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The  
Freedom  
Council

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P.O. Box 64323 Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464

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October 5, 1983

Morton-

Attached is a copy of an information kit that we personally hand carried to each Christian leader mentioned in my letter to you.

We tried to anticipate their questions and their needs in fulfilling our request for immediate action. Thus we developed the enclosed material:

- . a cover letter calling for specific action
- . a copy of the wording of SJR #73
- . a list of the 100 U.S Senators and a common address
- . a brief on the alternative amendment, quoting constitutional attorneys

The same material was sent by Federal Express to the leaders we could not personally visit for one reason or another.

# The Freedom Council

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P.O. Box 64323 Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464

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October 4, 1983

Morton Blackwell  
Office of Public Liaison  
Special Assistant to the President  
Old Executive Office Bldg.  
Room 191  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Morton:

The following is a brief update of the activities of THE FREEDOM COUNCIL concerning President Reagan's revised school prayer amendment.

Since August 8th we have been traveling around the country briefing denominational heads and leaders of Christian groups on the school prayer issue. As a result of these briefings, these leaders have agreed to do two things: (a) write letters on their denominational or organizational letterhead to all 100 Senators asking them to vote yea on SJR #73 and nay on the alternative silent meditation and prayer amendment; and (b) send word to their leaders in the field, and through them, to the members of their denominations or organizations, asking them to write the 2 U.S. Senators from their states.

To date we have personally briefed these leaders:

- Dr. Ben Armstrong, Executive Director, National Religious Broadcasters
- Dr. William Bright, President, Campus Crusade for Christ
- \* Bishop Roderick Caesar, Head Bishop, United Pentecostal Council of the Assembly of God, Inc.
- Dr. James Draper, President, Southern Baptist Convention
- Rev. H.O. Espinoza, Chairman of the Hispanic section of the National Religious Broadcasters and President of PROMESA
- Dr. Rudy Hernandez, President, Texas Southern Baptist Mexican Convention
- Rev. Namsoo Kim, Pastor, Korean Assembly of God, Full Gospel New York Church
- Dr. L.L. King, President, Christian & Missionary Alliance
- Mrs Beverly LaHaye, President, Concerned Women of America
- Al Matt, Publisher, The Wanderer, a conservative Catholic newspaper
- Dr. Rolf McPherson, General Superintendent, International Church of the Four Square Gospel
- Bishop Paul Paino, President, Calvary Ministries International
- D. Leland Paris, North & South American Director, Youth With a Mission

\*Bishop J.O. Patterson, Presiding Bishop, Church of God in Christ

Dr. Dell Sanchez, member, Gulf Latin American District Council of the Assemblies of God

Demos Shakarian, Founder and President, Full Gospel Businessmen Fellowship International

Bishop Leon Stewart, General Superintendent, Pentecostal Holiness Church

\*Bishop Alvin Tate, Presiding Bishop, Soul Saving Station denomination

Rev. Morris Vaagenes, President, International Lutheran Center for Church Renewal

Rev. Robert Weiner, President and Founder, Maranatha Campus Ministries

Rev. Kenneth Wong, English Pastor, Oversea Chinese Mission

Dr. Thomas Zimmerman, General Superintendent, Assemblies of God

In addition, we prepared and distributed special materials on the school prayer issue for certain leaders whose schedules would not permit a personal meeting, and briefed them by telephone and mail. They are: Rev. Billy Graham, President, Billy Graham Association; Rev. Andrew Leung, Chairman, Chinese Pastors Fellowship, New York City; Rev. Robert Tilton, Pastor, Word of Faith World Outreach Center; Dr. Jerald Johnson, General Superintendent, The Nazarene Church; Rev. Eugene McGee, Pastor's Prayer Fellowship of New York City; and Rev. John Kim, Superintendent, Korean section of Pentecostal Holiness Church.

Mr. Harley Hickling, governmental and political analyst on our staff, has personally followed up my work with these leaders by maintaining close telephone contact with their offices. Thus we have been able to both monitor and increase the response of national Christian leaders and their followers throughout the nation.

