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**SBC 1956 BUDGET  
IS \$10,000,000**

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--The 1956 Southern Baptist Convention budget will be ten million dollars, if recommended budget to be offered by the Executive Committee is adopted at Miami next May. This compared to \$9,100,000 for 1955. The budget was adopted by the Executive Committee in its semi-annual meeting in Nashville in mid-December.

The budget is divided into two parts, operating budget of \$7,000,000 and the capital needs budget of \$3,000,000.

Increases and changes are all within the operating budget and listed as follows:

	1955	1956	Increase
Foreign Mission Board	\$2,875,000	\$3,200,000	\$325,000
Home Mission Board	710,000	785,000	75,000
Southern Seminary	310,317	436,500	126,183
Southwestern Seminary	360,317	463,500	103,183
New Orleans Seminary	333,316	378,000	44,684
Golden Gate Seminary	204,400	249,000	44,600
Southeastern Seminary	235,650	288,000	52,350
American Seminary	60,000	62,500	2,500
Carver School	61,000	70,000	9,000
Brotherhood Com.	65,000	80,000	15,000
Public Affairs Com.	15,000	16,500	1,500
Historical Com.	26,000	27,000	1,000

Two committees were authorized to study the growing problem of loans for church building. A committee of six, three from the Executive Committee and three from the Home Mission Board, will study a proposal of the Home Mission Board to enlarge their total building fund to \$11,000,000. Another committee of seven will study the possibility of creating an entirely new church loan agency. Both of these committees will report to the Executive Committee meeting at Miami in May.

Permission was granted to the Southern Baptist Hospital Commission to borrow \$750,000 to finish the new three million dollar hospital at Jacksonville, Fla., and to Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., to borrow against their 1956 capital needs a total of \$242,466 for a new construction on the campus.

A proposed recommendation to the Convention was adopted requesting the Executive Committee to provide two series of thirteen mats each annually for use by the churches, associations, and others in presenting Baptist messages and ideas through weekly and daily newspapers. If the recommendation is approved the mats will be ready in early summer.

A youth night budget of \$1,000 was approved for the Convention at Miami to

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be planned and promoted by the Baptist Student Union.

An action by the Executive Committee in 1950 granting permission to employees to enter Social Security was reaffirmed.

Seeking to make the annual fiscal reports as printed in the Convention Annual more understandable it was voted to recommend to the Convention that Section XII, Article 3 of the Business and Financial Plan be amended "The financial report of each agency shall be printed in the Convention Book of Reports or the Convention Annual, and shall contain the following, taken from its latest annual audit report:

(1) Balance sheet, (2) Analysis of surplus accounts, (3) Income and expense, (4) Classified list of investments (by funds and type of investment), (5) Receipts by states of contributions.

"These should show: a. Cooperative receipts (received through Executive Committee) b. Designated receipts (received through Executive Committee) c. Gifts not received through Executive Committee."

The Convention will also be asked to amend By-Law 10 of the Constitution asking all special Convention committees to transfer official files to Executive Committee when discharged.

To study negro ministerial education, a special council was authorized, the members to come from interested Southern Baptist institutions and agencies. No budget was provided.

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#### RADIO COMMISSION TO MOVE TO FT. WORTH

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Activities of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will be directed from Fort Worth, Tex., starting early next spring.

The Executive Committee of the Convention, in its annual December session, heard no serious objection to moving the headquarters now in Atlanta, Ga., but delayed final action until Wednesday night, December 15, to hear a report from a special committee instructed to ascertain whether certain aspects of the new location meets with specifications of the Convention's Business and Financial Plan.

Members of the Radio and Television Commission raised no serious objection to the delay and met with the special committee to work out all the details. Malcolm Knight, Jacksonville, Fla., chairman of the Commission, presented the

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Commission's unanimous recommendation that Fort Worth be chosen.

Knight reviewed the Commission's study of the headquarters problem and told how a committee of the Commission had made on the ground inspections at Fort Worth, Tulsa, and other cities that were considered. "None of these considered initiated the plan to move the headquarters," he said.

"With the growth of the ministry of radio and television the Commission found itself faced with the need of research and production facilities that would cost \$1,000,000 he said. Such an outlay by the Commission was impossible," he added.

"But in Fort Worth," Knight said, "the committee found that such facilities could be had at WBAP-Radio and TV, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram station, on a mutually satisfactory basis."

Knight also said the Commission was faced with problem of either joining the National Council of Churches in sharing time on the air or of developing an independent network. The latter, he added, was the objective of the Commission and WBAP offered to be the originating station of such a network. He pointed out that WBAP was one of the thirteen 50,000 watt clear channel stations in the United States. He was backed up on the WBAP offer by a statement by Luther Adkins, director of religious activities of the station, who said he was authorized to offer the Commission the facilities as outlined by Knight.

The delay came about over whether the Commission had in sight the funds necessary to build the \$125,000 headquarters building in Fort Worth.

Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Ga., and W. Douglas Hudgins, Jackson, Miss., questioned whether the Commission's setup regarding funds met with the Business and Financial Plan of the Convention which forbids obligation of any funds until first approved by the Convention.

Despite assurances that the proposed headquarters building could be rented, if not purchased, and that the sale of properties now owned by the Commission in Atlanta would result in nearly enough to pay the \$125,000 the committee voted to appoint a special committee to look into the matter.

Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, Tenn., a former member of the Radio and Television Commission, said that since the Commission had voted unanimously to move to Fort Worth he saw no reason to delay the matter.

The proposed headquarters building would be built, at cost, by J. T. Luther, a builder and Baptist layman. He offered to either ~~sell~~ or rent the building.

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BAPTISTS LOOK AHEAD

IN STEWARDSHIP PROMOTION

NASHVILLE, Tenn.--(BP)--Southern Baptist Stewardship promotion took long strides ahead at the December meeting of the Joint Promotion Conference when a program was outlined looking ten years ahead to climax with the third jubilee celebration of organized Baptist work in America in 1964.

First step in the program is Church and Denomination night scheduled for 1955. This calls for one-night stewardship historical conferences in 30,000 churches next September and October. The purpose is to relate the churches to the world and to tie closer together the agencies and institutions in the work of the whole denomination. The slogan will be "Together we Build."

The program for 1956 and 1957 calls for two years of World Mission Emphasis with 1957 to be known as World Mission Year. The Joint Promotion Conference suggested that the state conventions of 1956 be known as world mission conventions and that all assemblies, district meetings, and similar organizations emphasize the world missions in 1956 and 1957. A nation-wide stewardship clinic will be conducted in 1956.

For 1957 the Cooperative Program will drive for an increase of one dollar per member to give a net increase for the year of ten million dollars.

A special committee composed of representatives of the Executive Committee, Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission, and Baptist Sunday School Board will guide implementation of the program.

For 1958 a goal for the Cooperative Program was set at \$52,000,000 or one million dollars a week. From 1959 to 1964 a five year program will be projected to climax in 1964 with a celebration of the third jubilee or one hundred fiftieth anniversary of organized Baptist work in America.