Falwell Visits Rhodesia Massacre Site

By William K. Diehl

The Rev. Dr. Jerry Falwell returned home Tuesday and renewed his attack on the Carter administration.

"It is very obvious that America's foreign policy is either non-existent or in a shambles," Falwell said after a nine-day tour of Africa and over the Associated Press.)

"Rhodians cannot understand how we could do business with Idi Amin, the Soviet Union and Red China while boycotting the Western-oriented and friendly little nation of Rhodesia.

Rhodians need America more than ever and are begging for our help," he said.

At the airport in Johannesburg the Lynchburg minister was approached by an independent Protestant missionary, Tom Courtney, who said he had driven more than 250 miles through the Botswana bush country. Botswana borders both South Africa and Rhodesia.

Courtney had no planned appointment but hoped to meet Falwell at the airport and did. Courtney asked him to tell America the story of terrorists in Botswana who burn the homes and slit the throats of farmers and their children.

Courtney, who said he had been a missionary for 15 years, told of one incident in which the terrorists set afire a home and then tossed an infant into the flames.

BULAWAYO, Rhodesia — In a private meeting here, Zion Gumede, president of Zimbabwe, Rhodesia, Sunday told the Rev. Jerry Falwell that this nation could go out of existence if negotiations in Great Britain break down and America continues to ignore the Rhodesian struggle against Communist terrorism.

Gumede and Falwell, pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church, held a private conference. Then he invited into his office members of a group accompanying Falwell, including another Lynchburg minister, Dr. Roscoe Brewer, and Claude Brown, an Atlanta businessman.

A husky black man and political associate of Prime Minister Bishop Abel Muzorewa, Gumede extended a cordial greeting to the group, which included four Americans, two South Africans and two Rhodesian Army officers. Then he asked "the old gentleman," pointing to Falwell, for a prayer.

Falwell later said that in their private discussion Gumede said if present talks in London failed and if the Communista-back terrorism leaders, Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo, are successful, "God help us all, blacks and whites."

He also said Gumede made an urgent plea for American help. Gumede was described as noting the government, of which he is a part, has been in office only six months and has done "everything asked by the United States and Great Britain." But he did not know whether Rhodesia would ever be allowed to win.

Flying in an ancient DC-3 twin engine plane, which has been the workhorse of the Rhodesian Air Force, Falwell visited Spray View Army Camp, a training base near the famous Victoria Falls, and conducted services outdoors for the troops.

After viewing the Falls and its vast supply of water cascading through deep ravines, he then walked to the western border of Zambia, where terrorists are trained. A bridge connecting the countries was closed and Zambian soldiers could be seen at the opposite end.

The contingent next flew to Bulawayo for the meeting with Gumede and later a briefing from Col. John Redfern, chief of military intelligence, who frankly admitted that terrorists inside Rhodesia are growing at a rate faster than they can be rooted out and eliminated. He said that in addition to frequent murders by the terrorists, roads are dug out, creating a nuisance, and hospitals, missions and schools have been forced to close and in some areas the tourist business has been seriously crippled.

Redfern noted, however, that in some areas rival terrorist groups are fighting among themselves, which he said indicated the so-called Patriotic Front of Mugabe and Nkomo could never rally general public support.

During his meeting with Gumede, Falwell said he was struck by a tribute Gumede paid Ian Smith, the white former prime minister. He said Gumede expressed admiration for Smith's long fight and courage to speak out. He recalled that Smith and he both were from the Solukwaba area and both were born in 1919. So, both loved the nation because they are Rhodesians.

Gumede recalled a spiritual awakening in the country since the battle for survival began. There is no racial discrimination today, Gumede said.

The group flew back to Salisbury in the afternoon with Falwell speaking to more troops there and preaching that evening at the Salisbury Baptist Church.

RHODESIA'S FUTURE AT CRITICAL POINT


Is there an attempt to muzzle Christians, those who speak out on the issues of today? Dr. Harold O.J. Brown, one of the nation's outstanding theologians and writers, discusses media attempts to "shade" conservative Christians. Page 4

Garris T. Redford, the Journal Champion's resident wag, remembers humorist Will Rogers and answers his own mail, which surprises even him. See Page 5.

Paul Gates provides a complete report on the legality of battling the Internal Revenue Service over tax exemptions for Christian schools. Read Page 18.

Atrocity Site Viewed

UMTALI, Rhodesia (AP) — Evangelist Jerry Falwell of Lynchburg visited on Saturday the Elim Mission base, site of one of the worst massacres of the Rhodesian war.

Falwell was shown where nine British missionaries and four young children were slaughtered by terrorists.

Falwell shook his head and declared, "This is what the world and especially our country ought to realize — that the terrorists of the so-called Patriotic Front are nothing but Godless murderers backed, of course, by the Communists."

A group of eight to 10 terrorists raided the mission in June 1978, killing six women, three men and four young children. A 3-week-old infant was bayoneted to death. The women had been raped and mutilated.

This city and the Elim Mission are only a few miles from the Mozambique border on the east, a staging area for terrorists.

Umtali has been subjected to terrorist attacks. Only last week two women were killed when a bomb exploded in a department store.

Dressed in a Rhodesian army camouflage suit, Falwell, who conducts the nationally syndicated "Old-Time Gospel Hour" television and radio program, was flown here in DC-3 twin engine plane nearly 40 years old. It was typical of the planes in use by the Rhodesian Air Force, which one officer described as "the world's only flying museum."
World In Crisis: A Recurring Sore

By Harry Covert

Over and over again the major events of the day reflect a world in crisis. Evidence has abounded in recent weeks that peoples and nations around the world scoff and sneer at America's leadership.

We have been startled and angered by the outbursts in Iran, where once friendly allies have become hostile enemies. Every American has been enraged by the overtaking of the American Embassy in Tehran, Iran and the taking of 60 Americans hostage by Iranian students.

