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**Home Mission Board Adopts
\$15 Million 1971 Budget**

ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board has approved a budget of \$15,065,000 for 1971. The budget was accepted by the board of directors, here for its fall meeting.

The funds to be used in planning, implementing and communication of home missions, will come largely from the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions. Although contributions from both sources were lower this year than has been anticipated, the budget still represents an increase over last year's budget.

"Both of the board's chief avenues of support are experiencing a slowdown this year, and as a result the agency likely will close 1970 with a lower contributions' income than last year," Executive Secretary Arthur B. Rutledge told the directors.

The bulk of the budget--almost \$8 million--has been allocated to the Division of Missions, under whose sponsorship 2,223 missionaries serve. About one-third of these are supported entirely by the board. The other two-thirds are supported jointly with state conventions and other Baptist groups.

The remainder of the budget will be divided between administration (\$150,000), and the board's other five divisions: Business services (\$2,100,000), Church Loans (\$1,850,000), Communication (\$803,000), Evangelism (\$530,000) and Chaplaincy (\$214,000).

The board hopes to increase its missionary appointees to 2,300 by the end of 1971, Rutledge said. Outlining other goals, the agency head stressed the need to "give major attention, in setting priorities, to employment of resources in areas of critical spiritual, moral and social needs in contemporary, society and also seek to contribute to a denominational and national recovery of optimism and expectancy."

Rutledge told the group: "We face the future with optimism and confidence. Needs are enlarging day by day as our nation continues to struggle with cancerous spiritual, moral and social problems. Our troubled world needs to know Jesus Christ.

He challenged the directors to renew their dedication to the "maintenance and development of the strongest, most Christ-honoring home missions effort possible at this point in national history."

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**Home Mission Board Names
Four To Staff Positions**

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ATLANTA (BP)--Four persons have been appointed to the staff of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board here, to be involved in the board's service, planning and financial arms. Each takes office Jan. 1, 1971.

The four are: E. W. Hunke, regional coordinator for the board's work in western United States; Paul Adkins, secretary of the department of Christian social ministries; Miss Beverly Hammack, assistant secretary of the department of Christian social ministries, and Mrs. Otis P. Johnson, secretary, payroll and employee benefits service.

Reorganization of the board has created the position of regional coordinator. Four men will be liaisons between the board and state conventions.

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A veteran denominational worker, Hunke has been executive secretary-treasurer of the Alaska Baptist Convention for nearly five years. In addition he has edited the Alaska Baptist Messenger, the state denominational paper for almost five years.

He was previously assistant executive secretary of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention for eight years. He has been a pastor, an evangelism secretary, a state missions director, a state stewardship secretary and an area missionary.

The native of Taylor, Tex., graduated from Fresno State College, Fresno, Calif.; Pacific Bible Institute; and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. He has also completed residence requirements for a doctorate at Arizona State University.

Adkins, replacing Ed Carter who moved to personnel work at the board, was the first secretary of the board's Christian social ministries department, serving from January, 1967 to March, 1968. He left to become director of Florida Baptist Retirement Homes, a position he held until January of this year when he entered New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for graduate studies. He was also Christian social ministries consultant and adjunct professor of social work at the seminary.

Adkins' background in social ministries is extensive. He was director of the department of aging, Buckner Baptist Benevolences, Dallas, Tex., for three years and case work supervisor at Buckner Baptist Children's Home for 18 months.

He holds a master's degree in social work from the Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky., and attended the University of Louisville's Kent School of Social Work.

The Dundee, Ky., native has also been a pastor, school principal and superintendent of public schools in California. He is a graduate of Los Angeles Baptist College, Whittier College, Whittier, Calif., and Claremont Men's Graduate School, Claremont, Calif. He has also attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville and the University of Michigan.

Miss Hammack, replacing Mrs. Noble Y. Beall who is retiring, served with the board in the department of special mission ministries for six years. She left to attend Tulane University where she earned a master's degree in social work. Following her graduation in 1969 she was appointed director of Christian social ministries for the Jacksonville Baptist Association, Jacksonville, Fla.

As a member of the Christian social ministries department she will be involved with Southern Baptist missionaries throughout the United States who attempt to respond to community needs--sometimes physical and emotional as well as spiritual.

Miss Hammack's denominational experience includes two years as youth secretary for the Woman's Missionary Union of the Kansas Baptist Convention, one year at Rachel Sims Baptist Mission, New Orleans; and a year as educational secretary of First Baptist Church, Dewitt, Ark.

