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Giving Up The Defense of America: SALT 2

By JERRY FALWELL
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"And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do."

This is 1 Chronicles 12:32 and I believe this is what America needs to remember today, particularly when we discuss the disarming of our nation's defenses.

If the U.S. Senate ratifies SALT II (the strategic Arms Limitation Treaty negotiated by Kremlin boss Leonid Brezhnev with Jimmy Carter) it will mean the permanent surrender of the United States of America to the military superiority of the Soviet Union.

I have studied this proposal in depth. It is my obligation as a Christian preacher to speak out on the issues facing Christians today.

You and I must choose — as the Senate must decide — whether we will accept the White Flag of Surrender as America's banner, or, whether we are prepared to work and sacrifice to keep Old Glory proudly raised on high.

SALT II is ratified, this is what Russia gets:

• (1) The powerful new Soviet strategic bomber - the Backfire - may be produced and deployed without restriction, even though, since Jimmy Carter cancelled the B-1 bomber, America will no longer have a long-range bomber able to penetrate Soviet defenses.
• (2) Soviet SS-20 launchers, capable of sending nuclear warheads into the United States from Asian and European bases, will not be limited.
• (3) The treaty would restrict American development and deployment of the Cruise Missile. We would not be able to share certain types of information with our NATO allies.
• (4) The Communists are given a "counterforce" capability, with "superheavy" intercontinental missiles, which is prohibited for U.S. military forces.
• (5) In one of the few areas where America has a weapons advantage over the Russians, with multi-headed missiles (known as MIRVS — Multiple Independently Targeted Reentry Vehicles) the U.S.S.R. is permitted to catch up and produce more "MIRVs" than America.
• (6) America is prevented from challenging the six-to-one advantage now held by the Russians in the "throw-weight" and destructive capability of their Intercontinental Ballistic Missiles.
• (7) The Soviets will have an overwhelming advantage in their ability to determine whether America is complying with treaty restrictions. On the other hand, if the treaty is ratified, there is no way provided for the U.S. to know whether the Russians are cheating.

Clearly, every American who loves his country and believes Communist tyranny must be opposed has a duty to help defeat SALT II.

If SALT II is ratified, not only will the Russians be tempted to destroy us in a nuclear war (top generals say the Soviets would lose "only" 5 or 10 million people, while more than 150 million Americans would die).

The Russians will have the military dominance they need to stare down the President of the United States, to blackmail us, whether in Europe, Asia, Africa, or the Americas.

We will find ourselves increasingly isolated and surrounded — cut off from raw materials, from oil, from trading partners, and from those few overseas friends we still have.

This is why I am concerned with the nationwide campaign to end SALT II and to persuade Congress to do all that is necessary to restore American military strength.

We must deny the 67 votes necessary for SALT II to be ratified in the U.S. Senate.

According to government records, Carter has been using hard-earned tax dollars, at the rate of more than $100,000 per month, to push pro-SALT lobbying efforts all over the country.

I think it's wrong for Carter to use taxpayers' funds in this way. But the point is, he's doing it.
A Nation's Backbone and Background

By HARRY COVERT

An acquaintance was considering the facts of a young man joining the army the other day. The question, it seemed, is the military service a good area for young people.

As most parents would react, my friend's concern was for the welfare of his son. But, at the same time, the young man would be a choice young man serving his country and America deserves and needs America's best.

Since all of the chaotic and negative reports to the U.S. Selective Service System, the military branches have had to resort to strong advertising campaigns to meet quotas of enlisted personnel. The Volunteer Army has been the thing. But, the navy, air force, marines and coast guard have always been dependent on volunteers.

My acquaintance was somewhat attentive in listening to the pros of a young school graduate, undecided on his future, enlisting in the service of his nation. How exciting the recruiter makes what I remember to be boot camp, what I know to be the developing of esprit de corps of the army's Rangers and Green Berets, and what I know to be the selling of a young man on a career in the military service.

Quite frankly, I have been a student of government and military to some degree and have enjoyed reading and studying the lives of political and military leaders. As a young man, I also remember about the training, discipline and excitement of winning, no matter if it's a sandlot baseball game, shooting "horse" on the backyard basketball court, or being first in line in the lunch room, which it seems, has always been my particular downfall.

In my research on developing success attitudes and learning positive concepts, I remember the work of General George S. Patton Jr., the crusty, overbearing military commander of World War II fame. He was tough as nails, undoubtedly an egomaniac but a man for the hour in leading American troops against the Axis in Europe.

During the 1960s and 1970s, Americans have apparently lost their zeal for victories and wins outside of athletic contests. Americans, since the founding of the nation, have always been champions and leaders and have taught the youth of the nation to achieve and succeed.

Patriotic Americans have been saddened recently with the death of famed cowboy entertainer John Wayne, never a professed Christian as we knew him, but dedicated American. He loved a winner and loved to talk about the greatness of America and its people.

