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THE SICKNESS OF AMERICA

Has The Nation Lost Its Heart?

By C. CHRISTOPHER ROSS

Has America lost its heart? Do Americans still care about the rest of the world?

These are the questions many nations around the world are asking today and because of these question marks, America appears to be losing its position of leadership.

Dr. Jerry Falwell, pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church and speaker on the national radio and television network of the Old-Time Gospel Hour, has become increasingly alarmed at the lack of concern for the people of the world on the part of America, both in policy and at-home opinions.

“We have talked about the ‘will crisis in the nation,” Dr. Falwell said. “And, I certainly believe we have a will crisis but, this failure to continue to set a strong example of world leadership in social, economic and political areas is costing every American.”

The Virginia pastor has been preaching the Gospel for 27 years and is committed to the Lord Jesus Christ. “The Christian message is the message to save the world. I’ve never felt more strongly about my personal commitment to Christ and to the job that all Christians must do in America if God is to continue to bless our land.”

Dr. Falwell has preached hundreds of times concerning the moral decline of life in the United States. But, the sermons against immorality are not new.

“Many people tend to believe that preachers of the Gospel are just beginning to speak out and call immorality sin,” Falwell said. “Sin isn’t new in the 1980s. Sin is more publicized, more accepted and more permissible than probably anytime in the American history. Ministers and preachers of the Gospel of Jesus Christ have a God-given duty to speak up and to speak out.”

PAST LEADERS CONCERNED

Falwell said he has studied the history of the leaders of America back to the founding of the nation. “There can be no doubt in anyone’s mind today that our Founding Fathers believed they had a God-given responsibility to establish a nation which believes strongly in the Judeo-Christian ethic.

The pastor alluded to the late President Theodore Roosevelt, the hard-working, gregarious and bordering American who believed in the responsibility and courage of Americans.

Roosevelt once said, “The things that will destroy America are prosperity-at-any-price, peace-at-any-price, safety-first instead of duty-first, the love of soft living and the get-rich-quick theory of life.”

Dr. Falwell emphasizes the comments of the famed Rough Rider President.

“Every preacher of the Gospel must preach at least a hundred sermons on that one paragraph,” Falwell continued.

“This nation is embroiled in an inflationary spiral and has been prosperous beyond dreams. Life has been too easy for too many people. Many folks have lost the desire to work hard because they don’t have to. This easy-living leads to self-destruction. And when people don’t care, Satan moves in and we see our homes destroyed, our morality degenerates to depravity and our national strengths become national weaknesses, ripe for foreign intervention.”

The pastor said, “God blesses hard work. We have become a nation where relaxation has become matter, the drive for more wasted time has become supreme and the result is that we have become a lazy society.”

Laziness and indifference, Falwell said, will be the ruin of America.

“I believe Christians must come to the forefront of regenerating men and women with the Gospel message because unless Christians take their calling seriously, then I am convinced that God will pour out His judgment. We are living in the last days and the tin-sick world must have the answer immediately.”

CHALLENGE OF THE GOSPEL

Falwell believes that a national commitment could and will change the course of the decaying world.

“The Gospel of Christ is an invigorating challenge to mankind,” Falwell said. “This motivating message will instil a sense of values, a cause for living and a renewed fervor to strengthen the nation and the world.”

He said that Americans must not accept second best in any form. Americans must not give up the position of world leadership. “There is a difference in world leadership and world domination,” he said. “And, that difference comes from a care and concern for the peoples of the world.”

Dr. Falwell said that Americans ought to be concerned for every enslaved nation in the world and make this concern a “matter of prayer daily. We must defend our nation against the evils of Communism, we must defend other nations against the tyranny of dictators and we must help other peoples to live productive, God-fearing lives.”

America has always held a place of honor among the people of the world. “It is my conviction that this nation has lost much of its respect because we have failed in our duty to be strong of conscience, strong of will and strong of action,” Falwell said.

“We must never lose our honor,” the minister said. “God has blessed this nation and we, as Christians, must accept the role of leadership as a mantle from God Almighty.”

Dr. Falwell pointed out that President Woodrow Wilson said, “The nation’s honor is dearer than the nation’s comfort; yes, (dearer) than the nation’s life itself.”

“The United States has been given a supreme position of leadership. Falwell quoted the late General of the Army Douglas MacArthur: ‘The inescapable price of liberty is an ability to preserve it from destruction.’

“It is my firm conviction that we Americans and we Christian Americans must return to discipline of duty first, a love of country and above all, a solid commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ,” Dr. Falwell said.
Crisis: A Disease Of Death And Decay

By HARRY COVERT

America is in a crisis. The 50 individual and sovereign states that comprise the most blessed land in the history of the world is afflicted with an acute disease of death and decay from within.

During the past 10 years — the Decade of the Seventies — Americans have been the victims of a massive onslaught of outside forces that are determined to destroy the United States after its glorious history of 203 years as a republic.

Dr. Jerry Palwell, nationally prominent pastor-educator whose ministry has been a center for world evangelization, the training of young men and women and a Biblical teaching for governmental concern and action.

This concern for our nation is not just my concern, but the concern of every person in these wonderful United States," Dr. Palwell said. "No matter what section of this nation people live in, they are affected by the failure of our governmental leadership, the assault on the homes, the attack at the economic base.

"Without question, the 70's have been explosive," Dr. Palwell said. "Moral decay has been rampant in America. Illicit sex for teenagers and adults has burst across the society where traditional Biblical teachings have been set aside. Homosexuals have come out of the closet and have been permitted to live as alternate lifestyles.

"There have been millions of babies murdered since the 1973 Supreme Court ruling legalizing abortion on demand" Palwell continued. "This nation, which has enjoyed the blessings of the Lord, cannot continue with the senseless murders of little babies.

The television president continued that unless "America turns its eyes back toward Christian teachings, Christian living and Bible principles, the nation will continue to decline and rot from within.

Americans must face the reality that we must stand for righteousness living and that we must do it now in the Decade of the 80's.

He said the political leaders of the nation "have gone soft on dealing with the world. Instead of leading the world, we have become followers. We must set the pace in our society, we must battle to withstand the assaults on the foundations of this republic:

"I have preached over and over again that we must be obedient to Him. The only hope for America is II Chronicles 7:14, 'If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then, will I hear from Heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.'

Palwell said, "It has grieved me to see how this nation — our political leaders — have allowed the Soviet Union to bully us into a position of virtual helplessness in both conventional and strategic capabilities.

The nation can change this situation but only when Christians in the nation take action by praying, influencing their political leaders and taking action roles in the fundamental processes of government. We must vote and become involved in the election process."

The Lynchburg, Va., pastor said the Crisis of America can be solved by Christians in the nation.

The questions are simple and an encouragement to Americans. First, where are the leaders who will lead us out of the dilemma? Where is the American family? Where is the repentance for sinful living?

"Our task is facing us like never before in the history of this great nation," he said. "Believe America must survive, I am firmly convinced that America is the only hope for the Jewish people in the world today. The Jews are God's chosen people and Israel is the land of God."

Palwell emphasizes that God promised Abraham in Genesis 12:3: "I will bless them that bless thee and curse them that curse thee."

Dr. Palwell said, "If America loses her freedom during the 1980's, there will be no nation or power on this earth to prevent the Arabs, the Arab nations, supported by the Soviet Union, from driving the Jews into the Mediterranean Sea."