During the final phase of this effort with the churches, we will increase our efforts to obtain participation by mainline churches. We are now preparing to meet with leaders in the Catholic, Episcopal, Presbyterian, United Methodist and Menonite churches.

We have asked all these Christian leaders to send us copies of their correspondence they receive from the U.S. Senators. This will help us find out where individual senators stand on the school prayer issue in regard to both amendments and possible alternatives. We have already begun intensified "grassroots" lobbying efforts with some of these senators through our own network of volunteer coordinators and through the efforts of local churches, religious media, and local chapters of Christian organizations.

As part of our all out effort to secure passage of SJR #73 our Direct Mail department developed a special package for those on the mailing list of the Christian Broadcasting Network. On September 9, 1981 nearly 400,000 pieces were mailed out over Pat Robertson's signature asking those on our mailing list to contact their U.S. Senators to insure passage of the President's prayer amendment and the defeat of the alternative amendment for silent meditation and silent prayer. Everyone on the mailing list should have received this package between September 16th and September 23rd, and subsequently contacted their 2 U.S. Senators. CBN's "700 Club" will follow up this mailing with a special TV blitz just prior to the vote on both amendments by the full Senate.

\* Black denominations

Sincerely,



Ted Pantaleo,  
Executive Director

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CBN/FREEDOM COUNCIL  
PRAYER AMENDMENT  
MAILING

September 2, 1983

Dear CBN Friend,

In just a few days, a vote will be taken in the United States Senate which I believe will affect the entire future of our nation. What I'm talking about is the vote on the President's proposed School Prayer Amendment.

Less than two months ago this same amendment came up before the Senate Judiciary Committee. Even White House staffers predicted defeat.

Meanwhile, my associate Ted Pantaleo of The Freedom Council worked behind the scenes to rally the support of Christian leaders. And I made an emergency appeal on "The 700 Club" encouraging our viewers to contact the members of the committee.

The result was dramatic. The senators unexpectedly voted 14-3 in favor of reporting the President's Amendment to the full Senate.

President Reagan once told me that, in dealing with Congress, what's important is not whether they see the light, it's whether they feel the heat! The members of the Judiciary Committee felt the heat. And look at what happened.

Now we've got to make the entire Senate feel that heat. Because soon after Labor Day, the President's Prayer Amendment will be brought before the full Senate for a vote. And it must pass by a two-thirds majority.

The President's Amendment (Senate Joint Resolution 73) 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. Neither the United States nor any state shall compose the words of any prayer to be said in the public schools.

Working together with The Freedom Council, we are doing all that we can to secure the passage of this amendment.

But it won't be easy. It hasn't been easy yet and it's not

going to be now. While we rejoice in the Judiciary Committee's action, we can't afford to relax our efforts in the least. We need to work harder than ever before.

You see, this is our greatest chance in two decades to regain this most vital of our freedoms.

Right now, I'm urging you to write the two U.S. senators from your state. Tell them how strongly you support the President's Prayer Amendment. And tell them how important it is to you that they support this amendment as well. Then ask them to let you know how they intend to vote.

It is vital that you refer to SJR 73 when you contact your senators. Senator Orrin Hatch has introduced an alternative prayer amendment which would permit only silent prayer. But I agree with what President Reagan says about that amendment: "I don't believe we've been fighting this prayer battle for the right to remain silent!"

So make sure your senators know you support the President's Amendment, SJR 73, but are opposed to the Silent Prayer and Meditation Amendment.

There's no time to waste. This measure could come before the Senate any day. Let us begin right now -- this very minute -- to create the groundswell that will leave no doubt in the mind of any U.S. senator that the American people want them to LET OUR CHILDREN PRAY AGAIN!

Please write, telephone, or visit your senators today. And talk to your pastor, your relatives, your friends -- even casual acquaintances -- and urge them to join us in this effort.

With your help and the help of others, we can make an impact on the future of this nation. After 20 years America's children can once again be free to pray.

Thank you for your help and God bless you.

Your brother in Christ,

Pat Robertson

P.S. Please fill in the enclosed reply card to let me know you are supporting us in this effort to restore our most precious freedom. Then return the card to me in the enclosed Freedom Council reply envelope. Thank you.