It may be difficult for some people to understand the life of a General Patton some 35 years ago. He supposedly wrote these words: "Americans traditionally love to fight. All real Americans love the sting of battle. With a wave of his hand he licks you all admired the champion marble shooter, the fastest runner, the big league ball player, the toughest boxer. Americans love a winner and will not tolerate a loser. Americans play to win all the time. That's why Americans have never lost and will never lose a war because the very thought of losing is hateful for Americans."

I'm not quite sure these words are out of date, even though the sports headlines seem to be more concerned

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Riding One Bike At A Time

By ELMER TOWNS
Editor of the Journal Champion

I am conducting a new survey on church growth. In the process, I have discovered a new problem. Most of the current fastest growing churches that once were the fastest growing, have plateaued when they began a Christian school.

A couple of years ago in a national magazine, I analyzed the causes why churches stop growing. When they began a Christian school, they switched from outreach to inreach. This means that a particular church may not show rapid growth in its Sunday School.

Many of their young people are going on to Christian schools. When a church has a pupil for five days a week, plus Sunday. Also, they tended to have no unsaved friends to evangelize. All of these can cause church growth to "top out," simply because they switched from outreach to inreach.

But let's not jump to conclusions too fast. Businesses do not measure success by gross income, but by net profits. Maybe, the weekly transient crowd is not what it appears to be.

But may we point out two facts. First, I noted that the highest growth is larger when compared with when they began a Christian school. Second, I observed that the pastor became a leader of the school, which took his time from evangelism and involved him in administration and handling discipline problems. Third, promotion became a factor.

A person can only ride one bicycle at a time and most pastors can only promote one major project at a time. They promoted the Christian school, not the Sunday School. The fourth place, the pupils got tired of coming to church five days a week, plus Sunday. Also, they tended to have no unsaved friends to evangelize.

All of these causes of church growth to "top out," simply because they switched from outreach to inreach. This means that a particular church may not show rapid growth in its Sunday School.

More of their young people are going on to Christian schools. When a church has a pupil for five days a week, flaws in his character eventually show up. The Christian school can deal with the specific problems. Then the pupil can be trained in his total development for Jesus Christ.

A high school boy was captain of a Sunday School bus and brought in up to one hundred riders each week. He went to a Christian school and was disciplined for cheating. He went to another and was expelled for a worse offense. He tried a Christian school and was disciplined for cheating. He went to another and was expelled for a worse offense. He tried a third Christian school and flunked out because of the standards. He could fill a second chapter in the Christian school, but he couldn't become a disciple of Christ.

Elmer L. Towns

The embryonic problems of the high school boy is reflective of some fast growing churches. They have the crowds on Sunday morning, but are they changing lives? The altars are lined on Sunday morning, but the pews are empty on Sunday evening. A church may be the fastest growing in its area, but is it?

It is a shame that I have to bring up the tension between explosive growth and dedicated discipleship. I believe that you cannot have one without the other. Balance is still the key word to make everything run smoothly.

Let's not be quick to criticize the church that once was growing, but now has a solid Christian school. But let us not magnify the churches that emphasize upward growth without a foundation on the Word of God.

At present, Southern Baptists are locked into a struggle over the verbal, plenary inspiration of Scripture, hence they deny its authority.

Southern Baptists are becoming increasingly alarmed over their seminaries, as evidenced by editorials in the Baptist Standard, the official Southern Baptist voice in the state of Texas.

To counter the criticism, seminary professors are saying, "Let's get back to soul winning and evangelism; let's get away from squabbling over the issue of inerrancy and the Bible."

They sound very pious. And many na"ve Southern Baptists will listen to them. But may we point out two facts.

First, most Southern Baptist seminary professors have not talked about evangelism in a long time. For them to say, "Let's get back to evangelism and soul winning," is propaganda. They cannot retrain their students on a road that they have never walked.

A second problem has to do with the absolute necessity of the Word of God for evangelism and soul winning. Evangelist James Robison gives the following illustration. While some boys were playing baseball, they lost the ball in a field. They searched for the ball in the high weeds for thirty minutes. Finally, one of the boys said, "Let's forget about the ball and get back to the game."

He accepted Christ. You can't play baseball without a ball. And you can't have evangelism without the Word of God.

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Falwell Planning State Rallies To Awaken America

Preparation has begun for a series of rallies at state Capitols similar to the recent "I Love America" rally sponsored by the Old-Time Gospel Hour and Thomas Road Baptist Church in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Jerry Falwell, committed to revival in America, has made available his resources and efforts to help Christians on a local and state level to lead in the awakening of America's moral conscience.

The rallies, expected to begin in Pennsylvania and New York, are expected to begin in September and according to Nelson Keener, administrative assistant to Dr. Falwell and director of administrative services of the Old-Time Gospel Hour, said his office will coordinate the programs.

Dr. Falwell and the LBC Chorale will be featured in the state Capitol rallies with the support of the Christian schools in each state.

The rallies, based on a strong patriotic theme, are designed to be a means for local churches and Christian schools to appeal to their state governments by emphasizing key issues such as taxation of church-owned schools and humanism in public school textbooks.

In addition, each rally will address other issues of consequence to the moral sensitivity of Christians, including homosexual preference laws and legalized abortion-on-demand.