The three basic premises for America's future are these:

* • The only hope for the Jewish nation of Israel.

* • America is the only logical base for world evangelization.

* • That America has more Christians per capita than any other nation on earth.

"I am optimistic about the future of America," Dr. Palwell said. But, "the decade ahead will be a costly one for every American. We are not crying wolf in the land because we are facing these crises with real concern and action.

* Survival of the United States in the free world.

* Survival of the family.

* The return of leadership to this nation.

The National Organization for Women held a news conference in Washington and announced a nationwide campaign to make sex education, contraception, and pregnancy-related health a major issue in the election year. NOW President, Eleanor Smeal, said the new campaign will "lay the groundwork for comprehensive reproductive rights legislation."

She declared: "We want legislators who will come into office committed to this issue."

In the same week of the NOW press conference, the U. S. Postal Service ruled that Americans for Life may continue to use mass-mail fund raising to finance its anti-abortion efforts by a 3-2 majority and is admitted provocative to raise funds to defeat five pro-abortion members of Congress. While acknowledging the abrasive nature of the material, the Postal Service said it contained no factual error and therefore could be mailed.

The group wants to raise enough money to defeat Senators Birch Bayh, George McGovern, John Culver and Frank Church, as well as Congressman Roby."

A major influence on the general public may be a new film series called "Whatever Happened to the Human Race?" featuring philosopher-theologian Dr. Francis Schaeffer, and the surgeon-in-chief of Children's Hospital in Philadelphia, Dr. C. Everett Koop. The series deals with abortion, infanticide, and euthanasia, and will get a wide hearing as it is shown around the country. No one can watch it without either taking a strong stand against abortion, or putting an end to the producers. The release of the series coincides with the growing debate over the value of human life.

The point of all of this is that issues could be more important than parties and personalities next year. Senator Edward Kennedy notwithstanding.
1980s: Sunday Schools To Grow

By ELMER TOWNS

I am not the one who attempts to predict the future as does Jeanne Dixon or other pseudo-prophets. Hence, though they claim accuracy, I do not believe God has given anyone the spiritual ability to forecast events in the future.

But anyone who understands the times, has some ideas about the future. A farmer who sticks a tomato plant into the soil has an idea about the fruit he will harvest.

In 1969, I said the 70's will be the decade of the church. I wrote, "Historians will probably look back on the decade of the 70's as the beginning of the large church movement. Over 500 churches will be raised up in this country that will be averaging over 2,000 by the end of the decade." That prediction has been fulfilled. In 1970, only 12 churches in America averaged 2,000 in attendance. Today there are hundreds of large aggressive churches that average more than that figure.

The Full Gospel Church of Seoul, South Korea is probably the largest church in the world with 88,000 members as of June, 1979. Pastor Cho told me last year that he preaches to over 50,000 adults every Sunday and that figure does not include children.

The largest Sunday School in America is located in the First Baptist Church at Kentucky, Ind., with a weekly average of over 15,000 in attendance. Ten years ago the Sunday School averaged approximately 2,000 each week.

At present, I am conducting a survey to find the 100 largest churches in five categories. This will include: (1) the 100 largest churches in membership, (2) the 100 largest church attendance, (3) the 100 largest in financial income (plate offerings only), (4) the 100 largest in Sunday School attendance, and (5) the 100 largest in Sunday School enrollment. If your church has not received a survey to be included in this list, please let me know.

The 70's were the decade of church growth. There was a new wave of church planting. The Independent Baptists have been active in starting new congregations. There is no source of statistics to tell how many new churches were started, but I would guess that over 5,000 congregations were planted by fundamentalists in the 70's. Some think that estimate is low, they feel fundamentalists have planted over 10,000 new churches.

Last year I challenged the students of a Korean theological seminary to plant new churches. I did not know at the time that South Korean churches were experiencing a phenomenal growth. According to an article written by John Goo Kin of the Asian Theological Association, "The new churches are being started every day."

People frequently ask me what I see coming in the 80's for Christianity. I feel that the American church is like an oil slick that is still floating but in a new place. Where is it going now? Baptist Churches believe like Presbyterian congregations and Pentecostal Churches are becoming more formal like Methodists. Holiness groups are sipping wine like Episcopalians and tongues seem to be infiltrating every denomination. The problem is, no one seems to know what they believe and why.

A seminary professor once told me, "Every generation must fight its own heretical battle." He pointed out that Martin Luther fought the battle of justification by faith and the church was never the same. My problem is that some doctrines were not an issue until conditions in the church demanded specific investigation. Good men disagreed and even fought over doctrine. After they examined every aspect of a particular doctrine, these good men continued to disagree, but at least they understood the issue. The battle of the 70's was the theology of the church and the battle of the 80's is the necessity of doctrine.

We have come through a decade where churches have ignored doctrine. Some have cried, "No creed but Christ." These were not liberals who denied sound doctrine. These were conserva-
tives who have ignored the role of doctrine in the life of the church and of their people. Conservatives now must answer the question, "How important is doctrine?"

I hear questions of the young adults. They want to know about the nature of God and His role in their lives. They want to understand the ethics of moral behavior and the implications of sin. They will attend a church that answers these questions. Americans want more than a Sunday morning revival service and ministers must preach doctrine.

Times have changed. When the church entered the 70's, there were many people sitting in its pews that knew doctrine. The problem was they just did not care. The church needed revivification and sanctification. The church needed an awakening and revival. The 70's have witnessed the invasion of formal church services. Our music has gotten happy and our services have been lively. Some of our churches clap hands, in others there are frequent shouts of "Amen!" We are producing young people who are excited for Jesus Christ but do they have a foundational belief?

The churches of the future must be committed to teaching doctrinal stability, because doctrine produces stable Christians. This means Sunday School publishing houses will have to produce literature that teaches people what their church believes.

When Sunday School attendance went down in the 60's, the publishing houses tried to attract students by offering courses in social issues, biographical studies or use of the latest techniques such as group dynamics, overhead projectors, etc. But people want answers—not entertainment.

Independent churches will have to sharpen their Sunday School curriculum. They must teach the unique Baptist distinctive. We are fundamentalist but there are some in our churches who could not explain the fundamentals to a neighbor nor tell why they believe them. As a young boy, I memorized the Westminster Shorter Catechism. I forgot many of the exact answers, but I grew up in a Christian world that had structure. I believed in a personal God who loved me, but I also knew I was accountable to Him. I learned the moral structure of the universe everything was right or wrong. I do not advocate a resurrection of the catechism, but I do see a need for a return to the theological structure that was its foundation.

I see doctrine as the issue of the 80's. Not any one particular doctrine will be dominant. But churches must return to the basics. They must commit themselves to teaching doctrine to all of the people.
The Daugherty’s: Their ‘Hearts’ In San Francisco

Jim Daugherty and his wife, Lynn Davidson Daugherty, are presently enroute to San Francisco, Calif. Feeling that “God laid it upon our hearts” they will pioneer an independent Baptist church in America’s “open city.”

While a student at Pennsylvania State University, Jim transferred to LBC in August of 1973. During a chapel service in 1974, Jim felt a definite call to preach the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. He pursued a pastor’s major at LBC, Jim graduated in May 1975 and he and Lynn were married the following month. Lynn had sung in the LBC Chorale for two years.

