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AMEND HILL-BURTON ACT,  
BAPTISTS ASK CONGRESS

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Executive Committee will ask Congress to substitute long-term loans for outright grants to denominational hospitals under the Hill-Burton Act.

The Hill-Burton Act, passed by Congress 10 years ago, provides government grants to both public and private hospitals meeting certain requirements.

The Executive Committee will ask that outright gifts be discontinued only to hospitals owned and operated by religious groups. This would not affect public hospitals.

In place of grants, the Executive Committee will request that denominational hospitals be eligible for long-term government loans to aid their expansions.

The Executive Committee's request to amend the law was based on a recommendation of the Southern Baptist public affairs committee, whose chairman, Walter Fope Binns, Liberty, Mo., presented the report.

Binns said that the public affairs committee felt outright grants to church-related hospitals violated the tradition of separation of church and state, but that loans did not.

Southern Baptist hospitals have generally rejected government grants, the best-known case being that of North Carolina Baptist Hospital which in 1951 turned down a \$700,000 grant it could have received under the Hill-Burton Act.

Many other denominations have accepted the grants.

A number of Southern Baptist colleges and universities are expanding their campuses with money loaned by government agencies. Such loans are not now available to denominational hospitals.

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\$25,000 SURVEY FUNDS  
TO COME FROM SURPLUS

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The \$25,000 approved by the 1956 Southern Baptist Convention for a survey of the work of its agencies will come from an accumulated surplus, according to a report to the SBC Executive Committee. The Executive Committee learned that the money for the year's study will not be taken from Convention reserves.

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#### MISSION FIELDS GET 93 CENTS OF DOLLAR

RICHMOND, Va.--(BP)--More than 93 cents of every dollar received last year by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board went directly to mission fields.

According to Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen, Richmond, the total received for the Board's operations last year was \$10,736,271. Of this, \$10,017,383 went to foreign fields for salaries of missionaries, their expenses on the field, for the maintenance of hospitals and schools, for buying property, and other such items.

Less than three cents of the dollar went for administrative expenses, which included salaries and travel expenses of the home office staff in Richmond, and postage, insurance, and equipment for the home office.

Slightly over three cents of the dollar was spent for promotion. This went for such things as publicity of Board's work through denominational papers, audio-visual aids on foreign missions, costs of denominational work by missionaries home on furlough, missionary recruiting material, etc.

Just a trifle more than half a penny of the Foreign Mission Board's dollar went to general expenses, including cost of holding Board meetings, the annual audit, legal expenses, and the like.

Most of the Foreign Mission Board receipts come from two sources -- the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering especially for foreign missions.

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#### SOUTHEASTERN AWARDS CONTRACT ON LIBRARY

WAKE FOREST, N. C.--(BP)--The contract for constructing a new wing on the library of Southeastern Baptist Seminary here has been awarded to a Durham contractor who bid \$230,000.

The firm of Bradsher, Inc., will also convert two dormitories into apartments for married students and renovate the administration building. Estimated cost of these alterations is \$200,000.

Southeastern Seminary recently secured full control of the Wake Forest College campus when that Baptist four-year college moved to a new campus location at Winston-Salem, N. C.

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PERSONNEL NEED STUDIED  
BY VOCATION COMMITTEE

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Southern Baptist Convention churches are seeking now or in the immediate future 3477 staff members in religious education and church music, according to a recent survey.

A report on the survey, given to the Executive Committee of the Convention by the SBC committee on Christian vocations, also revealed that 923 churches are seeking church secretaries.

The survey was conducted by the department of survey, statistics, and information of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Allen Graves, dean of religious education at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, and chairman of the Christian vocations committee, which held its first meeting here, asked Southern Baptists to pray for added church workers.

He reported the committee, created by the 1956 Southern Baptist Convention at Kansas City, is considering ways to present to Southern Baptists the need for church staff members.

It is studying the basic concepts of Christian vocations and seeking to clarify the terminology, status, and responsibilities of various church staff members in religious education and church music fields.

It also is:

1. Preparing a bibliography which Graves said will list available material on church-related vocations;
2. Considering ways in which to keep in touch with young people who sign cards saying they have committed themselves to full-time denominational work of some kind.

A subcommittee of the Christian vocations committee will meet in Ridgecrest July 31 for a further study of the committee's work.

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ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE

BATON ROUGE, La.--(BP)--Frank Jerome, of Baton Rouge, has been named administrative assistant of Baton Rouge General Hospital here. The hospital is one of several supported by Louisiana Baptist Convention

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CLEAR CREEK PLANS TO  
REPLACE BURNED PLANT

PINEVILLE, Ky.--(BP)--Preliminary drawings for a proposed new church furniture factory at the Clear Creek Baptist School have been approved by the executive committee of the Clear Creek trustees.