Those interested in assisting in a potential rally in their respective state Capitols should contact the office of administrative services, Thomas Road Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va. (804) 239-9281, ext. 29.

Robin Jean Curtis, Peter Arne Parziale Wed

The wedding of Miss Robin Jean Curtis to Mr. Peter Arne Parziale took place Sunday, May 27, 1979 at 2 p.m. in the North Road Baptist Church, Campbell Island, New Brunswick, Canada.

Rev. Donn Williams officiated at the double ring ceremony. Brenda Curtis was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Faith Curtis, Ann Harris, Maureen Chute and Lisa Saunders was junior bridesmaid.

Mr. David Shaw was best man. David Parziale, Ron Curtis, Randy Curtis were groomsmen and Victor Parziale was the junior usher.

After their honeymoon trip to the Bahamas, the couple will reside in Lynchburg where they are both students at Liberty Baptist College.

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It Isn’t Easy To ‘Figger Out’

By GARVIS T. REDFORD
Special to the Journal-Champion

I guess it’s time for most fellas like me to begin readin’ the small print.

Sometimes, maybe folks just want to take advantage of us regular people. I know I should read all that fine print on insurance policies and bank notes and mortgages. I’ve always trusted people. My daddy always said trust people ‘cause people are good.

Well, the other day I was sittin’ around, mindin’ my own business. Actually I was loafing hard work of the day — and began to read this government pamphlet.

How could you miss all the news about SALT II. I believe we ought to be tough and strong with our army and navy and air force. I keep hearing about how we’re going to give up our nuclear hardware — that was the word I heard from someone — and trust the Russians but somehow I don’t think I can trust somebody, take them at face value, when they say they want to take over my country and my house and my family and everything I work for belongs to the state.

But, getting back to this paper I was readin’. I know we know about those foreign countries, but this report said that the good of USA and Russia are about equal in nuclear power.

That’s scary. I think we ought to have more and be tougher. You don’t win without being the smartest and the scrappiest. Anyway this guv’ment paper said the US has 1,054 warheads compared to 1,400 for Russia; that we have 656 missile launchers while they have 950; that we have 349 heavy bombers compared to 150 for Russia; that our total throwweight is 7.2 million pounds while they have 10.8 million pounds of throwweight.

Now, I might not know what all these words mean if you look at them with every jot and tittle, but I do know that any limitation of America’s armament is not good for me and my fellow Americans. I don’t think we should sit back and allow them Russians to keep ahead of us, I don’t care what those U.S. generals say who’re trying to help the president sell the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty.

I remember back when the Russians tried to bring all the missiles to Cuba in the 1960’s and we backed them down, threatening to board the ships in the ocean. It was a scary moment for all Americans. Yes, I was one of those people who built a bomb shelter and prepared for the worst. And, come to think of it, that’s what defense is anyway, a preparation for the worst. I don’t want to give up my home and family and community because we aren’t prepared.

I’m glad we know what foreign countries are doing in the way of building up their armies and arsenals. I don’t want those other nations aiming all their guns at the USA. I’m glad that America’s defense can use satellites, modern communications and other sources to keep us informed as the the danger of attack and like millions of other Americans, I believe we could always be attacked.

Somewhat, limiting our nation from developing new weapons and building up our power base — agreeing to do so and acting like we’re trusting the Russians — makes me ill. It actually gives me a queasy stomach. It also makes me mad that some of our leaders want to limit our weapons. I say lets stay prepared, even the Boy Scouts still teach that most of the time.

This guv’ment paper is filled with new acronyms like ALCM, GLCM, ICBM, MIRV, SLBM, SRAM and SSBN. They stand for ground-launched cruise missile; intercontinental ballistic missile; multiple, independently-targetable reentry vehicle; submarine-launched ballistic missile; short-range attack missile; and nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine.

All these ‘breviations can be confusing.

I’m gonna go back and read all the small print one more time and that’s jus’ to make sure that the next word somebody reads is not D-E-A-D. Beside, when I’m dealing with somebody, I like to look ’em in the eyes.

NBC Asked To Ban Comedian After Slurs

Special to the Journal-Champion

TUPPLO, Miss. — NBC-TV President Fred Silverman has been asked to ban comedian Richard Pryor from appearing on the network for a period of one year because of his call for blacks to get a gun and go to South Africa and kill some white people” on a recent Johnny Carson show.

Donald E. Wildmon, head of the National Federation for Decency, asked Silverman to apologize for the incident and to ban Pryor for making the statement.

“The statement was not part of a comedy routine. It was not a joke. Pryor was sincere,” Wildmon said. Wildmon said the statement which Pryor made was: “If you’re black and still here in America, get a gun and go to South Africa and kill some white people.”

“Such a statement could come only from a sick mind full of racial hatred. What is more abhorrent, however, is the fact that the program was taped and NBC could have edited the statement out but did not. The racial sickness which exists in the mind of Richard Pryor is matched only by the sickness in the programming minds of NBC which allowed such a statement to be aired,” Wildmon said.