IF YOU WRITE YOUR SENATOR URGING SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PRAYER AMENDMENT:

1. Be courteous, tactful and positive.
2. Be concise, logical and factual, but use adequate length to express your position clearly. Accuracy is important, both in facts presented and in spelling and grammar.
3. Use personal stationery or plain paper.
4. Include an inside return address in the upper right hand corner followed by the reference line: Re: President's Prayer Amendment SJR 73.
5. It should be addressed to:  
The Honorable (John Doe)  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510  
Dear Senator (Doe)
6. State clearly how you want him to vote and ask him to write you and let you know how he intends to vote.
7. Write a follow-up letter if he doesn't answer your question directly. Politely insist that he respond to your question.
8. Send a follow-up thank you letter when the senator votes the way you asked him to.
9. Be sure and sign your name.
10. Senators know your vote in the next election for them might be in question if they do not vote as you have instructed them. Trying to persuade the senator with your vote introduces a negative element into your communication that will likely destroy any positive results from your attempt to influence him.

SAMPLE LETTER

Dear Senator (Doe):

I am deeply concerned about the erosion of our basic freedoms in this country. Specifically, I'm concerned about the right of our children to voluntarily pray in our public schools.

That's why I'm writing to you today and urging you to support President Reagan's proposed Prayer Amendment, Senate Joint Resolution 73, when it comes before the United States Senate.

Although I strongly support SJR 73, I want to clearly state that I do not support the Silent Prayer and Meditation Amendment. I feel that this amendment accomplishes very little in the way of true restoration of our children's freedom to pray unrestrained and unhindered.

One of the most important freedoms that Americans have always had in the past has been the right to pray. To deny our children this right is, I believe, to deny the very basis upon which America was founded.

As soon as possible, I would appreciate hearing from you that you intend to support SJR 73.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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This letter is intended only as a sample of one approach you might take. Please write your senator in your own words and urge him to support this important measure.

PRAYER AMENDMENT REPLY CARD

Yes Pat! I stand with you in this effort to LET OUR CHILDREN PRAY AGAIN!

- ( ) I will contact my senators by mail, by telephone, or in person, to urge passage of the President's Prayer Amendment, SJR 73.
- ( ) I will contact as many of my friends, relatives and acquaintances as possible and urge them to join us in this effort.
- ( ) Please send me the latest issue of THE FREEDOM REPORT to help me stay informed on the battle for religious freedom in America.
- ( ) Please send me more information on how I can become involved in The Freedom Council's work to protect and restore America's religious liberty.

VOLUNTARY PRAYER AMENDMENT

WHEREAS, The founders of this great nation supported by 1  
God-fearing colonists from various states, were determined 2  
that the Congress of the United States would not be clad with 3  
power to establish a federal church, or to restrict the 4  
religious freedom of the citizens of this nation; and 5

WHEREAS, With carefully chosen and meaningful efforts 6  
toward accomplishing and safeguarding as inalienable and 7  
inviolable these sacred rights for its citizens, their 8  
representatives in the Senate labored arduously to guarantee 9  
such rights for all time, as is evidenced in an early draft 10  
of the First Amendment which read: 11

"Congress shall make no law establishing articles 12  
of faith or mode of worship, or prohibiting the free 13  
exercise of religion;" and 14

WHEREAS, Later both houses of Congress agreed upon and 15  
adopted a simpler formula: 16

"Congress shall make no law respecting an 17  
establishment of religion or prohibiting the free 18  
exercise thereof;" 19

and did by this act clearly establish its intent that the 20  
federal government was not to have power to prefer one sect 21  
over another or to interfere with the rights of any person 22  
to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience, 23  
as had been true in countries from which they had fled in 24  
order to gain and retain this freedom; and 25

WHEREAS, The free exercise of such sacred freedom as 26

intentionally prescribed in the First Amendment, has existed 1  
in continuous practice until the year 1962; and 2

WHEREAS, The same Congress which proposed the said First 3  
Amendment, was served by a chaplain opening its daily 4  
proceedings with prayer, authorized the printing of Bibles 5  
out of the public treasury, and affirmed a reliance on 6  
"divine providence," thus effectively demonstrating its own 7  
interpretation of the meaning and intent of said amendment; 8  
and 9

