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LIBERTY MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Starving Cambodians First Project

By Harry Covert

An international missionary organization, the Liberty Missionary Society, headquartered in Lynchburg, Va., has been established by Dr. Jerry Falwell, pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church, one of the largest churches in the nation.

Following a week-long visit to Thailand and Cambodia in early January, Dr. Falwell was visibly moved by sights of starving southeast Asians both physically and spiritually.

"I have visited many parts of the world during my 26-year ministry," Dr. Falwell said. "I have never been so emotionally stirred by souls who have been de-humanized, downtrodden and neglected."

The speaker on the nationally televised Old-Time Gospel Hour and chancellor-founder of Liberty Baptist College and Schools, recently returned from a 31,000-mile Asian trip.

"God has placed the burden on my heart in our ministry to help the starving millions of people, not only in Southeast Asia, but in all parts of the world," he said. Although the ultimate goal of Liberty Mission Society is the planting of indigenous churches worldwide, Dr. Falwell feels, "We must earnestly seek to help these people.

Dr. Falwell said there are 4.5 billion "souls in our world today, 94 percent are outside of the United States and 38,000 Americans are among the 55,000 evangelical missionaries serving around the world."

The pastor/educator told the Thomas Road Baptist Church congregation and his national television and radio audience that "my heart has been broken by the terrible conditions the Cambodians must endure and the conditions under which Christian workers are forced to work."

Falwell said the growing ministry of Liberty Baptist College and Schools, with its emphasis in world missions, must pick up the call for immediate attention to the needs of the people and missionaries in Southeast Asia.

"We are training young men and women for the mission field in our college," he said. "We are training young people to serve the Lord in all walks of life. The burden is immediate and I believe the Lord wants us to make world evangelization our top priority."

Dr. Falwell, the plight of the starving Cambodians resting heavily upon his heart, established Liberty Missionary Society and set the first major project to aid the hundreds of thousands of homeless and starving Cambodians who have sought refuge in Thailand.

"We are taking every immediate step to raise $2 million for Liberty Missionary Society," he said. "We must begin this program now. While we are making these efforts, thousands of souls are dying. We must not fail to reach these people for Christ."

The pastor said his goal immediately was to establish a budget of $2,037,000. For 1980, Falwell said $400,000 was vital for the monthly and annual support of missionaries already in more than 60 foreign countries; $450,000 for foreign Bible distribution; and $37,500 for television and radio in foreign countries other than Canada.

Dr. Falwell said 200 Liberty Baptist College students enrolled in the SMITE (Student Missionary Intern Training For Evangelism) program (Student Missionary Intern Training For Evangelism) are spearheading the program currently in 15 foreign countries.

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"The primary purpose of Liberty Missionary Society will be world evangelization," Falwell said. "Emergency programs like the Cambodian project will simply be a means to ultimately give the gospel to the people and to plant churches."

The Liberty Missionary Society is not a missionary board. It is simply a fund-raising entity set up to generate prayer and money for world evangelization.
There is something innately wrong with the very thought that the United States, the greatest nation on earth, would for one second consider the registering or drafting of young girls and women for military service. There is something innately wrong when the Monday morning news headlines blare that a United States Senator and nine members of the House of Representatives are allegedly involved in big money payoff schemes.

There is still something fundamentally off kilter when the United States admits that our military strength would be unable to defend a threat to take over the Persian Gulf.

I can't recall for the moment just how many times we've written about patriotism, motherhood and apple pie. I will reject any notion that support and promotion of the three aforementioned principles are cliché-ism, old hat or out of date. Most Americans ought to reject such suggestions.

For sometime, I've been thinking about heroes. What in the world could we possibly find wrong with heroes? What in the world could we possibly find wrong with America's heroes? It makes me shudder to think that Americans in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Air Force are unable to muster strength to handle disturbances around the world.

As we have entered these days of the Decade of Destiny in 1980, we are well aware of these difficult times. I have become even more firmly convinced that America needs a modern-day set of Jonathan Edwards and Billy Sundays to lead this nation in a spiritual revival.

Church and State Separation Becomes Issue

Baltimore—The Maryland attorney general's office has ruled unconstitutional the distribution of Gideon Bibles in public schools. The Bibles — the King James Version of the New Testament plus Psalms and Proverbs — had been given away to public school students in 14 counties for several years. The attorney general's opinion came in response to a request for legal advice from Washington county schools which had allowed distribution from 1973 until last year, when a parent filed objections to the school board.

San Francisco—A church mail fraud trial has opened here with the federal government alleging that the Church of Hakeem should repay members some $25 million it collected under a "Dare to be Rich" program. The program, promoted by church founder Hakeem Adul Rasheed and vice-president Janice Phillips, promised a 400 percent return on donations. Assistant U.S. attorney Ed Luckel said among other things the donations paid for was Mr. Rasheed's red Rolls Royce, which he bought for $105,000.

Trenton, N.J.—U.S. District Judge Walter Craig has ruled that a Tempe, Ariz., ordinance banning religious groups from fundraising on public property is unconstitutional. Suits challenging the ordinance and similar laws in Mesa and Scottsdale, Ariz., were brought by members of the International Society of Krishna Consciousness.

