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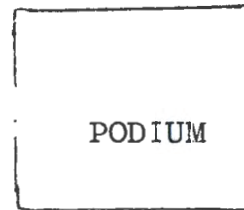
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

TELEGRAM

May 6 Event

On behalf of President Reagan, I would like to extend to you a most cordial invitation to a National Day of Prayer Observance at the White House on May 6. This event will take place in the Rose Garden at <sup>3:00</sup>~~1:45~~ p.m., and you may enter the SouthWest Gate at 1:15 p.m. Please RSVP to 202-456-7788 with your date of birth and social security number as soon as possible.

THE SOCIAL SECRETARY  
THE WHITE HOUSE

*met here at 2:45 South West Gate*

*Beverly LeHaye*  
*DOB*

*April 30, 1929*

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# President Reported Set to Endorse Amendment on Prayer in Schools

By HOWELL RAINES  
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, May 3 — President Reagan plans to announce his support of a proposed constitutional amendment authorizing voluntary group prayer in public schools, according to White House and Congressional aides.

Mr. Reagan plans to make the announcement on Thursday, which he has proclaimed as a National Day of Prayer.

A senior White House official said today that Mr. Reagan would probably recommend precise wording for the proposed amendment rather than simply express his support for one or more of several such measures already introduced in Congress.

Proponents of school-sponsored prayer have pressed for a constitutional amendment for two decades, since the Supreme Court held in 1962 that organized prayer in the public schools was unconstitutional. Congress has rejected such proposals five times.

In its 1962 decision, and in a 1963 ruling outlawing organized Bible readings in the schools, the Court based its decision on the First Amendment clause barring "an establishment of religion" by Congress. The Court has not forbidden voluntary silent prayers or meditation in classrooms.

Details were not available on what language the amendment would use to express conservatives' views that group prayer ought to be allowed in classrooms.

### Campaign Issue in 1980

The senior White House official said that the White House policy staff was now drafting the proposed amendment, which would require approval by Congress and ratification by 38 states to become part of the Constitution.

The aide said it had not yet been decided where or at what time on Thursday Mr. Reagan would make the announcement. He said the White House liaison office, which handles the Administration's relations with religious groups and other interest groups, has been asked to find the proper forum.

In his 1980 campaign, Mr. Reagan drew strong support from conservative Christian religious groups by declaring his opposition to court decisions banning prayer in public schools. In recent speeches, he has set the stage for Thursday's announcement by strongly stating his belief that what he describes as "voluntary prayer" ought to be allowed in the classroom.

The announcement Thursday would

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# REAGAN TO PRESS FOR SCHOOL PRAYER

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be Mr. Reagan's second move in less than three weeks to keep his promises to the so-called religious right and new right groups who supported him in 1980. White House aides told those groups last year that Mr. Reagan would begin to address their key issues — opposition to school busing and abortions and support for school prayer and tuition-tax credits for private schools — this year, if they would not press him to put those issues ahead of his economic recovery package on the 1981 legislative agenda.

But backers of those issues have been growing increasingly anxious for Mr. Reagan to act. His withdrawal of approval from an Administration plan to give tax exemptions to segregated private schools deepened religious conservatives' suspicions that moderate White House aides were guiding Mr. Reagan away from keeping his campaign commitments on social issues.

That was the political backdrop for Mr. Reagan's proposal of April 15 to grant income tax credits for tuition paid to private schools. The planned announcement on Thursday is one of several signs that the White House and Republicans in general would like to make school prayer an important issue in the 1982 Congressional elections.

### Some Express Surprise

Today, both Republican political professionals and a conservative religious leader expressed surprise that Mr. Reagan had not acted on school prayer before he raised the issue of tuition tax credits.

"Of all their new right issues," said a Republican Congressional aide, "it's the strongest. About 85 percent of the people are for it. You can't hurt yourself there."

Ron Godwin, a spokesman for Moral Majority, a religiously oriented political action group, said that conservative religious leaders had been hearing for about two weeks that a school prayer announcement was forthcoming.

But, he said, conservative religious groups are cautious about celebrating Administration initiatives before they see the exact wording. Too often, he said, the Reagan White House has "romantic good intentions" of satisfying the right, but backs away when the political heat begins to rise. He cited the White House reversal on the tax exemption issue as an example.

White House aides said that Mr. Reagan joined the Cabinet Council on Legal Policy recently for a lengthy discussion of the school-prayer issue.

The aides said the discussions covered four "options" for Mr. Reagan. These included, in addition to a proposed constitutional amendment, the idea of backing pending legislation that would limit the Federal Courts' jurisdiction over school prayer cases.

The idea of trying to persuade the Federal courts through legal argument to change the current law was also discussed, a participant in the meeting said. Finally, there was discussion of appointing judges sympathetic to prayer in the schools, he said.