While attending LBC Jim worked during the summers in his home church as an assistant pastor. He has now completed four years of seminary and has received the master of divinity degree. During his seminary years Jim worked with Evangelism to Communist Lands and was the greater Philadelphia representative. He is also a graduate of the Christian Counseling and Education Foundation of Lahovrock, Penn.

Jim and Lynn had long been praying about a place of service when God clearly laid San Francisco upon their hearts after hearing Dr. Falwell preach an outspoken message on the Old-Time Gospel Hour about San Francisco.

“There are no sound evangelistic churches in the city of San Francisco,” says Jim. “We believe that Satan has run his flag up in that city but we see that God also has a plan for San Francisco, and we are going there to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are going to tell the people of San Francisco that Christ has the answer for their city’s social ills and for their personal spiritual needs.”

Lynn is a native of the greater Philadelphia area. Her parents live near Oakland, and she and Jim have visited them every summer since their marriage.

Jim and Lynn plan to begin their church on the south side of San Francisco and work toward the center of the city. They are burdened for the city’s 800,000 population, 200,000 of which are professing homosexuals. San Francisco has the largest divorce rate of any city in the United States. There are two divorces for every marriage in that area. San Francisco is the main center of Satanism and cult worship in our country. Juvenile delinquency is rampant.

At the conclusion of the Sept. 16, 1979, Sunday evening service of the Thomas Road Baptist Church, Dr. Falwell asked Jim to tell the congregation about he and Lynn’s call to San Francisco.

Dr. Falwell said, “We are thankful that God has called such a dedicated couple to a city desperately in need of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Thomas Road Baptist Church has been praying about a couple who would feel the call of God to start a church in San Francisco. We plan to give Jim and Lynn our full support.”

If you would like to contact Jim and Lynn, mail your correspondence to: Jim and Lynn Daugherty, c/o Journal Champion, Lynchburg, VA 24514.
Economists: Lynchburg, Va. Recession-Proof

By RUSSELL HUGHES

There have been reports by economists that Lynchburg, Va., is generally recession-proof. Twice in the last several years, the Wall Street Journal has called Lynchburg "a little Pittsburgh."

Lynchburg, a metropolitan area of 149,000 has approximately 250 major industries. These industries vary from iron works to generally recession-proof.

There have been reports by economists that Lynchburg, Va., is considered "a little Pittsburgh."

Lynchburg's industries attract representative visits from every major company in the U.S. during the business year, many of which have only a minor impact.

Unemployment seldom exceeds four percent while other locales will fluctuate between five and eight percent.

Many metropolitan areas are solely dependent on one or two major industries. An economic change in the business cycle leading to layoffs and shut downs can permeate the total area. Residents are forced to secure jobs elsewhere which in many cases forces relocations. The end result is an economic chaos that could create a ghost town.

The closing of a major industry in Lynchburg would conversely have only a minor impact. The ministry of Dr. Jerry Falwell has also made Lynchburg nationally renown. A contributing factor to his overall program is the healthy economic environment in which he operates. These ingredients have enabled the ministry to attract many new residents and businesses.

Few areas in the nation or world enjoy the economic stabilization as generally recession-proof Lynchburg. In times of economic recession and slow downs, it is encouraging to be aware of areas which have fortified themselves through industrial diversification to withstand the national economic standstill.

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TOURISTS AMUSED BY ‘PROCESSION’

By FORREST J. BOYD
International Media Service

Tourists in the nation's capital may have been a little surprised and slightly amused by an unusual funeral procession made up of a hearse and a station wagon. The two vehicles have been going back and forth through the streets of Washington for a number of weeks, blaring patriotic music and the voice of the people is dead." Inside the hearse was a coffin containing a replica of Uncle Sam. Driving the hearse was Christian activist, Mrs. Rita Warren of Massachusetts.

Mrs. Warren is a middle-aged Italian immigrant, who became concerned about the direction her adopted country was taking, so she got involved in promoting certain issues and has used some unusual methods to do so. What she is promoting now is legislation which would permit voluntary prayers in the public schools. The bill has already passed the Senate, and she believes it would also pass the House, except for the fact that the House judiciary committee so far has refused to report it out for a vote on the House floor.

Some may quarrel with the prayers in schools bill, and with Rita Warren's methods, but she is raising a broader issue that is worth considering. The issue is the practice of committees killing bills without giving the representatives of the people a chance to vote for or against them. This is what Mrs. Warren means when she says the voice of the people is dead. She could say, it was killed by a committee chairman.

When this happens, she says, democracy is not working. What is working is parliamentary trickery by public lawmakers elected by the people. One has to be careful about opposing the power of committee chairmen, because sometimes those who wish a committee would report out a prayers in schools bill, are happy when a committee bottles up a bill they don't want voted on, and they can't have it both ways. So those who agree with Mrs. Warren that committees should not kill bills like prayers in schools, will have to be prepared for committees to report out other bills that they might not like. But that's democracy, and democracy ought to be given a chance to work.

There have been many complaints about the way congressional committees work, or don't work; and about the power committee chairmen have assumed. Some chairmen have abused that power and made a mockery of our system. If Rita Warren's campaign does nothing else, it may cause the people to demand an investigation of how committees and their chairmen exercise power far greater than they are supposed to. If that happens, then Mrs. Warren is right. The voice of the people is not dead.

The former head of the Institute for Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem, Dr. G. Douglas Young has criticized black civil rights leaders who met with Palestine Liberation Organization representatives following the resignation of U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young. Dr. Young said the black leaders are being taken in by Arabs, who are looking for an opportunity to coverup their oil pricing policies. Dr. Young said if Christian groups had a better Biblical base in prophecy, particularly as it relates to the nation Israel, they wouldn't be saying some of the things they are saying. He said there is no comparison between the Palestinian question and the U.S. civil rights movement as some black leaders have said.

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How To Change A Church Position? Pastor Does

By MURRAY NORRIS
CLOVIS, Calif.

Can just one person change the official stand of his whole organization?

Yes, says Rev. Wes Brubaker of Walkerton, Ind. He did it.

Rev. Brubaker plans to tell how he changed the official stand of the Church of the Brethren from pro-abortion to pro-life through prayer and fasting. He will be one of many speakers of differing faiths at the Respect for Life Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. on Jan. 19-20.

It all started when the Church of the Brethren decided to talk about the importance of life, but back the right of a woman to get an abortion.

"The Church of the Brethren has always taken a stand against war and capital punishment because we believe life is sacred and we have no right to take a human life," said Rev. Brubaker.

"I felt that if we went along with the Abortion Right Coalition and allowed a woman to decide for herself whether to kill the unborn baby, we were simply not being consistent."

The minister pointed out that even a baby eight weeks after conception has already developed brain waves that can be measured; a heartbeat that can be heard; handprints and fingerprints that he will have the rest of his life. "I went to the national convention in Dayton, Ohio, and I was shocked when the general brotherhood board reaffirmed their stand in favor of abortion. I went back to my hotel and prayed and told my wife I would do anything to change this decision."

After all, the general brotherhood board's decision could be changed by the general assembly later in the convention.

"I went to bed and woke up two hours later. It was clear to me. I vowed to eat nothing until the church left the Abortion Rights Coalition and took a stand for life." In the morning Brubaker went to the local store and got a large sheet of cardboard and painted a sign telling of his vow to fast until the church changed its mind. He had earlier been denied a pro-life booth at the convention, but when he returned to the hotel he found a empty table and chair right in front of the convention area. It was an excellent location when all the delegates had to pass.

