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By Harry Covert

Is godless Russia fulfilling Bible prophecy?

The opinion of most Christians and Bible scholars is that the advancing hordes from Soviet Russia that recently invaded Afghanistan are simply validating traditional teachings directly from the Old Testament.

The Russians startled the world by their immediate and swift takeover of Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, the murder of the nation's president and the installation of a Russian-backed leader. More than 100,000 Soviet troops are billeted in the Middle Eastern nation.

And, the world is apparently waiting for the second foot to drop from the Soviets into neighboring Pakistan, further evidence. Biblical scholars agree, of the unfolding of Bible prophecy in the beginning of the 1980s, the period of the 20th Century where Christian leaders across the world have acclaimed as the Decade of Destiny.

While the world is shocked by the Russian intervention and the United States has threatened economic sanctions in obviously vain efforts to dissuade the Russians, Christians the world over have become increasingly aware of the perilous times and the threats to world peace that are apparent.

A look at a map of the Middle East can show the marching of the Russians and how this communist nation well intends to take over the oil fields of the Middle East and, in effect, hold the world hostage with economic blackmail.

How does the United States stand in view of the Russian advance? What can the U.S. do to prevent the continued Russian threat in the Middle East?

Apparently, the United States was caught off guard with the quiet but determined capture of Afghanistan and was unable to thwart the illegal invasion of a foreign power by the giant communist nation.

Christian leaders were quick to assess the difficulties of the 1980s when Iran became a nation of turmoil in 1979 and then in November captured the American Embassy in Tehran.

It would appear that the Iranian leaders, whoever they may be, are playing directly into the hands of the Soviets who have relented upon the opportunity to threaten the entire Middle East, where the world receives the bulk of its oil. As a result of the Russian threat of the oil fields, the entire world finds itself in a difficult position.

Since the United States could not stop the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, world-watchers and Bible scholars have now turned their attention to Pakistan. Simply said, religious leaders believe, Russia could put the hammerlock on the Persian Gulf and thus prevent the free world from obtaining access to the oil in Iran and the Arab emirates.

Evangelical/Fundamental Christians believe the Old Testament prophet Ezekiel spoke of the events in the Middle East in 586 B.C. Scholars agree that Ezekiel was speaking of Russia in the 38th chapter of Ezekiel when talking of the invading armies.

Prophetically, according to Dr. Woodrow M. Kroll, chairman of the Liberty Baptist College Division of Religion and a noted Bible scholar, Afghanistan and Pakistan have always been considered buffer zones to prevent the advance from Russian troops.

While no one would dare say exactly if the Russian Middle East invasion is on the Bible's predicted schedule, no Christian believer is shocked at the signs of the events.

"Even if our own interpretation of the signs are wrong, we can see what Russia is doing and this simply is validating traditional pre-millennial teachings," Dr. Kroll said.

Scholars are also pointing to the developing closer relationship between the United States and China. The Chinese are looking out to the rest of the world for modern technology and more trade as it attempts to meet the food and educational needs of its billion people.

The Chinese are even siding today with the United States against the Russians in decrying the Soviet
And Now, The Marching Bear Moves On

By Harry Covert

"Be ye kind one to another..." 
"Patience is a virtue..." 
"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."

In those days there was no king... every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

And, the Americans have turned the other cheek, again and again and those foolish Iranian students — or alleged students — have held 50 Americans captive in The American Embassy for almost three months.

And, "friends" the Russians have invaded Afghanistan.

And, America is indeed being held hostage for what our leaders say, America is helpless — to take any action to free the American hostages in Tehran, Iran, or to marshal other nations of the world to aid us in economic blockades.

And, America's leaders have so naively thought the Russians would agree to go along with us to maintain peace in the world.

And, now that this space is being filled in what grammarians would probably say is ungrammatical and un-literary-like, the time has come to stop using words, et al.

The time has come for decisive, significant, definitive, demanding, forthright, immediate, condensing and plain and simple POWERFUL action on the part of the United States to obtain the release of the Americans in Iran and to warn the Russians, in non-diplomatic language, to back-off, withdraw and keep their bearish hands off the Middle East — or else.

Has America gone soft? Have America's political and diplomatic leaders squandered away opportunity to remedy the thrashing this nation is receiving around the world?

If anything, most Americans have absolutely become irritated and sick of waiting around for diplomatic and world action to obtain release of the hostages. Americans have watched and been shocked and stunned at the swiftness and deliberate invasion of Afghanistan by the Russians.

Russia has ignored and has not been worried one iota about what the United States, the United Nations or any other nation of the world would say concerning takeover of the middle east country. And, the world shouldn't be surprised another iota if the USSR decides to "assist" the governments of some other Middle Eastern nation.

The restraint of the President and this nation over the Iranian crisis has been more than admirable. It is to the everlasting praise of America that this is a nation of forgiveness and understanding. But, it will be to the everlasting damnation of the pride and respect of the United States if immediate retaliatory action isn't taken to release the hostages and to thwart the marching of the Russians. And to protect our oil interests.

America has been kind and patient with those Iranians.

America has displayed a love for the people of Iran and for those who have been brave.

America has displayed its goodness, its faith, its meekness and its temperance.

But, now, America is allowing the Iranians and the Russians to do what is right in their own eyes.

Of course, the response will be we must not take action to threaten the lives of the American hostages. We must not take any action that will make the Russians mad and will cause them to advance their forces around the world.

Friends, the very reason the United States finds itself in a mess today is because we dealt from a position of weakness. In our efforts to be everyone's buddy, the very people we want to help accept the fact that America is a bumbling giant afraid to take affirmative action.

Events since November in the Middle East have proven one thing — America's course must be changed and altered. The United States must resume its place of leadership by dealing totally from strength.

Leadership in the United States must now take the hardline approach with the Iranian republic, with the Russians and with any other action which does threaten our people, culture or our lives. The will to accept world leadership must be restored in the United States.

It seems at times that the nation has become so bogged down with debate — and I'm for open debate always — that we don't know when to stop talking and to take action.

I believe Americans have confused goodness with firmness. And, as a result, the world sees and believes America's goodness as weakness. Unless this limp-wristed approach is altered, the image of this nation will get worse instead of better.

More Free Speech And More TV Profanity

By Harry Covert

Updating:

In the Dec. 14 issue, we talked about the plight of Missionary Pilot Melvin Bailey, sentenced to 24 years in a Cuban prison for dropping Christian literature on the 80s. He'll be chief administrative officer of more than 100,000.

As the Decade of Destiny begins, Dr. Jerry Falwell has announced the formation of the Liberty Missionary Society. Being world missions conscious and committed to World Evangelization, the Old-Time Gospel Hour's Falwell is taking a first-hand look at Cambodia and Thailand this month.

A national Christian magazine, Christian Life, polled 27 of the top religious leaders in America — evangelical and fundamental — concerning the top issues for the 80's.