### Reagan to Visit Philadelphia

WASHINGTON, May 3 (UPI) — President Reagan will visit Philadelphia May 14, White House officials disclosed Monday. The President's trip is aimed at aiding the re-election campaigns of Gov. Dick Thornburgh and Senator John Heinz, fellow Republicans, the officials explained.

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... knowledge of the family. When broader caseworkers are then requested, there is no standing record of other problems that might exist.

One study of the new system found that clients see the income maintenance workers as mere technicians. And since caseworkers don't deal with the money, they too are perceived as less helpful. Differences in status and education also produce tensions among the two groups of workers.

By again combining the jobs, Essex County hopes to prepare "income maintenance" workers to become caseworkers. The county also wants to put caseworkers in neighborhood centers that would simultaneously look after welfare, food stamps, aid to senior citizens and family counseling.

The idea is worth testing, and not only for New Jersey.

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... nia sperm bank claims as donors should know better than anyone the full depth of the fallacy they are endorsing. There is a well-documented relationship between Nobel Prize winners, but it has nothing to do with genetics: it is a master-apprentice relationship. Many scientists who have won Nobel Prizes learned their trade under other Nobel Prize winners, attesting yet again to the surprising power of environment in setting the stage for human intellectual achievements.

The actress Ellen Terry once advocated mutual parenthood to George Bernard Shaw with the argument that any child of theirs would be blessed with her beauty and his brains. Shaw, resisting the proposal, ungenerously remarked on the calamity if, in the lottery of procreation, their respective contributions were to be reversed.

If intellectual qualities were inheritable in any simple fashion, those who conceive with the help of the Nobel sperm could count on offspring endowed with a great deal of vanity and a plain dearth of sense. Chances are, however, they will get themselves just children.

# What's Wrong With a Prayer Amendment

To the Editor:

President Reagan's support for a constitutional amendment to restore voluntary prayer in the public schools is troubling for both political and constitutional reasons.

The most important political consideration is that the effort to put prayer back in the schools by constitutional amendment is only a frustrated response to an increasingly active judiciary.

Amending the Constitution for single-issue reasons such as school prayer will weaken its authority by diminishing the distance between it and ordinary law. The substantive meaning of the Constitution will be lost to concerns over its malleability.

A constitution must deal with broad considerations of power and not with single manifestations of the exercise of that power. In like manner, amendments should focus on changing the way power is exercised, and not on the particular results of its exercise.

The issue of greatest importance is not getting Engel v. Vitale overruled but moving to restructure the exercise of judicial power in such a way that it remains truer to constitutional text and intention.

For prayer in public schools could only be prohibited by the Supreme Court once the First Amendment had been rewritten; more precisely, it could only be prohibited once the Court read the 14th Amendment as making the prohibitions of the First Amendment (which is specifically addressed to "Congress") applicable to the states.

That the 14th Amendment was intended to "incorporate" the Bill of Rights is certainly not textually explicit; and it is at best arguable that anyone intended such a thing. The

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idea that the Bill of Rights is now a source of restraint on the states is the result of a creative judicial imagination, not constitutional provision.

A more appropriate move might be for the Administration to advocate an amendment that would clearly state that the Bill of Rights is directed only at the national government and that the demands of the 14th Amendment are directed toward a fair administration of state laws toward the citizens of each state.

This would accomplish two things that the single-issue amendments would not: First, it would address the problem at the level of cause rather than effect by restricting the power in question. Second, it would restore somewhat the healthy Federal balance that the doctrine of "incorporation" has seriously undermined.

We would do well to remember that the Bill of Rights was adopted in the first place at the urging of the anti-Federalists, who feared a national government that would in time "devour" the states.

It is striking that what was intended to limit the power of the national government over the domestic affairs of the states has been so turned on its head as to be one of the major avenues whereby national power has run roughshod over the states.

GARY L. MCDOWELL  
Cambridge, Mass., May 9, 1982

The writer is Fellow in Law and Political Science at Harvard Law School.

... in its war with Iraq. At a time of worldwide oil surpluses, surely we can choose more carefully from whom we buy oil, and in so doing reward our friends, and not our enemies. This is why, on my motion, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to urge President Reagan and the Congress to rescind this action and prohibit any future importation of Iranian oil until relations between our two nations are normalized.

The former hostages have yet to receive just compensation from the Federal Government for their months of deprivation. I hope that our leaders in Washington will act quickly to set America's priorities straight again.


KENNETH HAHN  
Supervisor, Second District  
County of Los Angeles  
Los Angeles, May 20, 1982

# American Ally No. 1

To the Editor:

In a Reuters report from Paris published in The Times of May 18, Henry Kissinger is quoted as saying, apropos the Falklands, "It was almost impossible for the U.S. to escape the dilemma that Great Britain was its oldest ally." As I understood it, this distinct honor belongs to France, which declared its alliance with the fledgling nation on May 5, 1778, while it was still a colony of Great Britain.