"I talked so much those four days it took my voice a month to recover. By Saturday, the convention was winding up, I was almost too weak to drive home, and still nothing had happened," he said. "I had to leave early so I wouldn't be driving at night."

Before he left, a reporter from the local paper came by and took his story and pictures. The drive home was hard, but he and his wife arrived safely.

"I don't call this a fast, I called it a hunger strike," he said. "It was more a protest than a fast, which is spiritual. I think 80 percent of the people I talked to, were backing my stand."

"When I arrived home, I had a feeling about 5 p.m. that I could eat now. I had no reason for it, but the feeling kept getting stronger and stronger. I finally went out in the garden and got some snap beans and started to cook them. For the past two or three days, I wondered exactly what I had gotten myself into. I vowed publicly not to eat until the church changed its stand. I saw nothing happening, but I put my faith in God and His ability to change hearts. Now, all that anxiety was gone and about 7 p.m. I finally started to eat, feeling that this was what God wanted me to do."

"About an hour later, I got a call from another pastor who told me that the abortion issue had come up about 5 p.m. and the convention made its decision for life, instead of abortion."

Rev. Brubaker will join Dr. Mildred Jefferson, Rev. Larry Lorens (the Baptist pastor who cleaned all pornography out of five cities) and other top Christian leaders to provide a winning strategy on pro-life and pro-family issues at the Respect for Life Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C.

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By Rep. Robert E. Bauman

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Should the U.S. give its tax dollars to Communist-controlled countries? That was the question before the House of Representatives as it considered the Foreign Assistance Appropriations Bill for next year’s foreign aid, and the answer was a resounding maybe.

The test came in the form of two amendments that I offered to that bill. Panama was the subject of the first amendment. Aside from the question of Panama’s obvious arms and ammunition to the guerrillas in Nicaragua, the more glaring question is one of America’s checkbook.

Thanks to our questionable treaties, nearly $100 million a year is expected to roll into Panamanian coffers beginning October 1, 1979. The administration proposed that we give away another $12 million in 1980. I argued that with the enormous good fortune that Panama will experience from the treaties, this aid is a generosity.

My amendment passed, 247 to 128.

The other test dealt with Nicaragua, and proved to be a much thornier issue for the House. My amendment simply asked that no funds be made available to this Communist-backed country without the approval of Congress and the President. The reason for this mild restriction: the $1.7 million proposed in this bill is only a whisper of the nearly $100 million in no-strings-attached money that the Administration wants to send to this fledging Communist nation.

Cuban “advisors” are in the country, over 3,000 Nicaraguan children and students are scheduled to go to Cuba for training, the real head of the revolutionary government is an intimate of Castro, and the new rebel government is lavish in its attacks on the U.S. and its policies. With credentials like these, I thought it only prudent to take a close look at the money we send to this unstable area.

While my amendment would only have required that Nicaragua foreign aid be approved by Congress and the President, it still proved to rigorous for those lawmakers anxious to pour American dollars on troubled waters. The amendment lost by 30 votes, and I predict that those who voted against my amendment will soon regret it.

So the question remains: should Congress give American dollars to Communist-influenced countries? The answer I received from the current Congress was yes — unless the American people raise their voices.

(The American Conservative Union is located at 316 Pennsylvania Avenue, S.E., Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20003.)

The head of the National Federation for Decency, Don Wildmon, says CBS Television lied when it said incest would not be a part of the forthcoming movie “Flesh and Blood” to be shown in October. Wildmon noted a column by a Hollywood reporter who says the network was planning on portraying incest all along, even while it was telling people who inquired no such scene would be included. Wildmon is urging a boycott of the network during November when ratings are taken, and a national call CBS day Oct. 29, when people would call their local CBS affiliate and tell them they’re not watching the network during November because of “Flesh and Blood.”

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Foreign Missions Report Evangelism Successes

Summer is that time of year during which the Student Missionary Intern Training for Evangelism (SMITE) ministry of Thomas Road Baptist Church implements the major thrust of a year's planning and preparation for foreign evangelism. Undoubtedly, the year 1979 will be remembered as one of the most successful summers in SMITE history.

Simultaneously, four-week campaigns were held in England, Greece, Rhodesia, Japan, Korea, Philippine Islands, and the Caribbean Islands.

The European SMITE team, directed by Gill Vingal, concentrated solely in Greece, that area of the world where the Apostle Paul, the notable New Testament missionary, ministered. With the co-ordinating assistance of Greek pastors and the added impetus of evangelist-pastor Tom Mahalas, who is pastor of the Manhattan Bible Church of New York, hundreds of people heard the gospel in the thirty-six evangelistic meetings which were conducted.

In addition to the special services held in conjunction with the local churches with whom SMITE worked, thousands of New Testaments and scripture portions were distributed during many hours of personal soul-winning in Philippi, Berea, and Thessalonica. As the Christians of Greece observed the Liberty Baptist College students zealously at work witnessing and winning people to Christ, they caught the vision and local churches began experiencing revival.

Following a ten day tour of ten different cities in the far western United States, the Asian SMITE team was joined by SMITE Director Dale Peterson as they began a five week campaign. Japan, Korea, and the Philippine Islands were the targets for evangelism. During the first week of June, SMITE concentrated in Japan for the first time.

Veteran Baptist Bible Fellowship missionary Layla Rodgers and the Chofu Baptist Temple hosted the team in their twenty-nine meetings in the greater Tokyo area. Paul Carey, team director, led the LBC students during the campaign which consisted of 81 services. Crowds as large as 9,000 for a single service were recorded and when the decision cards were submitted to local church pastors for follow-up, more than 6,000 people had publicly professed Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour.

In addition to the concerts and meetings in schools, colleges, and churches, the team allotted three days to help Strategic Baptist Mission missionary Joe Hale construct an amphitheater in a new youth camp outside Seoul, Korea. Undoubtedly, one of the highlights of the entire campaign was the miraculous opportunity in Tokyo as the Lord opened the door for national television. Rev. Peterson and the team were able to present the gospel in song and interview to an audience exceeding 90 million people via the most popular news program in Japan-Studio 102.

The SMITE Latin team began on June 2nd with the difficult task of "island-hopping" for a period of four weeks. Three to four days were spent on each of eight different islands in the Caribbean.

Beginning with the campaign in Spanish-speaking Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, the team faced more difficult circumstances in evangelism than they had experienced in other Latin countries as they witnessed on Antigua, Monserrat, Grand Turk, South Caicos, St. Thomas, St. Martin, and Nassau. In addition to the many who did respond during special services, team members were able to lead more than 235 individuals to Christ through personal soul-winning. Team director Dave Stanford and Dave Pantana, who joined the campaign as guest evangelist, recounted that one of the highlights of the effort was ministering to the governor of Grand Turk and police officials in the Dominican Republic. The team conducted 35 services in churches, 5 in soccer stadiums, 30 in high schools, 4 in recreational parks, 4 television appearances, and 3 market places.

SMITE Children's Team experienced "total preparation" this summer with their campaign in England. Having ministered there at Christmas, the team had previous insights to the needs of the area. Invitations from several local missionaries prompted their return trip. The team is directed by Ian Bulus and Verle Binkley. The campaign started in Coventry with Pastor John Pangle, hosting the first week. The second week took them to Nuneaton to work with Pastor Tom Wallach, both BBF missionaries. The days were spent largely in school assemblies, nursing homes, and hospitals where Bible principles were taught, and followed by nightly Bible clubs. Most days the team conducted five services.

