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30,000 New Stations  
Voted Top 1956 Story

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention's announcement that it will try to establish 30,000 new preaching stations by 1964 has been voted the top news story of 1956 in the Convention.

Editors of Southern Baptist newspapers taking part in the annual Baptist Press poll gave it top rating. The Baptist Press, denominational news service, asks them to list the "Top 10" SBC stories each year.

Convention President C. C. Warren, pastor of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., called for 30,000 new preaching points in his president's address to the Convention session at Kansas City, Mo.

The plan to establish 30,000 preaching points within the SBC is part of the Baptist Jubilee Advance in which about eight Baptist groups in the United States and Canada are setting goals for advancement. These groups represent 18 million Baptists.

The Baptist editors selected as second most important story of the year the record \$20,000,000 given in direct support to Convention missionary and agency work. Coupled with it are goals for increased giving by the denomination between now and 1964.

The Southern Baptist Student World Missions Congress, held in Nashville immediately after the Christmas weekend, was the third major story. Attended by more than 2300 college students from 300 colleges in the U. S. and Canada, it marked the start of observance of World Missions Year in the Southern Baptist Convention in 1957.

The editors voted fourth spot to the Forward Program of Church Finance, a program presented by the Convention's Executive Committee to help churches reach budget goals and increase their giving to Baptist work.

Other stories in the "Top 10" included an appeal by 28 SBC leaders, who spoke individually and not for Baptists as a group, for a Christian spirit in race relations, fifth; plans to establish a sixth Southern Baptist seminary and objection to the Hill-Burton Act for making grants to denominational hospitals, tied for sixth; a comprehensive survey begun to determine the working relationships of the Convention's many agencies, eighth; purchase by the Baptist Sunday School Board of two large pieces of business property in Nashville, ninth, and a proposal to build a  
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large Convention hospital near Miami, Fla., tenth.

The 28 Baptist leaders made their race appeal in a joint statement, but stressed the fact they spoke only as individuals and not for the Convention.

A convention committee is studying possible sites for the sixth seminary. The Convention's Executive Committee and other Baptist groups announced they would seek changes in the Hill-Burton Act to prohibit grants to religious hospitals. They felt its present provisions violate church-state separation.

The survey of agencies is being undertaken by professional management consultants from Chicago under direction of a special Convention committee.

The Sunday School Board bought the property in downtown Nashville for immediate and long-range expansion. It is adjacent to its present cluster of buildings used for editing, assembling, mailing, and shipping tons of Baptist literature.

The proposed hospital at Miami followed an offer of land and financial aid from millionaire aluminum Executive Arthur Vining Davis, whose vast land developments in Florida include the tract south of Miami where the hospital would be built.

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Certificate Necessary  
For Social Security

WASHINGTON--(BP)--If you're a minister desiring social security coverage, be certain you have filed a certificate with the government to that effect.

The last possible filing date for most ministers is Apr. 15.

Some ministers have filed their income tax returns and paid their social security taxes, thinking this is enough to place them under social security coverage. Not so, the government says. They must also fill out Form 2031 waiving their exemption to social security taxes.

Not filing the certificate within the prescribed time means that you permanently forfeit your right to social security coverage.

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