MICHAEL FARMER  
Eimhurst, N. Y., May 19, 1982



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# The Freedom Council

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P.O. Box 64323 Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464

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January 28, 1983

Dear Friend:

Last week the U.S. Supreme Court announced its refusal to review an Appeals Court decision in the case of Lubbock Independent School District v. Lubbock Civil Liberties Union. In doing so, the federal judiciary ignored the concerns of Christian and Congressional leaders, and those they represent, about religious freedom in public schools throughout America.

THE FREEDOM COUNCIL filed the attached Amicus Brief with the Supreme Court in this case on November 29, 1982. In the brief we defended the rights of students...

"...voluntarily to express their educational, moral, ethical and religious ideas on public school campuses of our Nation before or after regular school hours on the same basis as other groups."

Shortly thereafter, at least two other Amicus Briefs of major importance were filed in this case. Both were presented to the Supreme Court on behalf of large segments of American citizens.

One brief was filed by four non-profit membership organizations:

- . THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS, representing "36,000 churches from 74 denominations...(with) a constituency of 10 to 15 million people through its commissions and affiliates";
- . THE CHRISTIAN LEGAL SOCIETY, "consisting of more than 3,500 judges, attorneys, law professors and law students...";
- . THE CATHOLIC LEAGUE FOR RELIGIOUS AND CIVIL RIGHTS..."membership currently stands at approximately 30,000 nationwide";
- . THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS ASSOCIATION,"...a voluntary membership organization of public school teachers and administrators with over 23,000 members and affiliates."

In an unprecedented move, 24 members of the United States Senate filed another Amicus Brief in the case. The introduction of their brief stated, "As representatives of our constituents, and as legislators who must act on this issue in our official capacities, we submit that we are in a unique position to demonstrate to the court the importance of this issue to the people of this country and the extent to which our constituents are confused by the conflicting interpretations of the Constitution given by the courts on the subject of school prayer."

John W. Whitehead, the Constitutional attorney who prepared and filed the Amicus Brief for THE FREEDOM COUNCIL, views a previous decision in the Widmar case and the Supreme Court's recent announcement as a serious contradiction. "The Court is making a distinction between high school and college campuses as far as religious speech is concerned. It is my opinion that this is an illegitimate distinction because the Constitution guarantees freedom of speech and religion to people, no matter what their age."

THE FREEDOM COUNCIL will continue to work in concert with Christian leaders, members of Congress and Constitutional lawyers in the implementation of a two-pronged strategy: (1) providing Amicus Briefs in similar cases involving religious freedom in public schools; and (2) working for new legislation in Congress that would:

- . establish freedom of speech for religious groups in secondary schools across the country; and
- . remove school prayer issues in individual states from the jurisdiction of the federal courts.

This information is provided as a service to "The Friends of THE FREEDOM COUNCIL". Your comments and questions are invited.

In His Service,



Ted Pantaleo,  
Executive Director

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Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Morton:

This letter will confirm my intent to call you on the morning of June 27 ( Sunday) to be interviewed and receive telephone calls from listeners.

I will place the call at 1:00 a.m. EDT and will direct it to your residence, (703) 243-7660. The main topic of discussion will be the Prayer Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, of which - I understand - you were one of two authors. Additional topics will include other possible amendments and the state of affairs (from a conservative perspective) in Washington.

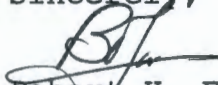
My program is the only all night talk show in New Orleans during the weekend. The audience is mostly middle aged to elderly and conservative. However, I intend to promote your appearance as much as possible and we will most likely have people coming out of the woodwork.

You may wish to write George Forester and let him know of our plans. I have not yet met him but hope to have that pleasure in the near future.

In order to help me prepare for the broadcast, I would appreciate a copy of your resume from which I might draw my opening questions. Those should last about 15-20 minutes and we will then open the lines. Guests usually stay from one to two hours and I will ask you after the first hour if you can stay on the line. If not, just say that you have an early appointment and it is not possible. If yes, I will suggest another half hour.

If you have any questions please contact me at the address and phone number shown here. I am looking forward to chatting with you once again and promise you a lively time.

Sincerely,

  
Robert H. Fry  
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## REFLECTIONS

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Words carry a peculiar freight, trigger a reaction in specific settings. The "school prayer" debate involves some odd words, 4 to 7 syllables long.

Consider *secularization*: simply to transfer from ecclesiastical to civil use. More precisely, to make secular: "that which is of or relating to the worldly or temporal as distinguished from the spiritual or eternal."

Secularization is exactly what would happen to prayer if some folks had their way. The most intimate and inner expression in religion would be drafted, conscripted, and dragged from its rightful setting where it is tenderly taught and spiritually shared. Prayer would be put into uniform and forced to do civil duty, to tote the values of the common culture, to bear the burdens of pop religion.

Prayer, as in "school prayer," is a component of civil religion. It is of necessity watered down. Whether prescribed by some level of authority like the teacher on the beat or the spontaneous outbursts of self-anointed spiritually superior students, it's watered down worship. There is something cheap about making prayer come under civil service, used to "quiet the kids down."

