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FMB Budget: Evangelism and
 Missionary Support Stressed

RICHMOND (BP)--The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board (FMB) has approved a \$55.3 million budget for 1977, a \$4.3 million increase over 1976.

Of the \$55,340,918, almost 90 percent will be used for the support and ongoing ministries of about 2,700 missionaries in 84 countries. About 10 percent will be for administrative and promotional purposes at home.

Sixty percent of the budget is for missionary support which includes missionaries' salaries, housing, medical expenses, education of children, insurance, taxes, furlough travel and freight, language study, and other related expenses.

The type of mission work receiving the largest allotment (including both operating and capital expenses) is evangelism and church development, for which \$6,251,045 (11.3 percent) was set aside. Schools, medical work, and publication work follow with 6.1, 3.1 and 2.4 percent respectively.

Preparation of the budget begins on each mission field as missionaries evaluate needs for their various ministries and make recommendations to their mission (organization of missionaries in a given political entity). From decisions made during annual mission meetings, each mission submits a proposed operating budget and a list of capital needs to the Foreign Mission Board.

"Resources are not adequate to meet all needs, so the missions only submit the most pressing needs," said Baker J. Cauthen, executive director of the board.

He explained that board members and staff members study the requests, look at anticipated income for the next year, and work out details of the budget.

Funds for the budget come from two main sources. More than \$23 million is provided through the Cooperative Program, the unified budget of the Southern Baptist Convention. The other source is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions. The 1976 goal for the offering is \$29 million. Twenty-six million dollars of that is anticipated in the 1977 budget, based on the actual 1975 receipts of about \$26 million. The entire Lottie Moon offering will apply to overseas needs and missionary support.

The remainder of the budget comes from designated gifts, miscellaneous income and Cooperative Program challenge funds received above the convention's basic allocations.

World relief funds are not included in the budget. Relief gifts from Southern Baptist individuals and churches are made available for missionaries to use for hunger and disaster relief as needs arise. The board appropriates the relief money as requests come from the field, but this is handled apart from the regular Foreign Mission Board budget.

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Midwestern Seminary Names
 Two Faculty Members

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--Trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here elected two new faculty members, Ben F. Philbeck and C. Roy Woodruff, during the board's semi-annual meeting.

Philbeck, professor of religion and coordinator of the religion and philosophy department at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., will serve as professor of Old Testament literature and Hebrew and head of the department of Old Testament studies. His appointment is effective May 1, 1977.

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Woodruff, associate professor in the department of patient counseling, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Va., will come to Midwestern, Nov. 15, 1976, as associate professor of psychology of religion and pastoral care and head of the department of pastoral care.

Philbeck earned a bachelor of divinity degree from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; studied archaeology and semitic languages under W. F. Albright at Johns Hopkins University, 1956-58; and earned a doctor of theology degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

A member of the Carson-Newman faculty since 1967, he received the Baptist school's Distinguished Faculty Award and has written widely.

Woodruff earned bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees from Southern Seminary. Recognized in pastoral counseling circles, he maintains certification as a supervisor by the American Association for Clinical Pastoral Education and is a fellow of several professional organizations in the field.

In other action the trustees heard a report from the seminary's auditor's that the seminary ended fiscal 1976 in the black, and they participated in an "affirmation service" for John C. Howell, who was elected academic dean last spring. He is the second dean in the school's 19-year history, succeeding Roy Honeycutt, who joined the administration and faculty of Southern Seminary.

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Markham Given Probation
In 'Literary Bomb' Case

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ATLANTA (BP)--Herschel A. Markham has pleaded "nolo contendere" (no contest) and been given a minimum probated sentence for criminal charges stemming from his arrest in June in downtown Atlanta, the day after a stormy appearance at the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) annual meeting in Norfolk, Va.

Markham, pastor of Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Fairburn, Ga., was sentenced to 12 months on probation, with no fine, by Judge Luther Alverson of Fulton County Superior Court in Atlanta.

His lawyer, Sam Dickson, said it was the lightest possible treatment for Markham's charge of "terroristic threats."

Markham was arrested in downtown Atlanta on June 18. He was outside the Federal Building on Peachtree Street, claiming to have a "time bomb" in his briefcase. When subdued, he said it was a "literary time bomb."

He was referring to curriculum materials in some public school textbooks, which he said are obscene and objectionable.

The day before in Norfolk, Markham had challenged a report of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, saying that this SBC group should have condemned "Man: A Course of Study" (MACOS) materials used in some public schools.

Markham told the Christian Index, Georgia Baptist weekly newspaper, "I am deeply grateful for the way Judge Alverson ruled in this case. He had an understanding spirit."

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