In a small town outside Nuneaton, where there were no fundamental churches, the team worked with many children who had never been exposed to the Gospel. Many were saved, and as a result, Pastor Wallace caught vision to start a church in that area.

A real highlight of the campaign was teaching seminars to children's work in the Pastor Bible Institute and by this means the team members were able to reproduce themselves.

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The Hypocrisy Of Jane Fonda, A Rich Socialist

By PATRICK I. BUCHANAN
WASHINGTON — By a 28-5 vote, the California senate has rejected Jerry Brown’s latest nomination for the California Arts Council, delivering a rebuke to the governor and a belated boot to Jane Fonda.

"A blow to all artists of this state," roared Theodore Bikel, president of Actors Equity. And a teary-eyed Jane personified Congree’s observation that hell hath no fury like a woman scorned:

"Without giving me an opportunity to be heard," the legislators "excoriated my name and reputation with unfounded charges, and denied me the opportunity of representing the arts in California because of my political beliefs." The Democratic-controlled senate, she cried, has revived the "witch hunts of the 1950s...the spirit of McCarthyism."

According to Webster, McCarthyism is an "attitude chiefly characterized by... the use of tactics involving personal attacks on individuals by means of widely-publicized indiscriminate allegations on the basis of unsubstantiated charges."

But there is nothing "indiscriminate" or "understandable" about the charges leveled against Ms. Fonda, they relate as much to behavior as beliefs.

During the war in Vietnam, while American pilots were being tortured just down the street, she was in Hanoi propagandizing on behalf of a regime which took the lives of 50,000 of her American contemporaries.

Congress made a formal declaration of war, Ms. Fonda — and her consort, Tom "We are all Viet Cong" Hayden — the runt of the litter of the Chicago Seven — would have been subject to a charge of treason, the constitutional definition of which is giving aid and comfort to the enemies of the United States.

When those tortured pilots returned to tell the horrors of captivity in Hanoi’s prisons, they were dismissed as "hypocrites and liars," by Ms. Fonda, who gave them less of a hearing than she got from the California senate.

Given her performance during and following that conflict, "hypocrite" is a term she should be a charity of using.

When the actress who once called the Viet Cong the "conscience of the world" was asked recently by Joan Baez to join in condemnation of brutalitarian Communist rule in the south, she was unable to pen a response to two letters of appeal.

And when, pray tell, will Ms. Fonda begin practicing some of that socialist theory she so ardently preaches. To the assembled undergraduates of Michigan State, a decade ago, Jane declared, "I would think that if you understood what communism was, you would hope, you would pray on your knees that we would someday be Communists."

Leave aside for the moment the incongruity of praying to God to help bring about a system of government which denies the existence of God, and trace Ms. Fonda’s steps to North Carolina a year later when she declared at Duke: "I am a socialist. I think we should strive toward a socialist society — all the way to communism."

So what did the pigs who took over Orwell’s Animal Farm do? Ms. Fonda-Hayden are hot for redistributing the wealth, let’s begin with that most profitable of industries, according to Fortune Magazine, "motion pictures, production and distribution." Where better to start than at Columbia Pictures, which released "The China Syndrome" and which boasted the highest return on equity last year of any company in the United States.

If Tom and Jane are serious about “socialism,” why not a little land reform, breaking up their half-million dollar Laurel Springs ranch into separate plots for the peasants and peasants of Santa Barbara County?

Actually, Ms. Fonda belongs to the spoiled-brat school of socialism, Vassar-Hollywood branch. No one has interfered with her constitutional or civil rights. No one has blacklisted her in the film industry, the way her heroine, Lillian Hellman, and comrades blacklisted anti-Stalinists in the ’30s — the way the entertainment industry has blacklisted Anita Bryant since she took her line on gay rights.

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China is reported to have improved its attitude toward religion. Though still officially atheistic, the Communist Chinese government is assisting Christian churches in finding buildings in which to hold worship services.

Dr. Andrew K. H. Hsiao, president of the Lutheran Theological Seminary of Hong Kong, reported on these developments following a three-week trip to China. He said other examples of more liberal attitude by the Communists toward Christianity include the restoration of reputations of Christians who have been falsely accused of crimes and a new criminal code which provides for the prosecution of government workers who interfere with worship or destroy religious objects and Bibles.

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Homosexual Organist Fired, Sues, Won’t Repent

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defended the treaty and said it would not compromise U.S. military strength and would force the Soviets to destroy certain weapons they already have while allowing the United States to keep what it has. The President said failure to ratify SALT 2 would give the Soviets a tremendous propaganda victory, since they could say they are for peace and the U.S. is not. National Council of Churches President William Howard read a statement supporting SALT 2 in which he said, “When the U.S. now has the capacity to destroy every Soviet city of 100,000 forty times over and the USSR can do the same to every U.S. city of 100,000 at least twenty times over, the argument that we must escalate before we begin reductions is to us a violation of logic and our religious values.”

The Orthodox Presbyterian Church in San Francisco is being sued by an organist who was fired after it was learned he is a homosexual and he refused to repent. Pastor Chuck McIlhenny says the issue is not one of minority rights, as the man and his lawyer claim, but is a matter of sin. McIlhenny says he would be opposed to any practicing, unrepentant sinner, including thieves, serving on the church staff. The church lawyer says it is a clear separation of church and state issue and the church should win.

Fundamentalist minister Carl McIntire is opposed to Pope John Paul II’s intended visit in October with President Carter in the White House. McIntire says he has nothing against the Pope’s trip or even the Pope and Mr. Carter getting together, but he thinks the meeting in the White House violates the separation of church and state provision of the Constitution.

President Carter taught his Sunday School class at First Baptist Church in Washington Aug. 5. During the lesson, the President shared how he witnessed to South Korean President Park Chung Hee during his Korean trip earlier in the summer. Mr. Carter said he had been asked to share his faith with Park by Korean evangelist Billy Kim. He said he did so on the ride to the airport and Park expressed interest in hearing more. When asked if Park had anyone in mind to visit him and share more of the Gospel, Park responded that he would like to speak with Billy Kim. The New York Times didn’t appreciate the incident. In an editorial, The Times said Mr. Carter ignored the First Amendment requiring church-state separation and should have not talked about religion to Park.

Philadelphia taxpayers will buy a platform but not the altar on top of it for Pope John Paul II’s visit to that city. The Boston Archdiocese is soliciting contributions to defray some costs of the Pope’s visit there. These decisions follow a growing controversy over whether and how much the public should pay for essentially religious aspects of the Pope’s visit in October.

The Roman Catholic Bishop in Phoenix, Arizona, James Rausch, has imposed a six-month waiting period for Catholic couples who want to marry in the church. Divorce in Phoenix increased 3 percent last year to 13,167, one of the highest in the nation. The waiting period will be used for counseling and other techniques designed to make the marriage work. A spokesman for the Archdiocese says calls and letters have been coming in from Protestant ministers interested in details of the program.

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MOSLEMS CONDEMN PRACTICES, AMERICANS TOLD TO HALT SERVICES

By FORREST I. BOYD

International Multi-Service

There are many Americans in Saudi Arabia, helping that country modernize in many ways: building roads and settlements, irrigating and otherwise improving the country. That's fine with the leaders of that Moslem country, but the leader also has steps to make sure their people are not led astray by the Americans.