Isn't it ironic that folks who quake at the danger of secular humanism are the very ones pushing for prayer in the public schools, an ultimate secularization?

Consider *trivialization*. We live on several planes, but they intersect and intertwine. One can not and should not attempt an arbitrary division between the sacred and the secular. Christians accept Jesus Christ as the Lord of all life.

Yet, it is possible to put down, make light of, reduce to ridicule The Holy. Abraham Heschel, a great man of faith, spent his life attending awe as the ultimate emotion. Louis Cobb said, "The bump of reverence on the American head is a dent."

Great hunks of humanity in this country see nothing wrong with "using" prayer. If we who have given our lives to Him Who Was and Is and Ever Shall Be mean what we say and sing on Sunday, we will resist trivialization.

At seminary we had a yell for the intra-mural football team: "Yea black! yea gray! Seminary, Seminary! Let us pray!" Irreverent? Certainly!

However, it wasn't as dangerously irreverent and threatening to the spiritually sensitive as the move to allow government to get into religious observance. It seems that the religious right would like to name God the National Mascot. Trivialization!

Next, think about *reductionism*. For some, school prayer may not be tainted by this term. If, for you, prayer is nothing but ritual, mechanical observance, surface activity that has little if anything to do with heartfelt religion, it doesn't matter. If prayer is repeating rote phrases without engaging the mind, who cares what goes on in school.

If so-called school prayers are effective, compelling, and meaningful, then they constitute indoctrination, evangelization, and they have no part in the patterns of public school life.

On the other hand, if prayer is weak-kneed and wishy-washy, a poor imitation of the real thing, then it consti-

tutes a threat to authentic religion, contradicting what is being taught at home and church or synagogue. School "praying" can work like a flu shot. An inoculation of diluted deism can make some children immune, or at least resistant, to real religion.

Mr. Justice Stevens was correct in calling school prayers "compelled ritual." That's reductionism.

Now look at *revisionism*. Rewriting history is a growth industry of the fundamentalists who have recently come alive to their civic duties. It takes the place of study and research. It portrays Colonial America as a Christian nation. In fact, less than 20% of those people had any church connection. It portrays the founding fathers as great men of the Faith. In fact, some were bounders, others, deists, all sons of the Enlightenment. It minimizes the dedication of the framers of the Constitution to Jefferson's "wall of separation" between church and state.

In evaluating recent history advocates of religious exercise in the public classroom moan that all our present ills stem from "putting God out of the schools" (as if the Heavenly One could be carted about). In fact, school prayers have been faithfully and widely practiced in other countries and they haven't brought idealistic Islam to Iran, churchgoing to England, religious toleration to Belgium, sexual morality to Sweden, freedom of thought to Spain, or peace to Northern Ireland. They pray in schools there.

*Collectivization* is another real danger in our world. We don't need homogenized culture and religion in this country any more than it is needed in communist lands. Part of our strength lies in our pluralism and diversity. If we had prayers in public settings, they could be Buddhist in Hawaii, Mormon in Utah, Baptist in Mississippi, Roman Catholic in New Mexico and Black Muslim in Harlem.

On the other hand, someone has suggested that public school prayer to be fair would have to be addressed "to whom it may concern."

Lowest-common-denominator religion is not worth much to anyone. Emil Brunner criticized collectivism saying that it makes up society "like briquets of so many pulverized individuals." Moves to approve school prayers are steps toward collectivization.

One more word: *authoritarianism*. The dictionary says it is "of, relating to, or favoring a principle of often blind submission to authority as opposed to individual freedom."

Most of the folks for "returning prayer to the schools" have never thought about how such a practice fosters authoritarianism. It does so even and especially with the dedicated and caring teachers of small children. Most often these teachers do not want that role. They'd reject it if they could. Many, if not most of them, understand that for prayer to be real it has to be free. They're not interested in "favoring a principle of blind submission" particularly when it comes to religion. Most Americans are not opposed to individual freedom. We hate authoritarianism.

Explain these words to your Congressman, will you? The Supreme Court was right to reject government meddling in religion and efforts to legalize school prayers.



# Commentary

## School prayer: A presidential genuflection to hot gospelers

President Reagan, genuflecting in the direction of the Rev. Jerry Falwell and other hot gospelers of the New Right, has come out in favor of a constitutional amendment returning voluntary prayer to the nation's classrooms. He is, of course, quite wrong in this.

It is not that prayer is too trivial a matter to be dealt with by a constitutional amendment. Quite the contrary: conversation between man and his Maker, which is what prayer amounts to, is far too serious a matter to be sandwiched in between Environmental Studies and Swahili 101 at good old Walt Whitman High.

Quite probably the founders did not intend the First Amendment to ban religion from the schools. Rather, it would seem, they intended to ban the establishment of any one faith, not the practice of all.

Nevertheless, the America of the founders — rural, English-speaking and Protestant — was quite a different place from the United States of today, a

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melange of many millions of urban Protestants, Catholics, Jews, Buddhists, Moslems and non-believers speaking half a dozen tongues.