WHEREAS, The free exercise of such sacred freedom as 10  
intentionally prescribed by the First Amendment, has existed 11  
in continuous practice in our national and local life as 12  
demonstrated by a profound belief in God, in the efficacy of 13  
private and public prayer, and in morality based upon the 14  
teachings of the Old and the New Testaments until the year 15  
1962 when a small minority forced through the federal court 16  
system a mis-shapen concept of the establishment clause of 17  
the First Amendment, which contains no resemblance to the 18  
views intended by, or the convictions held by the founding 19  
fathers of our nation, nor to the customs and practices 20  
undisturbed in 375 years of history and therefore well 21  
established; and 22

WHEREAS, In attempts to restore the rights originally 23  
intended by the First Amendment, two proposed constitutional 24  
amendments on school prayer were voted out of the Senate 25  
Judiciary Committee on July 14, 1983: 26

1. The revised version of the Senate Joint 1  
Resolution #73 (known as President Reagan's Revised 2  
Voluntary Prayer Amendment) which reads: 3

"Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed 4  
to prohibit individual or group prayer in public schools 5  
or other public institutions. No person shall be 6  
required by the United States or by any State to 7  
participate in prayer. Nor shall the United States or 8  
any State compose the words of any prayer to be said 9  
in public schools." 10

2. An alternative amendment calling for silent 11  
meditation and silent prayer which reads: 12

"Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed 13  
to prohibit individual or group silent prayer of 14  
meditation in public schools. Neither the United States 15  
or any State shall require any person to participate 16  
in such prayer or meditation, nor shall they encourage 17  
a particular form of prayer or meditation. 18

"Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed 19  
to prohibit Equal Access to the use of public school 20  
facilities by all voluntary student groups;" and 21

WHEREAS, The foregoing proposed Alternative Prayer 22  
Amendment puts the emphasis on silence and is therefore 23  
unnecessary since silent prayer has not been ruled 24  
unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, thus its adoption 25  
would only foster confusion, and further, would (1) legally 26

support the practice of eastern religions and transcendental meditation in public schools and (2) through emphasis on silence, would also jeopardize all oral devotional prayers in schools, including benedictions and invocations; and

WHEREAS, Both of the above stated amendments will be considered by the full Senate sometime between Labor Day and October 1, 1983; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this 40th General Council of the Assemblies of God go on record as supporting the President's Revised Voluntary Prayer Amendment known as the revised version of Senate Joint Resolution #73, and as opposing the alternative amendment which calls for silent meditation and silent prayer; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Council hereby recommends to all pastors that they begin at once to urge the members of their congregations to write letters to both U.S. Senators who represent their State, requesting that said senators represent them by voting YES for Senate Joint Resolution #73 and by voting NO on the alternative silent meditation amendment, such letters should be brief, to the point and in the writer's own words with the latter part of the letter serving as an attempt to obtain a response from the senators on how they intend to vote on this important matter; and be it further

RESOLVED, That pastors be requested to forward responses from the senators to the office of the General Secretary at

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the earliest date possible.

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September 23, 1983

Dr. M.G. Robertson  
The 700 Club  
Virginia Beach, VA 23463

Dear Pat,

Greetings in the Name of the Lord! Hoping for a meeting with you, I met with Ted Pantaleo concerning what God is doing in Central America and he asked me to write and let you know the latest developments. Ted felt you would be thrilled to know what God is doing there, as well as the opportunities available to the body of Christ.

Last month I had the opportunity to meet with President Alvaro Magana of El Salvador. He asked me to invite not only YWAM, but all of the body of Christ to come to El Salvador for three reasons -- for spiritual help, building morale and practical assistance in the form of mercy ministries.

I wish you had been with me, Pat, to see how God is working in the life of President Magana through the heavy burdens of his office. He truly not only wants, but is requesting, help from the body of Christ in the rebuilding of his nation, so brutally ravaged by communist guerrillas.