“Such action on the part of Pryor and NBC is inexcusable. Millions of Americans have worked hard for years to help rid our society of racial hatred. Now Pryor and NBC help promote it. NBC, in allowing the call for racial murder to be made on their network, has shown their absolute indifference to the quality of their programming as long as they can make a dollar. It was a tasteless, senseless, sick incident,” Wildmon said.

He stated that the NFD would call for a boycott of NBC, RCA products, Hertz rental cars, and Banquet foods if NBC failed to ban Pryor.

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A peace convocation held at the First Baptist Church of Washington, D.C. was anything but peaceful. During a sermon by William Sloan Coffin of Riverside Church in New York attacking American military involvement abroad, several people got up and walked out in protest. President Carter sat through the entire message and, according to the New York "Times", told Coffin he thought the sermon was "superb." Later in the day, ACT-ON!, a former anti-Vietnam war leader, received a peacemaker award on behalf of the President for Mr. Carter's efforts that brought Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and Israeli Prime Minister Begin together.

Demonstrators in the congregation set off electronic devices that sounded like laughter and there were shouts that Mr. Carter supported policies that lead to the creation of more weapons of war. Brown became so flustered over the outburst that he dropped the sculpted award and it shattered to bits.

Pastor Charles Trentham said despite the disruptions, he felt the peacemakers conference was useful because it gave a platform to people whose views are not always heard in the church.

A House Judiciary Subcommittee has voted down an amendment by California Republican Congressman Carlos Moorhead that would have exempted churches and religious groups from the disclosure measure. Moorhead feels the bill as now written would have a "wet blanket" effect on some contributors who prefer to give anonymously to religious institutions. He also said requiring religious groups to disclose details of contributions is a violation of their first amendment rights, Moorhead said the lobby disclosure bill is far from complete and anything could happen.

Pope John Paul II told a closed meeting of all 112 Bishops during his visit to Poland he demands the Polish government recognize the rights and beliefs of Christians, despite the fact their views are diametrically opposed to Marxism. The Pope said he is ready to talk with Polish government leaders and that he will demand the government recognize religious freedom and fundamental human rights.

A study commission of the Episcopal Church has recommended that the church adopt a national policy to permit ordination of homosexuals if they lead what the church termed a "wholesome life." The report of the commission which will be presented to the Church's General Convention in September, also suggests easing some of the traditional codes of sexual morality including the ban on pre-marital sex for engaged couples.

A woman's parental rights if she turns homosexual, said the ACT-ON! said the lower court set a dangerous precedent when it considered the lifestyle of the mother in a custody case rather than considering the best interests of the child.

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The American Civil Liberties Union is asking the Virginia Supreme Court to overturn a lower court ruling severing all of the expenses of one of 25 volunteers now in orientation for a year in Brazil. The team is made up mostly of young adults from Texas. They will work in the American country.

MANY PEOPLE WALK OUT Carter 'Applauds' Sermon Attacking Military

By CAL THOMAS

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FALWELL VOWS: NEVER GIVE UP RIGHT TO PREACH THE BIBLE ON THE AIR

By ELMER TOWNS

FALLING OF THE LEAGUE CHAMPION

DALLAS, Texas

"I will never give up my right to preach what the Bible says."

That's how Dr. Jerry Falwell expressed his support here June 5 at Memorial Auditorium before 11,000 people during a "Freedom of Speech, Right to Preach" rally. "I do not think it is right for television to show corrupt programs and not let my friend James (Robison) preach against corruption," Falwell said.

Dr. Falwell was among the Christian leaders who joined embattled Evangelist James Robison on the platform during the rally which was conducted after Dallas' WFAA-TV refused to air Robison's television program condemning homosexuality.

The nationally-known Virginia television evangelist and educator, a pioneer in broadcasting evangelism, charged the audience and news media with, "Every one of us would die for our right to preach."

Dr. Falwell in battling with WFAA-TV and the Federal Communications Commission over the First Amendment guarantee of free speech and free preaching.

Dr. Falwell said there is a difference between preference and conviction. "Preference is something we fight for; convictions are things we die for. When it comes to preaching the Bible, we will not back up, we will die for our right to preach."

Falwell addressed Dallas rally as Robison (seated, left) and Dr. W.A. Criswell await their turns at the podium.

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Dr. Falwell said, "Let me define homosexuality. It is perversion."

The large number of reporters from the secular press instantly responded by recording Falwell's comment. He opposed homosexuality, he said, because of biblical opposition.

Among those participating in the program were Dr. W.A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas; Dr. Raymond Barber, pastor of the independent Worth Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas; attorney Richard (Racehorse) Haynes; Howard Phillips, national director of the Conservative Caucus; Falwell; Robison; and Rev. L.B. George, pastor of the black Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Fort Worth.

"Nobody knows the horrors of the denial of freedom like the black man," Mr. George told the capacity audience. He was joined by many other black pastors who sat on the platform in support of Robison's free speech battle.

Dr. Raymond Barber, an independent Baptist preacher from the Worth Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas, said, "James Robison was ordained not ordained by television and he will not be silenced by television."