Just as it took the Supreme Court nearly a century to discover (by the constitutional amendment route) that slavery somehow was wrong, it is hardly surprising that it took the court 170 years to reach the conclusion 20 years ago that prayers that had been tolerated in schools could no longer be allowed.

Indeed, it is passing strange that the Rev. Falwell and others washed in the blood of the Lamb should feel prayer is most efficacious when muttered in home room. God, unlike Israel Shenker's unionized teachers, does not work a 40-hour week. He invariably is available when and where his erring children — including politicians and men of the cloth — seek him.

The president asserts that no one will ever convince him "that a moment of voluntary prayer will harm a child."

But that really is not the issue. Children are seldom sent home from school with a note from their teacher for

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whispering a heartfelt prayer — which of us has not done so? — before a geometry test. Students are not disciplined if caught furtively reading Deuteron-

voluntary. Neither teachers, principals nor elected school boards can tell him what, where, when or how to pray, even when local church leaders have agreed

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omy behind the cover of Playboy during study hall.

What the court's 1962 and 1963 rulings state is that little Johnny cannot participate in a worship service on school property, even if attendance is

on an acceptable common form of worship.

It is just as well. To reduce prayer to the lowest acceptable common denominator is to deprive it of majesty and trivialize it to the point of worthlessness.

to produce a theological McDonald's capable only of boasting about the number served. And if the authorities of the state have the right to prescribe, do they not have the authority to prescribe, the right to promote one form of worship, however bland, over another?

A person's religious beliefs are — or ought to be — among his most prized and private possessions. As it happens, I have it on good authority — that of Thomas Archbishop Cranmer, burned at Oxford in 1556 by other equally devout clerics — that God is an Episcopalian. But as I would resist to the utmost the imposition of Jerry Falwell's views on me, so I would not foist mine — although obviously correct — on him.

One need not be disconsolate. There are excellent places to pray. One is called church. It is open Sundays and most week days. Another place where prayer is both constitutional and altogether pleasing in the sight of the Lord is called home. No policeman will knock should any of us wish to get down on his knees by his bed to seek spiritual solace. Nor are the courts likely to inter-

vene should any of my conservative brethren wish to say grace before breaking bread.

To lay upon teachers and school boards the burden of prescribing prayers and promoting religion, given the current level of academic achievement in our schools, would be to producing generations of theolog illiterates. Too many of the young already seem to be under the impression that prayer is what one does before the kickoff of a pro football game.

For centuries, church and state were virtually indistinguishable from another, with bishops leading troops into battle and kings ruling by divine right as God's lieutenants on earth. Those days are long past, and to attempt to link church and state again would strengthen neither and to denigrate both.

To resist the reintroduction of prayer into public schools is not to deny the transcendental importance of God's men's affairs. It is to reject the dogmatism of those who would use Scripture not to further the Lord's but their own.

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## Reagan submits prayer amendment

President Reagan, yesterday formally submitted to Congress a proposed constitutional amendment permitting prayer in public schools.

The proposed amendment is 37 words:

"Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit individual or group prayer in public schools or other public institutions. No person shall be required by the United States or by any state to participate in prayer."

In a message to Congress, the president said the amendment would "restore the simple freedom of our citizens to offer prayer in public schools and institutions." Such prayer has been prohibited since 1962 when the Supreme Court ruled that it violated the constitutional separation of church and state.

Reagan disclosed his plans to propose such an amendment two weeks ago. However, a White House task force under the direction of Elizabeth Dole and Edwin Harper, special assistants to Reagan, had been working for several months with University of Texas law professor Grover J. Reese III to draft the proposed amendment.

Morton Blackwell, the president's principal liaison to the religious community, said, "I predict speedy passage of this amendment by Congress and the state legislatures, because the grass-roots pressure in favor of the president's proposal will be irresistible."

PRESERVATION COPY

MEMORANDUM

file school  
prayer

TO: Connie and Paul & Merton

FROM: Sally

RE: Strategy (Prayer Lobby) for Lane Duck Session

DATE: November 16, 1982 - Tuesday

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There will be a prayer lobby strategy meeting at 3:00 on Friday the 19th in the conference room at C.S.F.C.

Proposed Agenda & meeting objectives

- a) Karl Moor and March Bell will give an explanation of the Denton Amendment and an update on what we have done so far.
- b) I will distribute copies of the amendment and a detailed memorandum to all of the coalition members explaining the legislation.
- c) Survey
- d) Writing assignments
- e) Action assignments
- f) Announce next meeting -- Wednesday the 24th, directly after Library Court (at this time we will expect progress reports from each of the coalition members and we will have the results of the survey)

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Questions for Paul & Connie

- 1) Should I prepare them a written copy of the strategy? *no*
- 2) Press conference -- would CRCM be willing to make a call? *yes*
- 3) Meeting with Senator Denton today.
- 4) I will make phone calls today and tomorrow about the meeting on Friday. Do I invite Gary Jarmin? *no*
- 5) Tell her about P.R. strategy -- Carter Claws and Senate Republican Conference.
  - a) mailing to cable people under Senator Denton's frank -- tape provided by Senate Republican Conference
  - b) filler film -- 15 minutes -- it will go on S.R.C.'s satellite hookup (See attachment)
  - c) Op Ed pieces to S.R.C.'s media mailing list.