Oklahoma City—An Indian group here said it will sue Oklahoma County Sheriff Gene Beets, who ordered a medicine man to visit an Indian woman who is in jail on a murder charge. Rita Nauni, 30, a native Sioux, has been visited by an Episcopal priest but she has requested counseling by a tribal medicine man. She is charged with the fatal shooting of a police officer on Sept. 19. Sheriff Beets said he will permit only an ordained accredited clergyman to visit her, not a medicine man.

Bowie, Md.—The Bowie Clergy Association and the Town Council are cooperating in a community campaign to stop Sunday racing at the Bowie Race Course, scheduled to start Jan. 27. The Rev. John Hogan, pastor of Scared Heart Catholic Church, head of the clergyman's protest, charges that the Sunday racing move was sanctioned by the Maryland Racing Commission at a meeting Oct. 24 "without any notice given to the community."

Orlando, Fla.—The Orlando appeals review board has granted the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church a six-month permit to sell flowers on city street corners and to solicit funds door-to-door. Assistant City Attorney Robert L. Hamilton had recommended that the board grant the permit to avoid a court battle over the city's public solicitation regulations.

Lawrence, Kan.—Janice Flory, a 15-year-old member of the Old Order German Baptist Brethren, commonly known as Dunkards, has received permission to finish her schooling at home. Her parents had taken her out of school, calling it "a poor environment to wholesome living." Douglas County authorities filed a truancy complaint, but it was dropped after the Kansas Board of Education granted a religious exemption that allows Janice to be taught at home by her mother and to complete her education by correspondence courses.

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The people of America haven't gone bad, as some have suggested. The people need strong pastors, strong leaders and "thousands of pastors and evangelists who will preach the Bible and lead the nation in a spiritual revival.

Americans have always loved champions, competition and strength. When the leadership of this nation wants to water down the basic tenets, to deny Christian heritage and godly principles, then we've reached a new plateau of insufficiency.

Drafting girls, dishonesty in government and an inability to defend our interests throughout the world are the symptoms of weakness. Christian America must become more aware and more concerned and involved in changing these debasing attitudes with firmness.

Church and State Separation Becomes Issue
Ministers In Politics

By Elmer Towns

The key word to describe the gospel-preaching churches of the 80's is confrontation. They are beginning to mobilize to confront the issues of the coming decade. But the media continu­ually asks why churches are getting involved in politics? They ask how a minister can preach a God of love and advocate a strong military. And then some ministers are afraid to preach anything but a positive gospel. They criticize those who preach on the issues.

But the answer is obvious. Media does not understand the role of the gospel preacher. Also, these churches who preach a positive gospel have ignored the role of the New Testament preacher.

1. All Government Is His—The Bible teaches, "The government shall be upon his shoulder" (Isaiah 9:6), and preachers have ignored the role of the New Testament preacher.

2. The Example of Jesus—Jesus took an active role in cleansing the temple — twice — at the beginning of His ministry (John 2:13-22) and at the close (Matthew 21:12-17). He not only preached a positive message, He preached a negative condemnation of sin.

Media has wrongly portrayed the gospel preacher. They typecast him as a moral invalid who would not roll up His sleeves to work, nor would He lead an holy war on corruption. The Bible portrays the gospel minister that stirs up controversy (his personality is not controversial, but his message divides men).


Today's conservative preachers must be activists. Ten years ago, the liberal minister advocated burning draftcards, stopping military supplies to Vietnam, and other anti-war activities. We don't remember media attacking the liberals for their stand, yet, when a fundamentalist attacks a political stand, the media tells him to get out of politics. When a gospel preacher attacks killing babies, the destruction of the family or pornography, the television station wants to drop his program.

In the past, the fundamentalists have supported their political views and the liberals have rebelled against the status quo. Now the shoe is on the other foot, because the government is becoming more liberal.

4. Theology of Repeatability—The preachers of righteousness will call individuals to turn away from sin (Acts 2:38). But the Bible also instructs groups to resist (Romans 12:1-2). He must warn his country to government to protect its citizens from the foreginers. When someone tries to destroy the police or the military, they are opposing God's method of a government protecting itself. Therefore, the preacher must oppose those who would try to take away the sword of the government.

5. The Christians' Obligations—The Christian has an obligation to his government. First, he should pray for his rulers (I Timothy 2:1). Second, effective prayer is based on knowledge and understanding, the Christian's second obligation is to have knowledge of the trends of his nation. Third, a Christian must pay his taxes (Romans 13:6, Matthew 17:24-27). Fourth, a Christian must pledge his allegiance to his country (Romans 13:7). And sixth, the Christian must use the laws for Christian ministry (Acts 25:11).

7. Oppose Unrighteous Laws—The Bible teaches that a Christian should obey the laws of his government and support his rulers. But a Christian finds himself in a vice when a government makes laws that contradict Scripture.

America is becoming more liberal. She is leaving the conservative lifestyle of the past. In her move, our nation is not stopping at the center spot, which is becoming more liberal. The political scene is forcing the preacher to be activist whether he wants to or not. He must oppose unrighteous laws that shelter per­version and violence. He must do his part to protect society against the hardened criminal.

No longer can he only preach. He must organize his congregation to speak out collectively. One voice in opposition to sin is a beginning, a thousand voices will be heard, and ten thousand voices will change a community. But it all starts with one voice, and that is the preacher who must take an active role in the political life of our nation.
FOR FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

OTGH Is ECFA Charter Member

The Old-Time Gospel Hour and Related Ministries, one of the nation's largest Christian organizations, has become a charter member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability.