The main issues: unanimously, the group says the problems facing America center around the decline of family life, state of the church and political and religious freedom. And, these opinions are expressed by a cross-section of Christian leaders, theologians, thinkers, educators and writers.

On Dec. 5, Dr. Falwell received a personal prayer request from Mrs. Lucille Hall at Main Line Hill, Va. "Dear Brother Jerry, There will soon be an end to the crisis in Iran, so that my children will get their Christmas wish (that their father will be able to come home for Christmas). That's the only thing we want for Christmas."

The entire ministry of Dr. Falwell has been praying for the safe release of all the hostages. How sad it is that these people have been enduring almost three months of captivity.

Statistical Dept.: CBS, according to the Fall 1979 Television Monitoring Program of the National Federation for Decency, is the most profane network. For the year in prime time, CBS carried 728 profane words, as compared to 484 in 1978; NBC was second with 416 profane words, up from the 254 in 1978; while ABC was trailing in third place with 318 profane words, compared to 267 for the previous year. The percentage of increase was 45.57 for all three networks while CBS increase was 50.4 percent; NBC, 63.7 percent; and ABC, 19.1 percent.

If you want to avoid the figures and look at some of the profane words now being uttered with frequency on TV, the most popular profane words were: Hell, Damn and God. Words and terms, while not considered profane but at best vulgar and crude, being used for the viewing audience were whore, hooker, homo, fag and sucker.

And, some alleged free thinkers think such talk is educational, free speech and healthy.

Back in the days of lead type in newspapers, those words wouldn't be used in quotes and I remember when the typesetters used to write them etoin shrdlu.
The Second Generation

By Elmer Towns

Fundamentalism is corporately moving into its second generation. This does not mean that fundamentalism is one generation old. There have always been the individual fundamentalists and some local assemblies, but fundamentalism has been committed to fundamental doctrine.

But fundamentalists are communicating with and binding one another more than ever before, with the result that fundamentalism is becoming an identifiable movement in America.

Fundamentalists are more of a corporate, visible movement than in former years. Granted, they are squabbly like family, some even run off mad. But there is a growing cohesion that welds fundamentalism together. They at least know who is in the family and how to get along with one another, while always not completely agreeing with one another on the non-essentials.

In the past, fundamentalist churches were pretty much isolated from one another, because one of the foundations of fundamentalism was ecclesiastical separation. As a result, a church could slip from the faith and no one would realize it. But the community of fundamentalism has grown into self-awareness as they have shared in conferences on evangelism, bus ministry, and pastoral fellowship. National newspapers, broadcasting and the ease of travel have given identity to the movement.

Today, fundamentalists cross denominations and regions of the country. They are found in the city and the rural hills. They are found in the interdinary and the interdenominational and Independent churches.

In the south, they were characterized by preaching zeal, visitation evangelism and the country church. The northern fundamentalists were called fanatics, the southerners were called rednecks. But these cultural designations are dying, especially as the movement is moving into its second generation.

Lest anyone not know a fundamentalist, he is one who maintains that Christianity must return to the basic New Testament belief and practice. The fundamentalist accepts the verbal plenary inspiration of Scripture, the virgin birth, the substitutionary blood atonement, the physical resurrection of Christ from the dead and His future bodily return from heaven. But more than mental belief, the fundamentalist lives a life separated from sin and will separate himself from any who deny the tenets of his belief.

Some individual churches and colleges in the movement have already lost the hillbilly image of fundamentalism. Others have moved out of the store-front church into modern buildings. Now the total movement will have to face the challenge of the 80's.

Fundamentalists have always been committed to pure doctrine, but their Sunday School literature was printed simply on newsstock. But today the literature that is being used in fundamental churches is colorful, age graded and psychologically motivating.

There are 50 million young couples who have never lived on a farm. They live in an apartment, usually drive a Toyota, and choose not to have children. Many fundamentalists cannot relate to the young couple of today, yet some ministers continue to sprinkle barnyard expressions in their sermons and write-off the "Toysy generation" for its pleasure-oriented lifestyle.

As a result, the young American cannot identify with fundamentalist preaching. Also, fundamentalists mostly attack movie attendance and long hair, when the moral crisis that will destroy the young people is found in the movement of the fundamentalists, homosexuality, drugs and the disco.

The churches of fundamentalists must improve their facilities, programs and staff to reach the young couples of the 80's. The fundamentalist pastor will need more training than in the past. Also, he can no longer attack education or downgrade a Ph.D. degree and still relate to his congregation. Nor can the fundamentalist pastor massacre the King's English and not hurt his ministry.

More fundamentalist pastors will be going to Liberty Baptist Seminary than at any other time. We want Liberty Baptist Seminary to be one of the best in the nation. That includes grounding a pastor in the fundamentals, but equipping him to minister to the contemporary needs of society.

The fundamentalist pastor of the future will need to master Scripture and also, the skills of communication and administration. He must promote to draw a crowd, finance his program and administer his staff. The fundamentalist pastor of the future will need counseling skills, not to mention the advance maturity that comes with graduate education.

The fundamentalist church of the future will have a larger staff than in the past. The pastor will need someone who is trained to administer his Sunday School and another who can lead his music. He will need a trained counselor and a trained administrator for his Christian school. Who will train the church staff? The Seminary will be used of God to prepare staff members for a local church. Therefore, for each pastor that is trained in the Seminary, there must be four or five others who are trained to serve on the pastoral staff.

The feminists would destroy the biblical role of the women by ordaining them into the office of pastor or elevating them over their husbands. When we reject the role of the feminists, we recognize the gift of service given to women and the historic place of service that women have had in the church. For the 80's, they will need graduate training in Christian education, Christian school teaching, and administration, and the ability to use their gifts of counseling. They will need to master the Scripture better than ever to minister in the 80's. Liberty Baptist Seminary will meet the challenge of training young women for their biblical ministry for the coming decade.

Liberty Baptist Seminary is a crucial institution that will help fundamentalists reach their own second generation, yet will help the church to continue to expand its outreach to America. The fundamentalist seminary is an institution whose decade has come.

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Dr. Towns invites the support of Jerry Falwell for the paper's financial goals. Dr. Towns has also expressed his vote of thanks for their support of the Journal Champion's mission to the publisher.

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Dear Editor,

How I was moved in your December 14th issue in Harry Covert's article about missionary pilot Melvin Bailey. Indeed, we must pray for the speedy release of this outstanding Christian. But, our government should somehow apply pressure on the Cubans to gain the safe return of God's people from the dirty, disgusting conditions of a Cuban prison.

I am writing my elected representatives to encourage immediate action on Mr. Bailey's behalf and urge everyone else to do the same.

Etes Mandle Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
Lauds Virginians For Pro-Family Work

By Tommy Thomason

Christians throughout the nation will have an opportunity during the next few months to help thwart the latest attempt by government to extend further control over American family life.

