

1952 S.B.C. CONVENTION BUDGET
PROVIDES HOME MISSION ADVANCE

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting here the second week in December looked ahead for two years in planning the Convention budget, and made provisions for the capital needs of two new seminaries and for home mission participation in the 1952 Advance Program.

1952 Convention Budget

The 1952 Convention budget came before the committee for preview and endorsement. Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Tenn., presented the report of the finance committee calling for a ten million dollar goal to be divided as follows:

Convention Operating Budget.\$ 252,000
Current Operating Expenses.	4,500,000
Capital Needs.	2,500,000
Advance Program.	All over seven million dollars and the Convention operating budget.

The recommendations were adopted by the Executive Committee to be referred to the Southern Baptist Convention in annual session next June 20-24, San Francisco.

The 1952 Southern Convention operating budget of \$252,000, if approved by the Convention, will be divided as follows:

Convention Expenses, including Annual.\$45,000
Special Committees	10,000
Executive Committee.	75,000
Southern Baptist Foundation.	15,000
Education Commission	15,000
Historical Society	18,000
Social Service Commission.	12,500
Public Affairs Committee	11,500
Reserve Fund	50,000
	<u>\$252,000</u>

The historical society received an increase of \$3,000 over their 1950 allocation in order to establish the society in its new headquarters at Nashville and to procure historical materials.

The 1952 Southern Convention current operating budget of \$4,500,000, if approved by the Convention, will be divided as follows:

Foreign Mission Board	\$2,250,000 (50 per cent)
Home Mission Board	660,015 (14.667 per cent)
Relief and Annuity Board.	550,040 (11.112 per cent)
Southern Baptist Seminary	200,025 (4.445 per cent)
Southwestern Seminary	200,025 (4.445 per cent)
New Orleans Seminary.	200,025 (4.445 per cent)
Southeastern Seminary	100,035 (2.223 per cent)
Golden Gate Seminary.	100,035 (2.223 per cent)
W.M.U. Training School.	40,050 (.890 per cent)
American Baptist Seminary	45,000 (1.000 per cent)
Southern Baptist Hospital	40,050 (.890 per cent)
Baptist Brotherhood	49,950 (1.110 per cent)
Radio Commission.	90,000 (2.000 per cent)
Baptist World Alliance.	24,750 (.550 per cent)
	<u>\$4,500,000</u>

Distribution of 1952 capital needs funds will be determined next year in line with established business procedure of the Convention.

1952 Advance Program funds (all over seven million dollars and the Convention operating budget) will be divided 25 per cent to home missions and 75 per cent to foreign missions.

1951 Capital Needs Funds

Division of 1951 capital need funds, expected to total \$2,500,000, was recommended by the committee on re-survey capital needs of S.B.C. agencies, Henry W. Tiffany, Norfolk, Va., chairman. If finally approved by the 1951 Southern Baptist Convention, division will be as follows:

Southeastern Seminary.	\$ 300,000	(12 per cent)
Golden Gate Seminary	150,000	(6 per cent)
Southern Seminary.	300,000	(12 per cent)
Southwestern Seminary.	300,000	(12 per cent)
New Orleans Seminary	375,000	(15 per cent)
American Seminary.	26,250	(1.05 per cent)
Foreign Missions	300,000	(12 per cent)
Home Missions.	330,000	(13.2 per cent)
Relief and Annuity Board	346,250	(13.85 per cent)
Radio Commission	40,000	(1.6 per cent)
Southern Baptist Hospital.	25,000	(1 per cent)
Brotherhood.	7,500	(0.3 per cent)
	<u>\$2,500,000</u>	

Two new institutions were included for the first time in the capital needs budget. Southeastern Seminary will receive \$300,000 to apply on the purchase of a campus at Wake Forest, N. C. Golden Gate Seminary will receive \$150,000 to apply on capital developments.

The Radio Commission was granted \$15,000 additional funds on the condition that the Commission liquidate all indebtedness during 1951.

