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City Missions Work  
To Open At Denver

CASPER, Wyo.--(BP)--The Colorado Baptist General Convention voted here to establish a city missions program in Denver, Colo., on Jan. 1 in co-operation with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Executive Secretary Willis J. Ray said the convention will employ a superintendent of city missions for the new Denver program.

Action was taken during the Colorado convention's annual session in Casper recently. The convention serves Wyoming, both Dakotas, western Nebraska, and Montana in addition to Colorado.

E. J. Speegle, pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Boulder, Colo., was elected convention president succeeding W. C. Bryant, pastor at Colorado Springs.

The convention voted to hold its 1958 session in Denver Oct. 7-9 with First Southern Baptist Church there being host church.

The executive board of the convention combined Sunday school, Training Union, and vacation Bible school work into one department under Phil Card. Ray said the convention will employ a young woman to head the combined departments of music and student work.

The convention adopted a \$113,740 budget for 1958, with a straight 22 per cent being forwarded through the Cooperative Program to work of the whole Southern Baptist Convention.

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New Mexico Baptists  
Further Student Work

CLOVIS, N. M.--(BP)--New Mexico Baptists, meeting in annual session here, studied plans that will further their student work at two colleges in the state.

Plans were laid for "an early dedication" of the new Baptist Bible Chair Building adjacent to New Mexico Western College at Silver City. The staff for the Bible chair adjacent to New Mexico College of Agricultural and Mechanical Arts, at State College, N. M., will be increased.

The Baptist Convention of New Mexico commended President Eisenhower for his "efforts to maintain peace" and passed resolutions attacking the liquor

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traffic and the forces which would "jeopardize our religious liberties through a union of church and state."

A state budget of \$689,565 was adopted for 1958 with a Cooperative Program goal of \$420,000.

Conventioners re-elected Hoyt Welch, pastor, First Baptist Church, Eunice, their president. They selected Alamogordo, N. M., as meeting place for the 1958 convention. The dates are Nov. 4-6 and First Baptist Church there is to be host.

Reports from associations of churches co-operating with the Baptist Convention of New Mexico indicate that a total of \$3,547,399 was given to local, state, and Southern Baptist Convention work through the churches last year. This is an increase of \$300,000 over previous years.

The convention further authorized buying new equipment for the Baptist press, which publishes the state Baptist paper in New Mexico, and appointed a committee to study a change in time and method of promoting fall roundup offerings.

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#### Oregon-Washington Changes Staff Plan

SPRINGFIELD, Ore.--(BP)--The Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington elected John R. Canning, pastor, Trinity Baptist Church here, to his second term as convention president.

The convention approved a new plan of organization for its departments. Under the new plan R. E. Milam continues to serve as state executive secretary. State offices are located in Portland.

Roland P. Hood heads the department of missions and church finance; Mrs. Hood is secretary of the state Woman's Missionary Union, and C. E. Boyle continues to serve as editor and business manager of the Pacific Coast Baptist and also as assistant executive secretary-treasurer.

Bob Dove is state Training Union secretary and Ed Seabough is secretary of the Baptist Student Union and music departments. Vacancies exist in the department of evangelism and Brotherhood work and in the Sunday school department.

The convention elected Jack W. McKay, of Edmonton, Alberta (Canada) to represent the convention on an advisory committee concerning Southern Baptist work in Canada. McKay is pastor of Westwood Regular Baptist Church, Edmonton.

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The convention adopted a \$200,150 budget for the coming year including \$16,356 through the Cooperative Program to Southern Baptist Convention work.

In 1958, the convention will hold its annual session in Portland with Lincoln St. Baptist Church the host. Dates are Oct. 8-9.

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BP folks & facts.....

.....C. Michael Warr, pastor, College Ave. Baptist Church, Fort Worth, has moved to South Carolina to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Rock Hill.

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