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## COOPERATIVE PROGRAM CLIMBS FASTER THAN DESIGNATIONS

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Contributions to missions through regular Cooperative Program channels are climbing faster than contributions by designations, according to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary, Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention.

Gifts to Southern Convention causes through Cooperative Program for the first ten months of 1950 were 14.96 per cent or \$784,391 higher than for the same period in 1949. Total received for the period this year was \$6,026,187.

Gifts to Southern Convention causes by designations are 10.81 per cent more than last year. Total received last year during the first ten months: \$8,252,090. Total this year: \$9,144,054. Increase: \$891,963.

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## SCHOOL DECLINES STATE'S CHERRIES

MOUNTAIN VALLEY, Ky.--(BP)--Baptist-owned Magoffin Institute, a boarding school at Mountain Valley, Breathitt County, Kentucky, went on record yesterday as supporting the absolute separation of church and state.

The school's position was clarified in a letter to the Kentucky Department of Agriculture by D. M. Aldridge, president of the institution.

It read, in part. "We have received notice that a shipment of cherries from your office...is here...however, we cannot accept (them)."

Mr. Aldridge went on to say that because of the firm belief of Baptists that churches have a distinct field of operation in which the state must not operate, it was his conviction that if churches received governmental aid, the tendency would be for an eventual union of these two bodies.

"We are not condemning those institutions which may accept help from the government," Mr. Aldridge concluded, "but to us, our duty is clear."

The cherries were turned over to the Breathitt County Board of Education for disposal.

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ILLINOIS BAPTISTS MAJOR  
ON SIMULTANEOUS CRUSADE

ANNA, Ill.--(BP)--For the second time Illinois Baptists have called a Carleton to be their president. This time it is Dr. J. Paul Carleton, Vandalia, elected for his second term. The first time it was Dr. W. A. Carleton who was elected in 1940, and who this year was elected president of Oklahoma Baptists.

Illinois Baptists, here in their annual association, adopted a Cooperative Program missions goal of \$185,585. All money over \$2,500 a month will be divided 50-50 between state and Southern Convention needs. The association also changed their fiscal year to commence January 1.

The 1951 Eastern Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade scheduled March 25-April 8 received a major part of the association's consideration. Twenty-six associations were already reported organized. An evangelistic conference is to be held at Marion on January 4-5, associational clinics are to be held January 22-26, and a simultaneous census is to be taken February 4.

Next year's annual association will meet with the Walnut Street Church, Carbondale, Ill., October 31-November 2.

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ARIZONA TO DIVIDE  
FUNDS 30-70

TUCSON, Ariz.--(BP)--Arizona Baptists changed presidents, but not the name of the president. Frank W. Sutton was president last year. Roy F. Sutton was elected to succeed him. Both men are pastors in Phoenix.

The convention in annual session here adopted a \$90,000 Cooperative Program goal to be divided 70 per cent to state causes and 30 per cent to Southern Convention causes. SBC causes received only ten per cent last year.

Next year's convention will be held at Globe, November 5-8.

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MISSISSIPPI INCREASES GIFTS  
THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

JACKSON, Miss.--(BP)--Mississippi Baptists gave \$802,872 through the Cooperative Program for the year ending October 31. This is \$65,497 more than last year.

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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IS DECLARED  
PRACTICAL TOOL AGAINST COMMUNISM

TULSA, Okla.--(BP)--"It is possible for America to pay so much attention to military demands in her efforts to guarantee peace that she will overlook the greatest power factor of all -- the nurture of Christian leaders and the indoctrination of Christian ideas into the minds of men," Dr. John W. Raley, president, Oklahoma Baptist University, told Oklahoma Baptists assembled here for their annual convention. "Frankly, I see grave danger that we Baptists overlook this one factor which may spell continued triumph or shameful defeat a few years hence. In this tense and moody atmosphere of mobilization for military action, we must recognize the far greater importance of the unification of wealth, technology, and manpower for action in the kingdom of God. The danger of neglect is real -- the needs for tomorrow are great."

Raley based his observation on a statement recently made by Mr. Vishinsky of Russia, "We shall conquer the world not by atom bombs or military power but by something America cannot produce -- by ideas and indoctrination of those ideas into the minds of men."