Dr. Jerry Falwell, founder of the Old-Time Gospel Hour, pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Church and chancellor of pastor of Thomas Road Baptist Schools, said the national organization is the Christian "equivalent of the Better Business Bureau for evangelical ministries nationwide."

Falwell said the ECFA is a voluntary organization with seven standards in its charter to which Christian ministries must conform and agree.

"The Old-Time Gospel Hour and related ministries is the largest Christian organization in ECFA," Dr. Falwell said. "We are urging evangelical ministries to join ECFA because we want to provide openness, financial accountability and fiscal responsibility to the highest degree."

The other major ministry accepted as a charter member is the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association of Minneapolis, Minn.

"We expect that more than 80 percent of the ministries in this nation will seek approval from ECFA," Dr. Falwell said.

The ECFA, headquartered in Pasadena, Calif., with offices also in Washington, D.C., requires its members to make public its financial records for donors and the media.

"I think it's important to note that members of ECFA are open for examination," Dr. Falwell said. He also said that finances of the Old-Time Gospel Hour and Related Ministries have always been open to public scrutiny.

"This is one of the main reasons that our ministry, which is one of the largest in the nation, has not been under fire for its financial practices," Dr. Falwell said. "For years, we have willingly and gladly made our financial statements public."

He said the Old-Time Gospel Hour intends to work on behalf of the ECFA by encouraging Christian ministries nationwide to participate as members. He said the ECFA logo would be carried in all Old-Time Gospel Hour publications.

The seven standards of the ECFA are:

1. There shall be an active, responsible governing board, a majority of whom together are not employees/staff, or immediate family members which meets at least semi-annually, having policy-making authority.

2. Required annual audit by a public accounting firm performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards with the financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Annual financial statements shall be made available upon request.

3. An active Audit Committee, a majority of whom are not employees/staff shall be established by the governing board of the organization.

5. The organization shall carry on its business with the highest standards of integrity and avoid conflicts of interest.

6. The member organization shall have a clearly defined statement of faith, consistent with the evangelical Christian perspective.

7. All programs and activities of the organization shall be consistent with its stated purposes and objectives and donated funds shall be applied for the purposes for which they were raised.

Religious Freedom Masks Oppressive Air

By Tommy Thomason

Religious freedom in the communist East European countries is only "window dressing to mask an oppressive atmosphere," according to one recent visitor to several Iron Curtain countries.

Dr. C. Sumner Wemp, vice president for spiritual life at Liberty Baptist College, recently preached in churches in five Iron Curtain countries and the Baptist seminary in Romania.

"These countries make a pretense of religious freedom, but they all have a suble persecution of Christians," Wemp said. "They have a few open churches, which are free to preach the gospel, but this is mostly for show to Westerners."

Wemp said that the communist East European nations desire a Most Favored Nation trade status with the United States, and allow these open churches to give the impression that they have religious liberty.

But Wemp said that Christians in these countries "pay a price we Americans just can't imagine" for their faith.

"They are ostracized socially, harassed on the job, even discriminated against in obtaining housing," Wemp said.

Dr. Wemp's December visit was made possible through the cooperation of an international organization concerned with churches in Iron Curtain countries.

"Also they must live with the fact that their children are being indoctrinated daily with communism, socialism, atheism and humanism in the schools."

Despite the pressure on believers in these countries, Wemp said that pastors are free to preach openly in their pulpits, as long as they do not deal with socially sensitive topics. While pulpit evangelism is allowed, personal witnessing on the job and house-to-house visitation are forbidden.

"These people were so hungry for the Word of God," Wemp said. "Churches were generally packed out, with people standing in the aisles. They listened with tears in their eyes as I preached two-hour sermons through an interpreter."

In contrast to the friendly reception from the East European Christians, Wemp found the average citizen of those countries to be "joyless and somber."

"Among non-Christians we never saw laughter or joy," he said. "You could just feel the oppression among the people."

It was obvious what socialism has done in these countries," Wemp explained. "The government runs everything, and controls the lives of the people. They lack initiative — they walk around like zombies or robots."

The government of Romania had given Dr. Wemp's party permission to bring in 100 Romanian Bibles before they left the United States. But when he reached the Romanian border, the border guards confiscated the Bibles with no explanation.

Dr. Wemp said that no Bible printing is allowed in Romania and that all the Christian literature in that language would take up a space only about two feet long on a bookshelf.

Dr. Wemp urged American Christians to pray for East European believers, especially that God would provide Christian workers from among their own people and would help them obtain Bibles and Christian literature.

He also said that American Christians should urge the United States government to be deceived by claims of religious liberty in the Iron Curtain countries.

"The religious liberty they profess," said Wemp, "is only a cover for the oppressive atmosphere the Christians have to live with."

(21/28, who has been chairman of the Division of Religion before stepping aside this year, is one of the nation's top preachers and speakers. He continues as full-time professor of religion at Liberty Baptist College.)
Romney Remark Provokes Demand

LANSSING, Mich. (EP)—More than 30 Michigan lawmakers have asked former Gov. George Romney to resign his new position on the Wayne County Board of Governors because of his recent attack on supporters of the Equal Rights Amendment. The flap began when Mr. Romney said in an interview that the ERA is intended to destroy the family, which he said his church as a strict Mormon bishop, said he has no desire to defend the ERA and the homosexuals and the moral perverts cited this amendment (ERA) and a means of eliminating any basis of moral criticism. He also added that morality has proven to be essential in a strong, civilized society. He said the ERA might be less offensive if it was not intended to promote "perverted and improper sexual conduct" and not intended to eliminate needed protection against the abuse of women.

