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**Government Loans Recommended  
For Texas Baptist Colleges**

WACO, Tex. (BP)--The Christian Education Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas has recommended that the trustees of Texas Baptist colleges be allowed to apply for state and federal loans and contracts--as long as they are free of government control.

The action resulted from recommendations brought by the Commission's Committee of 12, appointed last July to study the controversial Carden Report on Texas Baptist higher education.

Before becoming final, the action must be adopted by the convention's executive board and the annual convention in San Antonio next November.

The Committee of 12 disposed of specific Carden Report recommendations earlier this year, but continued to study ways to improve Baptist education in Texas. The committee will make its final report next October.

The recommendation said: "Texas Baptists should carefully re-examine their philosophy of education and the relationship of the Baptist schools to the government, both state and federal.

"Baptist schools," the recommendation continued, "are currently facing a highly competitive situation and...cannot continue to operate under current restrictions adopted by the convention regarding loans and contracts from state and federal governments."

The recommendation stipulates, however that loans and contracts should be accepted only in the absence of governmental "controls mechanisms" and that the decision on the loans and contracts be left to each institution's board of trustees "unless contrary to the specific policies of the convention."

"While we recognize the hazards involved in such assistance," the recommendation said, "we think...(Baptists) should be aware of the greater dangers in not accepting such aid. Our tax dollars are being freely spent on 'beehive models' of super state institutions. Private educational institutions are...availing themselves of these funds. But under current policies of our convention, Baptist institutions are deprived of these sources."

Purposely avoided in the recommendation was the proposal that the Baptist schools be allowed to accept free governmental grants which would have many strings attached.

In other action, the commission approved a series of recommendations from the Committee of 12 which would set up subcommittees to work on a continuing basis with Texas Baptist colleges in problem-solving. The committees would report to the commission each year.

Also approved was a recommendation that Texas's 10 educational institutions adopt standardized financial reporting procedures and one that would lead to sharing of faculty, libraries and other facilities by the schools.

Tougher Times Ahead  
For SBC, Fields Says

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP)--Observing that the events of the past few years have put Southern Baptists in a different world, the public relations secretary for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee said here that tougher times are ahead for Southern Baptists.

W. C. Fields, who is also editor of the Baptist Program and director of the Baptist Press, told the second Training Union Leadership and Youth Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly that the United States is no longer religion-oriented, even in the so-called Bible Belt.

Fields said that Baptist must break out of the institutional church and go out where the people are, "out where humanity is hurting." He added that it is a mistake to separate religion from life.

"Baptists are often guilty of one-note evangelism," Fields observed. "We say 'All you have to do is talk, talk, talk.' But the world is up to its ears in talk. Jesus Christ did not come into the world just to talk."

More than 3,500 persons attended the conference, sponsored by the church training department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

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Pitts Hughes Will Join  
Southern Seminary Staff

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--Miss Pitts Hughes, director of Baptist student work at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., since 1964, will join the staff of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here August 15 as director of women's activities and assistant dean of students.

She will also be a curriculum consultant for the Seminary Evening School which conducts several specialized courses for wives of seminary students. She will teach a course called "The Role of the Minister's Wife."

Miss Hughes has served as director of Baptist student work at Auburn University, Alabama College, Wake Forest College, Tennessee Tech, Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta, and the Baptist Hospital in Birmingham, Ala. Prior to her work at Vanderbilt, she was an associate in the department of student work of the Tennessee Baptist Convention from 1957 to 1964.

A graduate of Furman University (Baptist) in Greenville, S.C., Miss Hughes also attended Anderson College in Anderson, S.C., and the Women's Missionary Union Training School here, now merged with Southern Seminary.

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