Interior minister Prince Nafir sent a letter to the deputy governor of Riyadh, the capital, outlining some modernize in many ways: building plans for the religious teachings and traditions of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Furthermore, we will all make sure their people are not led astray by the Americans.

According to a report in "Al-Riyadh" newspaper, the letter from the Prince followed complaints by Sheikh Abdul Aziz ibn Baz, a leading religious scholar and chairman of the Department of Religious Guidance, Legal Rulings and Propagation of the faith.

The practices the Prince condemned included:

- Unusually dressed foreign women shopping or eating out in public;
- The ostentatious wearing of crosses;
- Use of foreign names for Saudi shops and establishments;
- Shops and supermarkets playing loud music and western music;
- The prominence given to dog food in supermarkets (dogs are generally considered repugnant in Muslim countries);
- Mosques holding outside mosques or in the streets at times when they ought to be praying;
- Failure to attend the mosque at all.

Prince Nafir also complained that a number of streets and residential areas were not being policed by the Arabian Society for the Promotion of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice. Korean laborers should also be prevented from knocking at doors on the pretext of seeking a glass of water. "Some of them have evil intentions," the letter said.

The Prince said that the public display of jewelry bearing a crucifix or any representation of a cross was a violation of Islamic teachings and culture and could be considered Christian missionary activity in the land of Islam.

Goldsmiths have been ordered not to sell lockets, bracelets or rings carrying either Islamic or Christian symbols.

The circular sent to all ministers and government departments declared that all these forbidden deeds should be got rid of because "they contradict the teachings of our religion and these behaviors come from foreign people who came from abroad.

It said, "We would like you to inform all your employees to comply with the religious teachings and traditions of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Furthermore, we will all take all precautions necessary to prevent the spread of such phenomena." American families living in Riyadh have been told to stop having their church services, although they can have private Bible studies in their homes.

The U.S. government is not expected to protest very loudly because Saudi Arabia could cut off our oil supply.

The Indonesian government has given permission for the Christian relief agency, World Vision International, to sail its mercy ship on a relief and supply mission to the Anambas Islands where more than 30,000 Vietnamese boat refugees cling to life.

World Vision spokesmen say there have been numerous opportunities to share the Gospel with many of the boat people, through Bibles in the Vietnamese language and the Four Spiritual Laws comic books for children.

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A Peculiar Pressure

On Oct. 14, a "National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights" will be taged in the nation's capital by organized homosexuals. The aim of the homosexuals is woeful. They will be trying to pressure Congress into passing legislation that recognizes so-called "gay rights," which term really means the social acceptance of the open practice of homosexuality. They will also be trying to pressure President Carter into issuing an Executive Order that would accomplish essentially the same end.

Americans who still believe in traditional values and still cling to ancient notions as that of a family consisting of a man and woman, joined in matrimony, with their children — such Americans have been dealt a number of well-nigh disabling blows during these years of rampant pornography, legalized abortion, "no-fault" divorce, and "polyamory." For many of them, the coming television news spectacle of "gay marching and cavorting in the streets of the nation's capital may come as one more blow.

Fortunately, the challenge of the homosexuals is not going unmet. We are happy to report that a temporary coalition of political action organizations is rising to the occasion.

Not surprisingly, the organizations are all religious-oriented. They include the National Christian Action Coalition, Catholics for Christian Political Action, Christian Voice and the Moral Majority. They have come together as an Ad Hoc Committee for a National Day of Prayer on Homosexuality, a day to coincide with the homosexuals' march Oct. 14.

This is the first time that religion-oriented political action organizations — Catholic and Protestant alike — have banded together to advance the Christian position on any issue besides abortion. They are acting on an ad hoc basis, but it should encourage Christians of all denominations to know that Catholics and Protestants are finding common ground in the political arena and are working together — because they constitute the nation's Christian majority.

The committee has issued a Proclamation for the National Day of Prayer, which we commend, and they will be calling on the ministers and priests among their members — about 15,000 of them — to cooperate in the venture. The congregations of the participating clergymen will be asked to sign copies of the proclamation, all of which will be presented to the White House.

The Ad Hoc Committee is emphasizing that they do not intend to attack or condemn the homosexual individual. On the contrary, the idea is to pray for homosexuals and against American society for ever accepting the open practice of homosexuality as if it, or anything else, could be a real alternative to that man and woman joined in matrimony.

The idea seems like an excellent one to us, and we urge our readers to get behind it. Anyone wishing to know more about the National Day of Prayer on homosexuality can contact the Ad Hoc Committee, Box 1745, Washington, D.C. 20013. The participation of additional clergymen is especially helpful because the Ad Hoc Committee believes that it is vital to obtain a number of signatures for the Proclamation greater than the number of homosexuals who demonstrate on Oct. 14.
Monday, October 15
Nashville, Tenn.

Tuesday, October 16
Frankfort, Ky.

Thursday, November 1
Atlanta, Ga.

Friday, November 2
Raleigh, NC

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Christians Schools Win Victory Over IRS

By RICHARD OSBORNE

Christian schools and families that want a Christian education for their children won a major victory in September when the House and Senate voted to restrain the IRS from revoking the tax-exempt status of America's Christian Schools.

The Congress has the responsibility of oversight on all matters dealing with the bureaucracy and spending of taxpayers' money. They exercised this right wisely in curtailing over-zealous interpretations of IRS regulations and in implementing their "proposed revenue procedures" established in August of this year.

In passing the amendments offered by Congressmen Bob Dornan (R-Calif.) and John Ashbrook (R-Ohio) to the Treasury Appropriations Bill, Congress made its intentions clear: the federal government should get off the back of the private schools. The Dornan and Ashbrook Amendments will be an armour of protection for Christian Schools against IRS abuse of tax laws.

The two Dornan Amendments passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a 12-11 vote. One amendment addresses the IRS Houston Clause, which states that a parent whose child attends a tuition-free private school cannot receive a tax deduction for their contributions until it exceeds a reasonable tuition fee that could be charged by the school. The amendment guarantees that all contributions to a non-profit private school are tax-deductible.

Congressman Dornan's second amendment addressed the proposed IRS revenue procedure which would mandate a school to recruit minority students as a condition for tax-exemption. If these students were not able to pay their tuition, it would be the school's obligation to provide scholarships for members of the sponsoring church and "bus kids" who cannot afford full tuition. To require that this be done on a community basis with the sole criteria being race is itself discriminatory.

Congressman Ashbrook's amendment was deleted from the Bill in the Senate Appropriations Committee by a 11-12 vote. Unsurprisingly, Senator Jesse Helms carried our cause to the Senate floor and re-introduced the Amendment. The Ashbrook Amendment presents a broader focus than the Dornan Amendments in its prohibition of IRS expenditures restricting the development of any new regulations which would result in the loss of tax-exempt status. Neither of these amendments prohibits denial of tax-exemption for race discriminatory reason.

These important amendments prohibit the IRS from forming legislation, a power which constitutionally belongs to the Congress. It should be remembered, however, that the guidelines established by these two Amendments are for fiscal year 1980 only. Christians must remain strong and prepare now for the battles that will be fought in the coming years. For the sake of our children, Christian schools must be allowed to exist without harassment from the federal government.