This new attempt at federal meddling with the home comes in the form of the White House Conference on Families (WHCF).

Established last July by President Carter, the WHCF consists of state organizations which are now meeting to formulate recommendations for the national conference to be held next summer.

On paper, the goals of the WHCF are commendable. In establishing the organization, President Carter noted that the Alien is a justifiable first step.

But now many Christians and pro-family forces feel that unless conservatives get involved in the WHCF state meetings, that anti-family forces will dominate the conference — and that the result will be a significant setback to the family.

Sharon Overcast of Lynchburg, a member of the Thomas Road Baptist Church and pro-family leader in Virginia, said that the results of an anti-family orientation in the national WHCF meeting might be "very detrimental, especially in Congress."

"This WHCF report will stand as the American families want," she said. "This report could be used as supporting evidence by those who want to introduce all kinds of anti-family legislation."

Mrs. Overcast said that many WHCF backers have a "sincere concern for families, but they don't have the right answers."

Some of the "answers" being proposed by WHCF leaders include expanding day care, sanctioning homosexual couples, creation of new government programs to regulate families and federal funding of abortions.

Anti-family forces in the WHCF were dealt a severe setback in Virginia last November, as pro-family forces mounted an immediate protest to the conference on Families. Hundreds of conservatives from throughout the state, upon hearing about the dangerous potential of the conference, showed up to frustrate liberal forces who had hoped to dominate the conference.

Of 24 delegates to the WHCF elected at the "Virginia conference, 22 were endorsed by the pro-family coalition in what ACU considered a 'stunning victory by conservatives.'"

In commenting on the Virginia meeting, Congressman John Ashbrook (R.-Ohio) said that "the People of Virginia rose up and defended their family life. Those who thought the WHCF could be changed, according to Mrs. Overcast.

By Tommy Thomason

In the decade just past, we saw an increased awareness by American Christians in the practical implications of victorious Christian living.

In the bookstores, new books on the home, discipline, and financial freedom became more popular. Sermons and seminars focused on the filling of the Holy Spirit and its result in the believer's life.

But in the Decade of Destiny ahead, we should see more emphasis on the Spirit-filled life as it translates into the believer's responsibility as a Christian citizen.

And that's only natural. For too long, the filling of the Spirit — in reality the yielding of one's life to the sovereignty of Christ — was considered another worldly, emotional experience.

Now more Christians are realizing that the filling of the Spirit is a changing through the believer — and making a difference in his home, his thought life, his relationships with others, even the way he manages his finances and his time.

This is the lordship of Christ in the whole of life — including the believer's relationship to the state.

It is God interested in the believer who's a good citizen? The answer from the Word of God is an emphatic YES.

In the New Testament, we are exhorted to uphold our leaders in prayer and to submit ourselves to the legitimate authority of government. The Old Testament is replete with the concerns of the prophets over just and righteous government, social justice, and national repentance and revival.

So the Spirit-filled believer will seek to let Jesus Christ be lord of his relationships with his government, just as he seeks to submit to Christ all other aspects of his life.

Instead of retreating from the political arena as a "non-spiritual" area, he lets Jesus Christ use him to make an impact for righteousness in the political world. To do less is to fragment the authority of Christ, who is "... KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:16).

During the Decade of Destiny ahead, more and more Spirit-filled believers will realize their responsibility to be an active force for righteousness in America.

Playing Catch-Up With The Soviets

American Conservative Union
WASHINGTON, D.C. — The American Conservative Union has been highly successful in injecting an important new element into the SALT II debate: the Soviet threat.

ACU has opened the eyes of many U.S. Senators to the fact that the U.S. military buildup and national defense apparatus is kept alive by an increasingly vulnerable jugular of oil imports, transported over sea lanes.

Between 30 to 40 percent of the oil we use each year comes via an 8,000-mile route on the open sea. The massive Soviet naval buildup of recent years, combined with startling Soviet geopolitical advances, the Middle East and the Caribbean, have served to increase the possibility that the Soviets can, at will, cut off America's vital oil lifeline. This means that they could effectively throw the economies of the Western World into turmoil, bring the industrial machine to a halt and render U.S. defenses impotent.

The primary sea route for the transport of Middle Eastern oil to the U.S. cuts a large swath from the Persian Gulf, around the Cape of Good Hope and up through the Atlantic to refineries in the U.S. This sea route is more vulnerable than nine Soviet naval ports, anchorages and bunkering installations. A secondary sea route for our oil supplies, from the Suez Canal through the Mediterranean and across the Atlantic to our shores, runs an obstacle course containing no fewer than five such Soviet naval bases.

A third route for the transport of our crude oil, from the Alaskan North Slope to refineries on the Eastern seaboard, requires that tankers pass through the Panama Canal. This vital strategic corridor was foiled by the U.S. military action against the Panama's Marxist dictator by the Carter Administration. Today it is increasingly susceptible to Soviet influence and could pose a further threat to our oil life line.

Add to this the fact that Soviet trawlers, which are often used for para-military purposes, now infest these sea lanes, and you have the very dangerous potential for a threatening Soviet military action against our oil supplies in time of war.

The proposed SALT II arms limitation treaty which will soon come before the U.S. Senate, has the effect of consolidating and solidifying the dramatic Soviet strategic gains of the past decade.

Given the evidence that the Soviets can now threaten our precarious oil life line, this is a situation that must not only be halted, through non-ratification of SALT II, but must be reversed, through a vigorous U.S. effort to bolster national defenses and our strategic footing in the world. Our life line depends on it.

Middle East: Bible Prophecy Unfolding?

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takeover of Afghanistan. But, Christian theologians and scholars agree. Americans should never be fooled that China is also a godless, atheistic nation and is out for our nation's self-interest.

Russia needs America's grain to effect its people during a time when its farms have not yielded adequate crops. However, the United States cannot effectively stop any Russian invasion and at the same time, can only "punish" the Russians by cutting off various trade items. Russia insists it is not concerned about America's objection to its invasion of the Middle East.

American foreign policy must be immediately revised. As one Christian leader said recently on television, the Bible is more "up to date than our newspapers."

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The actions of the Soviet Government should be evidence that U.S. desire for a SALT II treaty should be quickly forgotten and that a new look at America's foreign policy must be immediately revised. As one Christian leader said recently on television, the Bible is more "up to date than our newspapers."

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Cooperating Board Are Dynamic Men Of God

In the Dec. 14 issue of the Journal-Champion, 10 members of the cooperating board of trustees of Liberty Baptist College were featured with brief biographies.

Because of the delay in the arrival of the remaining articles on the other members of the board, the second installment follows in this issue.

The cooperating board of pastors is an outstanding group of godly pastors whose inspiration and encouragement have been vital to the growth of Liberty Baptist Schools.

