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UNIONIZERS LOSE
BOARD ELECTION

NASHVILLE, Tenn. ^{December}-(BP)--The shipping, maintenance and multigraphing departments of the Baptist Sunday Board will not be unionized. Union interests lost the election ordered in mid-~~January~~ by the National Labor Relations Board and held January eighth, 87 to 36. Only three eligible voters did not vote and only three votes were contested.

The vote, regarded as decisive for the Sunday School Board brings to an end an effort begun last July by the International Printing and Pressmen and Assistants Union of North America to bring nearly one-third of the Board's Nashville employees into the union.

The union was opposed by the Sunday School Board on the grounds that neither the NLRB or any other governmental agency has the constitutional right to direct the affairs of a religious body. The feeling of the Board was that the NLRB ruling was a direct act against the separation of church and state.

In a statement following the election by Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary for the Board and Mr. H. E. Ingraham, business manager, said, "We have gone through a trying experience -- it is over. We are grateful for the vote of confidence. Now with good will one for another throughout the board let us now turn our faces to the future and our hands to the task. Our ministry is for God through our fellow man. We must do our best." Spokesmen for the Board also stated that the rights and privileges of any individual voting for the union would be safeguarded by the Board.

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METHODISTS CREDIT
SBC BAPTIST PAPERS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.--(BP)--The Methodists think Southern Baptist state papers have had much to do with the tremendous growth of the denomination. The editor of the Alabama Christian Advocate points out the Baptist's 67 per cent increase in membership since 1925 as compared with his denomination's 31 per cent and the Baptist's 319 per cent increase in giving as compared with the Methodist's 42 per cent.

He then writes: "We will not attempt to give all the answers, but we wonder if their church papers havn't had 'a hand in the pie.' We do not know how their circulation stacks up all over the Southern Baptist Church, but in Alabama the circulation of the Alabama Baptist is notable. It is 48,000! That is nearly three times the present circulation of the Alabama Christian Advocate."

"We would not even suggest that the Baptist papers are wholly responsible for the remarkable growth in their membership and giving. Many things have entered into this growth. But, is it not reasonable to suppose that the tremendous circulation of the Baptist papers has had something to do with the tremendous growth of their membership and giving?"

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KANSAS DRY ORGANIZATION
ELECTS ROY S. HOLLOWOM

TOPEKA, Kan.--(BP)--Roy S. Hollomon, one of the leaders in the recent successful fight to keep Oklahoma dry, and secretary of the United Dry Association of Oklahoma, has accepted the position of executive secretary of the Kansas United Dry Forces. He will come here to assist the Kansas organization in an effort to bring the traditionally dry state back into the dry column.

Dr. Hollomon, before his association with the United Dry Association of Oklahoma, was pastor of the Exchange Avenue Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. Before that, he had served as pastor of Texas Baptist churches. His office will be located at 102 Crawford Building, Topeka, Kan.

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