The statement was quite a concession for a president who took office condemning America's "inordinate fear of Communism." 1, along with a handful of my conservative colleagues, have long considered such an arms-length policy toward the Soviets to be prudent. Mr. Carter, meanwhile, cancelled reconnaissance flights over Cuba and cut the defense budget by $7 billion. The flights were resumed when the extent of Soviet influence in El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Grenada became known, and the now-infamous Soviet combat brigade in Cuba was the eventual public outcome. The defense budget, in turn, was recently boosted by five percent, out of fear for SALT II's passage.

SALT II is now scrapped, thankfully. Afghanistan has forced Mr. Carter and company to accept what the Russians have been telling us all along with their unabated arms buildup, their readiness to send troops into international hotbeds, and their constant eye on Western oil. This latest military action by the Soviets only serves to underline the belligerent nature of the USSR, borne out by 70 years of modern history. Forty thousand fighting troops now make that point clear for even Jimmy Carter. The Russians are not our friends. With typically cold logic, they have written off the ill-fated SALT II treaty, and have taken advantage of the United States' involvement in Iran to carry their drive for a warm-water port one step further.

Our capacity for anticipating and preventing actions such as those in Afghanistan has been deliberately downgraded for three years, just as the warnings by conservatives of the Soviet buildup have been rejected out of hand. Afghanistan and its predecessors—trouble spots like Angola, Ethiopia, and Nicaragua—all serve as stark reminders that the USSR is not, despite Mr. Carter's wishes, a peaceful country.

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Afghanistan Invasion: The Waking Of A President

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(AP) Carter proved once again that his concept of a foreign policy is just what we feared: misguided, and worse, na"ive.

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Christians Committed To Academic Excellence
By Tommy Thomason

Christian colleges, especially those with an evangelical or fundamentalist orientation, are not traditionally identified with academic excellence. But all that is changing. And Liberty Baptist College, with a commitment to both academic and spiritual excellence, is in the forefront of that change.

Dr. Suhail Hanna, professor of English at LBC, believes that the college is committed to the goal of academic excellence.

"I definitely think that both academic and spiritual standards of excellence can be maintained," Hanna said. "This college is assembling a faculty of competent scholars who are also committed Christians, who can integrate their faith and learning."

Dr. Hanna, who taught in two other Christian colleges before coming to LBC, has had articles published in several of the nation's major Christian magazines, as well as some of the leading journals of higher education.

Dr. Hanna believes that the Christian college with high academic standards can fulfill a necessary part of the Great Commission.

"The Great Commission commands us to go into all the world, not just a part of the world," Hanna said. "For too long we have neglected the intellectual world, which sets the tone for much of the rest of our culture."

He noted that the failure of Christian colleges in the past to strive for superior academic recognition might account for the lack of Christian influence in the intellectual community.

"These intellectuals are a neglected segment of our society, but they can be reached," Hanna said. "They need to encounter Christians who can relate to them on intellectual terms, so they can see that the Christian experience is intellectually as well as personally satisfying."

Someone once asked Dr. Hanna why he, a nationally published author with degrees from several major secular universities, would choose to work in a Christian school.

"I told him I like the academic freedom a Christian school affords. I have a type of academic freedom a Christian college that I wouldn't have at a secular university."

"You see, I'm committed to Jesus Christ as Lord of my life," Hanna explained. "I want to be able to integrate my faith with my learning. I couldn't do that at a secular university."

Dr. Hanna said that he enjoys the opportunity of "helping students think through and analyze the depth of their own beliefs" while studying writers with an obviously non-Christian orientation.

"I often help students to see the bankrupt morality in some of the literature we study," he said, "and to understand the perspective of the author in light of the Word of God."


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GAY RIGHTS: Freedom vs. Anarchy

By Ed Hindson

Homosexuality is a dangerous evil and a psychiatric profession as social maladjustment. Scientific investigation) was it were receiving government aid. However, this caused a great problem for homosexuals who were receiving government aid accorded "normality." Problem for homosexuals who rejects his homosexuality accepts himself as such is to be diagnosed as "mentally ill." Conversely, they themselves are not homosexual.

A few weeks ago, a gay newspaper carried an article advocating lowering the age of consent for sexual relations. The writer openly acknowledged his own sexual partnerships had included several children. This does not mean that all homosexuals secretly desire children, but the article is certainly symptomatic. The gay movement is not proposing a parallel structure of "decent" sexuality for homosexuals, but as Joseph Sobran put it: "The dismantling of all structures.""Gay rights" is not really an issue of freedom for homosexuals but an issue of anarchy for all sexual morality. If morality in general were not so low in America today, there would be much less toleration of homosexual activity. Other sexual offenders, intimidated by their own guilt, feel unjustified in taking a position against homosexuals. Even though they themselves are not homosexuals.