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Starting with borrowed money, in just eight years I gained financial security, sold out at a profit and retired.

Not until I was forty did I make up my mind that I was going to retire before ten years had passed. That meant I would have to plan on doing it on a salary, no matter how good. I knew I couldn't do it working for others. It was perfectly obvious to me that I had to start a business of my own. But that posed a problem. What kind of business? Most of my money was tied up in all this. I knew I couldn't do it working for me. And I could build little or as fast as I wished. Best of all, there was no ceiling on my earnings. I could build a business that made my idea of retirement possible.
An Open Letter to Christian America

Dear Friend,

I am writing you today as a private citizen of our great nation and not as Pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church nor as preacher on the Old Time Gospel Hour.

I can no longer endanger the ministry of the Old Time Gospel Hour Television and Radio Network by preaching on certain issues that the Federal government calls "Political Issues." But how can I be silent about the sins that are destroying the moral fiber of this nation?

For too long we have watched pornography, homosexuality, and Godless humanism corrupt America's families, its schools and its communities.

For six long years we have stood by helplessly while three to six million babies were legally murdered through abortion-on-demand — each baby a precious living soul in the eyes of the Lord. Can you imagine what that means to Almighty God? We are a so-called Christian nation, and we are the first civilized nation to legalize abortion in the late months of pregnancy.

When a country becomes sick morally, it becomes sick in every other way. Socialism, which is a first cousin to Communism, is taking over the Republic. Today, everything is geared to the state...to give away programs and welfare...to the point where our country is nearly bankrupt.

So we have incorporated the Moral Majority Inc. as a non-profit organization with headquarters in Washington, D.C. Our goal is to exert a significant influence on the spiritual and moral direction of this great nation by:

1. Mobilizing the grass roots of moral America, and to one clear, loud and effective voice.
2. Informing the moral majority about what is going on behind their backs in Washington, and state legislatures across the country.
3. Lobbying intensely in Congress to defeat left-wing social welfare bills that would further erode our precious freedoms.
4. Pushing for positive legislation like the Family Protection Act which will ensure a strong and enduring America.
5. Helping the moral majority in local communities to fight pornography, homosexuality, obscene school textbooks and other burning issues facing each and every one of us.

We must ban together under the banner of the Moral Majority and wage open warfare against the forces of Satan, locally and nationally which threaten our freedom as Americans.

I am asking God to give me supernatural strength for the task that lies ahead. I must help keep America great by going into the halls of Congress and getting laws passed that will protect the freedom and liberty of Christians, and guarantee that our children and grandchildren will enjoy the same freedoms we have known for two hundred and three years here in America.

Will you join me in this new adventure by becoming a member of the Moral Majority? As soon as I receive your gift (non-tax-deductible) I will send you regular issues of the Moral Majority Report to inform you about the issues we are fighting for and the issues we are fighting against.

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Dr. Jerry Falwell
President

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Fasting: Biblical Teaching That’s Important

The Bible is filled with illustrations of people who fasted on Mount Sinai (Exodus 34:28), Hannah fasted on several occasions (II Samuel 12:22; I Kings 21:29). The entire nation fasted on the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 23:27 a). Beyond these, there are many other occasions of fasting in the Old Testament. John the Baptist taught his disciples to fast often (Mark 2:18; Luke 5:33). Jesus

By JERRY FALWELL

fasted in the wilderness (Matthew 4:2). Some found fault with Jesus and His disciples for their failure to fast often (Matthew 9:14, 15; Mark 2:18, 19; Luke 3:35). But Jesus’ answer was that His disciples could not fast until the bridal room was taken from them.

Anna had been serving God in the Temple by fasting (Luke 2:37). Paul fasted following his conversion on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:9). Cornelius was fasting before he had his vision (Acts 10:30). The early church in Antioch was fasting when Barnabas and Saul were called to go on the first missionary journey (Acts 13:3). Later in the book of Acts, Paul and those on the ship abstained from food for fourteen days (Acts 27:33).

In the Epistles, Paul claimed to be approved to the church in fasting (II Corinthians 6:5), and later said that one of his sufferings was “In fastings often…” (II Corinthians 11:27).

Throughout history, great men have fasted. Fasting is the pathway to power for soul-winning. We know that Luther, Calvin, and Knox spent time in fasting. Jonathan Edwards is known for his famous sermon, “Sinner In The Hands Of An Angry God.” He fasted for 72 hours prior to preaching this sermon. There was such a spiritual influence from the message that it was the beginning of revival fires that spread across New England. But more than a one time evangelistic outreach, that sermon has touched the lives of those who have read it down through the years. Those who have studied the circumstances, feel the fasting was responsible for the preparation and persecution of the sermon.

Evangelist Charles Finney is also known to have stopped revival meetings when he sensed the heart of the audience was cold. He called for fasting and prayer. When he felt the movement of God, he continued the meeting.

The Pilgrims on the Mayflower fasted the day before they set foot on land. They were seeking God’s guidance to establish the place for the first city in the United States. Also, many of the settlers fasted in colonial America. The town council in many of the New England villages called for a fast by the entire population when they faced with a crisis. When I read that the nation Israel fasted in the Old Testament and that the founding fathers of the United States called for a fast, I was encouraged to call America to a fast.

Some have mistakenly said that we should not preach on fasting. They quote the Scriptures where Jesus commanded that we should not boast about our fasting. “Moreover, when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward” (Matthew 6:16). Jesus was condemning those who were boasting of their fasting. Obviously, such hypocrisy would not be honoring to God, nor prove the sincerity of their prayers.

I believe that it is Biblical for us to call for a fast. This is not based on our fasting. This is an act of faith. When we call for a fast, we challenge people to aact their souls and pray to God. Either call for a fast, and God will answer (Isaiah 58:1). Some people think this is an act of God. This is not a fast. God will answer to His children when they call him to acts of faith. (II Chronicles 14:5, 6, 7). Note the expression “In fastings often…” (II Chronicles 14:5, 6, 7).

Eating is necessary and enjoyable. God made it necessary for man so that he would live. This daily requirement made it necessary for the creation to trust his creator for food. If man had been made without the necessity of eating, it would have been easier for him to forget God.

Eating is enjoyable. It is one of the gifts that God has given to His creatures. God told Adam that he could eat the fruit of the garden, only he could not eat certain fruit. Each part of natural life.

Later, when God visited Abraham (Genesis 18:1-8), he prepared a meal for his holy visitors from heaven. Eating is a form of hospitality and fellowship.

Later, in the worship in the tabernacle, God provided certain feasts so that Israel might worship the Lord.

When the Lord Jesus began His ministry, His first public act was to participate in a marriage feast in Cana of Galilee.

When the 5,000 wanted food, Jesus could have exhorted them to the use of his spiritual benefits. But He provided food to demonstrate the provision of God and that they would recognize Him as their Messiah.

One of the Lord’s final official acts was to serve the Last Supper in the Upper Room. Therefore, the Bible presents eating as a natural and enjoyable part of life.

Because eating is given from God, we should always begin our meals with gratitude and recognition that our food comes from God. Jesus gave the example of offering our “thanks” for a meal (John 6:11).

The Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission has established a Christian Citizenship Corps in an effort to inform and encourage the 13.2 million Southern Baptists in the U.S. to get involved in public life and major issues. Commission spokesman William Elder says, unlike the Christian Citizenship Council, the Christian Citizenship Corps will present both sides of an issue such as SALT Two or abortion, then give a Biblical perspective and allow the individual to form his own opinion. The arguments and brief statements will be presented through a newsletter called “Moral Alert” which is available from the Commission in Nashville, Tenn.