The Middle East outburst has now become a recurring sore. Instead of curing the symptoms, we have allowed the sore to get worse instead of dealing with the corruption.

There are several other incidents which we should remember.

Last Valentine's Day, February 14, Ambassador Adolph (Spike) Dubs was killed in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Last spring, Iranians stormed the American Embassy, holding a U.S. Marine Guard hostage with our Ambassador giving up the Embassy, to avoid being murdered.

And, there is the story of the plight of Cambodian and Vietnamese refugees who are being starved to death. Governments, Christian missionary organizations, private groups and others have appealed to help the starving Cambodians and Vietnamese. America has a heart but, their own people are playing a major role in not allowing the hunger and malnutrition and squalor to cease.

These are just a few of the major events plaguing and troubling the world today. Is there any doubt that the world is in chaos?

Americans have almost succumbed, at least in thought, to the blackmailing of the oil nations.

Nothing perhaps has brought the nation together more than the overthrow of the American Embassy in Tehran.

It is almost impossible to think that America's citizens working in a foreign land could be harmed inside of their own Embassy. Tragically, this has been allowed in Persia where American ingenuity has enabled them to find the black gold in the desert.

Virginia's congressional leaders have been flooded with telegrams, telephone calls and letters from citizens wanting immediate action against the Iranian government.

As this was being written, the Iranians were holding the American hostages well into the 12th day. Blackmailing, kidnapping, violation of the international law, invasion of immune property, America has withstood the onslaught of physical and verbal abuse over the Iranian mess.

As of this writing, only one other nation—Australia—has joined the US in refusing to purchase the Iranian oil. As of this writing, America has frozen Iranian assets in the United States and we are thinking about stopping food and grain shipments (many longshoremen are refusing to load goods for Iran); we are taking a firmer control on the Iranian students studying in American colleges; and we are planning to deport those who are in the country illegally.

Since the murder of Ambassador Dubs, there has been no national outcry against the treatment of Americans in foreign lands.

Since the mass media coverage of the starving Cambodians and Vietnamese, there has been no mass outcry from the world community to force the Cambodians and Vietnamese leaders to feed their people with the food the US and other nations are sending.

America as the world's leader should never apologize for being the nation blessed of God and given the job of assuming the responsibility of world leadership.

How tragic it is for Americans to be bristled in Iran. The taking of hostages is unthinkable. Yes, we must now negotiate and work out the settlements for the proper release of the Americans but this nation should never allow its protection of foreign embassies, its citizens and leaders to become so weak that such acts occur.

The hard thing for most Americans and Christian Americans to understand and to avoid is the feeling for revenge. This is only natural—and probably correct. The nation's blood is boiling over the Iranian incident. But, it seems we have become a nation of soft action.

We need to flex our muscles every now and again to let the world know that America is a strong nation that wants to do good; that will do good and, who will stand and look adversaries boldly in the eyes. We have become a nation of soft action.

I believe firmly that "Vengeance is mine, I will repay saith the Lord." I don't believe in the "Eye for eye, tooth for tooth..." suggestion.

America was built on Bible principles. We believe God blessed this nation. We believe God wants this nation to assume the world's leadership, not unwillingly, not apologetically, not weakly but with firmness.

America should set the pace for world leadership to be respected. We should demand our leaders to lead from strength and courage and not from pacivity.

Unless America takes its world leadership role seriously immediately, there will be no free peoples left.

Senator John Warner of Virginia expressed the opinions of most Americans. "We should never have allowed our integrity in the world to disintegrate. We should never allow ourselves to be blackmailed. We must restore leadership in America."

I have to admit that I have been angered at the world reaction to America and its citizens. As a Christian nation, we must set the standard for excellence and leadership. We should never try our guard again.

On Veteran's Day, Andy Rooney of CBS' 60 Minutes said in his brilliant commentary, "Most of us don't make anything of Veteran's Day. I'm not much for it myself. But, we owe Ollie Slingerland and Rodger Young to waking up in the middle of the night to think of them more often than Veteran's Day comes along. We owe the men in Veteran's hospitals anything in the world we can do for them. The rest of us who served but didn't die...we want one owes us anything. We got what we had coming...a free country."

When I think of trouble around the world, I think of all the men and women who suffered and died. And those who are still suffering because they paid the price. Andy Rooney said it better than anybody I've ever heard. If America is guilty of anything today, its forgetting the price that has already been paid. We must not give up our dignity and respect.

I remember that young Marine who was first captured last spring in Iran and threatened and beaten by the Iranian scoundrels.

God has blessed America. We have a duty to Him, our country and apple pie.

DORRAN: CHRISTIANS MUST BE

Congressman Bob Dornan of California is an outstanding and hard-working representative. He has been involved totally with attempting to set aside federal intervention in the lives of Christian schools, the family, moral issues and other various issues facing citizens.

He also believes Christians must be involved in government. He puts it this way: "Christians must become involved in Caesar's world, although they cannot become of Caesar's world. If Christians fail to animate the body politic in America, we will be a nation of darkness."

Dornan, an outspoken critic of abortion on demand, said, "We must be ever vigilant on the matter of preserving the private school's ability to imbue education with Judeo-Christian values. I want to hear from any school or parent who is approached by the IRS (Internal Revenue Service) regarding the provisions of the three amendments we, in the Congress, recently attached to the Treasury and Postal Service Appropriations bill."

The amendments run Sept. 30, 1980 and the Congress must attack an addition set to ward the secular-humanist, IRS attack on Christian schools.

Congressman Dornan said.

In the Oct. 12 Journal Champion, in a piece by Forrest Boyd, we inadvertently listed Congressman Dornan as one of the liberal politicians that the Americans for Life organization was attempting to defeat. We apologize for the error and note that it was Rep. Driian of Massachusetts whose name was left out. Congressman Dornan will be happy to note that numerous letters were received by this desk in his defense.