A native of Southwest City, Mo., Miss Hammack graduated from Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth.

As secretary of the payroll and employee benefit service, Mrs. Johnson's responsibilities will include supervision of salary, insurance and retirement benefits to missionaries and Atlanta office workers.

Mrs. Johnson has been secretary to Fred Moseley, assistant executive secretary of the board since 1969. Previously she was administrative assistant of the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Georgia.

She was, for nine years, supervisor of reports and settlements at Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company.

A native of Roanoke, Ala., she attended Central Business School and Dekalb College, both in Atlanta.

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Foundation Earns Record Return
Rate; Total Trust Corpus Down

NASHVILLE (BP)--The executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Foundation told the agency's board of directors here that the foundation had earned a record average rate of return on investments last year, despite fluctuations and deterioration in the market.

Kendall Berry, executive secretary-treasurer of the foundation, said in his annual report to the directors that though the past year was not the most productive or satisfying in the agency's history, "taking it as a whole and relatively speaking, we should be content with its outcome."

During the past year, the total trust corpus administered by the foundation for Southern Baptist causes decreased to \$11,020,708, a drop of \$122,076 from last year's total of \$10,898,632.

Berry said that the main reason for the decrease in total trust corpus was because of market deterioration, and because two SBC agencies, the Stewardship and Brotherhood Commissions, withdrew their reserves.

Berry quickly pointed out that the foundation did have \$96,610 more earnings in 1970 than during 1969. Earnings for 1970 totalled \$691,339 compared to \$594,729 last year.

Berry said that the shrinkage in values was "paper losses, and in our opinion will come back, as, in fact, it is already doing."

He pointed out that 97 per cent of the funds in the market showed a loss for the year, but comparatively, the foundation's paper losses were less than average "largely due to the fine business acumen of the group of men on the foundation executive committee who treat Southern Baptist Foundation investments quite conservatively, ever realizing that all funds entrusted to it are sacred trust funds."

He reminded the directors that from May, 1969 to June 1970, Dow-Jones industrial averages slipped from the 970s to 630s, a deterioration of 35 per cent. "The foundation has a better record than the Dow-Jones averages, although it is not without scars of battle--down about 18 per cent against 23 per cent for the averages."

At the present, however, most of these losses have been recouped due to a strong market in bonds and common stocks, he added.

Despite the fluctuations in the market, the foundation earned an average rate of return of 6.02 per cent on investments from its general fund, a record percentage. Last year the average rate of return was a record 5.99 per cent.

The report also indicated that earnings in the foundation's annuity fund averaged 6.08 per cent, sufficient to meet all commitments to annuitants with excess over payment amounting to \$3,732.

Mrs. E. W. Bess Jr., administrative assistant, said in her report that the annuity fund far out-performed that which actuaries estimate for gift annuity funds. "Without any form of solicitation, donors have invested \$403,741 in annuities with the Southern Baptist Foundation, and have received a return based on their age so long as they lived, with the peak return at present being 8 per cent on ages above 83," she said.

In his report to the board, Berry noted that "one of the saddest things that occurred in 1970 was the passing away of Dr. J. W. Storer, secretary emeritus of the Southern Baptist Foundation."

The board re-elected Stirton Oman, head of the Nashville-based Oman Construction Co., as president, and re-elected L. B. Stevens as vice president, and John O. Ellis as recording secretary. All are Nashville businessmen. The board also re-elected Berry and Mrs. Bess to their positions.

Elected by the board to membership on the foundation's executive committee were Oman, Ellis, Stevens, Ernest J. Moench, Jack C. Massey, Fred D. Wright, and G. Warren Gregory, all of Nashville; Folk Lambert of Lewisburg, Tenn.; Walton N. Smith of Clarksville, Tenn.;

Guy W. Rutland Jr., of Decatur, Ga.; R. Paul Henry of Philadelphia; and A. Frank O'Kelley of Tallahassee, Fla.

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Arizona Board Elects
Sutton New Executive

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PHOENIX, Ariz. (BP)--The Executive Board of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention elected Roy F. Sutton as executive secretary-treasurer of the convention.

Sutton, who has been acting executive secretary since the resignation of Charles L. McKay in September, previously had been director of the convention's missions division. McKay resigned to become pastor of First Southern Baptist Church, Scottsdale, Ariz.

The new Arizona Baptist Executive came to the state 24 years ago for health reasons after a doctor told him he had only a brief time to live. He is in good health, now, however, associates reported.

