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Five Sunday December

Slows Receipt of Receipts

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--A single month's receipts to the national Cooperative Program topped \$6 million for the first time ever in January, despite just a 3.8 percent increase over January 1978.

Monthly increases, which had been averaging 11.9 percent since the fiscal year began in October, must average 11.5 percent to reach the \$64 million operating budget and capital needs goals of SBC agencies.

December's contributions of \$6,002,367 pushed the four-month total to \$20,541,133, a 9.4 percent increase over the same period last year.

Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the SBC Executive Committee, indicated December's fifth Sunday may have warped the figures.

"January receipts are not a good barometer this year," he said, "because December had five Sundays and many churches did not send in their December Cooperative Program contribution until January. What we receive in January represents what the states receive in December. This would also affect the designated gifts. We are grateful the increase for the year is still nearly 10 percent."

Designated contributions, which had been running 30 percent ahead of last year, fell 11 percent below the January 1978 total, reaching just \$6,590,128. Designated contributions for the year are \$8,211,359, or five percent below last year's total for the same period.

Total contributions for the first four months of the fiscal year, including both designated and Cooperative Program funds, stand at \$28,752,492, an increase of \$1,324,987 or 4.8 percent over the same period last year.

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Senate Hearings Highlight
Working Women's Problems

By Carol Franklin

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WASHINGTON (BP)--Two days of hearings in the U. S. Senate on the trends in American society which affect working women "could revolutionize the way we structure federal programs for women, and especially working women," according to the chairman of the Senate Committee on Human Resources.

Sen. Harrison A. Williams Jr., D-N.J., called on 38 witnesses to provide data for the committee's oversight of more than 900 federal programs including education, labor, health, employment, child care, and alcohol and drug abuse. "Each of those areas contains programs which directly affect the lives of thousands of women," Williams said.

Witnesses included actress Marlo Thomas; Bella Abzug, former congresswoman from New York; John Mack Carter, editor-in-chief of Good Housekeeping magazine; Jean C. Young, chairperson of the National Commission on the International Year of the Child; and Bonnie Vaughn, a grocery cashier from Jackson, Mich.

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Thomas discussed the need for re-entry programs into the job market for women who have taken time out to raise children. "We have no way of knowing how many of those under-30 mothers are continuing to work because they want to--or because they feel they can't afford to jeopardize their future family income by staying home with the children," Thomas said.

"We have plenty of precedents in this country for government-aided re-entry into the economic mainstream," Thomas continued. "We have programs for prisoners, and for alcohol and drug abusers--and while I certainly approve of those programs, I can't fail to point out the irony that a man who's gone to jail for possession of heroin is likely to get more encouragement in the job market than the woman who's raised three children."

Carter noted that women today have been assured by society that they are valuable but when they try to find jobs "government and business don't see their worth." "It is shattering and the individual is suffering," he said. "Women are restless, frustrated, and sometimes frightened by the changes in their world."

Carter responded to charges that programs for women would create more inflation. "With women fully integrated into the work force we can afford guns if we must and butter--and hamburger at two dollars a pound," he said.

Williams cited statistics showing that 80 percent of working women are concentrated in low-income, low-status jobs. He also said that working women, on the average, make 58 cents for every dollar made by a working man. One-third of families headed by a woman have an income below the poverty level, Williams noted.

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Stroke Hits Mrs. Naylor
Visiting Daughter in India

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FORT WORTH, Texas (BP)--Goldia Dalton Naylor, wife of retired Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary president Robert E. Naylor, suffered an apparent stroke Jan. 20 while the Naylor's were visiting their daughter in Bangalore, India.

The Naylor's, accompanied by their daughter Rebekah, a medical missionary with the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, returned to Fort Worth, Texas, Feb. 1. Mrs. Naylor was to begin tests Feb. 2 as an outpatient at a Fort Worth hospital.

According to the Naylor's son Richard, Mrs. Naylor was extremely weak. She had suffered some temporary paralysis during the first days following the stroke, but appears recovered from that.

Naylor retired from Southwestern July 31, 1978.

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African Leader Killed
In Automobile Accident

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OGBOMOSHO, Nigeria (BP)--Emanuel A. Dahunsi, general secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention, was killed in an automobile accident Jan. 30 near Ogbomosho, Nigeria.

The 61-year-old pastor and educator was called the "single most strategic national leader on the African continent" by John E. Mills, the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's secretary for West Africa.

Mills praised Dahunsi's mature academic leadership. "He presided over unprecedented growth both numerically and financially and led during a time of great stability," Mills said.

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Dahunsi had been the convention's executive leader for four years. Prior to that he served with the Bible Society of Nigeria, translating the New Testament into his own language of Yoruba. He had also served as pastor of First Baptist Church, Lagos, and president of the Nigerian convention.

A product of Southern Baptist mission work, Dahunsi became a Christian as a child and attended mission schools. He was educated in Nigeria and then in America. The first African to graduate from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., Dahunsi received the doctor of theology degree with honors in 1957. He had earlier graduated from Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va., and was ordained in Richmond at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Mills credited Dahunsi with leading the Nigerian convention "to the greatest heights of self-support." Self-support and Nigerian leadership had been primary goals of Dahunsi since he returned to Nigeria in the 1950s after his American studies.