Letters are always welcomed. "I praise God for the courage, insights and wisdom that He has given you (Dr. Falwell) concerning the cures for the ills of our society (II Chron. 7:14). We will continue praying for your ministry." Mel Hankinson, head basketball coach, Delta State University, Cleveland, Miss.

Except for the Cuban missile crisis, the Iraqi incident has had more to polarize Americans than anything other than Pearl Harbor. I still can't get out of my memory the capture of the USS Pueblo by the North Koreans when the nation
Remembering: We Helped

By Elmer Towns

Recently I sat on an airplane and read an article on Cambodia. The nation is faced with starvation and estimates are that over two million will die if help does not reach them. I was concerned, because I spent last Christmas feeding the refugees.

The person next to me read the article over my shoulder. Then I asked his opinion about Southeast Asia.

"I really don't care," the person told me. He told me they were yellow people and had funny names. He was glad we got out of Vietnam. It bothers me. He told me they were yellow people and had funny names.

Rev. Roscoe Brewer, Missions Director, went along to write the story. The young people from the college stood in the dispensing line and gave out the toys, the food and the blankets. This included 10,000 Bibles. A Christmas dinner and a Christmas gift were given to 27,000 children. We had the opportunity to present the gospel to most of the inhabitants of the refugee camps.

We were told that some of the humanitarian organizations experienced graft and black market profiteering, but all the money that Dr. Falwell sent to Thailand actually went into relief for the refugees. The gifts given by Dr. Falwell were given by Christians in the name of Jesus Christ. The LBC young people learned the songs in the native language of the people, and presented a concert with Christmas carols and gospel hymns.

When the refugees heard the singing in their own vernacular, they looked at one another in amazement, then began to smile and nod with approval. Finally, they broke out into applause. One refugee camp leader noted, "If you are so careful to learn our words, then your message must be important."

The students always dressed in the same matching clothing that they wear in the churches in the United States. They used an amplifying system with loud speakers. If any of the refugees thought about ignoring the gospel meeting, the music attracted them to the gospel service.

There were services in six refugee camps, with thousands and thousands of listeners, at every service. On one occasion when I preached, approximately 1,100 raised their hand for salvation. At the Sikow refugee camp, the leaders of the small church (70 Christians) said, "We have not had music this good from anyone in the last three years. From now on, the unsaved will respect the Christians."

One Cambodian Christian told Brewer, "Our churches will be so filled this Sunday that we will not know what to do with the crowds."

I am, of course, concerned about the salvation of these precious souls, but beyond that, I am concerned about their hunger, their safety, and about the fact that they are dying without help and without hope. "If a brother or sister is dying without help, are you not concerned?" and one of you say unto them, depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; not withstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit?" (James 2:15,16).

We have an obligation to help the refugees in Southeast Asia. As a Christian, I am concerned about the godless, totalitarian Communists and their murderous purge of millions of innocent people. They are totally opposed to the family, as well as everything else Christianity stands for.

We have an obligation to defend and minister to their victims.

As an American, I am concerned about our country. We made an obligation to Vietnam. We knew what would happen if we pulled out, yet we pulled out anyway.

Dr. Falwell was concerned about the Christian perspective of the refugee situation. We wanted to help them, and we did. A veteran missionary told me, "We have seen more people saved in this place of the world since 1975 than were saved in the previous 150 years." We are excited about that. We deplore the bloodshed, but we rejoice that even in those dark circumstances, God is being glorified and many are being saved.

The future of Cambodia is crucial. If Communism refuses to allow the free world to send them food, millions will die. And with their death, the American commitment to the freedom of the world is further eroded. The church must be concerned and our nation cannot turn a deaf ear.

By FORREST J. BOYD

Ethics Out this Year...

Just a few years ago, even four years ago when presidential election campaigns were beginning, ethics was a popular issue. Integrity in public officials was a necessary quality. Incumbents and candidates were anxious to prove their character and to talk about the necessity of honesty and morality.

The United States Senate established a number of reforms of its ethical standards and charged its ethics committee with keeping watch on the members of the Senate.

But something has happened. A number of senators felt the ethical standards went too far. Some complained that the Senate had gone "ethics happy" and the glamour of the ethics issue wore off.

Now we are told, the ethics committee is the most unpopular committee in the Senate. Nobody wants to be a member of it, and with a new chairman needed, nobody wanted the job. So, the Senate did an unprecedented thing: named a freshman senator to the full-fledged chairmanship of a major committee.

Probably one reason for the unpopularity of the ethics committee is that it has been difficult for the committee members to judge the people they work with everyday. Applying strict standards to Sen. Herman Talmadge (D-Ga.), for example, was not easy for the committee.

But another reason may be that the mood of the country toward political expertise has changed, so that Americans seem to regard ethical standards and integrity as of less importance than they did a few years ago. Or, at least, the opinion polls seem to show that. The people are said to be more concerned about a public official's political expertise and the ability to solve problems like inflation and energy shortages.

This could be a serious mistake. If that thinking is reflected in the quality of public officials elected next year, there could be unwelcome consequences. Political expertise is important, but so is character.

Evangelical Christians may have been politically naive in the last generation of government, thinking that the only requirement should be that a candidate is intellectually acceptable, without regard for that person's political knowledge, experience and ability. But it would be a mistake, no doubt, to go to the other extreme and evaluate candidates on the basis of political expertise alone.

By Elmer Towns

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Muzzling the Christian Ox

By Harold O. J. Brown

As a symbol for a Christian preacher, the Bible does not use the metaphor of the lion or the eagle, but of the ox — slow and plodding, perhaps, but strong and full of endurance.

In I Corinthians 9:9, Paul picks up the Old Testament rule against muzzling the ox that is treading the mill and applies it to the support of perhaps, but strong and full of endurance. that is designed not to prevent him from eating, but from speaking out.

The ox is not providing them with decent support. Today a different kind of issues.

One of the most insidious ways that the media today have of muzzling Christian social concern is to label it right wing.