President Alvaro Magana is well acquainted with YWAM's involvement in neighboring Guatemala. Since January of this year, through our coordination efforts, more than 1,500 Christians from all over the world, among them many doctors, nurses, carpenters, electricians and people with professional skills, have gone to Guatemala to evangelize and work in practical areas of demonstrating mercy. Even with the August 8 coup, which brought General Oscar Humberto Mejia Victores to power, God has clearly spoken that now is a time to advance, not to retreat. And so, by God's grace, we are.

Youth With A Mission has been given the opportunity to purchase the last TV station to be licensed in Guatemala, Channel 21, and we are now in the process of purchasing it. With booster stations on the borders, we will have the capacity to reach much of Central America with live and pre-recorded Christian programming. What an incredible opportunity!

President Alvaro Magana has specifically requested the body of Christ to focus our efforts on the rebuilding of the town of San Lorenzo as a model pilot project for cities throughout El Salvador. Once with a population of 5,000 people, San Lorenzo was reduced to just 50 after the guerrillas came. Many of the people were killed; others fled. Now the people are returning to the city -- but there is little to return to. No electricity, no water, homes destroyed -- not a pretty picture. But God has targeted this town to show His care for El Salvador. Using this town as a pilot project on how to rebuild a city spiritually and physically, the president would like to see this multiplied in ruined and destroyed cities throughout the nation. I specifically mentioned you to the president, and his hope is that you and I will be able to work closely together to see that the work is coordinated for best results. I have accepted the responsibility from President Magana to help coordinate the El Salvador project as a part of our overall Central America restoration project.

We will be kicking off the El Salvador project with a major outreach this coming January, being joined by Christians from all over the world. Already a lady from Kansas City has donated the generator which will provide water and electricity for the entire town of San Lorenzo. Others are getting involved in other ways. President Magana wants Christians to bring the Word of God to his Salvadoran people. He was so excited to receive the Bible I gave him, officially launching "Bibles For El Salvador". I know this area of the world is of special concern to you, Pat. We cannot divorce ourselves from what is happening in Central America. I am sure you are aware of the close ties between the Middle East and several of these Central American nations where we are working.


It is my sincere hope that we will be able to work together to make a strong and lasting impact for Christ in Central America. Individually, we can each accomplish many good things, but together we can put multiplied thousands to flight. I see the body of Christ in North America as the resource. I see you as the voice. I see YWAM and many others who can join us in Central America as the arms and legs.

We in Youth With A Mission would appreciate very much the opportunity to work with you in what God is doing in Central America. God is not interested in just perpetuating our ministries and blessing a few people here and there. He is out to win the war. He has a strategy. The kingdoms of this world are already beginning to become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ.

I would appreciate it if you could allow me to meet with you as soon as possible. I am prepared to bring with me the official list of needs prepared for us by the staff of President Alvaro Magana, as well as photographs and other pertinent information and materials.

May God richly bless you, your family and ministry!

About our Father's business,

  
Oren Paris, Director  
STRATEGIC MISSIONS FOR STRATEGIC NATIONS  
Youth With A Mission

✓ cc: Ted Pantaleo

# THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 6, 1983

NYACK, NEW YORK 10960  
CABLE ADDRESS: PAROUSIA NYACK NEW YORK STATE  
PHONE (914) 353-0750

Mr. Ted Pantaleo  
Executive Director  
The Freedom Council  
P. O. Box 64323  
Virginia Beach, VA 23464

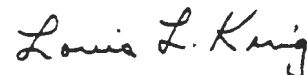
Dear Mr. Pantaleo:

Your visit on Wednesday, August 31, was very much appreciated and enjoyed.  
Thank you for coming.

Enclosed is a copy of the letter that I have sent to all of the senators.

I am hoping and praying that the President's revised constitutional prayer  
amendment will indeed be adopted.

Cordially yours,



Louis L. King  
President

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# THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

September 6, 1983

NYACK, NEW YORK 10960  
CABLE ADDRESS: PAROUSIA NYACK, NEW YORK STATE  
PHONE (914) 353-0750

The Honorable Strom Thurmond  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: President's Prayer Amendment SJR 73

Dear Senator Thurmond:

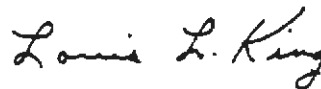
The School Prayer issue has all along vitally interested me and the 211,000 constituents of the denomination of which I am the president. We have, however, until now remained inactive and silent about it due to the question of its constitutionality.