Merton -

Paul & Connie both liked it - so will going for it. Can you possibly make the meetings?

Sally



SCHOOL PRAYER  
ACTUALITY - 15 MINUTES

CABLE TELEVISION

1) Descending the steps of the Supreme Court:

Denton discusses the 1962 and 1963 decisions and their impact.

2) Insert showing public school children alighting from buses:

Denton voice over talks about the changes in court precedents leading to banning of all forms of religious activities, e.g., threats to Christmas pagents and posting Ten Commandments.

3) Steps of the Capitol:

Denton discusses the recent failure of legislation to remove Supreme Court jurisdiction and the long-term goal of securing a Constitutional amendment.

4) Moves inside the Capitol building:

- ° Denton discusses proposals of a non-constitutional sort that would guarantee the right of religious students groups to meet in non-instructional periods. He emphasizes free speech and historical antecedents of religious toleration.
- ° Closes with a brief discussion of his experiences in a society where freedom is non-existent and only silent prayer is permitted.

Good Afternoon, my name is \_\_\_\_\_, with Project Prayer, we are a coalition of groups who wish to protect religious freedom in public schools. At present, there are two legislative options open to legislators: the President's proposed constitutional amendment and an amendment designed to insure the equal opportunity of student groups to meet during non-instructional periods. Given your knowledge of your Senator's position on these issues, do you believe that he will:

- 1) Support the President's proposal? It reads as follows:

Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit individual or group prayer in public schools or other public institutions. No person shall be required by the United States or by any State to participate in prayer.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Uncertain

- 2) Support Senator Denton's amendment to the Labor, HHS and Education appropriation bill during the Lame Duck session? It reads as follows:

None of the funds appropriated under the provisions of this act shall be obligated or expended for any local educational agency or any public elementary or secondary school thereof which by policy or in practice permits students, faculty or members of the community, or groups thereof, to engage in voluntary extracurricular activities on school premises but denies equal access and opportunity to, or discriminates against, students and faculty, or groups thereof, seeking to engage in prayer, religious discussion or silent meditation on school premises.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Uncertain

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 23, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR KEN DUBERSTEIN

FROM: MORTON C. BLACKWELL 

SUBJECT: Denton Amendment

Here is the copy you requested of the Denton school prayer amendment designed to be a rider to appropriations bills.

cc - Elizabeth H. Dole

**Purpose:**

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES -- 97th Cong., 2d Sess.

S. Amendment No. \_\_\_\_\_

To protect religious freedom in public schools.

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Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

Amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. Denton

**Viz:**

1       None of the funds appropriated under the provisions  
2 of this Act shall be obligated or expended for any local  
3 educational agency or any public elementary or secondary  
4 school thereof which by policy or in practice permits  
5 students, faculty or members of the community, or groups  
6 thereof, to engage in extracurricular activities on school  
7 premises but denies equal access and opportunity to, or  
8 discriminates against, students and faculty, or groups  
9 thereof, seeking to engage in voluntary prayer, religious  
10 discussion or silent meditation.



# Project Prayer

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July 14, 1982

TO: Morton Blackwell  
FROM: Gary Jarmin, Project Prayer  
RE: President Reception/Meeting With  
School Prayer Leaders

We want to get our nationwide, grassroots campaign for the President's constitutional amendment off with a big bang in the near future. To successfully accomplish this I propose the following:

1. Establish July 30th as the cut-off date for people/organizations to join the Project Prayer coalition (we have grown from our original 62 members to now over 110).
2. Invite all the Project Prayer members to attend a kick-off press conference, including Sen. Thurmond and Tom Kindness, here in Washington, DC sometime in early or mid August.
3. Hold a reception/meeting on the same day with R.R. and a White House briefing in the OEB on the constitutional amendment.

I think the above would greatly help to give impetus and new life to the school prayer movement. The key to bringing these leaders to Washington, D.C. for a press conference will greatly depend on them meeting with the President. We can arrange the press conference at almost any time. What we need to know ASAP is (a) whether the President will agree to such a meeting, and (b) what date would be best for his schedule.

Please Advise.