During the past 24 years, Sutton has been an area missionary for the Catalina Baptist Association in Tuscon, Ariz., serving two different terms in that capacity; pastor of Arizona and Colorado churches; two terms as associate executive secretary and service twice as interim executive secretary of the convention; state missions and stewardship director for the convention; first vice president of Grand Canyon College here; and superintendent of missions for Central Baptist Association, Phoenix.

In accepting the call of the board, Sutton expressed concern that the convention give major attention to the growing of churches and the winning of people to Christ.

In subsequent action, the board elected Dan. C. Stringer Jr., previously associate in the missions division, as associate executive secretary-treasurer and director of missions.

A native of Oklahoma, Stringer moved to nearby New Mexico early in life, and has been pastor of First Baptist Church, Lordsburg, N.M.; First Southern Baptist Church, Buckeye, Ariz.; and First Southern Baptist Church, Las Vegas, Nevada.

A graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Stringer has been president of the Arizona Baptist Convention, and has served as associate to the executive secretary, financial institutional coordinator, and associate in the missions division on the Arizona convention staff.

Sutton has worked on the staff of the convention, either as a missionary or on the statewide staff, for more than 20 years. He was the convention's first stewardship secretary, and had served as interim executive secretary two different times for a total of nearly 3 1/2 years.

He had planned early in life to go to China as a missionary, but was unable to because of an accident and health reasons.

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Education Commission Sets Priority
On Denominational Relationships

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ATLANTA (BP)--The Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting here for mid-year session in connection with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, set as its number one priority for 1971 an emphasis on denominational relationship.

Hearing the first report of its new executive secretary, Ben C. Fisher, the commission placed priority for next year's work on developing better understanding between Baptist colleges and local churches, and on seeking to discover how schools can serve the denomination more effectively.

New proposals were presented in the areas of trustee orientation, public relations, alumni development and orientation seminars for communications personnel in the colleges.

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In other actions, the commission approved several suggested modifications in its program statement for submission to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee and its subcommittee.

The commission also authorized its executive secretary to explore with the SBC Seminary Extension Department the possibility of a cooperative effort in adult education.

A joint study with the SBC Sunday School Board was authorized concerning the possibility of setting up Christian vocational guidance centers on Baptist college campuses.

At the conclusion of the commission meeting, the Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools met in semi-annual session, with a record 130 Baptist school presidents, deans, and administrative officers attending the dinner meeting. John Johns, president of Stetson University, DeLand, Fla., was the featured speaker at the meeting.

Five new presidents of Baptist schools were introduced during the meeting--Grady C. Cothen, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; Thomas S. Field, William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.; Harold E. Lindsey, North Greenville Junior College, Greenville, S.C.; N. H. McCrummen, Judson College, Marion, Ala.; and Hubert Smothers, Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, Tenn.

During later sessions of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the regional accrediting agency, accreditation was granted to Baptist College at Charleston, S.C., and recognition as a senior college was awarded to Gardner Webb College, Boiling Springs, N.C., which formerly had been accredited as a junior college.

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Youth Fights For Life After
Dramatic Flight From Africa

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DALLAS (BP)--A 24-year-old missionary journeyman to Africa is in Dallas fighting for life after only five weeks on his foreign field.

Larry Hughes, paralyzed after a swimming accident in Malawi, is in the intensive care unit of Baylor University Medical Center.

The dramatic story of Hughes' flight from Africa to Dallas is, to those involved, nothing short of miraculous.

The accident occurred about 50 miles from the city of Blantyre, Malawi, during a youth outing from the city's English language Baptist church. The group was swimming in a river, and three of the boys went about 100 yards upstream to dive into a pond.

Hughes, who is nearsighted, was on an eight-foot high rock, and evidently could not see that the water at one point was only about two feet deep. When he hit bottom, Hughes began to float downstream and did not come to the surface.

Ian, a new Lebanese convert and friend, jumped in to save Larry, but Ian is small in stature compared to Hughes' 190 pounds. After several attempts, Ian finally brought Hughes to the surface, and braced himself against a rock while the Malawi companion ran for help. It was nearly 20 minutes before they could get the heavy Hughes out of the water.

Sensing the seriousness of his injury, the group sent for a Scot Presbyterian doctor about 25 miles away, and the doctor called for an ambulance.

They discovered that the dive fractured three vertebrae, and dislocated the spinal column, though it did not sever it.

After the 50-mile trip to Blantyre by Land Rover--a trip taking 2 1/2 hours--Hughes reached the government hospital four hours after the accident. Swelling around his neck was causing respiratory distress and he was turning blue.