This, however, has been most satisfactorily dealt with in the revised version of Senate Joint Resolution #73 which was voted out of the Senate Judiciary Committee on July 14.

I should appreciate it if you would represent my denomination by voting yes for Senate Joint Resolution #73 and voting no for the alternative Silent Meditation and Silent Prayer Amendment.

Would you please let me know how you intend to vote on this so important constitutional amendment?

Sincerely yours,



Louis L. King  
President

LLK:ps



Presidente: H.O. Espinoza

PROYECTOS Y MINISTERIOS EVANGELICOS HISPANOS

P.O. Box 15140  
San Antonio, Texas 78212  
(512)824-3322

August 19, 1983

COPY

The Honorable Lloyd M. Bentsen, Jr.  
240 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Bentsen:

I am deeply concerned about the erosion of our basic freedom in this country. Specifically, I'm concerned about the right of our children to voluntarily pray in our public schools.

Also, I represent a very large Hispanic constituency in Texas and many other states, being president of PROMESA, a nationwide interdenominational religious organization, and also chairman of the Hispanic National Religious Broadcasters (HNRB) and deeply involved in educational, social and religious Hispanic activities.

That is why I am writing to you today, after consultation with many Hispanic religious leaders, especially protestant, and urging you to support President Reagan's proposed Prayer Amendment, Senate Joint Resolution 73, when it comes before the United States Senate.

Although I strongly support SJR 73, I want to clearly state that I do not support the Silent Prayer and Meditation Amendment. I feel that this amendment accomplishes very little in the way of true restoration of our children's freedom to pray unrestrained and unhindered.

One of the most important freedoms that Americans have always had in the past has been the right to pray. To deny our children this right is, I believe, to deny the very basis upon which America was founded.

As soon as possible, I would appreciate hearing from you that you intend to support SJR 73.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
H. O. ESPINOZA  
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INITIAL PRAYER AMENDMENT STRATEGY

<u>PHASE I</u> <u>FULL SENATE</u>	<u>TIME FRAME</u>	<u>GOAL:</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. CBN Direct Mail Campaign (week of Aug. 15; Aug.22)</li> <li>B. TV &amp; Media Support (700 Club; NRB; Friends in Broadcasting; Spots; PSA'S)</li> <li>C. Coordination of Mail Campaign for Denominations and Christian organizations (So. Baptists; A.G.'s; FGBMFI; Womens' Aglow; NRB; NAE; COGIC; Hispanics; Charismatic Lutherns; National Baptists; Catholics and others)</li> </ul>	Labor Day thru Oct. 1	67 U.S. Senators must vote: YES (SJR #73) 34 U.S. Senators must vote: NO (Hatch Amend.)  <u>OBSTACLE:</u> (60 U.S. Senators must also vote "for cloture" to break expected filli- buster)
<u>PHASE II</u> <u>HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE</u> (27 Members: 16 Democrats 11 Republicans)	By Mid Sept/later (immediately after Senate vote)	<u>GOAL:</u>  Amendment voted out of Committee for vote on House floor  <u>OBSTACLE:</u> 218 House Members must sign Discharge Petition to release from House Judic. Committee
<u>PHASE III</u> <u>FULL HOUSE VOTE</u>  Basically repeat and refine activities of PHASE I	?	<u>GOAL:</u>  290 House Members must vote favorably for Amendment
<u>PHASE IV</u> <u>38 STATE LEGISLATURES</u>  Intense "in-state" lobbying of state elected officials coordinated by TFC Coordinators as directed by National Headquarters; supported by groups in PHASE I,C	?	<u>GOAL:</u>  Ratified by 3/4 states

Full Gospel  
Business Men's Fellowship  
International

DEMOS SHAKARIAN  
President/Founder

August 22, 1983

The Honorable Alan Cranston  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cranston:

After meeting with President Reagan on July 12, to discuss school prayer legislation, I wanted to say that we, as an organization, emphatically endorse the new version of Senate Joint Resolution 73.