Writing in a syndicated column, Sobran refers to Nora Gallagher's article in Playboy describing the homosexual quest for the bizarre, want-ad courtships, hundreds of homosexual orgies, violence and downright hostility to women and "stragglers." "Gay rights" is not really an issue of freedom for homosexuals but an issue of anarchy for all sexual morality. If morality in general were not so low in America today, there would be much less toleration of homosexual activity. Other sexual offenders, intimidated by their own guilt, feel unjustified in taking a position against homosexuals. Even though they themselves are not homosexuals.

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NEW SEMINARY STUDIES SET

A new course of studies at Liberty Baptist Seminary has been announced by Dr. A. Pierre Guillermin, president of Liberty Baptist College and Schools. The Master of Arts in Biblical Education will be offered at Liberty Baptist Seminary beginning in September 1980. Dr. Guillermin said the seminary courses are designed to prepare students for the pastorate or church-related ministries. He said the new program centers on a masters of Biblical Education. The president said, "We have found that many students want an intensive study of theological issues at the graduate level, yet do not want to study practical theology. Christian Education or homiletics.

Dr. Guillermin said the new Master of Arts in Biblical Education is a two-year course of study involving a mastery of the original language in which the student studies, a thesis and comprehensive examinations. "We are attempting to broaden our student clientele," Dr. Guillermin said. "We also believe that with the growing Christian school movement in the nation, there is a need for more Baptist teachers with graduate degrees in their areas of specialty."

Liberty Baptist Seminary, its current enrollment at 160, expect a student increase of 25 percent in the fall. The seminary was established in 1973. It has applied for membership in the Association of Theological Schools. Membership in ATS is not accreditation but is the first step toward full accreditation, Dr. Guillermin said.

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AMG International wants to operate as many rescue camps as possible. Won't you spend just $1 a day for a month so a child that otherwise has no hope can be rescued? Or perhaps you would like to contribute toward a Second Mile Home for these children so they will not have to be sent back to prison. Children in Philippine jails are counting on you. Don't turn your back on them now. Don't say no. Each of them should have an opportunity to find Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. It all depends on your compassionate response.

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"Even temperate criticism," observes Sobran, "provokes irrationally savage reactions from homosexuals."

No one is advocating unfair treatment of homosexuals who need our love and help, but the ultimate aim of the activist Gay Rights movement is now obvious: homosexual conquest of the heterosexual culture! The so-called "Gays" are advocating total acceptance, without objective criticism, of any homosexual activity even if it borders on child abuse! It should be more clear than ever, that homosexuality, like any sexual immorality, is lust gone-out-of-control. It has no legitimate rationale and needs to superficial justification (Ultimately, "Gay Rights" advocates, not homosexual acceptance, but total moral anarchy).

The Bible still warns us: "... when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin, and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:15).

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Homosexuals Endorse Teddy Kennedy

By Cal Thomas

Homosexuals have endorsed Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) in his presidential campaign. A spokesman said the group may have supported California Gov. Jerry Brown's presidential bid but that homosexuals in Washington don't view him as a viable candidate. Brown has taken the strongest pro-homosexual positions of any of the Presidential candidates.

President Carter, who is meeting more and more with religious leaders during the months leading up to the November election, met with the group last month in Washington, D.C., a homosexual organization. The city's major "gay rights" political organization also voted to donate $2,000 and 200 volunteers to the Kennedy campaign. A spokesman said "the group might have supported California Gov. Jerry Brown's presidential bid but homosexuals in Washington don't view him as a viable candidate. Brown has taken the strongest pro-homosexual positions of any of the Presidential candidates."

For the first time in modern history, the Winter Olympic Games next month in Lake Placid, N.Y., will officially welcome a group of 14 Chaplains. One of them, 33-year-old Barbara McElhaney, is a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Mrs. McElhaney says Olympic officials have made it clear the chaplains will not be able to conduct evangelistic activities, though they are free to share their various faiths should an athlete inquire.

The decision by Virginia health officials to allow the nation's first test tube baby clinic to be established at Norfolk General Hospital has prompted pro-life groups to promise it won't happen without a court fight.

Some conservative leaders are hailing the decision by Dallas Baptist College President W. Marvin Watson to require all faculty and staff members to sign a statement attesting to their belief in the infallibility and inerrancy of Scripture, even though state education officials have said they will cut off tens of thousand of dollars worth of tuition grants to students.

Dr. Paige Patterson, associate pastor at First Baptist Church in Dallas and president of the Criswell Institute for Biblical Studies, says he's glad the government is on its way out of the picture at Dallas Baptist College. Patterson says he wishes more Baptist institutions had the courage Watson has displayed and he predicts contributions from Baptists will more than make up the money lost from government sources.

Seven religious leaders and scholars, who recently visited Iran on their own and managed to meet the Ayatullah Khomeini, have returned with impressions that differ from the generally held consensus.

Dr. William Kirby, a chaplain at Princeton University and a trained behavior therapist, said he doesn't think the Ayatullah is a lunatic as some have said.
CHRISTIAN EDUCATOR: THE LORD'S HERITAGE IS 'OUR' CHILDREN

By Bill Owings

Christian schools are growing in numbers quite rapidly. It is easy to see that the Christian school movement is a house which the Lord is building while other systems are laboring in vain. The children we have at church schools and are blessed to teach must and can only be balanced, and sharp arrows to launch out. Anything less would be slighting future generations to come.

Happy is the church that hath their school full of them. Arrows are an offensive weapon. They are meant to be used for an attack. Christianity is no different.