Restudy Agreements

A committee of five was appointed to confer with a committee of the state secretaries or the entire body of state secretaries to restudy the plan of co-operation between the states and the Southern Baptist Convention printed in the Southern Baptist Convention Annual of 1934. The committee is composed of Dr. Louie D. Newton, chairman, Dr. Leon M. Latimer, Dr. J. W. Storer, Dr. Adiel Moncrief, Jr., and Dr. J. Winston Pierce.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be held in San Francisco on June 19, 1951, the day before the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. The regular summer meeting of the Executive Committee will be held September 12 - 13 at Nashville.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SEES NO CONFLICT
IN LAY PARTICIPATION IN SOCIAL SECURITY

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The way seems open for lay employees of Baptist churches and employees of Baptist colleges, Baptist hospitals and Baptist orphanages and other Baptist institutions and agencies to participate in government social security. The Executive Committee passed a resolution giving their opinion that participation under terms defined in U.S. Government bill 6,000, as amended, did not seem to be in violation of the cherished principle of separation of church and state.

The resolution also stated, "It is the opinion of the Executive Committee that participation in this plan on the part of our Baptist agencies and institutions makes its benefits available to all of their employees, particularly those in the lower income brackets not hitherto covered by retirement plans, without conflict or competition with our own Relief and Annuity Board plans of retirement.

"We respectfully urge all institutions and agencies that may participate in the Social Security Plan to continue their participation in the Relief and Annuity Board's retirement plans. "

The paper was offered by a committee consisting of Walter Pope Binns, chairman, public affairs committee, R. S. Jones, associate secretary, relief and annuity board, Judge Frank A. Hooper, Jr., James W. Merritt, and Louie D. Newton.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Duke K. McCall (Nashville, Tenn.) and Dr. W. A. Criswell (Dallas, Texas) have just recently 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 Shanghai, China:

AMERICA STARVING: SONG PROVES IT

By
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The Communist propaganda in China says America is starving--therefore you might just as well starve in China.

To prove that there is not enough food the Communists play over and over, "If I knew you were coming I would have baked a cake." Think what they could have done with "Yes, We Have No Bananas."

Propaganda always sounds silly when you know the truth. No American can understand the accumulated ignorance of people about our country. They measure us by the conditions and standards of their own land. It is easy for a Chinese to picture Americans as hungry people. Everybody he knows is hungry.

Conditions were rotten under the old Nationalist government of China. Anyone half awake could see that including some of the brilliant foreign policy experts of the United States. Conditions are worse under the Communists. Apparently only a few businessmen and the missionaries had enough wisdom to predict that. Every Christian mission in China pled with the American government not to abandon China to the Communists. They were ignored.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Malik, said to the United Nations Security Council, "We all know that missionaries have always been a weapon of aggression and that they have served to promote the conquests of the ruling circles and to enslave peoples who were a source of income."

Now the missionaries are being squeezed out of China. Every boat from Shanghai brings more Christians of all faiths to British held Hong Kong. Only sixteen Southern Baptist missionaries are left in China. They are risking death to serve on as God has called them.

The new arrivals all give the same report. The rich Chinese have become poor under the Communists. The poor have become poorer. Only the government officials and the multitude of Russian technical advisors are well to do.

What happened to the promised land reforms? The rich owners have lost the land. It belongs to the people now. The poor people work the farms and pay all the new taxes and have less left for themselves than in the old days.

The Chinese cook of a missionary family saved his money and bought a farm. The Communists divided his little farm with a few others. The cook applied for his old job in the missionary home saying, "I cannot grow enough food for me and my family on what is left."

There would not be a Communist in the world except for the fallacy by which democracy at its worst is compared with the best promise of Communism.

In every nation of Asia I have been asked about the abuses suffered by Negroes in America. Communist propaganda has played up newspaper stories of injustices suffered by Negroes. Every American, and surely every Christian, is ashamed of any form of injustice. We admit our democracy is not perfect.

I can report, however, that the lot of the poorest family I know in the United States would not be improved by changing places with the average Chinese in Communist Shanghai. In fact the poor of America would be counted well off by the standards of every country in Asia.

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The Christian churches of China withstood the Japanese occupation. Now they face a severer test. That test is the Communists' version of religious freedom. Here are the terms under which the churches will be allowed to carry on their work:

Purge all imperialistic influences. Halt support from abroad. Educate followers against the evils of imperialism, feudalism, bureaucratic capitalism. All religious sects must be unified.

Based on experience in Russia this means that a tight religious organization embracing all denominations must be created. This will make governmental control easier. The new organization will be free to follow the Communist line just like other propaganda agencies. Some pious religious platitudes may be sandwiched in with the propaganda.

The government now controls the Christian mission schools, not by law but by mob agitation. Chinese church leaders have not been imprisoned or executed by the government. Communist gangs have lynched some who refused to become tools for Communist propaganda. Government officials smile and say, "So sorry."