I strongly believe in the right of voluntary prayer in the public schools. We are a theistic country. The Supreme Court has clearly ruled that such acknowledgement of our theistic faith in the public sector is our right by law. Voluntary prayer guarantees the same right to our children. I believe we all share a strong desire to do something effective to reverse the trend of excluding all religious forms of speech from the public schools. S.J. Res. 73 is intended to reverse the Supreme Court's school prayer decisions of the early 1960's.

May I strongly urge you to support the President's revised amendment, which would ensure that religion is not discriminated against in our public schools, and vote NO on the alternative amendment. Our constituency of 75,000 members, represented in 2700 chapters and outreach ministries in 81 nations, oppose the silent prayer or meditation amendment as expressed by Senator Orrin Hatch.

I would appreciate knowing how you specifically intend to vote on this very vital and important issue.

Thank you for your leadership efforts on behalf of the school prayer movement, Senator Cranston, and your assistance in helping to restore voluntary religious expression to our public schools. God bless you and our continued prayers are with you in your key role of leadership.

Sincerely,

DEMOS SHAKARIAN  
International President

DS/ds

September 2, 1983

The Honorable-----

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Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_:

At its recent 40th General Council of the Assemblies of God meeting in Anaheim, California, delegates overwhelmingly passed a resolution in support of senate joint Resolution #73, also known as President Reagan's Revised Voluntary Prayer Amendment. The same delegates also opposed the alternative amendment which calls for silent meditation and silent prayer in the public schools.

The Assemblies of God represents over 10,000 churches in the United States with some 1.8 million members. It is the largest of the Pentecostal denominations with a worldwide constituency of over 12 million.

It is my understanding that Resolution #73 will come before the Senate for vote within the next few weeks. I am personally interested in seeing this resolution pass and therefore am requesting that you indicate to me how you will vote on this important matter.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Thos. F. Zimmerman  
General Superintendent

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Dear :

I am writing to you on behalf of the more than 3 million members of my denomination, The Church of God in Christ, the vast majority of whom favor voluntary prayer in our public schools.

The black community throughout America has a rich and fervent religious heritage. Since our people are so dependent upon the public school system we want our children to be able to pray in their classrooms again.

More than most, perhaps, we understand what happened in our nations classrooms when the Supreme Court asked God out of our schools. We know from bitter experience that once this happened, heroin, cocaine, murder, ignorance, illiteracy came into our public schools like a flood. If we are to upgrade the quality of our public schools we must again give our children a consciousness of God.

I ask you to wholeheartedly support the President's revised school prayer amendment, Senate Joint Resolution #73, when it comes to the floor of the Senate for a vote in the next few weeks. This amendment will not take away any rights of non-Christian or non praying students, but simply would allow students who want to pray the privilege that school children had enjoyed in our land for a period of 170 years, prior to the Supreme Court decisions of the 1960's and 70's.

By the same token, I would ask you to oppose vigorously the alternative "silent meditation and prayer" amendment, voted out of the Judiciary Committee along with Senate Resolution #73. This amendment is dangerous because it would not allow our children to mention God openly in our classrooms. It would prohibit even the slightest vocal mention of the Creator throughout the entire public education system of our nation. This amendment is totally unacceptable. Again, I ask to use all the means at your disposal to stop passage of "silent meditation and prayer" amendment.

Would you be so kind as to let me hear from you.

Believe me when I say, the black community is vitally concerned about the fate of the prayer amendment in the United States Senate. Our children should no longer be deprived of the right to pray, when the means to accomplish that--namely, passage of SJR #73--is so close at hand.

Thank you in advance for representing our people on this issue and bringing voluntary prayer back to our public schools.

Sincerely yours,

Bishop J.O. Patterson  
Presiding Bishop  
The Church of God in Christ

Today's Date

The Honorable John Doe  
The United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Doe:

I am writing to you today concerning the President's revised amendment calling for voluntary prayer in the public schools, Senate Joint Resolution #73. When the President first proposed his amendment I was opposed to it because it would allow for state-composed prayers. While the vast majority of our 14 million Southern Baptists favor voluntary prayer in our public schools, we could not support such a proposal. However, when the President at the urging of many of us in the Christian community, added clear and precise language which forbids any agent of the state or nation to compose the words of prayer for our schools, I was elated.

