace maker stands between two opposing forces and gets kicked from both sides," Rutenber said.

"There is a big difference between peace keeping or peace loving, and peace making," he added. "Peace keeping is the job of the police. Any coward can be a peace lover."

The job of the peace maker is reconciliation, the American Baptist leader said. "The church ought to be an umpire with competing groups in society," he declared.

He observed that the cry for justice is always tainted with elements of self-interest, and although the church partially transcends, it is not able to transcend enough and thus cannot umpire well enough. "Not even the Christian church is good enough to be trusted with other people's rights," he said.

The church must seek changes in attitudes among its own members and in society, he added. "Unless we can change the attitudes of our orthodox neighbors, then we haven't been able to communicate the gospel.

"Attitudes are basic to social change in America, and if the Christian church is not able to produce this, then we will fail to be peacemakers in justice and reconciliation," Rutenber said.

Citing the Christian church's failure to help the black man throughout history, Rutenber said that there must be a change in the attitudes of church members who say to Negroes, "You become worthy and we'll take you in,"

He called such statements "a lie to begin with," for the Negro has in many cases become educated, cleaned up, tried non-violence, and "we still didn't take them in." Now Black Power is emerging, and that may be good, he said.

He added that is a half-truth to say, "Only changed man change society," for he had seen men who are not changed who are changing society, and many who claim to be changed who are making no effort to change society.

In addition to the dinner speech by Rutenber, the commission also paid tribute to Dr. A. J. Barton, chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention Social Service Commission for 32 years, the organization that later became the Christian Life Commission.

A portrait of Barton was unveiled following remarks by Davis C. Woolley, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Historical Commission.

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Total Mission Gifts Top  
\$45 Million, 1967 Figure

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Total world mission contributions for Southern Baptist Convention causes for the first 11 months of the year exceeded the \$45 million figure contributed during the entire year of 1967, the Southern Baptist Executive Committee reported here.

The report shows that Baptists have given more world missions during the first 11 months of 1968 than they gave during the entire year of 1967: \$45.2 million so far in 1968, compared to \$45 million in 1967.

Contributions to 19 Southern Baptist Convention agencies through the Cooperative Program accounted for \$24 million of the total, while gifts to designated world mission causes included \$21.2 million.

While the \$24 million in Cooperative Program gifts is \$1.75 million more than was given during the similar 11 month period of 1967, it is still \$2.8 million short of the budget needs for the 1968 fiscal year.

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Although it appears that the convention will be slightly under its budget when the books are closed Dec. 31, John H. Williams, financial planning secretary for the SBC Executive Committee said that the trends indicate the convention will meet all of its operating budget needs and about 75 per cent or more of its capital needs budget.

Williams pointed out that the convention intentionally increased the budget much higher in 1968 than 1967 to eliminate the system of an "advance section" which is divided between home and foreign missions. The budget projections for 1968 were about as close as possible, he said.

For the first time during 1968, every month of the year at the 11-month period has noted more than \$2 million in Cooperative Program contributions.

During November, Cooperative Program contributions were \$2.3 million, and designations were \$22,204, bringing total gifts to \$2½ million for the month.

Overall during the 11-month period, total mission gifts have increased nearly \$2.6 million or 6.08 per cent; Cooperative Program contributions have jumped \$1.17 million or 5.14 per cent; and designations have increased \$1.4 million or 7.17 per cent.

Of the \$45.2 million total, \$27.7 million has gone to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board to support missions work in 69 countries; and \$10.1 million has gone to the SBC Home Mission Board for nation-wide missions. Seventeen other SBC agencies, including six seminaries, also receive Cooperative Program funds and designated gifts.

The amounts reported do not include contributions for state and local missions, but only gifts channeled through the Southern Baptist Convention.



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