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Telephone (615) 254-1631**Baptists Direct "Operation
Camille" In Kansas City**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--"Operation Camille," a crash program which started in one Baptist church and spread throughout the metropolitan area here in an effort to aid victims of Hurricane Camille, has been commended by city and state officials in Kansas and Missouri.

Within 72 hours, the volunteer effort collected literally tons of commercially packed canned foods, baby diapers and formulas, clothing, and bedding for the relief of the hurricane's victims.

It all started at Swope Park Baptist Church in Kansas City. Olan H. Runnels, the pastor, and William R. (Rusty) Cline, associate pastor and a native of Florida where hurricanes are frequent, served as co-directors of "Operation Camille."

In a matter of hours, 17 Baptist churches volunteered to serve as collecting stations for the relief program.

Runnels and Cline said that people from every denominational and racial background, rich and poor, laborer and executive, throughout the metropolitan area responded to the pleas on radio, television and newspapers. People from as far as Ottawa, Topeka and other surrounding cities drove to Kansas City to bring food and clothing for hurricane relief.

Paul Lambert, city superintendent for the Kansas City Baptist Association, enlisted the aid of Baptist associational missions superintendents in surrounding associations, including the Clay-Platte, Blue River, and Kansas City, Kan., Baptist Associations.

Volunteer personnel in the churches worked "around the clock," Runnels and Cline said, in receiving, packing and getting the supplies ready to move out through American Red Cross channels.

The tons of supplies were flown to Gulfport, Miss., by the U.S. Air Force, under an airlift project coordinated by Col. Jarman, commanding officer of nearby Richards Gebaur Air Force Base.

Mayor Ilus Davis of Kansas City, Mo., and Mayor Joseph McDowell of Kansas City, Kan., plus Missouri Governor Warren E. Hearnes, commended the effort.

Gov. Hearnes congratulated the Baptist people of the Kansas City metropolitan area for starting the project, and commended the people of Kansas City of their enthusiastic response.

In a telegram to Runnels, the governor said: "I ask that you speak for all the residents of Missouri in expressing our concern for their misfortune and our prayers for a rapid recovery."

Runnels and Cline flew to Gulfport with the airlift, serving as the official representatives of the mayors of both Kansas City governments.

One newspaper reporter commented that he felt "this is one of the most heart-warming things that has ever happened in our city."

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Survey Shows Northern SBC
Work Not Southern Dominated

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FLINT, Mich. (BP)--A survey of an association of Southern Baptist churches near Flint, Mich., hints that Southern Baptist work in Northern states may be more indigenous and less Southern than some people may have suspected.

An analysis of the Genesee District Baptist Association revealed that nearly 60 per cent of the membership in the association's 19 churches claimed non-Southern states as their homes.

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In a section of the study aimed specifically at parents in the churches, 42.5 per cent of the fathers and 46.6 per cent of the mothers said Michigan was their home state. Only 17 per cent of the fathers and 19 per cent of the mothers called Southern mountain states "home."

"This was very encouraging," said O. D. Morris of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, who directed the study. "We suspected much more of a Southern makeup to the congregations."

The study did reveal, however, that nearly all of the pastors and most of the deacons were of Southern origin, apparently a situation that will change only with time, Morris said.

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Glorieta Coffee House Features
Story of "A Cat Named Zaccheus"

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GLORIETA, N.M. (BP)--"There's a story about a cat named Zaccheus. He was a kind of wimpy little cat--short and ugly and nothing. He even had a crumby job that no one else wanted."

So began a modern narration of Jesus' love for a man that everyone else disliked, as written by Michael England, Southern Baptist summer missionary to youth in the Haight-Ashbury district of San Francisco, and a student at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif.

A coffee house set up during student week at Glorieta Baptist Assembly here featured England's work with a presentation, part poetry and part drama, written in modern slang in an effort to reach young people who understand nothing but slang.

"Drama can make a point in a way that nothing else can," said England, a graduate in theatre arts from the University of California in Los Angeles.

England summed up his theme at the Glorieta coffee house presentation in one line, saying: "Jesus and Zaccheus had a great time, and Zaccheus found out what it was like when somebody just loved him like he was."

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Judson College President
Takes Indiana State Post

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MARION, Ala. (BP)--The president of Judson College here, James H. Edmondson, has resigned to accept a post with Indiana State University, effective Oct. 1.

Edmondson will leave Alabama's only woman's college, a Baptist school, in early September.

He has been president since January, 1966, coming to the post after serving as executive head of the Alabama Association of Independent Colleges and vice president of the Exchange and Security Bank in Birmingham. He also is a former faculty member at Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark.

Fleetwood Carnley of Elba, Ala., president of the college's board of trustees, will be acting president of the college until a new president is elected.

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Tennessee Baptists Name
Smith Music Associate

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Charles Lawrence Smith, 23, has been named associate secretary of the church music department for the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

A recent graduate of Belmont College, Smith has for the past five years been a worker in the summer music program of the convention, and for the past two years has supervised the program.

He has been minister of music for Haywood Hills Baptist Church and Woodbine Baptist Church, both in Nashville.

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Mrs. Eddleman Undergoes Surgery

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Mrs. H. Leo Eddleman, wife of the president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, underwent major surgery here.

Assisting in the surgery was the Eddleman's son-in-law, Dr. Don Duvall, M.D.

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