\*Organization listed for  
identification purposes only

cc: Connie Marshner



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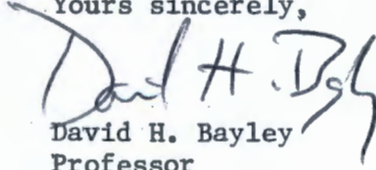
Mr. Morton C. Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President for Public Liason  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

Thank you for the information on the "Voluntary School Prayer Amendment." My view can be briefly expressed in the following points:

- (1) Voluntary school prayer already exists under the Supreme Court decision. Accordingly, this amendment is political opportunism of the worst sort.
- (2) The measure supported by the President is a travesty on the basic nature of prayer.
- (3) The foundation of religion in national life depends on what happens voluntarily in churches, homes, and schools, not on government imposition of empty forms.
- (4) I find this governmental intrusion in a sacred area profoundly disturbing.

Yours sincerely,

  
David H. Bayley  
Professor

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June 22, 1982

Hon. Morton C. Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison  
The White House  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Morton:

Thank you for sending me the President's School Prayer Amendment. I personally support it unequivocally and have written to Sen. Thurmond and Mr. Kindness, copies enclosed.

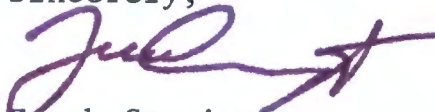
Do you recall the case, perhaps seven or eight years ago, when a school superintendent, I believe in Rhode Island, elected to read the daily prayer of the Congress, as contained in the Congressional Record, to school children? His position - tongue in cheek, of course - was that this was not prayer but political science. It didn't take long for the ACLU to whip him into Federal District Court and stop this particular initiative; but, it is an excellent case in point of the fatuity of the Supreme Court's ruling. I don't have a citation for this, but I'm almost positive I got it out of National Review.

I had heard that you were in the White House and I congratulate you on this important appointment. It's nice to know that solid conservatives are at the high policy-making level.

I have been working with the Administration from time to time: on the Transition Team for criminal justice, then on the Attorney General's Task Force on Violent Crime; more recently, I'm on the Advisory Board of the National Institute for Justice and the President's Task Force on Victims. If I can ever be of assistance to you in your position I hope that you will call on me.

With best personal regards, I am,

Sincerely,



Frank Carrington  
Executive Director



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June 22, 1982

Hon. Strom Thurmond  
Russell Senate Building  
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Sen. Thurmond:

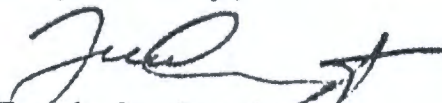
I take the liberty of writing to you to express my support and admiration for your initiative in sponsoring President Reagan's Voluntary School Prayer Amendment (S.J. Res. 199).

As the Administration's concise and well-reasoned memorandum of law of May 14, 1982 points out, this Nation was founded, in large measure, on an abiding faith in a Supreme Being. I know that far and away the greatest majority of our citizens share this belief today.

The issue may cut even deeper than this, however. Are we to be dictated to by a small, absolutist fringe, sustained, unfortunately, by judicial fiat, or should the elected representatives of the people, the Congress of the United States have the final say? Obviously the latter.

With thanks for such consideration as you may give this letter, I am,

Respectfully,



Frank G. Carrington  
Attorney and Counselor at Law

cc: Hon. Morton Blackwell



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June 22, 1982

Hon. Thomas Kindness  
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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Kindness:

I take the liberty of writing to you to express my support and admiration for your initiative in sponsoring President Reagan's Voluntary School Prayer Amendment (H.J. Res. 493).

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Attorney and Counselor at Law

cc: Hon. Morton Blackwell

### Prayers Permitted

Addressed to William Loeb: Supreme Court mandates, and laws of the land, permit prayers, bible and religion! "We are a Christian nation," the Supreme Court ruled! Our institutions and laws are structured upon these values. We are the "United" States of America, not the Diversified States of Godless living! The Constitution acknowledges the existence and importance of God and by its very guarantee of freedom of religion, forbidding prohibition unless "under color of religion one disturbs moral order."

"We cannot overlook the fact that we are a religious people," said Justice Goldberg. Godly nation, Godly people, Godly laws, Godly administration — these are our foundings and duty!

In privacy atheists enjoy their freedom, but in government, "they go their own way," according to the court. "In God We Trust, One nation under God, we must at all times keep our lives and nation under the sight of God," Congress enacted. We are not a secular nation like Russia, . . . , India. To the contrary, the inseparability of Constitution, family, morality, administration and survival are based on Biblical morality; hence duty to God and country. Religion mandates parents, raise children under sight of God.

The Supreme Court prayers cases related to legislated prayers not voluntary, non-sectarian for moral inspirationals, and celebrations, Christian non-sectarian holidays as Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas were not involved. The Jeffersonian caveat related to sectarian within the Christian religion, denouncing government preferential selection of one sect over another! We remain a "Christian nation," with religious freedom for all, with Christian priority where conflict, because we simply are Christian nation!

"Secularism is unconstitutional, it is the duty of government to deter no belief religions. Secular passivity is unconstitutional, no government facility may be used to commit inhibitions, handicaps, hostility, jeopardy prohibition to Godly belief. Atheists go their own way. Christianity is a way of life; education and public administration are based upon these values, as our institutions and laws. Only through this arrangement can public trust and confidence prevail. Student comfort is enhanced with knowledge of citizenship in one nation under God, Christian foundings. This is not promotion of religion; it is the facing of reality!"