A couple of decades ago, when the Cold War was at its peak, liberals objected — rightly so, I would add — to the guilt by association techniques that were often used to rule out views and to silence individuals if they could be shown or even claimed to have any affinity with the Left.

Danger of the Left

Today the danger from the Left has not declined — it is, in fact, greater than ever — but public awareness of it has declined, so that almost no one today will criticize, not to speak of condemning, an individual or an idea because of a link to Communism or Socialism. The Right, on the other hand, is in disarray. Although America has never had any substantial "facist" movement, apart from a few fringe individual or an idea because of a link to Communism or Socialism.

One of the most insidious ways that the media today have of muzzling Christian social concern is to label it right wing. In the old days of red-baiting, when National Council of Churches leaders or other liberal Protestants proposed a particular social concern, conservatives often side-stepped the principles that were involved and in effect muzzled the liberal leaders by claiming that they or their views were leftist or Communist-sympathizing. That was an unfair technique when used on conservative Christians today.

Unfortunately while in the 1950's the media for the most part sided with the liberals and defended them from the guilt by association charges, today it is the media that are bringing the guilt by association charges against conservative Christians.

Using Unfair Techniques

Today, several of the leading secular media have suddenly developed a sensitivity to the "religious right" and to see a sinister alliance developing between biblical Protestantism (and sometimes conservative Catholicism, too) on the one hand and conservative political activism on the other.

Unfortunately, this media campaign was sparked by the publication in a so-called left evangelical magazine, Sojourners, of an article attacking John Conlan, then a congressman from Arizona, and Campus Crusade president Bill Bright.

Kennedy admirer and court historian Arthur M. Schlesinger Jr. picked up the Sojourners piece and echoed it in a widely-published article for the secular media. Since then, secular media, including the major newsweeklies, Time and Newsweek, have been eager to "expose" a "new right" alliance between conservative Christians, pro- lifers, pro-family and other groups committed to traditional moral values, and the traditional political conservative groups, such as the anti-gun-control lobby, the tax reduction groups, the anti-SALT II, pro- defense people, and the like.

Recently even Christianity Today ran a major news article by Washington Senior editor Edfloward linking various conservative Christian leaders and causes with the political right wing.

Thus, the secular media were stimulated to their campaign against the "religious right" by an organ of left-wing evangelical opinion, Sojourners, and are now being echoed by the major organ of the middle-of-the-road evangelical establishment, Christianity Today.

This prestigious Christian magazine's willingness to tie Christian concerns to the political right without much reflection is all the more puzzling since the very next issue of the magazine devoted a major article to defending evangelist Billy Graham — incidentally a Christianity Today supporter and board member — from charges by writer Marshall Frady that Billy is nothing but a public relations man for the conservative American political establishment (issue of November 16, 1979).

If Christianity Today is discerning enough to recognize the charges as false when they are leveled at Billy Graham, it ought not to contribute to spreading similar charges when they are directed at leaders such as Dr. Jerry Falwell and the 700 Club's Dr. Pat Robertson.

A Measure of Truth

It is always difficult to reply to a vague charge of this kind. Indeed, as with most propagandistic claims, there is a measure of substance to them.

William Buckley and Senator Barry Goldwater, It is legitimate for the media to point this out. But what they are missing is the very reason for the existence of these Christian leaders' concern, namely, their biblical conviction. Christians are trying to say, "Let's keep the Bible as the values and see what help they can give us in our country's predicament." Because they fear that some of those Christian values will serve the cause of political conservatism rather than of leftism, the media are jumping on the Christian and charging, "Your values are only a cloak for traditional right-wing policies."

The Williams of Bible-believing, Christ-centered causes come out of their sanctuaries and tabernacles and to make their legitimate contribution to American political life ought to be hailed by the liberal media in the name of democracy, just as they hailed the increasing political activism of blacks and women. But instead it is merely being ridiculed as a new pretext for right-wing politics.

What one may do is to frighten the timid Christians into turning a deaf ear to the biblical arguments of Falwell, Schaeffer, and the like, instead of evaluating them in the light of Scripture and determining whether there is any need to be heedful. In addition, the effort to link Christian concerns with the media's right wing may furnish an excuse for government agencies to clamp down on Christian freedom of expression via IRS, FCC, and other regulations.

Last Thing Wanted

There are many on the American scene for whom any "Christian voice" in public
By Garvis T. Redford

Other than my inflated utility bills and handouts from the oil companies telling me how all those millions in profits this year are being turned back into research (and my gas is still over a dollar a gallon), I've been receivin' some mail.

I mean some letters from people across the land who're writin' to me at the Journal Champion newspaper. It's quite nice to hear from folks who feel the way I do and who care about our country and livin' their lives peacefully and all that.

Don't get me wrong. I ain't gettin' no swelled head or nuthin' just because some folks is been pretty nice to me. I never had a nice word about our country or our leaders, the nation is in trouble. We haven't forgotten to speak to more regular people.

Now that I'm gettin' mail, I want to respond to a few letters from folks who feel the same's I do. I don't need a secretary yet.

I went down the other day to get my mail, I have a post office box — and saw the posters drawing attention to the Will Rogers commemorative stamps. When I was a kid, I always enjoyed hearing Mr. Rogers on the radio. He's been made even more famous the past few years with his comment that "I never met a man I didn't like."

His stamp is quite a nice 15-cent stamp. Mr. Rogers was quite a man, too, he was called a humorist. He just commented on the news of his day and it made people laugh, it made them think and sometimes, it made them cry.

Of course, we Americans today often don't realize how well off we are. Back in Mr. Rogers' day — he only had the radio to speak from and wrote some newspaper column — the good guys was laugh, it made the much the way we have it today.

But, when I saw his rough sign picture on the stamp at the post office, I remembered a book where some of his sayin's are recorded and ya no, they're just as good today.

I've been talking about preachin' on the pulpit and how some people need to speak out to — not for — government. Mr. Rogers saw things clearly and cut through the red tape and all that stuff. I couldn't help but recall some of his remarks.