Our warfare is a spiritual one and Christians should be on the offensive, not the defensive. In Matthew 16:18 our Lord said that He would build His church and the gates of Hell would not prevail against the offensive attack of the church. Paul said (II Corinthians 10:4) that our weapons of warfare are mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.

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Our arrows, children being trained in the church schools, are the ones against which the gates of Hell will not prevail as Satan's strongholds are topped.

In the light of our children being spiritual arrows, there are three characteristics of an arrow which must be noticed. An arrow must be straight, balanced, and sharp. If it lacks these qualities it will not be effective. Bowhunters know the importance of these qualities in their arrows. Church-schools know that it is no different with their students.

An arrow must be straight or it will waiver in the course it will follow, losing effectiveness. In each one of the Gospels the admonition is given to make His path straight. In Psalm 5:8 David asks the Lord to make His way straight before the psalmists face. Our children need to have that straight path laid out before them so they will not waiver while on the course God has for them.

An arrow must be balanced or its path will be eratic, very possibly missing the mark. The Christian life must also be properly balanced to be effective. Our children must be as balanced as an arrow so they may press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ.

The children we are training can rightly be compared to arrows. As children are God's reward and heritage, the awesome responsibility exists to train them to be straight, balanced, and sharp arrows to launch out. Anything less would be slighting future generations to come.

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Missionaries May Hear, ‘Yankee Go Home’

By Forrest J. Boyd

When his turn came to speak to the Student Missionary Convention in Urbanna, Ill., during the Christmas holidays, Isabelo Magalit expressed in an almost shocking way the changing attitude of Third World countries toward the United States. He is from the Philippines and he told of a conversation with an American missionary which almost caused him to say “Yankee, go home.” Magalit also quoted a friend in Manila as saying American missionaries are simply not welcome in many parts of the world anymore. Magalit himself did not come off as anti-American. In fact, he was trying to tell Americans something about how to rest of the world sees them and to help them adjust to the changing world. He was reflecting a theme that was a steady undercurrent of the Urbanna conference . . . which is that there is still a great need for missionaries from the West . . . but the need is for a different kind of missionary with a different attitude.

Past missionary efforts have been successful to the extent that in many Third World countries there is a strong established church with its own leadership, and there has built up a degree of resentment to the foreign missionaries running the entire operation. What is presented is Americans saying. “We have been given a grand vision for fulfilling the great commission . . . hopp into our car . . . we’ve got a tank of high octane fuel and we’ll succeed if you follow our plan.”

Magalit said this won’t be accepted anymore and that Americans must see the missionary effort now as a partnership, in which they ask how they can be of help, and they are willing to share or give up the leadership role. If this doesn’t happen, the message that came through at Urbanna was that American missionaries will not be welcome.

This attitude toward missionaries actually reflects the attitude of Third World countries toward American diplomats, businessmen and soldiers. Donald Beck, who counsels American businessmen, says Third World countries are going through some psychological changes and they are in a phase now which leads them to dislike America, or at least American attitudes and tactics.

However, if it is explained, the reality is that it is a different world, and missionary organizations, like other American enterprises will have to recognize that fact of life.

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THE OIL WORLD: WILL IT ERUPT?

By Ed Hindson

"The 80's will be the crucible of intense crisis for the United States," a foreign diplomat said recently. "You Americans are the target. No matter what happens, the Middle East and the world won't ever be the same again. A historical line has been crossed and you lack the power to draw new lines."

What an indictment on our policies of detente and disarmament.

The A-Bomb Generation

The vast majority of the world's present population was born after 1945. They have grown up with the knowledge of the possibility of global nuclear destruction. Never before in history has it been possible for finite man to destroy the entire human race! Underneath all the political jargon we all know this possibility exists and we keep hoping it just won't happen in our lifetime. But, down deep, we know that it will happen sooner or later.

Twentieth century technology has not exempted mankind's depraved sinful nature. In a world blessed with gadgets and conveniences, we still cannot conquer war, anger, bitterness, greed, and lust.

Detroit Free Press writer Ted Saul observed that an "arc of crisis" actually reaches across North Africa and the mideast, from Morocco to Pakistan. He said that "while Khomeini's Iran was the flash point of this crisis, senior administration analysts now acknowledge that the explosion would have occurred elsewhere sooner or later." The current crisis symbolizes the ultimate clash between the affluent industrialized west and the economically emerging Third World.

With the human fate of the world tottering on the brink of chaos, this is no time for weak leadership. American history is dotted with great leaders who rose to the forefront in times of great national crisis: George Washington, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, Teddy Roosevelt, Franklin Roosevelt and Harry Truman.

Many question whether such strong leadership is really available from the present administration. President Carter has already acknowledged his naive view of Communist intentions in the near east. With Russian's troops now poised at the Iranian Afghanistan border, U.S. military intervention can only mean one thing—international war.

America needs strong moral leadership in this hour of crisis. We can no longer be content with morally weak leaders who function by political expediencies, rather than solid moral principles.

How can we depend on the status quo to provide that leadership when our courts have winked at pornography and our legislature has legalized immorality and abortion? America needs strong moral leadership to meet the challenge of the hour.

The present crisis in the near east is only a glimpse of how quickly man-made peace attempts can collapse. It is but a warning of what could really happen—the world could erupt overnight.

