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**California Board Recommends  
Federal Aid Policy Statement**

FRESNO, Calif. (BP)--The Executive Board of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California recommended approval of a committee study outlining a policy for the convention concerning government aid to Baptist statewide institutions.

The study report would rule out government grants or gifts, and forbids low-interest rate loans to state convention boards, agencies and institutions.

The policy, which must be approved by the state convention in November, would permit long-term loans from government sources "at a going rate of interest," and concludes that grants and loans to students do not compromise the Baptist stand on separation of church and state.

In another major action, the board members drafted a letter to President Richard M. Nixon urging him to appoint a new presidential commission to study pornography and obscenity.

The letter to the President expressed disappointment over press reports on the findings of the Commission on Obscenity and Pornography appointed mostly by the previous administration, and urged Nixon to appoint a new study commission.

In other actions, the board recommended adoption of a record \$2.7 million budget for 1971, and heard an "encouraging" report on statewide church giving during 1970.

The record \$2.7 million budget includes a state Cooperative Program budget goal of almost \$1.4 million for 1971, with 26 per cent going to Southern Baptist world mission causes outside the state.

An increase of about \$40,000, the total budget was held below the previously authorized amount of annual increase in an effort to give a significant overage which would benefit California Baptist College, a convention official said.

Robert Hughes, executive secretary of the convention, reported that Cooperative Program contributions through August in California were short of the goal for the year by only \$6,957. Hughes said there is a distinct possibility for a "considerable advance section" over the budget to benefit the Baptist school in Riverside, Calif.

Both the 1971 budget and the policy statement on government aid to Baptist agencies in the state must get final approval from the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, meeting in Riverside, Nov. 10-12.

The study on government aid was conducted by the convention's total program committee at the request of the convention in 1967.

Board members here voted to recommend that the convention "accept the findings of the total program committee study on federal aid as guidelines for the convention and its boards and agencies concerning government grants, gifts and loans."

In another report to the board, the total program committee said it had spent considerable time compiling its observations on a controversial staff study on a Christian response to social crisis in the nation. The committee reported it will continue to review the crisis study at its next meeting in January, 1971.

Mrs. W. R. White Dies; Wife  
Of Former Baylor President

WACO, Tex. (BP)—Mrs. W. R. White, wife of Baylor University President Emeritus W. R. White, died Sept. 14 in her home here after a two-year illness.

Funeral services were held Sept. 16 in Miller Chapel on the Baylor campus, and later on the same day at First Baptist Church, Dallas. Internment was in Rockwood, Tenn.

White was president of Baylor University, the nation's largest Baptist school, from 1948-61, when he became chancellor. He retired in 1963, and has been leading Bible conferences across the nation since then.

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Southwestern Seminary  
Names Doty Controller

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FORT WORTH (BP)--Robert R. Doty, business administrator for Columbus Avenue Baptist Church in Waco, Tex., has been named controller at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

Doty will be responsible for keeping the fiscal records for the seminary, according to business manager Wayne Evans.

A native of Tulsa, Okla., Doty was business administrator for Broadway Baptist Church here for 16 years before joining the Waco church staff in 1969. He attended the seminary in 1967, and studied accounting at Texas Wesleyan College and Texas Christian University, both in Fort Worth.

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