"Liberty doesn't work as well in practice as it does in speeches."

"We don't seem to be able to check crime, so why not regulation it when tax it is doing business."

"Politics has become so expensive that it takes a lot of money even to be defeated."

"If they are going to argue religion in the church instead of preachin' it, no wonder you can see more people at a circus than a church."

Well, now, those are some comments. People feel today exactly like Mr. Rogers did 50 years ago.

When I happened upon the writin' business I simply put down mah own thoughts. Come to find out, a lot of other Americans feel the same's I do. The post office people have been pretty nice to me. I never got much mail before, 'cept for those advertising flyers, and bills, bills and more bills. It's rather nice to hear from friends all over the country.

I didn't mean to get so sidetracked with Will Rogers. But, he did give us some fun times. Watchin' the news today is dreadful: Some of my letters should be shared. So here goes:

"Dear Brother Redford: Hourglass for you. Speak out and speak up a lot. Way attention to what you're saying. Maybe the pollsters should speak more to regular people. This was signed by a reader in Abilene, Kans."

"Dear Mr. Redford: I read with interest about your visit to the White House during the summer time. I know you were really proud to visit"

Will Rogers, an old reprobate (now that I'm gettin' up, I can learn a few new words everyday) to me, says: "Dear Garvis T: You made me awfully hungry last summer when you were talking about fried squash, corn on the cob, fried okra and snap beans. We've always enjoyed that kind of eatin'. We appreciate the garden the Lord has allowed us to have for many years here in Tennessee. We work hard to make those things grow. We agree with everything you say. We haven't forgotten to have poundings for our preacher, too, quite often. We believe this is part of giving and without any faithful works and commitment?"

Liberty Baptist College Trustees Meet

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WASHINGTON, D.C. Sometimes I do think you are somewhat bent towards a fundamentalist, like to Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and those early Virginians. I know we reach the future by learning from the past. I would like to suggest that recognizing the modernization of government today, not everything that happens in Washington is wrong. There is a lot of good. Once in a while, have a nice word about our officials. (signed) Phyllis Malotte Sangers, Frederick, Md."

Okay. There are a lot of good things happening in Congress. Sometimes it takes a lot of find out answers. But, you're on the beam, our officials do try hard, especially with the giving and taking. Remember what Will Rogers said. "Alexander Hamilton originated the put and take system in our national treasury; the taxpayers, put it in, and the politician take it out."

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CITY'S FIRST 'JON HOUR'
The Christian And Salt II

By RICHARD OSBORNE

The Strategic Arms Limitation Treaties have been two of the most controversial issues of this decade. President Richard Nixon signed SALT I in 1971, hoping that the treaty would ease the arms race which could lead to nuclear war with the Soviet Union. Since then, we have discovered that our reduction of Strategic Arms has not influenced the USSR in their accelerated effort to build nuclear weapons for war.

To secure passage of SALT II, the Senate insisted on increased military defense programs. However, Texas Governor William Clements points out that every one of these programs which would have secured our position as a world super-power has now either been cancelled, delayed, or stretched out. We are now in the position of facing the threat of the 80's with military equipment that was designed for the 60's.

In the last decade, the Soviets have modernized their strategic forces by 104 billion dollars more than the United States. We are now spending 5 percent of our GNP on defense as compared with the Soviet's 17 percent commitment. Last year, we spent more on CETA, the bureaucratic welfare boondoggle, than on all the systems included in SALT II.

Does the Bible say anything about SALT II?

Isaiah warns us about making alliances or treaties with ungodly men or nations. The prophet warned those who enter into such pacts make a “covenant with death, and will be trodden down by it” (Isaiah 28:15). We are commanded to stay away from negotiators who would turn our country to ungodly ecopolitical systems (Ezekiel 13:4). The Apostle Paul warns us to be “not unequally yoked with unbelievers” (II Corinthians 6:14-18).

What about the Biblical injunction to “seek peace and pursue it,” or “love thy enemies?” God instructed King David to consider his enemies with “a perfect hatred” (Psalm 139:19-24). We are supposed to love our personal enemies, to pray for them and to work for their salvation (Matthew 5:44). However, this does not apply to ungodly enemies who stand against God (Ezekiel 13:10-11). If we do not take a stand against SALT II, could it be said that we stood against God (Matthew 12:30)?

As Christians, we have a responsibility to make sure that God's word is heard. God is concerned about every area of our life, including our physical safety.

HOMOSEXUAL ORDNATION NOT GOD'S WILL

ST. LOUIS (EP) — The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) endorsed a task force study that declared that ordination of homosexuals would not be “in accord with God's will for the church.” At the same time, the assembly of the 1.3-million-member denomination sidestepped a resolution which would have barred ordination of homosexuals outright. The assembly left ordination decisions up to regional units of the denomination.

Jerry Falwell, Pastor

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Israel Welcomes Dr. Falwell For Visit

Dr. Jerry Falwell talks with Israeli forestry officials during recent November visit near Nazareth. Dr. Falwell was preparing to plant the first oak tree in a reforestation program to help reconstitute the soil. The Israelis named the area the Jerry Falwell Forest and the Lynchburger committed to planting 10,000 other oaks.

Thomas Road Baptist Church pastor plants the first oak tree.

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin welcomes American delegate (left to right) of Seth Adari, author Gerald Strober, Dr. B.R. Lakin, Dr. Falwell, Begin, prime minister's aide, and Lynchburg newspaper editor William K. Diehl.

Israeli area already undergoing reforestation offers magnificent site where arid areas are rejuvenated.

The two international leaders enjoy conversation.
Zimbabwe Rhodesia Greets American Spiritual Leader For Inspection of War-Torn African Nation
FAST TRACK
FOR A STEAMROLLER

By ROBERT E. BAUMAN
(R-Md.), Chairman, House
Committee on
Economics

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Washington knows best —
right? Wrong! However, that's exactly what those supporters
of the so-called "fast track" Energy Mobilization Board
would have us believe. Members of the House of
Representatives should have a
very healthy skepticism as they
examine the host of fast-track
proposals before them.