Raley then made a plea for stronger Christian and Baptist colleges. "We cannot properly educate and train our leaders in institutions of higher education which at best are amoral and at worst are agnostic. The climate for gentle Christian virtues and for the growth of strong and buoyant Christian faith can be found only in the institutions which we ourselves build and grow. A secular institution, no matter how high its academic rating, can never produce a suitable climate for the nurture of great-Christian character. Only in an institution of our own -- one in which all energies are focused in the effort, can Baptists give a clear, positive moral and spiritual affirmation to academic life."

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## OKLAHOMA BAPTISTS ADOPT \$1,000,000 MISSION GOAL

TULSA, Okla.--(BP)--The Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, in its 45th annual meeting here October 31-November 2, adopted a goal of \$1,000,000 to be given to missions through the Cooperative Program in 1951.

This is the most ambitious mission program ever undertaken by Oklahoma Baptists, the objective for the current year being only \$893,292.50.

A new record for baptisms also was set, with 20,042 being reported. This represents an 8.5 per cent increase over the previous high mark, which was set in 1948. Of this number, 8,115 were attributed to the Simultaneous Revival Crusade held in April.

Elected president of the convention for 1950-51 was Dr. William A. Carleton, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ponca City. Vice-presidents are Bryce Twitty, superintendent of Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, Tulsa, and J. Thurmond George, pastor of First Baptist Church, Duncan.

Dr. Andrew Potter was given a hearty vote of confidence in his re-election to the executive secretaryship. His only word to the 1,500 messengers and visitors as he began his 18th year at the helm was a humble request for their prayers.

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## CALIFORNIA BAPTISTS ADOPT 1951 BUDGET OF \$247,500

BAKERSFIELD, Calif.--(BP)--Southern Baptists in California, in annual convention here, adopted a total budget for 1951 of \$247,500. The convention reaffirmed a united decision on the separation of church and state and adopted a strong resolution opposing pending legislation which would legalize gambling in California.

Dr. S. G. Posey, Berkeley, professor at the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, was re-elected president. Dr. H. B. Long, Santa Anna, was elected recording secretary. Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, Vivian, La., was elected executive secretary-treasurer. His decision is pending.

The 1951 convention will be held in Fresno, Calif., the first week in November.

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THE JAPAN MISSION COMMENDS  
WORK OF McCALL AND CRISWELL

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The work of Dr. W. A. Criswell, First Baptist Church, Dallas, and Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary, Executive Committee S.B.C., in Japan received full commendation of Baptist mission leaders.

In a farewell letter, Dr. M. Theron Rankin, secretary, Foreign Mission Board, said, "We are grateful particularly for what you have done in Japan. I am glad that you came to Japan for such a time. I can scarcely believe what I have seen and heard. I am hearing of the hundreds who have accepted Christ under your preaching. We are sharing in the same kind of experiences. Baker James Cauthen and I have had between 1,200 and 1,500 to confess Christ during this week in the Kokura area. Never have I known such an open door of opportunity. And the end is not yet.

"Your being in Japan has helped us save the opportunity of the preaching mission. The Japanese Baptists and missionaries would have had a heavy let-down if some of us had not come. And think of the opportunity we would have missed! I shall look forward to hearing your reports when I get back in December."

Edwin B. Dozier and Baker James Cauthen, Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan, also expressed their appreciation of the services of Criswell and McCall in a cable: "Gratefully rejoice your help winning over three thousand souls. Praying blessings on safe return rest reward and work."

A similar expression was received in a letter from the Japan Mission (all Southern Baptist missionaries in Japan). "Only time and eternity can tell how much your testimony has meant."

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GRATITUDE EXPRESSED TO  
FIRST CHURCH, DALLAS

DALLAS, Tex.--(BP)--"Please express to First Baptist Church, Dallas, our gratitude for Pastor W. A. Criswell's great services." These were the words Dr. M. Theron Rankin sent to Dr. Duke K. McCall as he and Criswell were leaving Japan after a successful evangelistic tour of the Island Kingdom.