Malawi has only two surgeons in the entire country. The African republic's senior surgeon

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Dr. Jan Borgstein, took charge. All through Saturday night and Sunday, Dr. Borgstein thought Hughes' chance of survival was slim. By Tuesday, however, his condition stabilized, and Hughes needed intensive care the Blantyre hospital was not equipped to provide. To help, they sent for Mrs. Vickie Hickie, a Southern Baptist missionary journeyman nurse in Sanyanti, Rhodesia, who arrived on Tuesday morning.

By early Wednesday, Southern Baptist Missionary Roy G. Davidson Jr., chairman of the Southern Baptist Mission in Malawi, went to the U.S. Embassy to try to arrange a military flight to the United States, but the embassy was preparing for a visit from U.S. Assistant Secretary of State David Newsome, and could offer little help.

Davidson then tried arranging a flight with British Overseas Airways Corp., and was eventually successful. The BOAC, after much delay caused by communications difficulties between London and Malawi, agreed to take Hughes to London, and blocked out 24 seats--the whole rear of the cabin--for the six passengers.

There were problems of scheduling to avoid long layovers, and plane changes and commitments to make concerning the ultimate destination. Davidson chose to go to Houston because of its medical facilities and international airport with possibility of few delays.

Davidson and others involved point to two miracles that occurred on the flight.

One was getting Dr. Borgstein permission to leave Malawi. There are only 20 doctors in the nation of 5 million people, and Dr. Borgstein is one of only two surgeons. The president of the country granted special permission for him and anesthetist Dr. Anton Van Eeden to accompany Hughes to America.

Ironically, Newsome, the U.S. assistant secretary of state, took the same flight to London, and offered his assistance in any official problems regarding Hughes' case.

The other miracle involved the weather.

As the BOAC streaked across Europe after leaving Africa, they were repeatedly told of fog descending on London. The captain permitted Davidson to ride in the cockpit, and was listening on the headset when the London airport tower reported that the ceiling had dropped below the minimum, and advised their flight to divert to Scotland.

Davidson, aware of long delays that would be caused by an overland trip from Scotland back to London, asked the captain if something else could not be done.

"I'll give it five more minutes," the BOAC captain replied, "but there isn't much chance the fog will lift. It is dropping, not rising."

On the final approach, however, the fog rose to the minimum 900 meters, but the plane missed the first approach and had to go around again. On the second try, the fog rose to 2,000 meters.

"No one could believe it in the plane or the tower," said Davidson, attesting to the miracle. "And the moment we touched down, it dropped again, and no more planes could land."

There was an eight-hour delay in London, with Hughes spending the time in the BOAC Medical Center. BOAC prevailed on Pan American to make similar arrangements for the flight from London to the U.S.A., and Pan American again blocked off the back part of the jet.

After landing in Chicago, the plane departed for Houston where Baptist Memorial Hospital was prepared to care for Hughes. The youth's parents, pastor and fiancée were also waiting there.

About an hour from Texas, however, word came that a fog was covering the Texas Gulf Coast. The flight, which had been scheduled to land in Dallas, would be terminated there.

Davidson, a native of Dallas, called on the plane's radio for Dr. John S. Bagwell, a member of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, who arranged for Hughes' care at Baylor University Medical Center.

Then, about midnight on Nov. 28--more than a week after the accident, following a 38-hour flight and eight-hour layover in London; after dodging fog on two sides of the Atlantic--Larry Hughes was admitted to the Baptist hospital's intensive care unit.

Most of those close to him are optimistic about Hughes recovery, in spite of his official "very critical" condition and the fact that all his limbs are paralyzed.

"He may be in bad physical shape," said George Mosier, his college pastor at University Heights Baptist Church in Stillwater, Okla., "but he is a fighter."

Meanwhile, on both sides of the Atlantic, friends and even people who never met him, are praying for Hughes.

The night before the accident, Hughes addressed a group of Christian students at a teachers' college in Blantyre. Each day after learning of his accident, the group called to learn of his condition, and dedicated their lunch period to praying for him.

Davidson said this is an example of the depth of influence Hughes had during his brief tenure in Malawi. "I think the young man made a profound impression on anyone in Malawi who came in contact with him," Davidson said. "The Lord has really used him."

After graduation from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, last May, Hughes went to Malawi looking forward to two years of youth work and evangelism. He was successful in fulfilling that commitment for five weeks.

Now others are ministering to him, and praying that he can recover to fulfill his goals.



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