Then what would the administration do? That is the question haunting many Americans right now. We cannot afford naive and weak leadership now or ever. The future of our children is at stake. The real issue is not what we will do if the eruption comes, but what we will do WHEN it comes!

Leadership Needed Now

"The western world needs a real leader to come to the forefront of history and take over before it is too late," warned a recent issue of Time magazine. Yet in the delicate balance of the current crisis we are uncertain of who that leader is. If he is too tough, some surmise, he will plunge us into a terrible war—the worst in history. If he is too soft, we will continue to capitulate inch by inch, until we are forced to surrender by intimidation.

We need a leader who is morally strong, wise, intelligent, kind and yet firm. We need a man of character and integrity to come to the forefront of leadership in America. We need that man now. The world may not need him a decade from now, for it may be too late then.

Let us begin to pray now for the man of God's own choosing to emerge on the scene and lead us in the right direction.
NEW YORK (EP)—Contrary to some news reports, international relief supplies are reaching the Cambodian people despite enormous distribution problems, according to officials of World Vision International and Church World Service (CWS) who recently visited Cambodia.

World Vision president W.

Stanley Mooneyham said he observed two separate distribution systems in Cambodia, "one for the 200,000 Vietnamese soldiers in the country, with rice coming from Vietnam; and the other distributing relief from international agencies to civilians."

Dr. Mooneyham said aid agencies working in Cambodia are disappointed with the slowess of the distribution to the people, but "every available means of delivery is being used." He said there is an acute shortage of trucks and other equipment to transport the supplies to outlying areas, and the roads and bridges are so bad they can't accommodate a load of more than five tons each.

Perry Smith, acting Cambodia director CWS of the National Council of Churches, said he recently visited three provinces and saw food being given out to the people. "They don't plan ahead for my arrival, so what I see is not put on for my eyes," he said. Both Mr. Smith and Dr. Mooneyham said they saw no evidence that international food aid is being diverted to Vietnamese troops or purposely warehoused for political purposes. They acknowledged that shipments have often gone into storage, but are moved as soon as possible.

Joining World Vision in its $5 million Cambodia relief project are several other evangelical organizations including World Concern, Youth for Christ, MAP International, Bethany Fellowship, Christian Life Missions, and the 700 Club.

Kuang Told To Vacate German Teaching Post

STUTTGART, West Germany (EP)—Roman Catholic Bishop Georg Moser of Rottenburg-Stuttgart has withdrawn the Rev. Hans Kueng's mandate to teach theology at West Germany's Tuebingen University, a state institution.

The expected action followed the Vatican announcement that Pope John Paul II and five West German Roman Catholic bishops had ruled that a Vatican decision barring the liberal Swiss-born theologian from teaching must stand. Father Kueng said he will defy the ban.

Earlier, the Vatican Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which oversees the orthodoxy of Catholic faith and morals, declared that Father Kueng had departed in his writings from the "integral truth of Catholic faith, and therefore, can no longer be considered a Catholic theologian, nor function as such in a teaching role." The declaration had the backing of Pope John Paul.

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Artificial Insemination: Tough Issue

By Woodrow M. Kroll

One of the ethical issues of the eighties is not at all new. In fact, the practice has been around for centuries. But only recently has the public become aware of widespread usage on humans. A tough issue about which the Christian world must be informed and on which a strong position must be taken during this decade is the issue of human artificial insemination.

About the end of the first millennium A.D., there is a literary account of an Arab sheik who inseminated the mares of his enemy with the sperm of his stallions. A few years later the sheik was assured of an easy military victory because of his cunning.

In 1780 an Italian physiologist named Spallanzani successfully inseminated a dog which produced a litter of three healthy pups. Since that time artificial insemination in animals has become commonplace.

In the 1930's the first artificially inseminated calves were born in Wisconsin. Now, half of all American dairy cows are sired by sperm taken from the healthiest of prize-winning bulls. It has been good for the economy.

There is little public outcry over this practice and as long as it is confined to the barnyard, little outcry would be expected.

...there is a vast difference between the barnyard and the bedroom.

But the switch from barnyard to bedroom has been subtle and, for the most part, secretive.

It is estimated within the U.S. medical profession that between 200,000 and 500,000 men and women are alive today who have been thus conceived. Estimates range between 5-25,000 babies being added each year to these totals. The practice is spreading like wildfire.

Artificial insemination by donor (AID) is the procedure whereby a physician inserts a male donor's fertile sperm into the uterus of a woman and thereafter the natural processes of development and birth proceed. AID physicians counsel couples concerning their maturity and psychological ability to handle parenthood before the procedure is administered. The doctor's fee is covered by Blue Shield in most states as a minor surgical procedure.

The procedure of artificial insemination has given rise to a network of eight central sperm banks in the U.S., with seven branch banks. In 1959 Dr. C. Polge, and English scientist, discovered that he could freeze human sperm with a mixture of glycerol and keep it in a liquid-nitrogen freezer at -196 degrees Centigrade for years. This gave the potential for a husband to have his sperm frozen for later insemination should he be faced with sterility. It also gave rise to many other possibilities.

When the husband is the donor, artificial insemination by husband (AIH), the propriety of this procedure is little questioned by Protestant theologians. Roman Catholic theologians only question the means by which the donor sperm is obtained.

With this relatively common acceptance because it provides the possibility of having a family for those who would otherwise not experience the joys of childbirth, you might wonder why this should even be considered one of the ethical issues of the eighties. There are several good reasons.

