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SOUTHWESTERN PROFESSOR BLASTS INADEQUATE MISSION CONTRIBUTIONS

FORT WORTH, TEXAS--(BP)--"Unless more funds are made available to the Foreign Mission Board, less than half of the mission volunteers on this campus will be appointed as they graduate within the next three years--and this does not even count those whose hearts Christ is winning for world evangelization in other Southern Baptist seminaries."

This was the frank analysis of Dr. J. W. MacGorman, assistant professor of New Testament, presented to the student body of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in a recent missions day address. Southwestern has 320 foreign mission volunteers out of its total enrollment of 1455.

In support of his analysis Dr. MacGorman said, "The Southern Baptist Convention ANNUAL of 1950 lists our membership as 6,761,256. Seventeen hundred fifty missionaries in the field would mean one missionary for every 3,863 Southern Baptists, which is not an unreasonable expectation. This same Annual lists 27,285 churches as affiliated with our Convention. Seventeen hundred fifty missionaries in the field would mean one missionary for every twenty-one churches, which is not an unreasonable expectation. The Annual indicates that the total gifts of these churches to all causes last year was \$178,337,307.

"The proposed budget of ten million dollars to support 1750 missionaries would represent only 5.6 per cent of our total gifts. It isn't unreasonable to expect that five or six cents out of every dollar given by Southern Baptists should be permitted to engage in the worldwide reach of the Great Commission. If the 6,761,265 members of Southern Baptist churches were to share equally the proposed ten million dollar budget to support a missionary force of 1750, it would amount to only \$1.47 a year, and it isn't unreasonable to expect each of our members to give three cents a week to the cause of worldwide missions."

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PORTLAND SOUTHERN BAPTISTS ACQUIRE DOWNTOWN LOCATION

Portland, Oregon--(BP)--The First Southern Baptist Church of Portland, Oregon, is now housed in a downtown building erected in 1882. They recently purchased it from the Evangel Baptists who had acquired it in 1948 from the original owners, a group of Presbyterians. H. C. Price is the pastor.

In addition to services in their new location the Southern Baptist congregation conducts three missions, one at the former church in west Portland, another at Parkrose, and the third in east Portland. All three centers conduct full-time services.

Headquarters for all Southern Baptists in Oregon and Washington is located in the east side mission, but will move as soon as space can be provided in the downtown church.

A Baptist Book Store is expected to be opened in the downtown church sometime this spring.

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EDITORS AND SECRETARIES IN MID-WINTER MEETING

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.--(BP)--Two Southern Baptist groups met in Florida recently for their mid-winter conferences. The state secretaries met in St. Augustine. John Maguire, Florida, was elected president of the group, Willis J. Ray, Arizona, vice-president, and T. W. Medearis, Missouri, secretary.

The Southern Baptist Press Association met at Tampa. L. L. Carpenter, North Carolina, was elected president, W. Barry Garrett, Arizona, Vice president, and Orbie R. Clem, Kansas, secretary.

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