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## THIRTEEN STATES INCREASE MISSION GIFTS OVER 1949

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Thirteen states gave more to Southwide Cooperative Program objects the first two months in 1950 than in the same period in 1949, according to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. One gave the same. Seven gave less. Total Southwide Cooperative Program receipts for January and February last year were \$1,062,703.57 and for this year \$1,123,679.41, or \$60,975.84 more.

The report on the Cooperative Program by states is as follows:

|                           | <u>1950</u>         | <u>1949</u>         |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Specials.....             | 1,370.82            | 280.68              |
| Alabama.....              | 58,797.37           | 53,990.19           |
| Arizona.....              | 1,063.37            | 2,653.59            |
| Arkansas.....             | 45,042.15           | 36,615.73           |
| California.....           | 2,187.59            | 1,905.66            |
| District of Columbia..... | 6,561.40            | 9,726.71            |
| Florida.....              | 58,025.19           | 47,527.34           |
| Georgia.....              | 82,375.55           | 70,820.54           |
| Illinois.....             | 15,553.19           | 16,206.02           |
| Kansas.....               | 188.39              | 350.00              |
| Kentucky.....             | 80,110.83           | 82,669.85           |
| Louisiana.....            | 40,019.67           | 33,382.73           |
| Maryland.....             | 10,333.06           | 9,321.54            |
| Mississippi.....          | 43,551.74           | 46,428.79           |
| Missouri.....             | 54,515.71           | 53,386.47           |
| New Mexico.....           | 6,880.25            | 7,682.89            |
| North Carolina.....       | 66,026.26           | 92,177.89           |
| Oklahoma.....             | 60,767.00           | 50,172.05           |
| Oregon.....               | 288.10              | -----               |
| South Carolina.....       | 110,761.00          | 106,117.58          |
| Tennessee.....            | 105,784.65          | 85,215.59           |
| Texas.....                | 166,666.66          | 166,666.66          |
| Virginia.....             | 106,809.46          | 89,405.07           |
| TOTAL.....                | <u>1,123,679.41</u> | <u>1,062,703.57</u> |

Total receipts which include designations were off \$69,576.92. During the first two months last year a total of \$2,568,265.69 was received for both Cooperative Program and designations. This year \$2,498,688.77.

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## DR. McCALL TO SPEAK ON CHURCH OF THE AIR

NEW YORK, N. Y.--(BP)--Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee will speak on Columbia Broadcasting System's Church of the Air program Sunday, March 26, at 9:00 a.m., Central Standard Time. Subject of his message will be "Bargain-Counter Christians." Music for the broadcast will be furnished by a fifty-voice choir from Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, under the direction of Genter Stephens, minister of music. The broadcast is a regular coast-to-coast feature of CBS.

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NORTHERN BAPTIST AND DISCIPLE  
MERGER NOT LIKELY, SAYS JOHNSON

OKLAHOMA CITY---(BP)—Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, president of the Baptist World Alliance, thinks that the proposed merger of Northern Baptists and Disciples will not be completed, according to Dr. Jack Gritz, editor, Baptist Messenger. He quotes Dr. Johnson as saying, "And it is not desirable. This merger is not anywhere near consummation. I expect the matter to be indefinitely postponed at the next Northern Baptist Convention. If ever accomplished, this will be in some far distant future."

Dr. Gritz interviewed Dr. Johnson between plane stops. Other questions included were: "What are the present prospects for a large attendance at the Baptist World Alliance Congress in Cleveland this summer?" Dr. Johnson replied, "We confidently anticipate a great attendance — probably the largest in Alliance history. This will come from the United States particularly. It is still difficult for Baptist brethren to come from Europe because of currency restrictions and unsettled conditions generally. We expect 60,000 at the mass rally Saturday night. And we do expect President Truman to be there."

And, "Does Catholic attitude recently reveal a sense of increased strength in the United States?" Dr. Johnson's answer: "No, this attitude does not indicate so much an increased strength in the United States on the part of Catholics as an increased desire for the control of public affairs. It is extremely significant. We must be alert. Blanchard's book and Dawson's book on this should be read by all Baptists. A crisis is ahead."

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SITE FOR SEMINARY TO  
BE SELECTED IN MARCH

TULSA, Okla.--(BP)—Final reports on the site for the new Baptist seminary for the Southeast will be heard March 21, J. W. Storer, chairman of the Southern Baptist Convention's Committee on Theological Seminaries and pastor of First Baptist Church here, has announced. The meeting will be held in Nashville, Tenn. Storer said a meeting of the entire theological committee will be held next day. It is expected that the site will be announced at that meeting. The committee's selection will be subject to formal approval at the meeting of the Convention in Chicago in May.

The school will be located somewhere on the Eastern seaboard. Cities under consideration are Greenville, S. C.; Spartanburg, N. C.; Asheville, N. C.; Martinsville, Va.; Columbus, Ga.; Columbia, S. C.; Charlotte, N. C.; and a location between Baltimore, Md., and Washington.

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SULLIVAN DECLINES  
MISSISSIPPI POST

JACKSON, Miss.—(BP)—Dr. James L. Sullivan, pastor of Belmont Heights Baptist Church and president of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, last week declined the offer of Mississippi Baptists to become their executive secretary.

In a telegram to John W. Landrum, secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention's executive committee, Dr. Sullivan declared: "After much prayer, I simply cannot feel it best to leave my pastorate for administrative work."

He also said, "While I appreciate their offer deeply, and felt the challenge to guide the 370,000 members of the 1641 churches of that convention in their missionary and benevolent activities." Dr. Sullivan said, "The appeal of the pastorate is too great for me to leave it. I simply cannot feel that my best contribution to the religious life of the land is in administrative assignments, but in pulpit and pastoral work."

Dr. Sullivan, native of Mississippi, received his advanced education at Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville Ky. He held pastorates in Boston and Beaver Dam, Ky.; Ripley, Tenn.; Clinton and Brookhaven, Miss.

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BAPTIST MISSIONARY, AUNT OF DR. MOORE,  
TORTURED AND SLAIN BY BURMESE BANDITS

RANGOON, Burma—(BP)—U. S. Embassy officials said March 3 that Miss Selma M. Maxville, Northern Baptist Convention missionary nurse whose slaying was announced in Washington, was tortured by Burmese bandits before she was killed.

The officials said the 72-year-old nurse from Senatobia, Miss., had been beaten with rifle butts when she failed to understand her captors' commands. Ten natives who tried to rescue Miss Maxville died with her — shot down in ambush, two miles from safety.

The nurse's kidnaping took place near the southeast coastal town of Moulmein. Details of the incident were told to reporters by Ballard R. Donnell, U. S. vice consul. Donnell, who took a plane to Moulmein to organize the search for Miss Maxville, known as "Mama" by the Burmese, returned here after burying her in a Christian cemetery at Moulmein. He said "the kidnaping aroused the entire countryside which the gang had been terrorizing for some months. Many of those aiding us were themselves the victims of the kidnapers."

The Burmese airforce aided, dropping leaflets saying the missionaries did not intend to pay a ransom and appealing to the kidnapers to release Miss Maxville unharmed.

At Nashville, the Southern Baptist Convention said Miss Maxville formerly lived at Halls, Tenn. She was an aunt of Dr. Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion for the Baptist group.

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