Richard (Racehorse) Haynes, the noted attorney who is representing James Robison in his appeal to the Federal Communications Commission, said, "James Robison was censored off television because he preached the Bible without compromise."

Haynes zeroed in on the First Amendment noting, "Whenever one man's rights are denied, all men's rights are denied."

Haynes indicated he was in this battle because, "We must examine every opinion by television executives that determines what religious message will not come into the home." He pointed out, "Those who control our television are just as important as those who control the national treasury and the national defense."

Howard Phillips, national director for the Conservative Caucus was introduced as a member of the Jewish faith. Phillips noted, "The rights of the individuals do not come from the government, they come from God."

In speaking about homosexuality, Phillips noted, "There are no victimless crimes. Homosexuality may not be a crime against society, but it is a crime against God."

James Robison concluded the meeting with a stinging sermon against homosexuality. He announced to the people that he is going to WFAA to ask them to rescind their decision and put him back on television.

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Dr. Jerry Falwell
LCA Graduates Receive Diplomas, Awards

Diplomas were presented to 59 graduates during the eighth commencement program of Lynchburg Christian Academy at Sunday night services of the Thomas Road Baptist Church on June 3. Graduating with High Honor designations were Salutatorians Cheryl Ann White and Austin Donald Norman and Valedictorians Lou Ann Watson and Sharon K. Davidson. Salutatorians will receive a half year's scholarship and both valedictorians will receive one year scholarships to LBC.

In addressing their classmates these four graduates stressed the importance of living in God's will.

* Miss White challenged her classmates to find the Lord's will and stand firm in it.

* Mr. Norman compared life with a race and that he and his fellow classmates had completed one course. As scriptural reference, he read Hebrews 12:1, "...let us run with patience the race that is set before us."

* Speaking on serving the Lord, Miss Watson selected Colossians 2:6-7, to illustrate that the class had been taught in the Lord and should be ready to walk with Him.

* Miss Davidson compared life to sheet music written by God and said that if we allow God to make the arrangements, we can have a beautiful melody.

Dr. Jerry Falwell, chancellor and founder of LCA, gave the main address using scriptures from Paul's talk with young Timothy.

Stressing the importance of being strong in the Lord, Dr. Falwell read II Timothy 2:1, "Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus." When faced with worldly decisions, he challenged the graduates to stand strong on the Christian principles they had been taught at LCA.

He told the graduates the importance of doing the best job possible at whatever vocation God had planned for them. He referred to Miss Davidson's address in drawing a parallel between sheet music and life and that if we allow God to orchestrate it for us, we can have a beautiful life.

Special graduation music was provided by the Academy Choir and the New World Singers.

Dr. Falwell and Dr. A. Pierre Guillermin, president of Liberty Baptist College and Schools, presented the diplomas.

Vickie Love Arthur, Cynthia Lee Bell, Dallas R. Davis, Donna Kay Pinchbeck, Tracie Yvonne Shriver and Alice Janelle Wipf graduated with honor designations.

The student Council Leadership Award went to Bill Nadelen. Melaney Corwin and Donna Norman were selected as Senior Athletes, Vickie Arthur and Bill Nadelen received the Loyalty Award.

Senior Academic Achievement Awards went to Sharon Davidson for Bible English, Social Science and Home Economics; Donna Norman, Math; Cindy Bell and Randy Davis, Health and Physical Education; Scott Peterson, Mechanical Drawing; Cindy Bell and Lou Ann Watson, Foreign Language; to Peggy Wood for Business Education; Tracie Shrader, Instrumental Music; Cindy Bell, Choral Music; Greg Rice and Lou Ann Watson, Combined Music; Greg Rice, National Choral Award and John Phillip Sousa Band Award.

Vista Suburban Women's Club presented $150 scholarships to LBC to Vickie Arthur and Steve Caron.

A $1,400 scholarship to LBC was given to Linda McCann and Steve Caron from the Sam K. Pate Associates, Inc.

The Pastor's Award, a $700 scholarship to LBC, went to Hannah Neighbors.

The Founder's Award, a one-year's tuition scholarship to LBC, was presented to Sharon Davidson and Donnie Norman. The Founder's Award is given each year in honor of Dr. Falwell and is the highest award a student may receive.

Miss Neighbors, Paul Johnson and Bonnie Lyles were named special graduates because they were the first to have completed the first through 12th grades at LCA.

Ricky Moore was honored as the first LCA graduate to have compiled a perfect attendance during his 12 grades.

Also participating in the commencement were James L. Williams, administrator of Lynchburg Christian Academy, and Glen L. Schultz, principal for the junior-senior high school.


Marshall's for the 1979 LCA commencement were Miss Carolyn Malone, president of the class of 1980, and Michael Bryant, president of the class of 1981.

Students listen to speakers during Sunday night graduation of LCA in main auditorium of Thomas Road Baptist Church.


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THE IMAGE OF BORN AGAIN OFFICIALS

By FORREST J. BOYD

Many Americans are forming or accepting the view that a Born Again politician or public official has serious handicaps.

