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Chicago, Illinois---Several Baptist groups in the United States, representing more than 15 million members, are planning a six-year program for winning more residents of the United States to Christ. The evangelistic and missionary program will begin in 1959. It will end in 1964, the year marking the third jubilee, or 150th anniversary, of organized Baptist work on a national scale in North America.

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Washington---United States immigration policies should not be written on the basis of religious or party interests. This is the opinion of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, given to a subcommittee of the United States Senate which is studying American policies on immigration and naturalization. The Committee also declared it believes there is apparently a need to revise the country's immigration quota system to give Oriental countries equal status with the Western family of nations.

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Nashville, Tennessee---Members of Southern Baptist Convention churches gave a record \$18 $\frac{1}{4}$ million during 1955 to support missionary, educational, and benevolent work of the Convention, Treasurer Porter Routh declared. It was \$1 $\frac{1}{2}$ million greater than the amount given in 1954. The amount does not include sums used by individual churches nor by state conventions of Southern Baptists. The total of all these gifts will probably surpass \$300 million as it did in 1954, Routh reported.

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Nashville, Tennessee---Mission education through Southern Baptist Convention magazines, films, and lesson material was discussed at the annual meeting of the Convention's Missionary Education Council here. The Council, which is a voluntary co-operative organization of several Southern Baptist agencies, has only advisory powers. L. O. Griffith, director of promotion for the Home Mission Board, will serve as Council president for 1956.

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Richmond, Virginia---The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention appointed 10 new missionaries at its December meeting. This brought to 104 the number of missionaries appointed in 1955, and to 1025 the number of active Southern Baptist foreign missionaries. Only in 1950 did the Board previously appoint more than 100 in a single year.

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Memphis, Tennessee---Baptist Memorial Hospital here has become the largest Baptist hospital in the world, according to F. S. Groner, administrator of the hospital. The hospital is supported by Southern Baptists in Tennessee, Arkansas, and Mississippi. It recently opened a new, \$8,250,000 building to patients. This made the total worth of the hospital about \$14,150,000.

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Georgetown, Kentucky---Georgetown College has set a goal of \$125,000 for its proposed William Wallace Chair of Biology. The school will thus honor the memory of Dr. Wallace, who was a medical missionary for the Southern Baptist Convention in China. He died in 1951 while a prisoner of the Communists there.

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Belton, Texas---Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Baptist school for women here, broke a long-standing tradition recently. The school's trustees elected a woman to serve as vice-president, the first woman to hold a top administrative position in the 110 years the college has operated. She is Miss Fair Brown, who graduated from Mary Hardin-Baylor College in 1936 and who was teaching journalism at the college when elected to the vice-presidency.