The intent behind the
President's idea for
streamlining critical energy
projects is simple: he wants a
five-member board to be able to
cut through conflicting or
obstructing laws and
regulations which might slow
down approval for new energy-
related projects. The problem
with such a view, aside from its
simplistic approach to a
complex question, is that it
involves the federal government
to an even greater degree in the
energy business.

And yet Congress is eager to
jump on the bureaucratic
bandwagon one more time. It
was only two short years ago
that the Carter Administration
and Congress gave us the
Department of Energy. Hailed
at the time as the answer to all
our energy problems, we now
see the sad results of the $7
billion joke. The punchline, it
seems, is the new Energy
Mobilization Board, whose
stated purpose is to do what the
DOE was supposed to!

President Carter's Energy
Mobilization Board raises the
crucial question of the proper
role of such an overwhelmingly
powerful body. The legislatures
of the United States should be
the tools for needed revisions in
law. No federal board should be
able to encroach on the
authority of state and local
governments — and the
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Relief Agency, Cambodians Agree On Aid

By CAL THOMAS
International Media Service

It is hard to see how the famine and drought that have killed 2½ million people in Cambodia can have a bright side. But it does. Stanley Mooneyham, president of the Christian relief organization, World Vision International, has reached an agreement with the Cambodian government that allows World Vision to bring in food and relief supplies and work within the country.

World Vision was active in Cambodia prior to its overthrow four and half years ago by Pol Pot's forces which have since been ousted by Vietnamese Communists who now control most of the country. Mooneyham said there are the remnants of Christian work in the country before the 1975 upheaval. Mooneyham said he was able to take in Scripture portions on his recent visit and they were eagerly gobbled up by some of them and have a brief position of responsibility in the new government.

He says he was able to meet some of them and have a brief period of prayer and fellowship with them. Mooneyham said they are the remnants of Christian work in the country before the 1975 upheaval. Mooneyham said he was able to take in Scripture portions on his recent visit and they were eagerly gobbled up by Christians. He said he plans to take in more Scripture and Christian literature on subsequent trips. Though there are many restrictions on aid to Cambodia because of the military situation, Mooneyham said, "that doesn't mean we can't take something back from our Christian and humanitarian responsibility."

World Vision team members in Cambodia will be able to monitor and spot check food and supply distribution, though the actual handling of the items will be done by Cambodians. He said some churches and Bible schools are still standing, although they are closed, and some have been completely destroyed. Mooneyham said Christians should pray not only for the Cambodian people but also for the Christians in positions of responsibility in the new government that God's presence might be felt in the ravaged land and that those who want to serve Him will be protected.

The Massachusetts legislature has passed and sent to Gov. Edward King a bill that would allow for voluntary public school prayer. The governor has promised to sign the measure. School prayer advocate Rita Warren, who lobbied hard for the bill, said she will return to Washington where she has been pushing for a bill now bottled up in committee that would guarantee voluntary public school prayer across the country.

Members of First Baptist Church in Washington, where President Carter is a member, voted 166-140 not to renew the contract of pastor Charles Grean. The debate at a volatile called business meeting of the church centered on an allegation that Tretham, who is twice divorced, had begun dating a woman who was separated from her husband, but not divorced.

Grean said he should have been doing all he could to repair the marriage. Grean issued a statement in which he claimed the woman's divorce was final before he began dating her. The battle will resume at the church's quarterly meeting, Nov. 28, where Tretham supporters say under church rules they can bring the matter up again. Supporters of Tretham defended him by citing his backing of the Equal Rights Amendment and SALT Two and claiming it was his outspokenness on those and other social and political issues that have caused him trouble. President Carter did not attend the business meeting. He spent the weekend at Camp David.

Eight members of the Church of Scientology were found guilty in Federal Court in Washington of taking part in a conspiracy to steal government documents concerning the church. Among those convicted was the wife of Scientology founder, L. Ron Hubbard. No date has been set for sentencing.

Officials of the Baptist World Alliance plan to send a delegation to China in January to meet with the Minister of Religious Affairs for discussions on how the BWA might assist Chinese Christians with their spiritual needs. BWA Executive Secretary Robert Denay says the meeting is a significant one, but he warns against speculation that it might signal the return of Western missionaries to the country. Denay says the Chinese are firm in their attitude that only indigenous Chinese will be allowed to perform any ministries.

The New York Board of Regents has called for the repeal of the 10th century law permitting the spiking of students who get out of hand in the state's 700 school districts outside New York City. About half the state's school districts still employ paddling and other forms of corporal punishment.

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affairs is the last thing they want to hear. Despite the fact that conservative, Bible-believing Christians, joined by conservative Roman Catholics (who think like conservative Protestants on most moral issues) are the very people who have made by far the largest contribution to settling, building, and defending this country, and who still do the vast majority of its daily work and pay the bulk of its taxes, the liberal media and the government would like to make us think that we have nothing legitimate to say. If our values come from Freud or Marx, we can speak as loudly as we like, but if they come from Moses, or Jesus, we had better keep quiet, they say. I think that it is safe to predict that the increasing sensitivity of Christians to political issues and national values will be met by increasing pressure from the government and the liberal media, sometimes abetted by timid Christians, to shut us up. As Christians, we should be careful not to get entangled in political alliances with any groups or parties, right, center, or left, for purposes of expediency and when there is no Scriptural justification for it. But at the same time — and far more important in today's hostile media and government climate — we should not let ourselves and our leaders be muzzled by guilt by association, by charges that they are beginning to make an alliance with new right or other groups. Let us resolve to hear them out, to examine the biblical basis for their arguments, and to decide whether or not we should follow them on the basis of whether or not they are true to Scripture, not on the basis of whether their stand is popular with the secular media or the government.