An Evans and Novak column recently revealed a mindset that seems to be gaining credibility among news people and other opinion makers in Washington. It concerns what the columnists referred to as "The born-again Christian's view of the Soviet Union held by Jimmy Carter."

The thrust of the column was that, because he is a Born Again Christian, Jimmy Carter cannot deal with adversaries like the Soviet Union — it is too weak, too trusting and not tough enough.

Evans and Novak quoted an influential Democratic senator as saying that President Carter — for reasons of background, upbringing and religious heritage — takes the Soviet leaders at face value when they profess longing for detente and peace between the super powers. The statement was made in the context of discussion of the SALT 2 strategic arms limitation treaty.

Broadening the field of logic, the columnists spoke of the spiritual strain that has motivated President Carter in many presidential undertakings, and they imply that this spiritual strain is what's wrong with Carter's handling of the Presidency. This line of thinking is cropping up frequently now.

The opposite logic is being used as part of it: that a non-spiritual person is more effective. One participant in a radio-call-in program acknowledged that Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) may have a character flaw, but, the caller said he would much rather have Kennedy with his character flaw as President, than anyone he could think of who does not have the character flaw.

The idea is settling in that we have only two options: a Born Again incompetent person or a non-Born Again competent person. The reasoning is that we must choose between people who are virtuous and inefficient or those who are efficient and immoral. It is better to have a smart crook as President than a dumb saint. We must take one or the other. Or so the thinking goes.

This is an unfortunate and superficial reading of the facts. Certainly, not all Born Again Christians can be put into one political or management mold, any more than can all non-Born Again persons be put into one mold. While Jimmy Carter is a Born Again Christian, there are many other Born Again Christians who hold entirely different views on political issues and who have different personalities and abilities.

If we were to apply the logic of those who believe the individual with a character flaw makes the better public servant, perhaps we would be going to the prisons to look for our future presidents.

The question of whom one should vote for if a Born Again Christian were running against a non-Born Again public servant is an intriguing one. Some interesting match-ups could be proposed that would pose difficult problems for evangelicals.

The point, however, is that merely because a person is Born Again does not mean he or she is incompetent as a public official. Those who contend that is the case either do not understand what Born Again means, or have not thought the matter through.

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Christian Athletes
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By TOD BECK
Special To The Journal-Champion

"Winning isn't everything, it's the only thing", a misquote, Vince Lombardi actually said.

"Winning isn't everything but, making the effort to win is."

Where do we stand in a country where traditional values are being swept away? How do we survive where the concept of winning in many circles is at any cost? This concept reverses winners no matter what their lifestyle. There has never been a more propitious moment than now for the young Christian athlete to step forward and be counted. "The inward experience must be counted. He who is counted among winners no matter what their cost? This concept reveres lifestyle. There has never been a winner. We must be more—more than the world's concept of winning. Self-discipline through submission is the key to becoming a winner. Working hard to please your coaches is a secret of athletic success. The young athlete who is willing to listen and spend the extra hours to sharpen the tools of his trade will succeed."

Proverbs 12:1 "Whoso loveth instruction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish."

Proverbs 23:12 "Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge."

Don't refuse to accept criticism. Get all the help that you can.

To the sincere Christian athlete: I advise you to seek out, if possible, a fundamental Christian school and a coaching staff that can help you to obtain the goals that should be at the very heart of your program.

I am interested in you, the Christian athlete; so if you need help or guidance in the area of athletics, please write to me at Lynchburg Christian Academy, Lynchburg, VA 24514.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Beck was appointed head football coach at Lynchburg Christian Academy in 1979 by Dr. A. Pierre Guillermin, president of Liberty Baptist College and Schools. Mr. Beck is well-qualified as a football coach. He is a graduate of Hofstra University and completed graduate work at C. W. Post College and the State University of New York. He has coached on the high school varsity level for more than 13 years.)

Threat To Religious Liberty

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Government attempts to regulate weekend programs of Christian education seriously threatens rights guaranteed by the First Amendment, a past president of the Christian Legal Society told an editors' convention.

"Most people are unaware of the extent to which the government has been blatantly attempting to violate the rights guaranteed to those schools," Los Angeles lawyer Robert L. Toms told the Evangelical Press Association.
BATTLING THE PORNOGRAPHERS
Citizens Can Win Against Smut, South Dakota City Shows Way

By MURRAY NORRIS
Special to the Journal-Champion

Pornography was rampant in Rapid City, S.D., when people finally got the matter on the ballot for April 8. But the pornographers were not willing to give up easily and they had some strange allies. At a meeting of the local ministers, the pornographers found eight of the clergymen insisting that "Playboy" had "value" and that they would fight on the side of the pornographers. Another shock came regularly in the "Letters to the Editor" column of the local newspaper which published letters signed by a local Jesuit priest.

Eight weeks before the election, the fighters for decency sat down and called a meeting at the Christian Family Renewal in Clovis, Calif., to ask for help. They outlined their problem with the clergy and then pointed out that all of the call-in programs were in favor of TV and the newspapers, TV and radio were against them. They tried to get to see the local Catholic bishop about the pornography letters from that Jesuit priest, but the bishop refused to see them.

