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Illinois Appoints Special Committees

WEST FRANKFORT, Ill.--(BP)--The Illinois Baptist State Association in its annual session here established two new committees. One will plan a 25-year advance program for the association and the other will be a public affairs committee.

The long-range planning committee will consider present needs of state Baptist agencies and institutions. It will also consider expansion which may be needed in the next quarter-century and recommend goals for the state association to meet in the 25-year period of advance.

The present 5-year program of the state association expires next year.

The association's board of directors was instructed to name the public affairs committee, whose responsibility will be to keep Illinois Baptists informed on matters of public interest.

The state association voted to conduct its next annual meeting in Anna, Ill., with First Baptist Church as host. Messengers re-elected their present officers. A. E. Brown, pastor, First Baptist Church, Vandalia, Ill., is president of the association.

Reports to the 1958 associational meeting indicated a "record-breaking" year in Baptist work in Illinois. Association officers reported 8468 converts were baptized into membership of affiliated churches. Contributions during the fiscal year ended Sept. 30 were \$607,686, about \$54,000 over 1957.

There are 858 churches affiliated with Illinois association. They have an aggregate membership of 149,678.

Those present approved a Cooperative Program goal for state and Southern Baptist Convention causes of \$600,000 for 1959. The operating budget for the state association was set at \$454,010. Of this operating budget, \$390,000 is anticipated through the Cooperative Program as the state's 65 per cent share of the \$600,000 goal.

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Mary Hardin-Baylor To Build Hospital

BELTON, Tex.--(BP)--Scheduled construction of a hospital at Mary Hardin-Baylor College here has been moved ahead, President Arthur K. Tyson announced.

Its construction was moved up because the space now occupied by the college infirmary is needed for housing students on the campus. All available campus housing is being used and some students must live temporarily off-campus.

The hospital is one of four buildings to be constructed following a million-dollar building campaign under way. Mary Hardin-Baylor is a Texas Baptist woman's college.

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Dear Editor:

Here is a very special Baptist Press release. We hope you will find it timely as a way to help the pastor with one of his most serious problems.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Albert McClellan'. The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Albert McClellan

Rep. Hays Laments
Synagogue Bombings

NASHVILLE--(BP)--The president of the Southern Baptist Convention said here that he feels deep sorrow for the Jewish people, whose synagogues in several cities have been the targets of mysterious bombings.

Rep. Brooks Hays (D., Ark.) said that Jewish people have stood "shoulder to shoulder" with Baptists in defense of religious liberty.

In response to a newsman's question, Congressman Hays said that "if bombings continue, Congress should take notice and attempt to ascertain the facts and the source of the bombs."

He said he was not advocating Congressional intervention unless such bombings continue, but if they should, Congress could determine to what extent federal laws are being violated, and find to what extent federal agencies can work with state agencies to bring the violence to an end.

"The bombers represent a criminal element and not a substantial number of the people," Hays declared.

Hays was in Nashville for a meeting of the Committee on Order of Business of the Southern Baptist Convention. While in the city, he autographed copies of his book, "This World: A Christian's Workshop," recently published by Broadman Press.

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Expect Specific Ideas
From World Peace Group

NASHVILLE--(BP)--Messengers attending the 1959 session of the Southern Baptist Convention may expect specific recommendations from their Committee on World Peace.

This was reported during a press conference held here by Rep. Brooks Hays (D., Ark.), president of the Convention and a member of the committee. The special committee of nine was named last May at the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston following a plea by Hays.

Hays did not indicate what the nature of the committee's recommendations would be. He said that the committee would have another meeting before drafting its report for the Convention.

Walter Pope Binns, president of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., is chairman of the committee. It has held two fact-finding sessions already. The Convention instructed the committee to suggest ways in which Southern Baptists may work toward world peace.

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Oklahoma Convention
Employs New Workers

OKLAHOMA CITY--(BP)--The Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma has two new denominational workers, one in its child care department and the other in its work with Indian Baptists in the state.

Louis G. Stone has been employed as social worker for the convention's child care department. He is a former child welfare worker with Missouri Baptist Children's Home.

Marcellus Williams of Oklahoma City has been appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board to promote simultaneous revivals and other phases of evangelism among Indian Baptists. His work will be in connection with the five-year period of Baptist Jubilee Advance. Williams will work with Home Mission Board and Oklahoma convention leaders already serving with Indian Baptists.

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Kentucky Baptists Face New Educational Plans

ELIZABETHTOWN, Ky.--(BP)--Kentucky Baptists face a proposed new educational program which would drop three of their seven existing Baptist schools and merge the remaining four into a Kentucky Baptist University at Louisville.

The recommendations are scheduled to be voted on at the annual meeting of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky here in November.

Kentucky Baptist University is the title proposed for a school yet to be established. A 238-acre tract has been bought on the outskirts of Louisville for a branch of the present four-year Baptist college, Georgetown College.

The educational proposals resulted from a survey conducted by Booz, Allen, and Hamilton of Chicago, a management consultant firm which has surveyed many areas of Southern Baptist life on state and national scales in recent years.

In addition to their four-year college, Kentucky Baptists also have three junior colleges, two academies, and a Bible school for preachers.

Louisville was recommended as site of the proposed new Kentucky Baptist University because it is the largest city in the state, is a cultural center, and there are a large number of Baptists in the city.

None of the seven Kentucky Baptist institutions is located in Louisville, although the city is site of two Southern Baptist Convention institutions---Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Carver School of Missions and Social Work. The state Baptist office is located in a suburb of Louisville.

Sites of the seven colleges and other schools supported by the general association are in smaller cities or rural areas of the state.

The recommendations of the survey group would permit the association to continue to operate at least some of its existing schools in their present locations as branches of the new Kentucky Baptist University.

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