*Why another Amendment when the Court did not rule out prayers - whether voluntary or legislated?  
Why an Amendment without the First Amendment guarantee?*

~~sent~~  
*sent anonymously*

Religion in the cases relate to general Christian, "non-sectarian" which is permitted; and religion Christian or Theistic "Sectarianism" which is not permitted! Theistic Sectarianism as Catholic or Jewish is forbidden, hence school programs and schedules reduced to accommodate these holidays is sectarianism, forbidden! Free exercise, however, the individual right is honored by attendance excusal, but the schools remain and function according to the foundings of general Christian belief, celebrating rightfully Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Prayers are two kinds, voluntary, non-sectarian, permitted, and prayers legislated, permitted where secular means fail to meet secular ends.

Founded a Christian nation, then, voluntary, non-sectarian prayers for belief in God, discipline, harmony, unity, teacher's authority and moral inspirationals manifest our belief, as Congress did through public law. Being non-sectarian, it is not promotion of religion sectarianism and thus is permitted. As knowledgeable non-Christians state: "Living is suggest where Christianity prevails!"

CITIZENS FOR GOD & COUNTRY  
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### A Confused Issue

Addressed to William Loeb: The issue of church and state is still pathetically confused. Case after case judges decide in favor and disfavor on the same misrepresentation of "separation of church and state". The Supreme Court in Roemer, 1976, made it clear "separation was never intended and never required. Neutrality, repeat, neutrality was the intention and requirement. This neutrality is directed to bonafide Godly beliefs. Depending on how well lawyers do their homework, cases are lost won, with judges recording opinions upon the confusion.

This was the situation in U.S. Shiel, a recent decision in the concerns of the Pentagon Thanksgiving exercises. Since 1942, the Pentagon by direction of President Roosevelt, conducted services partly because our nation has professed its belief in God, and partly because the isolation of the military permits the Pentagon to secure free exercise for its personnel. In keeping with tradition, the usual Thanksgiving services were conducted in November 1977. At this time an unruly, ... intruder disturbed the services shouting, "Separation of church and state,"

refusing to quiet down and sit down when so directed by the guard. Taken to court he was found guilty. He appealed, of course with encouragement with background supporters prodding him on! "Was the Pentagon involved in violation of separation", the Judge asked.

Since then, the Pentagon has realized the right to continue in accordance with constitutionality. Protected now by the Roemer Case, it is at liberty to perform the usual services and so planned for them for 1978. From this we can see the urgency for the public to come to the aid of their country, and to counteract the media misinformation about "separation."

The Roemer case is very neat, short, and directly explodes the "separation" tricks to subvert Godly belief in our nation.

"A system of government felt as pervasively as ours could hardly be expected never to cross paths with the church. In fact, our state and federal governments impose certain burdens upon, and impart certain benefits to, virtually all our activities, and religious activity is not an exception. The court has enforced a scrupulous neutrality by the state, as among religions, and also as between religious and other activities, but a hermetic separation of the two is an impossibility it has never required.

It long has been established, for example, that the state may send a cleric, indeed, even a clerical order to perform a wholly secular task!" Certainly you know your duty. It is such a simple effort for you to communicate your knowledge of this critical information with wide outreach. Pass the words, the facts along: "Separation of church and state was never intended and never required. Neutrality to Godly beliefs.

Upon these values our institutions and laws are established." It is the duty of government to deter no-belief religions. Secularism is unconstitutional. The state may not promote a belief of no religion, thus preferring those who do not believe over those who do believe." Abington, 1963. Like a good American, you will do your duty to God and Country.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

4-30-82 4:17 p.m.

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Attached is our revised list with the proper title. Please note on Page 4 Mrs. Stake should be Baptist Women not Captist Women.

Thank you -- sorry to be so much trouble.

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MEMORANDUM

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May 3, 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR SOCIAL OFFICE

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*[Handwritten initials]*

June 4, 1982

Elizabeth Hanford Dole  
The White House  
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Dear Mrs. Dole:

I have received the material you sent in regard to the President's remarks and proposed amendment to the Constitution which would restore the freedom of our citizens to offer prayer in our public schools and institutions. Thank you for thinking of me and placing this copy in my hands.

I believe the President is displaying great wisdom in promoting this cause. For years our young people have been destitute of the privilege which should be theirs in a free land -- that of worshipping God on a voluntary basis as their conscience dictates. As the President has said, The hallmark of America is that her founding fathers came here seeking for God, not for gold. That precious heritage has been lost to some of our recent generations, but perhaps it is not too late to restore it once again starting with our present generation.

It has been said that a politician is concerned about the next election, but a statesman is concerned about the next generation. I believe our President is showing himself to be a true statesman, and I am honored to serve in any way I can to help him accomplish these goals. Thank you again for the information.

Sincerely,

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