Rev. Jerry Bunch was born in Tulsa, Okla., on April 2, 1948, and grew up in a typical midwestern rural community. At age 12, he received Christ as a Saviour in a revival meeting at a country church and shortly thereafter he became more involved in the youth group and local ministries of the church. At 14, God called him to preach. He recalls his first sermon was preached at a youth rally in Wichita, Kan.

The text was taken from Matthew 24:37, "but as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."

After preaching for some 12 minutes, much to his amazement, several young people came forward to receive Christ. And long after the invitation had been dismissed, young people still came forward and prayed around the platform and received Christ as their personal Saviour.

Holding youth revivals and speaking in nursing homes throughout his high school years, he then went to Bethany College in Oklahoma, where he attended his freshman and sophomore years, traveling extensively representing the college on the weekends in the area of public relations and recruiting as well as holding revival meetings. It was after his sophomore year that the young preacher decided to go to Mid-America College in Olathie, Kansas, where he completed his formal education.

During his senior year at the college, he was called youth pastor to a church in Midway City, Calif., where he ministered for two years. Then in 1975, Dr. Wendell Zimmerman of the Jacksonville Baptist Temple called Jerry and asked him to come and serve as Choir Director. He accepted that call and within a month he, his wife, Valarie, and seven-month-old son began an exciting ministry in Jacksonville, Fla. One of the outstanding days recalled by Jerry is "Friend Day" Sunday. The attendance goal was set for a high 2,006. Excitement ran high on that day with 1,993 in attendance. Truly, as souls were saved and baptized, God was blessed.

Then in March, 1976, Jerry paid a visit to Dr. Jerry Falwell in Lynchburg, Va. It was while they talked together in a restaurant that God confirmed to Jerry the call that he knew had been there for a number of years. That was to start an unaffiliated, fundamental, Bible-believing church in the Southern California area. He told Dr. Falwell that there are over 10 million people who are starving for the Gospel message and that there are no real fundamental Bible-preaching churches to reach them.

At that time, Dr. Falwell replied, "Jerry, if God called you to do it, then the only thing I can see left to do, is to go do it." From that moment on, Jerry knew that God's hand was directing, that His "stamp of approval" had been sealed onto the calling and decision of beginning a brand new work in Southern California.

On July 11, 1976, the first services of the Southern California Liberty Baptist Church, Irvine, Calif., were conducted. The young preacher and a small handful of people who believed in the message, responded to a newspaper advertisement, had made plans to hold their first service in the South Coast Plaza Hotel by renting a room that would seat 55 people. Much to their amazement and as a result of God's blessings from the very start, 89 people gathered to begin the young church's exciting ministry.

With 96 charter members, Southern California Liberty Baptist Church was officially organized on Sept. 12, 1976. The Liberty Choir was soon organized and with steady growth continuing, Liberty was able to move her services to the campus of the Southern California College on March 20, 1977. With the aching of these facilities, Sunday school for all ages was begun.

At the start of 1980, Liberty has a membership of nearly 400. The congregational giving for 1979 exceeded $250,000. In addition, God provided Liberty with 11 acres of prime land in the city of Irvine, valued at $224 million.

It is now debt-free and the first of many buildings is under construction with a scheduled move-in date of July, 1980. Building plans call for five separate stages which, upon completion, will house the church, its ministries, with facilities for four-year-old academic prekindergarten through high school.

Pastor Bunch and his wife, Delbie, have two sons, Stephen, 5 and Matthew, age 2 years old.

Dr. Greg Dixon is pastor of the Indianapolis Baptist Temple, Indianapolis' largest Sunday school, averaging 3,000 in attendance each Sunday. It is the 11th largest church in America and is listed among America's fastest growing churches.

Dr. Dixon is also founder and president of the Indianapolis Baptist Bible Schools, Inc., grades Kindergarten through 12, which began in 1971. There are 112 of these schools, including Kiddie College, totalled over 700 this past year. Of 1,250, of 1979, 35 seniors were graduated, many of them with high scholastic awards.

In September, 1979, Dr. Dixon began the new Indianapolis Baptist Bible and Technical College to train ministerial students and career-minded adults in the secular business world.

The educational staff for all these schools are highly trained, fine Christian teachers with vast experience.

Dr. Dixon is a 1953 graduate of Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo., from which he was presented an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree in May 1970. In May, 1971, Bob Jones University of Greenville, S.C., also bestowed an honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree. He was further honored in 1975 when the California Graduate School of Theology conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Letters. In May, 1979, he was given the honorary Doctor of Laws Degree by Baptist Christian University in Shreveport, La. He received the coveted "Arkansas Traveler" award from the governor of Arkansas, June 25, 1979.

He has served as president of the Southern Baptist Fellowship and the Fundamental Baptist Association of Greater Indianapolis. In addition, he has served as a director of the Baptist Bible Fellowship International, as a trustee for Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo. and more recently as second vice president of the Baptist Bible Fellowship International.

For 24 years Dr. Dixon has faithfully pastored the Indianapolis Baptist Temple and conducted a weekly telecast. He also has daily radio broadcasts over three Indianapolis stations: a radio broadcast in New Albany, Ind.; and also a daily radio broadcast over WOSF-FM in Madisonville, Ky.

Peter Dixon has travelled extensively throughout the United States and has visited in 12 foreign countries, including 10 trips to the Holy Land. He and his wife, Wanda, and their three children are very active in the work of Baptist Temple. Their 24-year-old son, Greg Alan, is the church Youth Director; Robin, a 19-year-old, is at Baptist High, is presently employed as a State House secretary and studying in night classes to become a court reporter; Jennifer, 13, is an eighth grader at Baptist High.

Dr. Dixon has been the spokesman and leader of many rallies in the fight for religious freedom, not only in the state of Indiana but throughout the nation. He is very much in demand to speak for revivals, seminars, conferences and other events.

When Dr. Dixon first took the pastorate at Baptist Temple, there was an average attendance of 150. In has now grown to 3,000 in attendance. The church has grown in that time from 300 members to over 7,000 members.

Don Stone was born in McAlester, Texas, on Nov. 27, 1936. He graduated from Sweetwater High School, Sweetwater, Tex., in 1955 and graduated from Baptist Bible College, Springfield, Mo., in 1960.

Rev. Stone has been in the ministry 20 years having pastored in Florida, Oregon, California, Michigan and Hawaii. He served as a missionary to Taiwan for eight years and as assistant minister director of the Baptist Bible Fellowship, Springfield, Mo., for two years. He has been the pastor of Lunakila Baptist Church in Waipahu, Hawaii, for one year.

HARRY BOYLE

Harry Boyle was born in Maine where he grew up on an island off the coast of Portland. While in the U.S. Air Force, he was saved under the ministry of Rev. M. O. Garner. There at Grace Baptist Church, he met and married his wife, Jorgia. They have three children, Scott, 20, Keith, 18, and Valerie, 16.