Final plans will be ready by mid-July, with construction to begin as soon thereafter as possible.

The plans call for a modern one-story structure of brick, concrete, and steel to replace the factory building destroyed by fire recently. With more than 50 student families dependent upon the factory for a livelihood while attending school, it is imperative that the new building be completed before cold weather, President D. M. Aldridge said.

Recognizing the school's emergency, the executive committee of the Kentucky Baptist state board of missions has authorized a state-wide financial campaign to secure the necessary funds for the construction of the new factory.

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WAKE FOREST COLLEGE  
LEAVES WAKE FOREST

WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.--(BP)--Wake Forest College is no longer in Wake Forest, N. C.

Neither the college nor the town of Wake Forest changed names recently, when the four-year Baptist institution moved more than 100 miles to its large new campus worth \$19 million at Winston-Salem .

College officials said more than 100 trips by huge moving vans were required to haul the equipment from Wake Forest to Winston-Salem. Within a matter of days after the move, Wake Forest College opened its doors for summer school on the new campus.

Contractors are still putting finishing touches on many of the buildings here.

The former Wake Forest College campus becomes the campus of Southeastern Baptist Seminary, which for the last five years has shared it with Wake Forest College.

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OFFICERS RE-ELECTED  
BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting here, re-elected its entire staff of officers and administrators to an additional year's term.

Federal Judge Frank Hooper, Atlanta, continues to serve as chairman with W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Miss., vice-chairman. G. Allen West, Nashville, remains recording secretary.

Three administrative officers re-elected are Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer; Albert McClellan, associate secretary and director of publications; and Merrill D. Moore, associate secretary and director of promotion. All live in Nashville where Executive Committee has offices.

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GOVERNOR HONORED

AUSTIN, Tex.--(BP)--Gov. Allan Shivers of Texas was honored here recently for his work as a Sunday school teacher in First Baptist Church. The men's Bible class, which he teaches, staged a barbecue party for him, which was attended by 200 persons.

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SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
EXPENSES APPROVED

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Special committees of the Southern Baptist Convention will have funds to cover the expenses of at least one meeting under a decision of the SBC Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee approved payment of expenses of one meeting for all special Convention committees whose expenses are not otherwise provided for.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  
ASSIGNMENTS LISTED

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Standing committees of the SBC Executive Committee were named at the Executive Committee's semi-annual meeting here. The committee memberships are:

Administration committee--J. D. Grey, New Orleans, chairman; A. Judson Burrell, Columbus, Ga.; Clare C. Clark, Shreveport, La.; A. B. Hawkes, Waycross, Ga.; Homer G. Lindsay, Jacksonville, Fla.; M. H. Mabry, Tampa, Fla.; Paul A. Meigs, Berkeley, Calif.; Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, Tenn.; Edward H. Pruden, Washington, D. C.; Thomas P. Pruitt, Hickory, N. C.; Lewis M. Smith, Birmingham; C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C.; Homer H. Waldrop, Jackson, Tenn.; and G. Allen West, Nashville.

Finance committee--W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Miss., chairman; Kendall Berry, Blytheville, Ark.; Charles C. Bowles, Birmingham; Douglas M. Branch, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Carr P. Collins, Dallas; W. Curtis English, Altavista, Virginia; Herschel H. Hobbs, Oklahoma City; Carl G. McCraw, Charlotte, N. C.; J. Winston Pearce, Baltimore, Md.; Haskell McClain, Oklahoma City; and T. K. Rucker, Forrest City, Ark.

Promotion Committee--R. Archie Ellis, Columbia, S. C.; Horace G. Adams, Charleston, S. C.; J. Carroll Chadwick, Center, Tex.; J. Ralph Grant, Lubbock, Tex.; Purser Hewitt, Jackson, Miss.; John A. Jones, Macon, Ga.; Mrs. Gordon Maddrey, Ahsokie, N. C.; Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Texas; Frank F. Norfleet, Paducah, Ky.; Sterling L. Price, Abilene, Texas; C. Vaughan Rock, Phoenix, Ariz.; E. N. Wilkinson, Louisville; Conrad R. Willard, Kansas City, Mo.; Philip H. Wilson, Glasgow, Ky.; John W. Wood, Portsmouth, Va.

Convention arrangements committee--James M. Baldwin, Salem, Ill., chairman; W. A. Buckner, Desloge, Mo; B. J. Martin, Pasadena, Tex.; James W. Merritt, Gainesville, Ga.; James L. Monroe, Attalla, Ala.; J. Melvin Ray, Carlsbad, N. M.

CONVENTION SURVEY  
COMMITTEE SELECTED

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Douglas M. Branch, pastor of First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N. C., has been appointed chairman of a committee to study work of Southern Baptist Convention agencies.

The committee, with 23 members, was authorized by the 1956 Southern Baptist Convention session at Kansas City to study the functions of these agencies and their relations with each other, with state Baptist conventions, and with the more than 30,000 Southern Baptist churches.