Former Postmaster General and aide to Lyndon Johnson, Marvin Watson, says he has accepted the presidency of Dallas Baptist College. Watson said he was lead to Dallas Baptist College by the Lord and that he hoped the school would become more Bible-oriented than any school in the area or state. The college has been plagued by financial problems for 10 years.
LBC: Producing Leaders For Tomorrow

By C. CHRISTOPHER ROSS

Liberty Baptist College has a job to do.

The college has been determined to maintain its cause of developing and planning a liberal arts curriculum for Christian young men and women. "We are training these young people for solid service to God with outstanding educations whether they have been called to the ministry, business, public and private lives, Christian school administrators, athletics or music," Dr. Falwell said. "We are committed to providing the best education possible. We believe Liberty Baptist College can be a part of the solution to our nation's ill."

"We have a sick society, we have a nation that lacks leadership, we have a nation that lacks determination and we believe our young men and women can be the prime movers to actually turn this country around."

The LBC Chancellor is aware of the tremendous burden upon the Christians of America but he has been calling attention to the problems facing every facet of living and has set his goals to solving the nation's moral, social, economic and physical difficulties.

"We have instituted a political science major that we intend to produce Christian senators, congressmen, presidents, governors, and other other legislators," Dr. Falwell said. "Christians need to be educated and informed and active in their government and it is our job to train them."

"I have been led of the Lord to prepare out students for the planting of 5,000 churches with 5,000 Christian schools: the building up of the television and radio ministry; the producing of preachers and educators to fill the leadership vacuum as there are three new Christian schools starting daily in America," Falwell said.

"The job of Christian educators is to produce the best teachers, preachers, educators and leaders for the future of this nation," Falwell said.

"The training is here in Lynchburg, Va., where God has graciously given us the guidance and support to have facilities, students and leadership."

The chancellor said Christians are only hampered by lack of vision in many instances and that "we must heed the call of the Lord Jesus to carry out the Great Commission for World Evangelization."

He said, Liberty Baptist College is determined to reach university status by the year of 2000 and to attain an enrollment of 5,000 students.

"Nothing is impossible and this is not for the glory of man that we are actually planning for 5,000 students," Dr. Falwell said. "The decade of the 1980's is critical in the time of the world. I believe we are living in the terminal generation and we have been given the job of reaching the world. Our educational facilities must be prepared today to meet the world of tomorrow."

The cost of giving the Message of Christ to the world is expensive, not only in dollars and cents but in time, effort, dedication and work. Dr. Falwell emphasized.

"I believe we must bear the cost — whatever it may be — to train our young people in the presenting of the Gospel to every corner and phase of our world society," Dr. Falwell said. "I do not apologize for telling Christians that the price is high. Our young people know the problems of the world and they know they are being prepared to be the solution. That solution is Christian young people forcefully, constantly and daily giving the Message of our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ."
MONOPOLY IN EDUCATION

By HAROLD O. I. BROWN

In an earlier article, I pointed to the strange way in which the West German government, although officially it supports both Roman Catholic and Protestant churches, is using its power to subvert religious freedom and to undermine individuals in their spiritual integrity and responsibility. The fact that President Carter professes to being a born-again Christian should not blind us to the fact that similar things are happening in our own country too. One place where this is increasingly evident is in public education. Even since the beginning of this century, but with dazzling speed since the 1960s, old values have been discarded and new values imposed through the instrumentality of an increasingly powerful public educational system. If President Carter's proposal to establish a new Department of Education is effectuated, we may expect it to do for education what the Department of Energy has done for energy — the total supply and consumption. We will no longer have the extent of government regulation and control of what there is. Education will become almost total.

Public education in America today is characterized by three trends: (1) it is increasingly monopolistic; (2) it is increasingly comprehensive; (3) it increasingly indoctrinates rather than teaches.

In a major urban center such as Chicago, public education has had the major share of the educational market, but never a monopoly. Hundreds of thousands of largely Roman Catholic immigrants were willing to sacrifice to maintain a separate school system. Parents are unwilling to sacrifice to preserve parochial school systems alongside the free government schools. Polish, Irish and Italian Catholics, even well-to-do, are on the decline. When a church's hierarchy and intellectual leaders stress the significance of sex, education what the Department of Education teaches.

Today, as public schools limited themselves to teaching the "three R's," reading, writing, and arithmetic the home and the church had a free hand in providing values. Teachers and school administrations thought it their responsibility to support and reinforce family and church values.

As long as public schools limited themselves to teaching the "three R's," reading, writing, and arithmetic the home and the church had a free hand in providing values. Teachers and school administrations thought it their responsibility and the least nominally Christian to elect a "born again" President to supervise a bureaucracy of which a large portion is atheistic humanism.

Finally, when values are brought up and discussed, Christians can demand that there be a policy of examination rather than indoctrination. Atheistic, materialistic values may be presented alongside of those derived from Christianity, classical philosophy, or other sources, as long as they are labeled as just that — atheistic, materialistic values. It is what they are called that is crucial, and the like that indoctrination has set in.

There are ways to combat the crisis caused by the spreading government monopoly in education, and they demand three things of us: discernment, determination, and sacrifice. The question Christians have to face is this: are our children worth it to us? And if they are not, what are we worth to the God who has entrusted us with them?

Young Damaged U.S. Allies

By REP. ROBERT E. BAUMAN

WASHINGTON, D.C. — It took 11 tries, but U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young finally managed to come up with the right combination of words and actions to lose him the support of the only friend he had left in Washington President Carter.

During his three years as ambassador, Andrew Young damaged our relations with our allies, insulted the American people, and openly sided with terrorists bent on destroying democratic governments. Unfortunately, the same can be said about the current President Carter's foreign policy. Andrew Young was only one facet, albeit the most visible, of a foreign policy that seems barely able to respond to world events, much less influence them. At our very doorstep, for instance, Communist insurrection in Nicaragua has jeopardized all of Central America.

The Administration has reacted with indifference to the fact that Cuba trained and Panama gave guns to the Sandinista Guerrillas who overthrew our ally. Even though Nicaragua's new rulers openly denounced the United States and brag about more revolutions in Central America, we seem unwilling or unable to rally to the support of the remaining democracies in Latin America and stop the spread of Communism.

Not only is our southern flank ablaze, but there is also the distinct possibility that we will lose our Midwest oil supply by default to the Soviets. Outgoing Energy Secretary James Schlesinger, who has also been CIA Director and Secretary of Defense, warned recently that the massive Soviet military presence in the Middle East has not been offset by a determined U.S. presence in the area, and that Soviet influence is growing there. We have already lost Iran, and a revolution in Saudi Arabia would mean a severe blow to our country. Yet we

For the moment, before all the these trends are locked into our political system, there is still the possibility of a Christian response. Christians can demand the right — paying the price alone is no longer enough — to have truly independent schools, free of government interference even when the government, by one means or another, extends some benefits of the universal welfare state to them.

Christians can press for more concentration and less educational imperialism in government schools — require that they teach the skills that schools traditionally have been supposed to teach, and there will be little time left for indoctrination. The government schools and educators are by no means entitled to have the final word, such as the origin of man and the meaning and significance of sex.

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