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Minority Idea Voiced  
On Carver Proposal

By the Baptist Press

A Dallas, Tex., layman on the Committee to Study Total Southern Baptist Convention Program has announced that he does not concur in the general recommendation of the committee regarding Carver School of Missions and Social Work.

Carr P. Collins said that his dissent, contained in a formal minority report, was from a "sense of deep personal conviction."

The Study Committee will recommend that the Convention continue Carver School as a separate educational institution, and permit the school to expand and work toward national accreditation. The committee's recommendation will be brought before the 1959 session of the Convention at Louisville for vote.

Collins said that when the Study Committee met in Nashville last Dec. 18, he offered the following motion concerning the recommendation on Carver School:

"That in view of the many problems involved in the operation of Carver School and also the general policy that all Christian education, except theological education, is the responsibility of the several states, that we recommend to the Convention that the Carver School be closed or merged with Southern Seminary on or before the close of the school year 1959-60."

Carver and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary are located on adjacent property in Louisville.

"The proponents for the continuation of the Carver School contend that it should be given a chance to justify its existence. What does it hope to do in order to justify its existence?" Collins asked.

"At the present time the school shows an enrollment of 57 students. The appropriation from the Cooperative Program receipts for the next Convention year will be \$150,000. In addition to this the income from the school's endowment and other miscellaneous income will be approximately \$50,000, making the total cost for operating the school approximately \$200,000," Carr continued.

Collins questioned whether the Convention should continue to operate any schools other than its seminaries. He also asked if courses taught at Carver School could not be offered at Southern Seminary at a cost to the seminary "that would be nominal as compared to the present high per capita cost of operating the Carver School."

Collins contended there is no evidence of any agreement between the Convention and the Woman's Missionary Union, Convention auxiliary, that Carver School would continue to operate as an independent agency. The school was transferred to the Convention from its former operation by the WMU.

"One of the arguments that has been made for continuing the Carver School is that there was an expressed or implied agreement between the committee representing the Convention and the committee of the WMU that the Convention would continue to operate the school as an independent agency," he said.

Louisville's Hotel And  
Motel Rooms All Taken

LOUISVILLE--(BP)--All hotel and motel rooms within a 10-mile radius of Louisville available to the Southern Baptist Convention's housing bureau have been assigned, bureau and Chamber of Commerce officials here have announced.

Meanwhile, requests for "as many as possible" of the reservations are being processed by making room assignments in surrounding areas for the Convention session in May, according to James C. Austin, bureau chairman.

Convention-goers are being urged to use rooms in private homes. These rooms are available at a cost of \$2 per person per day.

Carver School of Missions and Social Work here has a limited number of rooms available without charge to missionaries and missionaries emeritus.

Persons interested in private home accommodations or missionaries interested in Carver School facilities should write to Convention Housing Bureau, Box 191, St. Matthews Station, Louisville 7, Ky.

Dates of arrival and departure should be given, and each request must be accompanied by a check for \$10, except in the case of the missionaries, Austin said.

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New Mexico Replacing  
Old Student Building

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M.--(BP)--The mission board of the Baptist Convention of New Mexico has authorized construction to start on a new student building at New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts as soon as \$30,000 has been raised.

The student building will house the Baptist student center and the Baptist chair of Bible, offering religious courses. The college is located near Las Cruces, N. M.

It is expected that most of the \$30,000 will be raised by friends and former students of the college and Baptists in the Las Cruces area.

The board authorized the construction project at its March meeting at the Baptist Building here. New Mexico Baptists operate chairs of Bible at the various state universities and colleges.

The new building will replace an old, outdated structure.

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Suggest Inter-Mountain  
To Cover New Region

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--"Inter-Mountain Southern Baptist Convention" is being suggested as a name for a new regional convention to be organized by Baptists in Utah, Idaho, and Nevada in September.

This was reported here by E. W. Hunke, secretary of missions for the Baptist General Convention of Arizona. Most of the churches which will comprise the new convention are now co-operating with the Arizona convention.

The three-state area to be embraced by the new convention lies between several mountain chains and many commercial institutions use the term "inter-mountain."

Although taking in three states, the new convention would be considered, in Southern Baptist terminology, a "state convention." It would be the 27th to co-operate with the SBC, not counting conventions in Hawaii and Alaska.

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Golden Gate Seminary  
Names Vice-President

BERKELEY, Calif.--(BP)--William A. Carleton, dean and professor of church history at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here, has been elected vice-president of the institution, Harold K. Graves, president, has announced.

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Carleton was elected to the Golden Gate faculty in 1953, having served pastorates in Oklahoma and Illinois. During his ministry in those states, he was also president of the respective Baptist state conventions.

A graduate of East Central State College, Ada, Okla., he received the master's and doctor's degrees in theology at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.

President Graves also announced that the seminary's board of trustees have advanced the status of several faculty members: R. Fletcher Royal to professor of principles of religious education; Jack W. Manning to professor of evangelism; Carlyle D. Bennett to professor of voice, conducting, and music administration; Kyle M. Yates, Jr., to associate professor of Old Testament and Biblical archaeology; A. J. Hyatt to associate professor of New Testament Interpretation, and Miss Geil Davis to assistant professor of religious education.