Mr. Boyle worked with Brother Garner for 11 years as educational director, Sunday School superintendent, music director and several other jobs. While working at Grace Baptist Church in Amariillo, he worked his way through West Texas State University, earning his Master's degree in 1963.

He is working on his 21st year of full time service with the Lord. In these years he has only served in two local churches, the church in Amarillo, Texas, and Grace Baptist Church, Portland, Maine.

Mr. Boyle and his family moved to Portland, Me. in June 1970. The first Sunday of June 1976 there were 17 people present in the services. Grace Baptist Church now averages around 500 in attendance each week. It has several buildings estimated at approximately $500,000. In addition, the church now operates it's own school system of grades 1-12.

Mr. Boyle is presently the president of the Northern New England Baptist Bible Fellowship and one of the vice-presidents of Baptist Bible College East.
Defense Spending: A Presidential Ploy?

WASHINGTON, D.C.—President Carter announced recently that he plans to increase defense spending by 5% over the next five years, a move which is not impressing.

Aside from being fearfully overdue, this 5% solution is all we have to offer. In 1980, with the hostages still in Iran, we are being treated to an entirely different battle cry.

Americans are galvanized in a way not seen since World War II. Much of the post-Vietnam confusion has been swept away with the Iranian outrage, but this does not change the facts: the Soviets, true to form, have just sent two combat battalions to Afghanistan, in addition to the inflammatory rhetoric they have pumped into Iran in recent weeks.

Military re-vitalization has not enjoyed popular support for several years. This perhaps explains why our Navy, which had a two-ocean capability a mere decade ago, is so emaciated that the recent move of two aircraft carriers into the Indian Ocean left the Western Pacific without a single one.

A 5% increase is undoubtedly a fine idea; the Soviets had it quite some time ago. In 1970, they were devoting 13% of their gross national product (CIA estimate) to the military budget, in comparison to our 7.4%. They have stuck to that 13% formula throughout the 70's. Meanwhile, our military budget fraction for 1979 is 4.9%.

The casualties for military planning have been high in the last three years. The B-1, the Air Force's best potential carrier for the new cruise missile, was unceremoniously dumped. The neutron bomb was similarly dismissed, but apparently, recent events have forced Mr. Carter to do a bit of research on the idea after all. And the Trident submarine, against which the Administration campaigned, has now come to enjoy vigorous support.

The question is what kind of military defenses we want for the 80's and beyond. We have tilted the scales in favor of the Soviets by default: we've essentially given up our naval superiority (for example, where we maintained 18 carriers up to 1974, we now have 12), in turn compromising our air power, and still maintain some semblance of strength.

Americans are quite ready to start changing our lie-down-and-take-it posture. The first step must be one of recapturing our lost lead in military hardware, and President Carter's announcement would seem to be a tentative step in the right direction. But with SALT II's ratification and Mr. Carter's reelection looking less than certain, my question for the President is: do you really mean it?
A New Look At A List Of Lists

It is normal fare for newspapers and radio and television to produce stories highlighting the major events of the past 12 months at lecture halls and the White House. These notes are reminders to me of various and sundry items that struck my fancy at the oddest times. I recorded these literary bric-a-brac on the backs of envelopes, napkins, sports magazines, book marks, Sunday School papers and on the inside of the frontispiece of an old, old biogpaphy of Billy Sunday, found in an antique shop.

I have arranged these notes, in no particular order of importance, in time for January 1980, whereupon the sixth day there will be an uncelebration of a twoscore birthday. Thus follows the Harry Covert List of Lists:

Names To Be Forgotten:
John Todd and the Illuminati, Yasser Arafat, Ayatollah Khomeini, Bella Abzug, Madelyn Murray O'Hair, Jane Byrne, Rev. Ike, Andy Young, Anastasio Somoza and Germaine Greer.

Most Irritating Broadcast Commercials:
Underalls Panty Hose, International Year of the Child for United Nations, Meat, Milk, New York News "Who Wears Short Shorts?", Poldent False Teeth, Tidy Bowl, oil company image spots to make paying higher prices more palatable, Beef Bits, Listermint mouthwash, Mr. Whipple and Charmin and the Sirens' invocation.

Most Obnoxious Politicians:
George McGovern, Robert Strauss, William Proxmire, Frank Church, Harold Stassen, Dennis Kueinch, John Anderson, Patricia Harris, Jerry Brown, Sadegh Ghotbzadeh, James Schlesinger and Daniel Flood.

Most Vital Christian Mission Fields:

Most Popular Personalities For The Eighties:

Television Programs That Should Be Forgotten:

Names To Be Forgotten:
Watergate, Billy Martin, I'd Amin, Jane Fonda, Teddy Kennedy, Pol Pot, Fidel Castro, Emperor Bokassa, Monty Python, Vanessa Redgrave and Rod Love.

Writers To Look For In The Eighties:

Colleges To Grow Rapidly In The Eighties:
Liberty Baptist College, James Madison University, Radford University, Liberty Baptist Seminary, Baptist Bible College.

Governments Likely To Be Overthrown:
Cuba, Chad, Egypt, Iraq, Iran, El Salvador, Libya, Paraguay, Bolivia, Yugoslavia, Tunisia, Belize and Botswana.

Most Pleading TV News People:

Best Christian TV Broadcast:
Old-Time Gospel Hour.

Most Un-Pleasing TV News People:
Gerald Rivera, Shana Alexander.

Best Sportscaster:
Howard Costell, Marv Albert, Bill Mazer.

Major Problems For American Parents:
Undisciplined lifestyle, lack of family devotions, lack of Christian leadership for sons, lack of Christian leadership for daughters, lack of love for wife, lack of proude for husbands, lack of budgeting time, money and efforts, lack of understanding family problems, lack of priorities.

Key Issues For The Eighties In America:
Liberalizing social rights for queers (cocks, homosexuals), abortion-on-demand, open living, the relaxing of America's defense posture around the world, rebuilding U.S. power and prestige, rebuilding the family unit.

Foods To Enjoy The Most:
Pried children, barbeque, eggplant parmigiana, fried squash, hamburgers and French fries, shrimp Chow main, hot rolls and butter, mashed potatoes and gravy, blintzes, celery soda, roast beef with lettuce and mayonnaise on rye bread and oyster pie.

People To Be Way Of:
Leonard Bresniten, the PLO, Le Duc Tho, Old Palme, Muramar Qaddafi, Dong Tsai Ping, Prince Sihanouk, the IRS and the FCC.

Asd, Significant Events To Come:
Chrysler Corp. won't go bankrupt; gas will reach $2 per gallon this year; Christian Americans will take on an important role in changing the nation; liberals will give away to steady conservatives; off-color and obscene language will have to be forced from the airwaves; more politicians will be seeking the support of preachers and their congregations; Christian schools will play a predominant role in American education; and America will stop fantasizing its way toward the 21st Century, finding out that life is for real.