The two churchmen went to Japan by way of Africa and Italy. En route they performed important missions for the Foreign Mission Board in India, Pakistan, Thailand, and other oriental countries.

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KANSAS CHURCHES ASKED  
HOLD MISSION REVIVALS

PITTSBURG, Kan.--(BP)--Southern Baptists of Kansas in annual session here adopted a new constitution that bars fellowship with any churches affiliating with other general Baptist bodies. The new constitution also recognizes the right of churches to discontinue affiliation by voluntary action. The convention also voted to establish a fifty thousand dollar building loan fund and to start accumulation of money for future purchase of convention property.

A vigorous protest was made to Kansas congressmen and the Secretary of Defense against the use of armed forces facilities and equipment for transporting alcoholic beverages to our military personnel.

A goal was set for one revival meeting for each church plus at least one mission revival to be sponsored by each church. The state will sponsor in associational wide simultaneous revivals throughout 1951.

W. A. Burkey of Bethel was re-elected president. The 1951 meeting will be held at Salina, Kansas, October 30 - November 1.

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EDITORS NOTE: Dr. Duke K. McCall (Nashville, Tenn.) and Dr. W. A. Criswell (Dallas, Texas) have just returned to the United States after a round-the-world tour of various existing and prospective Southern Baptist mission fields of the world. Following is one of Dr. McCall's reports written from Delhi, India:

## RELIGION AND A DAY OF REST

By  
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Southern Baptist Convention  
Executive Committee

There are no weeks here in India--just days following days. In some other lands we have joked about the banks and government offices which observe Friday holidays with the Moslems, Saturday with the Jews, and Sunday with the Christians. That does not leave much time for work.

Here it is different. There is no holy day in the week for a Hindu. That does not mean he works all of the time. He just works a little each day unless he belongs to the lower classes. Then he works as much as undernourishment will permit every day.

Today is Sunday. At least I preached in a free church this morning; so I suppose it is. I stopped on the way from the hotel to watch some eight- and ten-year-old boys working in a dark little room. It was a hinge factory. Nineteen boys are employed because the shop is subject to regulation if twenty children work in it.

Somehow human nature is cheapened by the prospect of a lifetime of drudgery without a single day set aside for rest. From age eight until death those boys will make hinges. Their religion does not demand for them even one day a week for worship.

The old Sunday blue laws are about gone in the U.S.A. You cannot make a man reverence a particular day by law.

I confess I have regretted the changing of Sunday from a holy day into a holiday. Now I find that even as a holiday it still marks a conception of human value above that found in India, for example.

The Eternal God knew the nature of the man he had made when he set aside one day in seven and released man from bondage to his task on that day. Our modern version which keeps the machines going seven days a week but works the men in shifts is no improvement. It is a step in the direction of making America a land without a week. When we get it, we will long for the good old Sunday of long ago.

A visit to the Taj Mahal in Agra, India, is quite an experience. The travel folders proclaim it as such, so I did not expect much. I have seen enough broken down palaces not to get excited about a tomb.

Shah Jahan built the Taj as a tomb for his favorite wife. His father is reported to have had three thousand wives (Shades of King Solomon!). That makes the love of Shah Jahan for Mumtaz-i-Mahall all the more amazing. This is not a land where affection, much less fidelity, is expected between a husband and his wife. If a man killed one of the thousands of sacred cows which clutter the streets, he would cause a riot. If he killed his wife, that would be slightly unfortunate. It is not uncommon to see thirteen-and fourteen-year-old mothers carrying their babies down the street.

Shah Jahan used all the resources of wealthy India to build a tomb which would express his love for his wife. He died on his palace porch looking at the reflection of the Taj in a jewel imbedded in the wall.

By the side of the Taj flows the Jumna River. Other men show great consideration for their dead wife by placing the body on a raft and letting it float away. That, explained Haidar Ali, is why the big turtles took such interest in us when we walked down to the edge of the water.

In the United States we take for granted the value and dignity of an individual. We assume many Christian standards for the relation of people. Often we treat lightly portions of the Christian heritage of our nation because we feel it cannot be lost.

Out here one instance of love between husband and wife, one gesture of great respect even for a dead person, is a matter of note. In that perspective our Christian American heritage becomes more precious.