After all, their major point is that the Bible is critical of secular society and of our government, and so naturally, their view will not be popular with those they are criticizing. The questions for ordinary Christians to ask about their leaders' views is this: are they true to Scripture? And, if they are, then there is a question for the rest of us: are we willing to follow them?
U.S. Economy Falters, Just Look At Market

By ROBERT E. BAUMAN
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From the world's money markets to neighborhood grocery stores, the shared opinion is the same: the U.S. economy is faltering. Inflation runs on at an annual rate of 13 percent, the dollar continues to slip in international markets, and the Administration's own estimates of the current recession call for a grim 1.4 percent decline in the nation's economy. Unemployment rate by 1980. By all accounts, something needs to be done now, but it's no wonder Administration once again seems unwillingly or unable to act decisively.

Recently, I along with 133 of my colleagues offered a workable answer to this most pressing question. It took the form of a comprehensive legislative package that would stop the current recessionary stagnation dead in its tracks, not by stifling the American economy with more regulations and increased government spending, but with the most effective economic booster known: incentives. At the heart of the package is a $28 billion across-the-board personal income tax cut that would make a $500 difference to a family of four making $21,000. By easing the crushing tax burden, Americans now labor under, more funds will be freed for savings and investment. Under the present system, for every additional million unemployed workers, the federal deficit widens by $20 billion. This is precisely the sort of inordinate excesses this tax cut is designed to prevent.

The new tax package helps those most hurt by the current tax structure in the U.S.-the elderly, families, small businessmen. It would adjust the tax rates according to inflation. It would freeze payroll Social Security taxes at their 1979 level (they are currently scheduled to rise in 1980), and starting in 1981, would actually lower the payroll tax rate for the rest of this century. Most importantly, it would amend the current "capital crisis" that has hamstrung American productivity for years. By setting up new depreciation schedules, the bill will allow the United States to expand and modernize our sadly outdated plants and factories.

The current system of taxation is based on the erroneous principle that advocates the more government regulation and interference through taxes and prohibitions, the better. We are witnessing the fruits of that mistaken philosophy. Americans are tired of overtaxation, underproduction, inflation and the U.S. economy's second place in the international market. This new tax package is not truly new. It is as old as Alexander Hamilton and the economic principles on which our country was founded. It is based on economic freedom-a principle that every man, woman and child in the United States would benefit from if enacted.

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Takes On New Form

LBC Student Government

Today, the emphasis of the Student Government Association, referred to as SGA, totally different from what it was two years ago. In previous years, the primary function of SGA was planning school activities. SGA was responsible for having the Fall and Spring banquets along with various other smaller functions.

The changes began in the summer of 1978 when the first Student Government Constitution was written and then adopted in the fall. SGA became a student government rather than a student activities association. The basic structure of SGA divided into four separate parts consisting of the Executive Committee, Student Senate, Student Activities Council and the House of Delegates. In the last two years, these groups have carried out their distinct functions and succeeded in improving student unity, student involvement, and student leadership.

The purpose of the Executive Committee is to serve in coordinating and supervising all SGA functions, projects and programs. This year the executive committee consists of six very special people. Daniel Henderson, twice-elected president, provides the leadership needed in SGA. Lamar Keener, assistant dean of student affairs, said "Daniel Henderson is capable of facing problems, exposing these problems and getting direct action from the Student Body. Henderson has earned the respect and support of the Student Body as well as the Administration."

Rick Scharmann, executive vice-president, is in charge of the Senate and the House of Delegates. Rick said, "Being in this position and being directly involved has given me the opportunity to contribute much to the school."

Mike Stewart, vice-president for student services, has the responsibility of overseeing committees made up of students. Some of these service committees are public relations committee, food services committee and spiritual affairs committee. Mike's main purpose for getting involved this year was to "provide for students an atmosphere conducive to promoting spiritual growth."

Dennis Boyd is this year's vice president for student activities. His main function is to supervise the Student Activities Council and student committees which relate to activities. Many successful activities have been executed as a result of his planning and guidance.

The two women on the executive committee are Ronda Katterheinrich, executive secretary, and Anna Patterson, secretary/treasurer. They perform secretarial duties. Both have been involved in SGA here at Liberty Baptist College for three years and have directly experienced the successful changes made in Student Government.

The Senate consisting of class officers is the legislative authority of SGA. Its primary purpose is to promote better understanding, communication and cooperation among administration, faculty and student body. Next, the House of Delegates is composed of two representatives from each organization at Liberty Baptist College. Their purpose is to provide direct student input and maneuver into the producing of a successful college activities program. "The Student Government Association of Liberty Baptist College is an important part of our institution "says President Dr. A. Pierre Guillermin. "Campus government allows students the opportunity to express their concerns and ideas to the Administration. It provides for student leadership in campus and community programs and projects. Campus government is students leading other students."

The leaders in SGA are striving to make this goal a reality at LBC.
Helping The Church Manage Finances

By RUSSELL HUGHES

Every church is confronted with financial decisions and responsibilities. How these matters are administered determines the organization’s future.

Stewardship and management of the church’s funds will directly affect the economic success of the organization.

As financial problems are the prime source of marriage and business failures, the same applies to churches. A church cannot continue to exist without proper financial management.

Seventy to 90 percent of all new businesses fail due to inadequate capitalization and record keeping. Churches compare similarly in this financial spectrum. Although church members may move to another church or churches may merge, it is usually the result of financial instability.

How can the church successfully manage its finances?

First, the church leaders must analyze their financial situation, physical location, resourcefulness of congregation, prior years’ experience and annual growth or attrition. The church must have a plan and a goal in order to succeed. Most churches derive funds through tithing and congregational pledging. In order to continue or to stimulate such revenues, the organization must have a financial game plan. A budget is

SIX CZECH DISSIDENTS GET PRISON

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Court Cases Mount Against Christian Schools

By PAUL CATES

For many Christians, the fact that even a battle exists might come as a surprise. But it is time for Christians to wake up. Several times over the past few months there have been over a hundred individual cases pending against churches, pastors, and parents in these United States at the same time.

