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TOTAL MISSION GIFTS
SHOW INCREASE FOR '53

NASHVILLE, Tenn.---(BP)---Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program receipts for the first four months of this year are \$3,248,533.13. This shows an increase of \$351,428.18 or 12.13 per cent for the same ^{period} /last year. The figures were released by Porter Routh, treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Designated gifts are up 20.37 per cent over last year for the same period, a gain of \$682,073.98.

Total gifts including both Cooperative Program and designated gifts increased 16.55 per cent or \$1,033,502.16.

MONTHLY REPORT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
Porter Routh, Executive Secretary
April, 1953

RECEIPTS

	<u>Cooperative Program</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Total</u>
Specials	73.20	537.50	610.70
Alabama	34,137.56	25,948.40	60,085.96
Alaska	--	--	--
Arizona	2,359.68	2,648.72	5,008.40
Arkansas	27,618.89	8,164.50	35,783.39
California	3,506.35	3,726.99	7,233.34
Dist. of Columbia	2,779.57	3,930.01	6,709.58
Florida	45,859.46	31,121.10	76,980.56
Georgia	55,061.50	78,018.19	133,079.69
Illinois	11,259.92	5,356.13	16,616.05
Kansas	707.12	224.68	931.80
Kentucky	38,765.60	36,928.19	75,693.79
Louisiana	31,862.61	38,198.93	70,061.54
Maryland	6,132.99	45.70	6,178.69
Mississippi	30,696.96	21,335.69	52,032.65
Missouri	40,199.14	34,342.98	74,542.12
New Mexico	6,830.28	5,661.49	12,491.77
North Carolina	56,310.44	35,560.77	91,871.21
Oklahoma	55,373.25	28,072.75	83,446.00
Oregon-Washington	491.26	784.33	1,275.59
South Carolina	93,742.91	11,230.48	104,973.39
Tennessee	55,599.27	16,323.53	71,922.80
Texas	104,166.66	80,058.69	184,225.35
Virginia	74,210.77	59,232.34	133,443.11
Totals for Month	777,745.39	527,452.09	1,305,197.48
Year to Date	3,248,533.13	4,030,996.04	7,279,529.17
1952 to Date	2,897,104.95	3,348,922.06	6,246,027.01

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SOUTH AMERICAN TRAVELERS
GIVEN WEATHER WARNING

SANTIAGO, Chile--(BP)--Baptists touring South America this summer have been advised that in some parts of the continent it is not summer at all, but winter. Reuben I. Franks, a missionary in Santiago, Chile, wrote Robert S. Denny, chairman of the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

Franks stated that since July will be in the dead of winter here, be sure and have all the travelers in your group, and in the other groups as well, bring plenty of warm clothing. Since many of the places where you stay, some of the best hotels included, will have no heat, some might be interested in bringing "long handles" even. However, that is optional--depends on how "thick" your blood is.

According to other travelers to South America tourists should be prepared for fall-like weather especially in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. A light topcoat will be useful. On the other hand, travelers should be prepared for summer-like heat especially for use in north Brazil and Panama.

Franks also had a word to say about care of passports: "Also advise everyone coming to be sure and hold on to that passport. A lost or stolen passport can give you untold grief, expense, and delay. And since a United States passport is a prized possession for anyone to have, there are specialists who can forge stolen ones and re-sell them for a fortune."

Lest people be 'taken in' by would-be friends of strangers, Franks observed, "And if you'll forgive me just one more 'hint to the wise,' beware of money exchangers in airports, hotels and tourists centers. It is always well to have a missionary, your travel agent, or other reliable person handle all your money exchanging for the entire group. All North Americans are supposed to be rich, and many Latins have no scruples against helping themselves to a portion of your 'wealth' if you just give them a half chance."

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CHURCHES ASKED TO OBSERVE
BAPTIST YOUTH WORLD SUNDAY

STOCKHOLM, Sweden--(BP)--Baptist churches all over the world are being asked to observe Baptist Youth World Sunday on Sunday, July 19, 1953, according to an announcement by Joel Sorenson, youth secretary for the Baptist World Alliance. Baptist youth of the world will then be in conference at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The suggested program will include the Conference hymn, "Jesus Shall Reign"; Scripture reading, Philippians 3:7-14 and Romans 8:35-39; message, "The Living Christ Must Reign"; prayer session for the youth conference and other Baptist youth of the world; and invitation to rededication.

Baptist conventions, unions, and missionary organizations throughout the world are being asked to give this suggestion official approval.

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TRAINING UNION MATERIALS
TO HAVE NEW EDITOR

NASHVILLE, Tenn.---(BP)---Raymond M. Rigdon has been transferred by the Sunday School Board to its Department of Training Union Curriculum where he will serve as editor of Training Union lesson materials.

This announcement is made by Dr. J. O. Williams, secretary, Division of Education and Promotion, and Dr. J. L. Lambdin, secretary, Training Union Department of the Board.

Dr. Rigdon will edit the Board's Baptist Adult Union Quarterly and the Baptist Young People's Union Quarterly.

He is a native of Georgia and received his B. A. degree from Mercer University and his Th.D. degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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STATE SECRETARIES AND EDITORS
TO MEET WITH EDUCATION GROUP

NASHVILLE, Tenn.---(BP)---There will be a joint meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission and the Southern Association of Baptist Colleges and Schools in Nashville on June 18 according to Dr. Orin Cornett, secretary to the Commission.

State mission secretaries and editors have been invited to attend the sessions. They will participate in a panel discussion. Theme of the panel is "How Our Schools Can Help Us Promote Them." Dr. B. L. Bridges will act as chairman. Members of the panel, with their subjects are as follows: T. B. Lackey, "Denominational Emphasis in our Colleges"; Samuel Hovey Jones, "Baptist Papers and Baptist Schools"; Charles W. Pope, "Effective Stewardship Through Co-operation"; J. Howard Williams, "The Long Look in Financial Support"; James W. Merritt, "Convention Participation in Institutional Planning."

The state missions secretaries and state Baptist paper editors will be guests of the Education Commission at a dinner meeting at the Hermitage Hotel. Dr. Chester Quarles will make the principal address of the evening, on the subject: "Our Future in Christian Education." Plans for the April, 1954, Convention-wide emphasis on Christian Education will be considered.

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