First, AID does not require that the donor, either present or through the facilities of a sperm bank, be the husband of the woman who is impregnated. It is entirely possible for a woman to select the paternal qualities from which she desires her child to benefit by possessing an inventory of the present stock and choosing just the right "mate" to produce the desired result. Christians must ask how this differs from less technological forms of adultery.

Second, AID does not require that the biological father, over two-thirds of the doctors questioned by the University of Wisconsin survey admitted that they kept no files on donors.

With no record of who the donor is in a pregnancy, and with the widespread practice of one donor fathering several maternally unrelated children, there is no accurate record of relationships between people. One doctor reported the "fathering" of fifty children by a single donor. This means that there are fifty half brothers and half sisters in this country who may innocently marry one another and consequently bear defective children.

Furthermore, only 12 percent of the physicans responding to the Wisconsin questionnaire indicated that they did chromosome tests on donors to prevent the birth of a Down's Syndrome (Mongoloid) child.

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Should artificial insemination be an issue of the eighties? Yes, thirdly, because of the down-the-road results of this practice. No little controversy centers on the possible psychological and social abnormalities which plague an AID "family."

Some parents permit the artificial insemination of the wife, whether by the husband or not, in order to stabilize a faltering marriage. A child is brought into the world as a. pawn in a deadly game.

In a book entitled Genetic Engineering: Threat or Promise, UCLA co-director of the Prenatal Diagnosis Center, Dr. Laurence E. Karpe, has noted two cases in which AID was urged by doctors and the result, the husband of one couple and the wife of the other, was with serious mental depression afterwards.

Psychological and social abnormalities are matched by the legal troubles for those who have given birth by AID. Only . . . between 200,000 and 500,000 men and women are alive today who have been thus conceived.

California, Georgia, Oklahoma, and Kansas presently have laws legitimizing AID offspring, and then only if the husband has consented to the insemination.

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Yet AID allows motherhood fulfillment while at the same time dictating fatherhood failure. The marriage relationship cannot be built on the joy of one at the expense of the other, even in the name of "Family."

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Euthanasia: ‘Good Death’ To ‘Easy Death’

FIRST OF TWO PARTS

By Woodrow Michael Kroll

"Please, please let me die with dignity. Just give me something for the pain and turn off the machine."

The scene is the intensive care unit of a San Antonio hospital. The voice is that of an elderly woman. She is pleading with her doctor to turn off her artificial life-support equipment. Calmly yet thoughtfully the physician makes an entry on the woman's medical chart. He pulls the plug on the life-prolonging equipment and leaves the room.

This is not a scene from an afternoon soap opera. It is a drama played out every day in one of San Antonio's hospitals. The San Antonio hospitals are by no means unique. "Pulling the plug" is becoming a normal, accepted practice throughout the land.

For years doctors were concerned only with making the terminal patient as comfortable as possible in his last days or hours. Now an ethical dilemma has arisen. Our technology has developed machines capable of keeping a dying patient alive for years. With the rapid rise in technology, and a correspondingly rapid decline in morality, is it possible that a rising morality, is it possible that a rising

Euthanasia is the practice of mercifully terminating the life of a person who is hopelessly ill or injured, so as to reduce the relief of death. At least that is the historical definition. The world means "good death" but has over the last few years come to mean "easy death." In the 1920s it became synonymous with "mercy-killing."

Euthanasia is commonly divided into "active" and "passive" forms. What is called "passive euthanasia" is rarely objectionable to Christians as it involves a voluntary withholding of useless treatment for a dying person.

Active euthanasia involves taking purposeful action to end a person's life. This horrifying prospect is what is happening every day in an increasing number of hospitals, "I have hundreds of terminally ill patients die, and I defy anyone to indict me," said Dr. Walter W. Sackett Jr. of Miami. "Seventy-five percent of all doctors have made the same decision as I have at some time."

Family doctors, emergency room doctors, neurosurgeons and internal medicine specialists most often face the question of active euthanasia, some as often as once per day. Said one San Antonio doctor, "I would make the decision, pull the plug, walk away and never look back."

Usually physicians consult family members before following this course of action. One doctor said, "I would pull the plug." Yet another noted, "Many people do not realize the factors that must be considered. There are the desires of the patient or the family, the unbelievable costs of maintaining life artificially."

Many times the doctor tells the family what he is faced with and recommends what should be done. They usually agree. "The family is hardly in a position to decide," reported Dr. S. Perry Post, professor of family practice at the University of Texas Medical School.

Yet many doctors refuse to stop the machines. "I don't want anyone to pull the plug as long as there is a breath of life or a heartbeat left in the body," a retired surgeon said. Certainly the medical profession is not overrun with cold, callous physicians. Everyone who consent to stopping the life-support equipment do so for "humanitarian" reasons. They feel it is best for all concerned. But is it true that the family is hardly in a position to decide? Are there no valid non-medical guidelines?

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As disturbing as euthanasia on the terminally ill may be, during the past few years the practice of active euthanasia has broadened significantly. In the past euthanasia has referred to elimination of worthless life. These are considered "hopeless" cases. Yet if euthanasia is allowed, though not yet legalized, for "hopeless" cases, how long will it be before the euthanasiasts interpret "hopeless" to mean "valueless"?

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