At Christian Family Renewal, the staff offered the "How To Win Plan" to Rapid City which included mass mailing a paper on pornography explaining how it affects children and adults. Other activities recommended were a special packet for the bishop, and above all, prayers that God's Will would be done.

"But," protested the Rapid City pro-decency fighters, "we have only 10 percent of the churches with us — and eight ministers against us."

"If you pray, God will give you victory," said the Christian Family Renewal people. "Remember He has a greater interest in this than we do — and He has promised in His Word that where evil abounds, grace abounds all the more. This means you have the power to win in your hands right now — even if none of the churches were with you and you were the only ones praying. Your only requirement is that you must notify every church and every prayer group in your community and ask them to pray to God about this situation. If they do not pray, that is between them and God. You pray and God will give you the victory."

A copy of "News for Good Neighbors" was mailed to all 15,169 homes in Rapid City. They arrived the Wednesday before election and the call-in programs were flooded with people who stood against pornography and read portions of the little newspaper over the air.

At the same time, some rather terrible pornography attacking the Roman Catholic Church, was placed in the hands of the Rapid City bishop. On the Sunday before election, the bishop spoke on the Masses in his cathedral. He told Catholics of the horrors of pornography and why the Church had an obligation to vote. Then the bishop went unannounced to the decency rally as he was invited to give the invocation.

On the day before the election, the local newspaper came out with a full page ad for the pornographers. It featured a huge swastika, and carried the slogan, "They burned books too" as though the people should think the decency people were kin to Nazis.

Of the city of 52,000 people, only a little more than 5,900 voted that Tuesday. The pornographers got 41 percent of the vote, the forces for decency won with 59 percent. The cost was approximately $4,000 from beginning to the end.

The Supreme Court decision which gives each community the right to set its own "community standards" on pornography.

This public nuisance ordinance has been used successfully in Idaho, Ohio, North Carolina and California, among other states. In Washington State, voters put the ordinance on the ballot and passed it into law. It can be used by a city, county or state.

A California version of this law is available from Christian Family Renewal, Box 73, Clovis, Calif, 93613. The organization will also be willing to provide "How To Win Seminars" to show local groups how to clean up smut in their towns. One Baptist pastor, using information from the seminar, got the public nuisance ordinance passed in one town, and cleaned up four others — right down to the girls magazines and other obscene magazines on grocery store racks.
Private School Tax Break Banned

RICHMOND (EP)—Young-Soon Nam, president of the Korea Baptist Convention, says Korean Christians have the major responsibility in spreading the gospel among the other people of Asia. "I believe the strongest Christians in Asia are in Korea and Russia, and we have the responsibility to spread the gospel to other Asian countries," Nam said.

Baptists have established 500 churches since the Korean War. Now there are more than 700 Baptist churches, most of the self-supporting.

Soviets Imprison, Torture Ukrainians

CHICAGO (EP)—The Soviet Union has imprisoned as many as 10,000 Ukrainian Baptists in the past 20 years. This is the report of Baptist pastor George Viss, who said he knew of 10 who were tortured to death.

Viss, himself a Ukrainian who served three prison terms and who came to the United States in April as part of a prisoner exchange with the Soviet Union, recently addressed overflow congregations at Romanian and Ukrainian Baptist churches in Chicago.

He told them that in the Ukraine alone some 60,000 Baptists left their churches with the government. Viss was the secretary of the "reformed Baptists" who broke away from the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christian-Baptists that cooperates with the government.
PREGNANT AND SINGLE?

National Hotline Available, Helping Save Lives

By MURRAY NORRIS

Christian Family Renewal
CLOVIS, Calif.

"Quick, I'm pregnant and I need help," said the girl on the phone.

"I'll be glad to help you," said the volunteer counselor on the National Pregnancy Hotline.

"How old are you?" could hear honking in the background. Then she added, "My girlfriend is 14 and she's pregnant and single. I'm 14 and my boyfriend is 15. We are having sex and she's pregnant. We went to the doctor, and they said she is 13 weeks pregnant. I'm so scared and I don't know what to do."

"You call me back anytime, I will be here to help you," said the volunteer counselor.

"I'm 14 and my boyfriend is a drug dealer. He makes all the decisions. What can I do?"

"The hotline is headed by Dr. Charles Norris, a medical doctor, and Dr. Murray Norris, a psychologist with a law degree. Some of our volunteers have gone through that agonizing time when they were pregnant and single. They kept their babies and now they have a chance to help others in that same condition," said Dr. Norris. "Once they have the training to deal with the girl's needs, they make excellent counselors."

Pat Boone, the entertainer, has helped raise funds for the hotline and more recently has provided a 30-second TV spot urging girls with problems to call the hotline. While the TV stations will run the Boone ad for free, the use has been somewhat limited because of the large response every time it appears on the screen.