Children behind bars?

Young children in jail? They were arrested by the police for stealing. Why do they steal? Because they are hungry. Their mothers bring them to the big city of Manila purposely to lose them in the crowds. They hope someone will find them and feed them. But when that doesn't happen, hunger makes them steal, and they are arrested and put in jail. They are placed in cells with hardened criminals and many are sexually abused. Can you imagine the effect this has on such children?

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Israel: Striving With God And Man

By Cal Thomas

(Editor's note: Cal Thomas has recently returned from an intensive 11-day journalists tour of Israel and Southern Lebanon.)

"And he said, 'your name shall no longer be Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed.'"

Today's Israel, reconstituted in the land since 1948, is still the story of a nation and a people who are striving with God and with men. It remains to be seen whether this Israel will ultimately prevail, though the Bible promises that Israel (be it this state or a future one) will prevail.

If security were an industry in Israel, it would be the nation's largest. The near paranoia with security ('report suspicious objects' signs are everywhere) is understandable for a country that has fought four major wars in 30 years and has been subjected to constant terrorist attacks.

It is this concern over the threat from without that has made Israelis some of the most informed people on earth. They could literally live or die by the hourly news and so every hour on the hour you can hear radios in taxis and kiosks and transistors in the hands of people on the street tuned to the news, listening for a bulletin that could alter their lives and bring war, peace or something in between.

Though well informed on many subjects and opinionated about everything, one thing puzzles most Israelis. They don't understand why they continue to receive such a bad press, particularly in the West. They don't understand why there is more sympathy for Arab nations, most of which are determined to destroy Israel, than for the region's only democracy. They don't comprehend the lack of understanding by so many as to why Israel feels it must be a homeland for Jewish people, who, historically, have been despised and rejected by men.

Israel wants its story known, and that's why I was invited, along with 30 other American journalists for an 11-day whirlwind tour of the country.

"The Bible is really your best guide to this land," said our guide from the Israel Government Press Office. "When the Bible says something is located so many paces from a certain place, it is true."

Security Vital

Everyone participates in Israel's security effort because everyone stands to benefit from a secure nation and suffer from one that isn't secure. Men and women must serve in the military, though women do not participate in combat and there are some exceptions for rabbinical students and a few others in special categories. Parents take turns at security duty at all schools in the country. At movie houses, all patrons are searched "because a terrorist looks like the rest of us."

As for peace, not everyone in Israel is convinced that the Camp David peace accord will bring the long sought after cessation of hostilities to the region.

One high Israeli military source, who asked not to be identified, is concerned about the turnover last month to Egypt of one half of the Sinai, including all the oil fields taken in the 1973 war. This source believes in Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's integrity but he is unsure of who and what might follow Sadat.

The PLO issue is to Israel what a red flag is to a bull. The PLO is regarded as the Soviet Union's Middle East proxy. The Russians decided to back the PLO when Soviet troops and "advisers" were expelled from Egypt by Sadat. The PLO is not regarded as Palestinian by Israel because it is believed to be an international terrorist organization, much of its members having been trained in or by the Soviet Union.

It is said not to be a liberating organization but rather a huge murdering machine. Israel believes the PLO and much of the Arab world have brainwashed the West into believing that Israel is the aggressor, holding on land that Arabs deserve to have back.

This, despite the fact that Arab nations have struck first at Israel in all but the 1967 war when Israel felt it had to stage a pre-emptive strike to counter the massive arms buildup and imminent attack along its borders.

Terrorists, it is pointed out, hide in hospitals (that happened in Tyre), bomb and kill school children (26 died at a primary school in Maalot in 1974) and shoot down innocent civilians (the coastal road massacre of 1979 in which 35 people were killed and 80 wounded).

The Israelis point out the terrorists strike at civilians because they know that hurts Israel most. They strike in crowded places to demonstrate that Israel law cannot guarantee the safety of her citizens or visitors. Israeli officials say the PLO has never attacked a military target.

Enemy Control

On the issue of borders, it is not difficult to see that a return to pre-1967 lines would give control of the mountains of Judea and Samaria to Israel's enemies. From those positions weapons as old as the Crimean War could control most of the country, including the airport.

Syrian tanks could drive the distance between Syria and the pre-1967 border with Israel through the Golan Heights in twenty five minutes! Even the post-1967 borders are not the best guarantee of security but

Israel believes they at least give the nation more time to mobilize its mainly civilian army.

As for a Palestinian state, the military official said, "the Palestinian state they (the PLO) office is the next Cuba, but it's inside the country, not 90 miles away.

Talking about the PLO can drive some Israelis to the brink of apoplexy. They believe the world doesn't really understand the PLO. A high ranking military spokesman says much of the press, including the Israeli press, has changed its perception of reality since it has been unable to change reality itself.

He says some people think Israel should talk with the PLO, but he says they forget that the very charter of the organization is to eliminate Israel. So, "how can you negotiate away your right to exist?" he asks.

"The peace all depends on Egypt," says the military spokesman. I hope Sadat stays healthy. I pray for his health."

The spokesman says, "people forget who is the aggressor in this region. It's not Israel, Israel has fought only to defend herself, not to take someone else's property for its own sake. What Israel has taken it has taken for its own security so future attacks will be less likely or, at least, easier to defend against."

In Southern Lebanon, from which many of the PLO attacks have come, sporadic fighting continues among the PLO, Moslem, Christian and Syrian forces. Israelis say the Arab forces are trying to wipe out the Christians and that has been the real reason for the fighting all along.

United Nations peace keeping soldiers are regarded by Israeli as ineffective and military sources say, in some cases, U.N. troops have actually aided the PLO.

A Just Cause

Major Saad Hadat and his
Agreed. Here is the text:

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Lebanon. The area includes a Christian enclave in Southern Lebanon whereupon he organized the Army whereupon he organized political, economic and military efforts to either force them out of the country but they fight on, believing his cause is just.

Because the area is in such political, economic and military turmoil, thousands of people in Southern Lebanon cross the border through the Good Fence to work in Northern Israel. In addition to jobs, Israel provides the medical needs of those living just to the North. It also provides them water and other services. Clearly, it is in Israel's interest to bolster those in Lebanon who are fighting the PLO and those seeking to eradicate moderate influence.

The lack of support for Christians in Southern Lebanon and throughout the Middle East puzzles some Israelis. Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek wonders why Christians in the West aren't aware, why they apparently don't care that their brethren in Arab nations face a strong effort to either force them out of the country or at least establish Moslem supremacy over them.

Kollek says Iran is trying to obliterate the last vestiges of Christian education through the Armenian Church. In Egypt he says Coptic Christians are being killed by Moslems when they refuse to convert to Islam. Kollek says pressures on Christians to convert to Islam or suffer the consequences are enormous in some countries.

