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SURVEY OF NEGRO EDUCATION  
 SHOWS 150 B.D.'s PER YEAR

LOUISVILLE, KY.—(BP)—There is not a single accredited <sup>Baptist</sup> theological school especially for Negroes in the United States. This was the announcement made by Ira de Reid, Haverford College professor of sociology, in his preliminary report on a survey he is directing to determine the status of Negro theological education in America. He also said that in all the schools of America there were only 150 Negroes with B.D. degrees available per year, an extremely low figure for a denomination with 30,000 churches. In twelve Negro colleges there are only 353 undergraduates who say they will enter the Baptist ministry and only 100 of these are expected to finish.

Dr. Reid was reporting to the Joint Conference Committee on Theological Education for Negroes set up by the Southern, American and National Inc. Baptist conventions.

His preliminary findings also showed that the American Baptist Theological Seminary at Nashville had a wider student appeal for Negroes than any other theological school in America. He called it "the dynamic approach" to the education of Negroes for the ministry. However, he added, "It is a poor school." He cited as the reason for its wide appeal the fact that the school offered a B.D. degree for work of sub-seminary level. His findings, he said, seem to point to the potential of the school.

Dr. Reid, the son and grandson of Negro Baptist ministers, is professor of sociology at Haverford College in Haverford, Pennsylvania. He is regarded as one of the most eminent scientists in his field. The survey, involving thousands of interviews by trained personnel is to cost \$20,000 and is financed by the three conventions. Authorized three years ago the survey will be finished in June of this year. It is expected that the survey will become a major consideration in the planning for Negro theological education in the future.

The Southern Baptist group on the joint committee consists of E. A. McDowell, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., Chairman; Ryland Knight, Apopka, Fla.; Mrs. Irvin Lawrence, Kansas City, Mo.; Mrs. DeWitt Matthews, Macon, Ga.; Robert L. Cousins, Atlanta, Ga.; H. Clayton Waddell, New Orleans, La.; S. A. Newman, Fort Worth, Tex.; Victor Glass, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Newman is the chairman of the commission, dealing directly with Dr. Reid and his associates.

ONE-MAN CAMPAIGN AGAINST  
BEER ADVERTISEMENTS

OWENSBORO, KY.--(BP)--A one-man campaign in this city has led to the canceling of one series of beer advertisements in the local newspaper and is threatening another. The man is Rev. H. B. Kuhnle, pastor of the Third Baptist Church. His technique is the same as the brewers: newspaper advertisements.

One-full page ad purchased by Mr. Kuhnle, showed the picture of a sick old man who said that he was where he was because he had acquired the beer habit. His appeal was to the beer drinkers to quit drinking beer. He presented a four-point plan. (1) Let the people know the truth about beer drinking. Fight fire with fire by publication of full page ads showing what beer drinking leads to. (2) Launch a movement in our schools to sign up every boy and girl pledging themselves never to buy, drink, sell or serve beer or any other intoxicating beverage. (3) Keep before the public the facts as revealed by police court and welfare statistics. (4) Prevent the creation of new beer outlets in Owensboro.

Kuhnle says he represents no organization or individual except himself. Any contributions will be applied on more advertisements.

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MISSIONS GETS  
MORE THAN HALF

OWENSBORO, KY.--(BP)--The First Baptist Church here gave more than half of its undesignated offerings to missions last year. Out of the total \$101,271.10 raised through the envelopes, \$52,241.14 went to missions. The Cooperative Program received \$42,341.14 of this amount. Total money received for the year, including all designations, was \$123,142.20. The church has a membership of 1,972 and the pastor is Robert E. Humphreys.

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CALIFORNIA BAPTISTS  
TO BUY OFFICE BUILDING

FRESNO, CALIF.--(BP)--Southern Baptists in California recently approved a \$135,000 state mission budget, according to Floyd Looney, editor, California Southern Baptist. The board also elected H. H. Stagg as director of evangelism and A. C. Turner as director of promotion. Plans were approved for a mission program calling for 12 general missionaries and for the purchase of a new headquarters building.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD  
TO PRODUCE FILMS

NASHVILLE, TENN.--(BP)--The Visual Aid Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board has entered the field of production, according to Mr. Earl Waldrup, director of the Service. All types of filmstrips, filmslides and motion pictures will be produced in co-operation with other Baptist agencies.

Mr. Ralph Rogers, Waco, Texas, who has had considerable experience as motion picture technician has joined the department as cameraman. Mr. Bryce Finch, who has been with the Board several years will produce still photographs.

Production will include facilities for the handling and writing of scripts, manuals and study guides. It will also include a complete photography, laboratory and recording services. The films will be distributed under the trade-name of Broadman Films.

"Additional personnel," Waldrup said, "will be added to assist in promotion."

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VIRGINIA CHURCH PROPERTY  
SHOWS SEVEN MILLION GAIN

RICHMOND, VA.--(BP)--Virginia Baptists owe only \$2,131,848 on new church buildings. Their property valuation, however, is \$40,768,120 or \$7,142,786 ahead of last year. The report was released here by Porter Routh, secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

There are now 1,242 churches in Virginia, Routh said. These baptized 14,504 in 1950, a gain of 2,132 over 1949. Only 233 churches failed to report baptisms. Total church membership at the end of the year was 342,045.

The state reported total gifts of \$9,803,940 with \$2,039,788 going to missions and benevolences.

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BETTER HURRY FAST!

NASHVILLE, TENN.--(BP)--All seminary, college and other groups who require special dining halls at San Francisco should make reservations at once. Some of the hotels are holding space for Southern Baptist use that will be cancelled within a few weeks unless reserved. For dining room reservations write directly to the hotels Sir Francis Drake, Whitcomb, Palace, Drake-Wiltshire, and the Chancellor are especially equipped for this type of meetings.

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