"We can always tell when it is run about midnight in Portland, Ore., for we inevitably get a suicide or two, drunks, dopers and a few pregnant girls," said Norris. "It is a good thing we didn't start out with this TV ad, for those suicides and dopers would have overwhelmed our girls. By the time we got the TV ads, our girls were experienced enough to handle them."

The hotline was started in January 1977, and received 12 calls the first morning. The calls came from Oregon, Florida, New Jersey and seven from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., where promoters of the hotline were handing out little booklets. "Who Killed Junior," which is produced and marketed by Christian Family Renewal. The booklet tells the story of a developing baby and how to kill that baby by abortion. After a few quotes from the Bible, the book list a number of the National Pregnancy Hotline number.

"We have found that whenever we distribute 1,000 copies of this book, at least one girl will change her mind against abortion. It cost $7 for 100 copies of this booklet, then about $3 or $4 more to counsel the girl and get her referred on to someone who will help her — so you might say it costs us about $10 to $11 to save one baby from abortion through the National Pregnancy Hotline."

This booklet was the reason why seven people called that first day from Wilkes-Barre when that town had two operating local hotlines, including 24-hour service for pregnant girls.

Today, the national hotline handles hundreds of calls in a week — it varies widely, including 24-hour service for pregnant girls.

Right now, the National Pregnancy Hotline is trying to reach 20 million teenagers by handing out copies of "Who Killed Junior," to students in the nation's high schools and junior high schools (public and private). So far, they distributed four million booklets before they ran out of money.

The booklets are so effective that people hand them out to girls going into the abortion chambers — and many of them change their mind and keep their baby," said Norris. "We had one man call and say that someone gave his girlfriend a copy of "Who Killed Junior" as she entered an abortion chamber in Chicago. Now, he wanted me to talk her into an abortion. I told him to put her on the line and I would talk to her."

"If you want a copy of "Who Killed Junior" and more information on the National Pregnancy Hotline or how to start your own local pregnancy hotline, write to Christian Family Renewal, Box 70, Clovis, Calif., 93613."

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Churches in Court, Christians Must Act

By PAUL CATES
Special to the Journal-Champion
Oliver Springs, Tenn.

When the state takes suit, what will the verdict be? But you say, "I will never be brought there."

This is what the hundreds have said that have already gone to the courtroom for religious freedom. It did happen to them!

If someone had said to you seven or eight years ago that in 1978 at one point in time there would be over a 100 cases pending against churches and pastors in the United States: what would you have said? You would have thought that even if the state did take a church to court, the Christians would rise up in a massive revolt. But hundreds of churches have now already been sued and most Christians have not even found it in their hearts to speak up. Most of us have simply been content with living our lives in another direction. We have been content to let the state's grip tighten on our faith and religious freedom little by little.

The purpose of this article is to show you the real issues that face the Christian at this moment. We want you to be able to give Biblical explanations for the stand that you take. We want you to have a strong Godly "conviction" about your action in the ministry of the Gospel. In communist lands, our faith. In communist lands, our Constitution. The word "exercise" is the outgoing, or the putting into implementation of our faith. In communist lands, they say they have religious freedom, but that is only to "think" whatever you want. In America, we do have freedom (by the First Amendment) true freedom of religion. The test for religious freedom is in action and not just in thought.

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The Supreme Court said that a belief must be something that you can make oral. You don't have to be eloquent, but it must be more than an "it seems to me" hunch. Also, you as a believer must have a knowledge of that belief. This is to prevent people from hiding behind a title. To say "I'm a Fundamental Baptist" doesn't give you beliefs.

The court has noticed five areas which are likely to change. These five areas are (1) peer pressure, (2) family pressure, (3) the threat or the carrying through of litigation (law suits), (4) jail for you and your wife (your children being taken by the state), and (5) death. If any of these things would make you change or even bend just a little, then your belief was a preference, and will not be protected by the First Amendment. Think seriously about these five areas. Before you go too long, many of you will be called on to give your beliefs.

Convictions. A conviction is different in primarily one way: It is a belief that you will NOT change, or even bend under any circumstances. (6) A belief that is God-ordered and therefore cannot change. (7) When you live what you believe and believe the opposite of a conviction is sin.

Answers: (1) The free-exercise of our religious beliefs. (2) The Bible. (3) Romans 13:1 and Matthew 22:21. (4) The beliefs and the believers. (5) A very strong belief that can and will change under certain circumstances. (6) A belief that is God-ordered and therefore cannot change. (7) When you live what you believe and believe the opposite of a conviction is sin.

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America's Defense Arsenal Threatened

The Signing...

An aerial view of the aircraft carrier USS Constellation with modern aircraft parked on flight deck.

This is the proposed intercontinental ballistic missile (MX). In less than one minute the breakout mechanism punched through 10 inches of concrete and five feet of dirt. (Photos on this page courtesy U.S. Defense Dept.)

Photographs on this page show only a part of America's weaponry that face disarmament under the planned SALT II treaty with Russia. Be sure to read Dr. Jerry Falwell's comments on the treaty on Page One why Americans must be cautious and not "surrender" their arms.