The trustees adopted a budget of nearly half a million dollars for operating the school during the first year on its new campus at Strawberry Point, just north of the Golden Gate Bridge in Marin County. Plans have been completed to move from Berkeley July 1. A cornerstone laying is scheduled for Sept. 29.

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#### Conferences To Study 'Great Bible Laymen'

MEMPHIS--(BP)--"Great Laymen of the Bible" will be studied at Baptist Brotherhood Conferences this summer at denominational assemblies in Glorieta, N. M., and Ridgecrest, N. C.

W. Perry Crouch, pastor, First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C., will lead this opening period of the conference at nearby Ridgecrest. Dates for this conference are June 18-24.

Leading the period at Glorieta will be W. D. Wyatt, pastor, First Baptist Church, Albuquerque, N. M. Dates are Aug. 13-19.

Plans for the two conferences were announced here by the Southern Baptist Convention Brotherhood Commission, conference sponsor.

The conferences are aimed at Brotherhood leadership in the associations and churches.

"Study of successful Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador organizations in typical Southern Baptist churches will be a key feature of the week. Future plans related to Brotherhood work will be shared by each conference group," according to George W. Schroeder, Commission executive secretary.

The two Brotherhood Conferences are held simultaneously with the annual summer Foreign Mission Conferences. Other conferences to be held the same week at Ridgecrest are the Writers' Conference and the Historical Commission Conference.

Director of the Brotherhood Conference at Ridgecrest will be David T. Mashburn, associate secretary of the Brotherhood Commission. Associate Secretary Lucien E. Coleman will direct the Brotherhood Conference at Glorieta.

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#### Arizona Setting Stage For Children's Home

PHOENIX, Ariz.--(BP)--Transfer of more than \$39,000 to the Arizona Baptist children's home board was authorized by state Baptist leaders meeting here.

The executive board of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona further authorized the convention to convey to the children's home up to five acres of convention-owned land in Phoenix.

This is to set the stage for construction of a children's home to be operated by Arizona Southern Baptists.

Glen E. Crotts, Tucson, chairman of the children's home board, announced that the board would secure permission to construct a building on the property. Then it would secure an approved worker for child placement in a children's home.

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A third step would be to work out a contract with a Phoenix hospital to start a child placement service, even before the proposed building is completed. The building would be constructed after these requirements have been met and after adequate financing has been made available, Crofts said.

The executive board authorized transfer of land to the children's home board upon such terms as are satisfactory to the trust and memorial fund committee of the convention.

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#### Illinois Association Reports New Churches

CARBONDALE, Ill.--(BP)--Seven new churches, including three constituted on Mar. 1, have come into fellowship with the Illinois Baptist State Association since the first of the year.

The three organized on the single Sunday were First Baptist Church of Clarendon Hills in the greater Chicago area, W. 22nd. St. Baptist Church of Granite City, and Bend Road Baptist Church located between Madison and E. St. Louis, both in Illinois.

Clarendon Hills Church was the first of the new churches established after the Southern Baptist Convention Home Mission Board launched its "Operation Big Cities" project in Chicago.

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#### 22 Churches Begun In 23-Week Period

COLUMBUS, O.--(BP)--The constituting of 22 new churches in a 23-week period since Oct. 1 was announced at a meeting of Ohio region Baptist leaders here.

Area missionaries of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio were told that 171 churches, 77 missions, and 10 mission extensions are now affiliated with the state convention.

Four new churches were scheduled to be organized on Mar. 8, a record number in the young Ohio convention.

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#### Religious Affairs In Civil Defense Study

BATTLE CREEK, Mich.--(BP)--The seventh civil defense religious affairs course will be held at the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization here May 18-21.

Information may be secured by writing this office. The program covers various phases of the nation's civil defense program and the relationship of religious leaders to it.

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#### Manhattan Church Leases New Site

NEW YORK--(BP)--Services of Manhattan Baptist Church here will be held Sunday in a new location at 311 W. 57th St., near 8th Ave. and Columbus Circle.

Its new location is on the edge of the \$200 million Lincoln Square Cultural Center, a strategic location at one of New York's busiest intersections.

A long-term lease has been signed with 309 W. 57th Associates, making this the new home of the church, which for the past year has been holding services in The New York Center on W. 46th St.

The new location was formerly worship center of The Church of the Strangers, whose pastor was Paul Spencer. By an unusual coincidence, the pastor of Manhattan Baptist Church is Paul Spencer James, director of Southern Baptist work in the Greater New York area under the auspices of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Manhattan Baptist Church was organized more than a year ago and now operates three mission chapels in addition to its services on Manhattan. These chapels will in turn become churches.

Elmer Sizemore of Kentucky joined the staff of the new Baptist Work as assistant to the director of area work. Howard Hovde, assistant pastor of South Main St. Baptist Church, Houston, Tex., will become mission pastor of the New Jersey Baptist Chapel in Florham Park, N. J., May 1.

Services of the Long Island Baptist Chapel, affiliated with Manhattan Baptist Church, will be held on a full-time basis starting Easter Sunday in Hempstead, N. Y., with Lonnie Knight of Mississippi as acting pastor.