Many of these have been ordeals such as Rev. Levi W. Whisner went through because of his religious convictions. In this case, he and his 12 co-defendants had been already convicted for sending their children to a Christian school not licensed by the State of Ohio. Their religious liberty was recovered by the decision of the Ohio Supreme Court on July 28, 1976.

The real means is saving taxpayers $30 million to train hard working loyal American citizens. It seems that they would be working for the service to our country. But on the contrary, government seems to be working against citizens.

At first, the state was attacking only the Christian Schools on the grounds that it held no license. But now it is apparent that quality education was not their motive. Now the state is attacking the Church on many fronts. The real battle is for state control.

Now we have cases involving day care licensing, zoning, health records and scores of other issues. All of these have the same purpose in mind: to control the church and bring Christians under the bondage of the state.

Sebring, Fla. Many times the attack comes under almost ridiculous charges. It is then plain to see the intended motive: harassment. If they do not win, they still injure the Local Church and its testimony. A not-so-uncommon example is quoted from Kye Harris, Th.D., Ph.D., and President of landmark Baptist College.

"About one month before opening Sebring Academy, Sebring, Fla., in September 1977, we were called by HRS and told that we would be shut down due to unacceptable building. Half of these buildings were being used by a well-known grocery store and restaurant; however, they condemned the water, lands and buildings we were using. In that same time the restaurant and golf club continued to operate on the other end. We were harassed for more than a year until taken to court."

The Judge denied us: 1. A trial by jury. 2. We couldn’t even quote the Constitution in the courtroom. He closed the school (we opened under another name) and moved the business. We served two days of a 30-day jail sentence and are now waiting for the State Supreme Court to hear us. CLA is now handling the case.

The five trials totally broke us; however, it did open a lot of eyes to what can help in each case. Four things are discussed below, (1) changing laws and regulations, (2) Freedom Rallies, and (3) Offensive actions.

Attacks In The Home. Rev. James Roy is pastor of Bible Baptist Church, Norwich, N.Y., and formerly pastor of First Bible Baptist Church of Syracuse, N.Y. Pastor Roy biblically spanked his rebellious 15 year-old daughter and, on April 26, 1978, Shirley Roy was taken from the Roy home by the Onondage County Child Protective Agency. For nine long months, the Welfare Department kept Shirley from her family. For almost six months, Pastor Roy was not even told where his daughter was being kept. During that time she was taken to a rock concert, and Re-rated movie, and other worldly activities which were forbidden by the Roy household.

Shirley Roy was finally returned but with four court orders on the Roy family: (1) the parents must attend state approved counseling, (2) they must enroll Shirley in a state accredited school (public), (3) they will be under welfare supervision for a year, and (4) they must refrain from excessive corporal punishment. The case is being appealed however with the counsel of attorneys David Gibbs and Charles Cranzer, both of the Christian Law Association.

The IRS: Jerome Kurz, commissioner of the IRS is trying a subtle attack on every Christian. He is in the process of trying to give separate tax numbers to the Church and its school. The Church holds the philosophy that the school is the Church, in action. To accept separate numbers would cancel the effectiveness of this philosophy, one of the Christians' strongest defenses.

Licensure-Sell And Issue. Two brothers in California are under severe persecution at this very moment. Brother Terry Cantrell and Rev. Lee near San Diego are both under great pressure to accept licenses. Pastor Roy W. Stewart in Maryland is another under the attack of the State for the same issue.

Christian Counteraction. There are many ways that Christians are countering these attacks from the State. You can help in each case. Four things are discussed below, (1) changing laws and regulations, (2) Freedom Rallies, and (3) Offensive actions.

Changing Laws. A law was passed in Virginia in March of 1979 that specifically exempts church-operated child care centers from state licensure. In part, Section 63.1-196.3 of the Virginia code now states that . . . a child care center operated or conducted under the auspices of a religious institution shall be exempt from licensure as required by Section 63.1-196.1."

Kentucky is in the process of getting some of its laws changed and one of our western states are getting ready to push some changes through their legislature, also. One is to make the day care facility exempt from licensure. Twelve groups all the way from "any health facility," to "any school dormitory or similar facility determined by the department" are already exempt from licensure. The Christians will try to get another group added to this list: the exclusion of "church operated day care centers."

Another part of the change in our western states will be to slightly alter the discipline code for the Church day care facility. As it stands now, it states, "Corporal punishment and other humiliating or frightening techniques are prohibited." In Indiana, the Supreme Court ruled that "corporal punishment does not include administering punishment to the bottom of one's seat."

The strategy to be taken in this state has not as of yet been chosen.

Future Issues. The State gets bolder everyday in its war against the Church. Anybody's guess is good as to where it may strike next. But a couple areas are almost sure: having seen glimpses of them already.

In Michigan, the state has tried to define the Church. If this is allowed or tolerated, the future could be bleak indeed.

Also in some states talk has already begun about licensing pastors in order for them to be able to counsel even their own parishioners. This could easily snowball into licensure to even preach the word of God. It would ultimately lead to restriction of even one-on-one personal soul-winning.

directly or indirectly) pay this individuals' salary while unemployed. Right now, Tennessee is taking offensive action against this very thing. Until 1976, schools were not included in the unemployment tax. That year, the federal government added them. In 1978, Roy Marshall, Federal Secretary of Labor, gave in his opinion that church schools were included in this legislation.

A group of churches in Tennessee went to the federal courts to get a declaratory judgement on this. It was not a law yet and they wanted to prevent it from being enforced on Secretary Marshall's opinion. Federal Judge Wilson did not receive the case saying he had no jurisdiction in the matter.

When they then took it to the State court in Chattanooga, Judge Wilks T. Thrasher upheld the Church's position as being exempted because of separation of Church and State.

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