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JULY RECEIPTS PUT COOPERATIVE
PROGRAM TOTAL OVER FIVE MILLION

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Southern Baptists have given over five million dollars to Convention causes and agencies through the Cooperative Program since January, according to the monthly report coming from the office of Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, at the end of July.

The Cooperative Program receipts for July, \$699,234, brought the total thus far in the year to \$5,145,668, an increase of \$558,694 or 12.18 per cent over the total amount given at the same time in 1951.

July's receipts enabled this year's budget distributions to move from the operating budgets of the Convention's agencies and institutions to the capital needs allocations.

All but three of the twenty-three cooperating states and territories have increased Cooperative Program gifts this year over last year. All of the states increased their designated gifts channeled through the Executive Committee office.

Designated gifts for the seven months totaling \$4,355,201, an increase of 21.34 per cent over 1951, brought the grand total of gifts coming through the Nashville office by July 31 to \$9,500,869. This is 16.2 per cent, or \$1,324,561, more than the total gifts through July last year.

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ASHCRAFT AMONG FEW
CHAPLAINS WITH WINGS

WASHINGTON, D.C. --(BP)-- Chaplain Jesse M. Ashcraft, LtJG, U. S. Navy, is one of the few active chaplains wearing aviator's wings as a part of their uniforms. The Southern Baptist chaplain, a graduate of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, says he knows of only two other chaplains who were naval aviators.

Ashcraft, a native of Malvern, Arkansas, was a naval aviator in World War II. He was too young to enter the Chaplain Corps when called for duty while a ministerial student at Ouachita. He is a graduate and former instructor in Biblical archaeology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville.

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GOING TO RIO IN '53?
NOW IS TIME TO INQUIRE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. --(BP)-- Because of the extra provisions necessary to transport the many North Americans who will be going to Brazil next summer for the Fourth Baptist Youth World Conference in Rio, July 15-22, Robert S. Denny, chairman of the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, urges that plans be made early in the fall this year if sufficient provisions are to be had.

Denny, an associate in the Student Department of the Sunday School Board in Nashville, announces that information on Rio is available from his office for anyone writing for it. Also available will be names of party leaders who will conduct tours to the Conference. Three definite itineraries are now available through the department, each with a specific route and price.

"Any party leaders who have not registered their intentions of conducting a group are urged to communicate with the Student Department," Denny says.

As an estimate of the prices of the tours, via air travel, Denny announced a round-trip fare on Pan American, routed from Miami to San Juan, Port of Spain, Belen, Rio, Sao Paulo, Buenos Aires, Santiago, Lima, Balboa, Miami, as \$610. Other expenses of hotels, meals, sightseeing, trips and incidentals should be added. Total cost would be, of course, in proportion to the length of the trip and the type of accommodations secured, as the tours are arranged to take from two to six weeks, depending upon the length of stops in various places.

Parties of all conducted tours will remain together throughout the trip, Denny pointed out. This is the reason for urgency in a centralized information point. Information may be secured from Robert S. Denny, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.