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CANADIAN BAPTISTS OPPOSE ACTION  
OF SBC TO AID CANADIAN CHURCHES

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The Baptist Union of Western Canada have formally protested the decision of the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis to offer to help churches in Western Canada. The protest in the form of a telegram from W. J. MacDonald, secretary of the Baptist Union of Western Canada, came addressed to Porter Routh, executive secretary of the Executive Committee as follows:

"Resolution passed unanimously under caption Southern Baptist Extension policy reads, whereas our brethren of the Southern Baptist Convention have decided to permit and encourage the organization of Baptist churches in Canada affiliated with their convention and whereas these congregations are being organized chiefly in areas already well served by Canadian Baptist churches and whereas such a move will weaken relationships between the Baptist Union of Western Canada and the Southern Baptist Convention which for many years have been established on the principle of mutual respect and co-operation and whereas this practice will make it increasingly difficult to build a truly indigenous Canadian Baptist cause with Canadian educational and missionary institutions therefore be it resolved, that we, the Baptist Union of Western Canada, assembled in convention on June 22, 1954, record our protest against this policy on the part of our Southern Baptist brethren and assure them of our desire to confer further on this matter."

Action of the Convention was the adoption of a motion by R. E. Milam of Washington-Oregon as follows: "In view of the petition of the Executive Committee of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon and Washington, I move that any supporting agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention be permitted at their discretion, to grant the privilege to employees of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon and Washington to aid churches affiliated with our state convention even though their salaries may be paid in part by said agency."

The Executive Committee, taking note of both the telegram from MacDonald, secretary of the Baptist Union of Western Canada, and the action of the Convention, authorized appointment of "a committee of three to confer with the representatives from the Baptist Union of Western Canada regarding their interpretation of the action taken by the Southern Baptist Convention In St. Louis."

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The following committees were appointed at the summer meeting of the Executive Committee held in Nashville recently:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE: J. D. Grey, Louisiana, chairman; Carl E. Bates, Texas; Ralph P. Baylor, Maryland; A. B. Hawkes, Georgia; M. H. Mabry, Florida; Paul A. Meigs, California; Homer G. Lindsay, Florida; Ramsey Pollard, Tennessee; Edward H. Pruden, Washington, D.C.; T. P. Pruitt, North Carolina; J. W. Storer, Oklahoma; Homer H. Waldrop, Tennessee; G. Allen West, Tennessee; and Mrs. George R. Martin, Virginia.

PROMOTION COMMITTEE: J. Norris Palmer, Louisiana, chairman; Horace G. Adams, South Carolina; Frank Norfleet, Kentucky; J. Carroll Chadwick, Texas; Purser Hewitt, Mississippi; John A. Jones, Georgia; B. J. Martin, Texas; Mrs. Gordon Maddry, North Carolina; Sterling L. Price, Texas; C. Vaughan Rock, Arizona; Paul Wheeler, South Carolina; Phillip H. Wilson, Kentucky; John W. Wood, Virginia; and E. N. Wilkinson, Kentucky.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Louie D. Newton, Georgia, chairman; Kendal Berry, Arkansas; Douglas M. Branch, North Carolina; Carr P. Collins, Sr., Texas; Curtis English, Virginia; H. H. Hobbs, Oklahoma; W. Douglas Hudgins, Mississippi; Haskell McClain, Oklahoma; Charles Bowles, Alabama; T. K. Rucker, Arkansas; and L. M. Smith, Alabama.

CONVENTION ARRANGEMENTS: Oliver R. Shields, Missouri, chairman; W. A. Buckner, Missouri; James L. Monroe, Alabama; James W. Merritt, Georgia; L. M. Walker, New Mexico; and James M. Baldwin, Illinois.