Inflation is eating Israel alive. Israelis would laugh at the U.S. inflation rate of 13 percent. Israel's inflation rate in 1978 topped 100 percent and is climbing toward a predicted 150 percent in 1980. Single family homes, if you can find one, require 80 percent down payment and carry a mortgage interest rate of 60 percent or higher.

Gasoline averages $2.50 a gallon, but public transportation is exorbitant. Buses in Jerusalem, for example, run frequently and cost only four Israeli pounds (about eight cents.) There is a 300 percent tax on small cars, making a VW Beetle cost between $12,000 and $13,000. The ownership of even the smallest car is a luxury.

The return of the Sinai oil fields to Egypt at the end of November has again made Israel totally dependent on foreign oil. By 1984, the country hopes to be supplying 40 percent of its electrical needs through the coal it buys from Australia.

Non-OPEC oil is sometimes difficult to get because of political considerations. Development of nuclear power in Israel is unlikely because the country does not have a suitable site on its comparatively short coast line for the large amount of water needed for a nuclear power plant.

There is a plan to start building in 1981 a canal between Mediterranean and Dead Seas. In theory the canal would produce an unlimited amount of hydroelectric power, but the amount of water the Dead Sea could receive is limited without flooding Israel, Jordan and Lebanon.

For the Christian visitor to Israel, the most exciting news is that Jews from all over the world continue to stream back to the land. Ruth Baron, who supervises the immigration of Jews from the Soviet Union, says she wishes all Jews would realize that Israel is their home and it is where they belong.

Many are recognizing that fact and are coming "home." There are currently 63 absorption centers throughout Israel to help pave the way for returning Jews who enjoy automatic citizenship rights in Israel. So, while the holy places are moving and one can almost "see" Jesus as He walked the trails and visited the towns, many of which are famous today only because He was there, the most exciting part of a visit to Israel is to see how many are returning "home" and to realize this is one of the last prophecies to be fulfilled before the return of Christ to that land and this world and the establishment of a new Jerusalem where He and we shall reign forever and ever.

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Do Religion And Politics Mix?

By Forrest J. Boyd

The performance of the Ayatollah Khomeini in Iran has caused many comments about religious leaders acting as political leaders. Some are using the example to denounce theocracy. Others are using it to warn against religious prophets trying to apply their spiritual insights to political problems.

A respected pastor used his prestigious pulpit in the nation's capital to issue that warning one Sunday morning. In a front page story in the New York Times spoke of Khomeini's moral absolutism.

But there are voices on the other side.

Ed McAteer, a former national field director for the Conservative Caucus, who is now president of the newly-organized Religious Roundtable, says more and more, religious leaders are dismissing the old adage, "politics and religion don't mix."

McAteer says there is a difference between the separation of church and state in the legal sense and separating God from government. McAteer spoke to the local Conservative Caucus in Jackson, Mississippi.

The Religious Roundtable was organized for the purpose of providing political education for religious leaders. One of its first activities will be setting up six two-day political education seminars next year in Washington for preachers and leaders of religious organizations. SALT II will be among the issues explored, along with abortion, the Equal Rights Amendment, gay rights, Christian schools' tax exemption and prayer and Bible reading in schools.

Arguing for such activity, McAteer says "It's immoral if spiritual leaders don't get involved in politics feet first. It's withholding information and leadership from moral people who must be informed if they are to take a stand against that which is immoral."

McAteer says that often Christians are kept out of political involvement by the cliche of separation of church and state, quickly voiced by the "secular humanists who are predominant in our government and schools today, whenever Christians get involved in anything political."

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Ministers Object To Gideons Placing Bibles

By Cal Thomas
International News Service

Iran continues to dominate the attention of most people in Washington. President Carter met at the White House with a group of American Islamic leaders. Mr. Carter assured them the United States is not an enemy of Islam and he solicited their advice on how to handle the hostage situation at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran. Following his Sunday School class at the First Baptist Church in Washington, the President was asked if he prayed for the captors as well as the hostages in Iran. He said he did.

Four Ukrainian Baptists were sentenced to prison terms ranging from three to 12 years following their conviction on charges of stealing Soviet property. The four men denied the charges. Meanwhile, small groups of Soviet dissidents tried to mark Human Rights Day in Moscow and Leningrad with silent demonstrations, but police broke them up and detained between 15 and 20 people.

The Ministerial Council of Ministers Object To Gideons Placing Bibles

The Bibles are not given to the students without parental consent and then they are distributed off school property during non-school hours. The school’s role has been one of handling and processing the permission slip. The ministerial association, with the exception of a Wesleyan pastor, believes this somehow violates the Constitutional separation of Church and State.

A poster urging that more freedom to propagate religion be permitted in the People’s Republic of China has appeared on Peking’s “democracy wall.” Criticizing a recent article in the government press which said only religious workers could spread religion and then only in places of worship, the wall

The poster said, “If our country is to fully implement the policy of freedom of religious belief, then it should not restrict us from using our behavior on the Bible. The Bible does not specify only religious workers should propagate religion, nor that propagation should be carried out only in churches.”

Prior to President Carter’s announcement of plans to ask for increased defense spending, more than 200 persons at Fuller Theological Seminary in California signed an 800-word “American Confession” which condemned nuclear arms proliferation as idolatry and a danger to world peace. The statement, written by students, also asks signers to take personal and collective action in opposition to the arms race.

Then National Federation for Decency says the CBS Televising Network plans to show a movie version of the best-selling novel, “Scruples” in February. The book is about the power, lust and sexual immorality of the super rich. NFD director, Rev. Donald Wildmon in Tupelo, Miss., says “Scruples” is nothing but a “trashy, filthy book with no redeeming social value.” Wildmon has asked for a nationwide effort to let CBS television affiliates know that people are opposed to the airing of such material.

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By Russell Hughes

Americans over the years have been schooled to save, save, save. Place your money in savings accounts that are federally insured. A decade ago with modest inflation a modest return on savings appeared reasonable.

How do you cope with your savings return today and our double digit inflation?

*Financial institutions offer many and varied savings plans which in many cases confuse the investor even more. The most attractive being the six month investment certificate which is tied to the weekly treasury bill rate. This investment vehicle is excellent, offering short maturity, attractive return and safety. The one ingredient which rules out most investors is the minimum deposit of $10,000. Other institutional savings plans will vary to a low investment return of 5% percent for daily savings. Financial institutions are governed by Congress on the amount of interest to be paid on deposits.

However, the investor must not be restricted by the legal requirements of these institutions.

The stock market is another investment vehicle which one may consider. Blue chip stocks have performed favorably over the years. However, one cannot determine the volatility of the market, continued dividends or recessionary cycles. The only control you have after purchase is the decision to sell.

It is difficult to value investment programs you don’t understand. One thing you do know is your spendable income is shrinking and inflation is not abating.

