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July Cooperative Program Funds Drop

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention last month received \$1,475,414 through Cooperative Program and designated offerings.

Convention Treasurer Porter Routh's records showed that this was \$130,386 greater than for July, 1957. However, it dropped below June, 1958, total contributions of \$1,536,314.

Contributions for 1958 to date are \$17,470,344 compared with \$16,114,486 for seven months of 1957. This is an increase of \$1,355,858 or 8.41 per cent.

Separated into categories, July, 1958 receipts showed \$1,236,588 through the undesignated means of giving, the Cooperative Program. \$238,825 came in through gifts from donors specifying a special use for their funds.

For the first seven months of the year, Cooperative Program receipts are up an even 8 per cent over 1957, and stand at \$8,912,886. Designated offerings are up 8.85 per cent and stand at \$8,557,458.

Largest disbursement for the month was to the Foreign Mission Board of the Convention---\$539,399. It brought this board's receipts for the year to date to \$10,659,495.

The Home Mission Board followed with a July disbursement of \$186,106 and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary at Berkeley, Calif., came next with \$145,793 during the month.

Five states---Arkansas, District of Columbia, Maryland, Missouri, and South Carolina---were behind 1957 totals in Cooperative Program gifts but all were ahead of a year ago in designated offerings.

Receipts and disbursements from the Southern Baptist Convention treasurer's office do not include funds kept by local churches or by state Baptist organizations for their own work.

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European Leader Luckey Expresses Appreciation

BERLIN--(BP)--Hans Luckey, president of the European Baptist Federation and German Baptist Seminary, Hamburg, expressed appreciation for the work of Baptists in the United States. His comments were made during his president's address to a session of the European Federation here.

Representatives of Baptists in 22 European countries--East and West--attended the session.

Southern Baptist Convention personalities present at the Federation meeting were Theodore F. Adams, pastor, First Baptist Church, Richmond, and president, Baptist World Alliance; Robert S. (Bob) Denny, Washington, associate secretary, BWA; Clifton J. Allen and W. L. Howse, both of Nashville, officers of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Allen W. Graves, dean of school of religious education, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; Gaines S. Dobbins, distinguished professor of church administration, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif.

George W. Sadler, retired former area secretary for Europe, Africa, and the Near East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board; H. Cornell Goerner, successor to Sadler; Josef Nordenhaug, president, European Baptist Seminary,

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Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, and Porter Routh, Nashville, executive secretary, Southern Baptist Executive Committee.

"The meeting is considered by European Baptists to be the most significant since the Baptist World Alliance met in Berlin in 1934," Routh said. More than 8000, including several thousand from both East and West sectors of Berlin, attended the opening session of the Federation.

All leading Berlin papers carried pictures and stories about the meeting.

Martin Niemoller, German religious leader and minister, brought greetings to the Federation from the state church of Germany--Evangelical Lutheran.

In his address, Luckey said that "The European Federation, still in children's shoes, should grow---so that it may put on stronger footwear."

He advocated formation of a mission board "to which we give sufficient resources that it is put into the position to carry out and reach definite missionary aims."

In a Europe divided between East and West, and having many different languages, Luckey noted that Baptists of the continent "have a much closer relationship than we think, and we have much more in common than we are aware of."

He praised the efforts of Baptists from the United States to help their co-believers in Europe develop more and stronger Sunday school and church youth organizations.