Its purpose is to find "the most effective way of promoting the Kingdom (of God) through the Southern Baptist Convention."

The committee includes representatives from 20 states within the Southern Baptist Convention which have large enough memberships to have board representation, plus three members at large.

The committee includes both laymen and denominational workers. Other state members are:

B. Locke Davis, Anniston, Ala.; W. Barry Garrett, Phoenix, Ariz.; Cong. Brooks Hays, Washington and Little Rock; R. C. Miller, San Mateo, Calif.; Robert S. Cooper, Washington, D. C.; Cecil Carroll, Jacksonville, Fla.; Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., Atlanta; Archie E. Brown, Vandalia, Ill.; E. N. Wilkinson, Louisville; R. Huston Smith, Pineville, La.; J. Winston Pearce, Baltimore, Md.; W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Miss; Grant Davis, Springfield, Mo.; Bryce Twitty, Tulsa; L. D. Ball, Albuquerque, N. M.; Mrs. Horace G. Hammett, Columbia, S. C.; Maxey Jarman, Nashville; Carr P. Collins, Dallas; Garis T. Long, Richmond, Va.

At large members: M. H. Mabry, Tampa, Fla.; Kendall Berry, Blytheville, Ark.; Mrs. J. I. Alford, Covington, Ga.

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COLLEGE ASSOCIATION  
ELECTS G. B. CONNELL

NASHVILLE--(BP)--George B. Connell, president of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., has been elected president of the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools.

Connell succeeds Harley Fite, president of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.

Elected Association vice-president was J. M. Boswell, president, Cumberland (Junior) College, Williamsburg, Ky. H. I. Hester, vice-president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

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**STUDY CONTINUES ON  
AMERICAN SEMINARY**

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Problems affecting the operation of American Baptist Theological Seminary here have been referred to the Southern Baptist Convention's commission on the seminary for further study.

Involved in the study are two questions:

1. The proposed merger of the Negro seminary with the National Baptist Missionary Training School, which has an adjoining campus in Nashville.
2. The future method of joint operation of the seminary by the Southern Baptist Convention and National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., a Negro convention. (The training school is exclusively a National convention institution.)

Principal matter for immediate study is a proposal for future joint operation made recently by J. H. Jackson, Chicago, president of the National convention.

Jackson proposed that the seminary be opened to both white and Negro students and that its president be either white or Negro. He proposed further a single joint board of trustees be set up to operate the seminary.

While these actions were being taken, he added, the Southern convention would be asked to operate the seminary for three to five years and a joint committee would explore areas of future cooperation by the two conventions covering the seminary.

If its study is concluded by that time, the Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary will report to the Southern Baptist Executive Committee in December.

Victor Glass is acting president of the seminary following the recent resignation of Ralph Riley. Glass is the first white man to head the seminary.

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**ADD HONORARY DEGREES. . .**

University of Richmond, Richmond, Va.--D. S. Dempsey, minister, Lowesville, Va., and J. Maurice Trimmer, pastor, Fifth Ave. Baptist Church, Huntington, W. Va., doctors of divinity. Jay B. Hubbell, professor emeritus, Duke University, Durham, N. C., doctor of letters; J. Hoge Ricks, retired judge of juvenile and domestic relations court, Richmond, Va., doctor of laws.

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CHURCH FINANCE GOALS  
FOR 1957-61 ADOPTED

NASHVILLE--(BP)--"The Church Finance Program of Southern Baptists" has been adopted as the title of this new phase of activity undertaken by the Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

The title was adopted at the Executive Committee's recent semi-annual meeting here.

On recommendation of its promotion committee, the Executive Committee set a goal of 10,000 Southern Baptist churches using the church finance program by 1961, one of the years in the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

1958 Cooperative Program goals were adopted also. The Convention will ask its affiliated churches to give a million dollars a week to world missions through the Cooperative Program in that year. Last year, the corresponding amount was \$36 million, or slightly under \$700,000 a week.

Church finance materials will be available to individual churches in the fall of 1957, Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, Miss., chairman of the promotion committee, said. The goal for the program at that date will be at least two churches in each of Southern Baptists' 1050 associations using the program.

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WORLD IN HURRICANE'S  
EYE, DECLARES CAUTHEN

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The world is in the eye of a hurricane today, having passed through half the storm, but with another part of the storm ahead, according to Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Cauthen's appraisal of the world situation was in remarks he made to the church finance clinic of Southern Baptist leaders here.

He called for the denomination to harness its prayer potential, declaring that all churches have the same world mission, whether they be the smallest country churches or the largest city churches.

More missionary volunteers are needed, he said, as well as more giving to missions to provide mission advance on the more than 30 fields where Southern Baptist foreign mission work is carried on.

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