During the last decade investment in real estate has shown the greatest return.

Look at your present home. What is its value or construction cost in 1969? In many instances, the value has more than doubled.

Let’s look at a hypothetical investment in a single family rental property.

- Cost of home — $40,000.
- Down payment — $4,000.
- Mortgage — $36,000, with annual payment of $4,671.
- Rental income — $4,800 annually.
- Depreciation — $1,200 annually, based on straight line 30 year.
- Gross annual return — 13 percent.
- Net, sold after one year, 130 percent on the original investment.

The percentages are not exact but are basically accurate. Of the investment plans herein presented, real estate is obviously for the present offers the best return.

Each person must realize the big ingredients in any investment plan of safety, return and liquidity. Each investor should invest according to his ability and his needs.

As illustrated in this overview, alternatives for your dollar investments are varied. Pick the best one for you and get the best return — you deserve it.

(Mr. Hughes is a Lynchburg, Va.-based financial analyst and advisor.)
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KENYA PROPOSES COMMISSION

By Cal Thomas

The Council to Inspire National Character and Honor, an organization of conservative American clergymen, has sent a telegram to Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini which criticized the

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A wonderful story of reconciliation and rehabilitation is told in Prison Fellowship's December newsletter called " Jubilee." The organization, headed by former Watergate figure Charles Colson, reports that a few months after John Woloshun and his wife moved to Omaha, Neb., their house was burglarized and their belongings were carried off in their van. The burglar was later arrested and the property recovered.

Later Woloshun, a Christian, began visiting the Nebraska State Reformatory in Lincoln to share Christ with the inmates. Much to his surprise, he met the man who had burglarized his house. The man, Charles Goodwin, asked Woloshun to forgive him, saying he had become a Christian. They began studying the Bible together, were reconciled in Christ and now they pray for each other every night at 9:15 p.m.

Dallas Profes Hesitant About Statement

DALLAS (EP)–Dallas Baptist College President W. Marvin Watson says that all but about a dozen faculty and staff of the institution have signed a new "Articles of Faith" required by the college trustees who required they be signed by all faculty and staff.

The college announced at the time that the trustees had approved the statement of Baptist Faith and Message, adopted in 1963 by the Southern Baptist Convention. However, it was later revealed two changes were made in the 1963 statement, the first in the portion on the Scriptures and the second on the nature of man.

In the Scriptures portion a sentence was added stating, "We believe in the Scriptures of both the Old and New Testament as verbally inspired by God and inerrant in the original writing, and that they are the final authority in faith and life." In the portion on man a sentence was added stating, "By this statement we affirm our belief that man was created by a direct act of God in His image, not from pre-existing animals or creatures, and that all of mankind sinned in Adam and Eve, the entire human race."

Watson said that he had drafted the changes himself and that some of the 29 trustees present for the Nov. 15 meeting had objected.

Mormon Protest

DENVER (EP)–A woman here has asked the Mormon Church to excommunicate her as a protest over the recent forced excommunication of J. Richard Johnson who campaigned against official church opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment.

Leanne M. Boyd said she

made her request in letters to her local bishop and to church headquarters in Salt Lake City, Utah, but had received no reply. J. Richards Barns, a spokesman for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Colorado, said Church representatives would visit Miss Boyd in an attempt to change her mind.
The new book titled "The Brethren" exposes the inner workings of the U.S. Supreme Court and reveals the fact that the justices are merely human beings with human faults. James Reston and some other columnists question whether criticism of the Supreme Court and other institutions has gone too far and is destructive.

Federal Court Weighs Lawsuit

GRAND FORKS, N.D. (EP)—A federal judge has taken under advisement a lawsuit against the Grand Forks school board challenging the constitutionality of a North Dakota law requiring that the Ten Commandments be posted in public school classrooms.

Judge Paul Benson heard oral arguments in the case in U.S. District Court here. A group of parents is suing the school board over the issue. Plaintiff's attorney Robert Vogel said the law "shows a governmental preference for one religion over another."

Assistant North Dakota Attorney General Murray Sagaveen said that state lawmakers "had no sinister motive" in 1927 when they passed the law.

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The Ethical Issues of the Eighties

By Woodrow Michael Kroll

It is surely providential that Dr. Jerry Falwell has termed the 1980's the Decade of Destiny. It is this and more. It is a decade of decision as well. During the 1980's we will be faced with some of the most profound moral decisions since the Garden of Eden. The ethical issues of the Eighties will include coming to terms with euthanasia, genetic engineering, terrorism, nuclear uncertainties, artificial creation of life forms, world hunger, selective extermination and so on. The list is endless. The decisions are crucial.

To some of these issues we have ready answers. To others most of us are not even aware of the right questions. Some have been so heavily considered, others quietly neglected. Still it is unthinkable that we can survive a full decade without seriously grappling with all of the ethical issues of the Eighties.

Take the issue of world hunger.

How much do Christians know about this global problem? Hunger is a stranger to most Americans. While the silvery grain elevators that tower over our rich farmlands are repeatedly filled, the poor of the world know nothing of such productivity. Famines have been known from the days of Joseph in Egypt, but suddenly mass starvation on a scale never seen before has become a nightmarish possibility.

By the most conservative estimates, nearly 500 million people are threatened today with starvation. That's 500 million people for whom Christ died. More than 10 million will die this year, most of them under five years of age.

Historically the United States has been the breadbasket of the world. The 12 Midwestern States are so blessed by God that American farmers, even though they form but one-tenth of the world's population, have long been able to feed at least 25 percent of the world's people. But historically the United States has been able to feed at least 25 percent of the world's people. But America cannot long continue this percentage.

A Bleak Outlook

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In the late 1960's Britain's social philosopher C.P. Snow predicted that the soaring population would outstrip the world's limited food supply sometime between 1975 and 1980. Well, we are now there. Famines are sweeping like wildfire throughout India and Africa. Some Central and South American countries have below adequate food supplies, as do Indonesia and the Philippines.

Ironically, an accelerating factor in these continent-wide famines is the blackmail technique being used by the OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) nations on the food-importing nations.

By reducing oil production, members of OPEC also shrink the supply of petroleum-based fertilizers. These fertilizers are not only necessary for the American farmer to maintain and increase his productivity, but are also necessary for the developing nations to initiate productive farming. By increasing oil prices hundreds of percentage points, OPEC has put fertilizer out of the reach of many underdeveloped countries.

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OPEC Cuts Own Throat

In seems in this politically unreasonable world that the OPEC nations, who also happen to be among the most critically short of food, are cutting their own throats. If only OPEC nations were the countries which had invested in international food supplies. What a solution to the problem in Paul Harvey's pointed observation that we shipped the oil, but lost the wheat. The world knows nothing of such productivity. Famines have been known from the days of Joseph in Egypt, but suddenly mass starvation on a scale never seen before has become a nightmarish possibility.

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