"As I think of the work of the people who gave their money and their time to those in our land," Dahunsi told the board at that time, "we realize the chain reaction continues until it passes to us, and we continue to see that great need in our own home and in other parts of the world."

Nigeria now has both home and foreign mission work, a strong national convention led by Nigerians, and more than 300,000 members in Baptist churches.

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(BP) Photo mailed to Baptist state newspapers by Richmond bureau of Baptist Press.

Lottie Basket Case In
\$40 Per Capita Church

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PALATKA, Fla. (BP)--In a special "Victory Day" celebration, members of Francis Baptist Church, Palatka, Fla., gave \$16,000 to their Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions.

For the 404-member congregation, that figures out to be 16 times the Southern Baptist Convention's per capita gift to the 1977 offering.

The total offering at the Jan. 28 service was \$16,074, or almost \$40 per member. The convention's per capita gift for the 1977 offering was \$2.52. One family of four contributed \$1,695. The church expected another \$500 the following Sunday.

Members filled a laundry basket with offerings and their children lined up jars stuffed with coins on the pulpit platform during the service. Pastor Harry Varnadoe said this was a record participation in the annual foreign missions offering for the church, which averages about 150 in Sunday School.

Baker J. Cauthen, executive director of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and speaker for the victory service, said the congregation was "filled with the happiness of a people giving for worldwide missions."

Cauthen noted there are two thrilling aspects to the Lottie Moon offering: the outstanding gifts of large churches and the gifts of small churches which represent "such great evidence of commitment and sacrifice."

The 1978 offering has a goal of \$40 million, but no figures are yet available on the total given.

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Rhodesian Missionaries
Welcome Political Changes

By Mary Jane Welch

Salisbury, Zimbabwe/Rhodesia (BP)--Southern Baptist missionaries in Zimbabwe/Rhodesia welcomed changes moving the country toward black majority rule in recent days.

"We're glad to be here and to be part of good changes in this land," said one of the Rhodesian missionaries in a cable to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board reporting the change of the country's name from Rhodesia, the British name, to include Zimbabwe, the African name.

The name change was symbolic of other changes which followed the Jan. 30 acceptance of a new constitution by the white minority electorate, which has been ruling the country. The new constitution, drafted by Prime Minister Ian Smith and three moderate black leaders in a transition government, insures a black majority in Parliament and the Cabinet, according to wire service reports.

After acceptance of the constitution, the country's name was officially changed to Zimbabwe/Rhodesia and all racial legislation, including that affecting housing, education, and health service, was repealed.

Acceptance of the new constitution had been termed vital to continued progress in the interim government and the move to majority rule, according to Southern Baptist Missionary Logan C. Atnip, chairman of the Baptist Mission (organization of missionaries) of Rhodesia.

Southern Baptist missionaries have seen many changes since the first of their group entered Rhodesia in 1950. The biggest have come since Southern Baptist missionary Archie G. Dunaway Jr., was murdered by guerrillas in June 1978 at the Sanyati Baptist compound.

Missionaries stationed at Sanyati moved to larger cities, but African Baptists continue to operate the Baptist hospital and schools there, reports Davis L. Saunders, the Foreign Mission Board's area secretary for Eastern and Southern Africa.

The effect of guerrilla activity has not been confined to Sanyati. Southern Baptist missionaries Samuel L. and Ona Jones of Texas say, "the missionary staff in Rhodesia has, of necessity, grown smaller, thus leaving a seemingly impossible task, but the African Baptist people are stepping in to fill the gaps." The Jones are stationed in Salisbury, where Baptists maintain a recording studio, mission offices, and evangelism work.

Guerrilla activity in other rural areas has moved other missionaries into the cities, resulting in changes cited by missionaries John W. and Mary Monroe of Texas: "The church buildings are now being turned over to the convention and the local churches. We praise the Lord that the people are showing signs of leadership in many areas in which they have never before led." The Monroes, formerly stationed in Sanyati, now direct the home for missionary children in Gwelo.

Another Gwelo couple, Ralph J. and Betty Bowlin of Alabama and Texas, who were among Rhodesia's first Southern Baptist missionaries, say that other work in Gwelo is productive. "We witness daily among the coloured (mixed race) community and have seen more professions of faith through personal witnessing than we have in many years."

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Missionaries Injured
In Car Wreck In Brazil

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FORTALEZA, Brazil (BP)--Southern Baptist missionary Harold Wheeler escaped injury but his wife and daughter suffered cuts and shock when a truck turned into their Volkswagon van Jan. 29.

Gloria Wheeler required seven stitches to close a cut on her leg and suffered chest bruises and shock. The Wheelers' daughter, Stephanie, was cut above an eye. A baby, Stanton, was uninjured.

The Wheelers were on their way to Recife, where he works at the Baptist seminary. They said the Brazilians rallied to their aid and they received "splendid care."

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