I want to urge you to support this proposed amendment. It will allow the school children of America the same privilege that we cherish for our congress, courts and other public forums, namely the right to public prayer. We are not an atheistic country. We are a nation that was founded upon Biblical principles and upon a firm belief in God. Voluntary prayer acknowledges this cherished heritage.

I must also express my strong opposition to the alternative proposal which calls for silent prayer and meditation. Because of the wording it could open the door for the full removal of all religious acknowledgement from the schools and eventually from public life. It must not be accepted. I urge you to oppose that alternative proposal.

I would be interested in hearing from you concerning this matter. I assure you that the people of this nation will be watching this matter most carefully and that there are millions of us who will not sit idly by and watch our wonderful nation take on the atmosphere and posture of denying God by removing all opportunities for prayer from the basic education of our children.

Sincerely yours,

James T. Draper

# The Freedom Council

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P.O. Box 64323 Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464

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September 14, 1983

The Honorable Ted Stevens  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Stevens:

My friend George Gallop last week gave me the interesting results of the August 1983 Gallop Poll of the attitudes of Americans.

The American people are almost unanimously united on one major issue. Democrats and Republicans, those over 55 and those under 30, blue collar workers, blacks, Hispanics, college educated, high school educated, those without high school education, all overwhelmingly favor a return to morality in the public schools of America.

Specifically, Gallop has found that 81% of the American people are totally familiar with a Constitutional amendment to permit voluntary prayer in the public schools in America and an astounding 82% of those people in August of 1983 favor such a Constitutional amendment.

Our organization has joined with a coalition of major religious groups, including the largest Protestant denomination in America, the second largest black denomination in America, the ~~fifth~~<sup>fourth</sup> largest Protestant denomination in America, the vast majority of the National Association of Evangelicals, the National Religious Broadcasters, the National Hispanic Broadcasters, and many other major religious groups to support Senate Joint Resolution #73 to permit voluntary prayer in public schools.

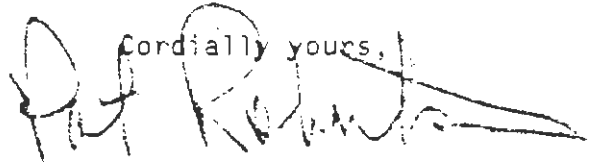
There has seldom been an issue as clear-cut as this one, and I urge your favorable vote when the measure comes before the United States Senate in early October, for the following reasons:

- (1) The amendment reestablishes time honored Constitutional rights which were erroneously taken away by Supreme Court action only 20 years ago.
- (2) From a sociological perspective the alarming decline in Scholastic Aptitude Tests and the equally alarming increase in delinquent behavior among our teenagers can be traced back to the breakdown of morality in our public schools subsequent to 1962.

Senator Ted Stevens  
September 14, 1983  
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(3) Seldom will you have the privilege of voting in favor of an issue which enjoys such overwhelming support from every class of your constituents in your State.

With thanks in advance for your consideration of this issue of vital importance to all the people of our nation, and with all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,  


Pat Robertson  
President

PR:bj

# The Freedom Council

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P.O. Box 64323 Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464

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September 29, 1983

Rev. Andrew Leung, Chairman  
Chinese Pastors Fellowship New York City  
Chinese Christian & Missionary Alliance  
149 E. Broadway  
New York, N.Y. 10002

Dear Rev. Leung:

Yesterday I had a delightful meeting with Pastor Kenneth Wong at his church in Chinatown, New York City and he suggested that I contact you immediately.

As you know two proposed constitutional amendments on school prayer were voted out of the Senate Judiciary Committee on July 14th:

- . the revised version of Senate Joint Resolution #73  
(President's Amendment)
- . an alternative amendment calling for silent meditation  
and silent prayer

Both amendments will be considered by the full Senate in early October. Between now and then a massive mail campaign will be launched by denominations and religious groups across America. The hope is that a well coordinated campaign by Christian leaders will help bring prayer back again to our public school system.

To be activated at once, this campaign will have 2 immediate goals, namely: (1) to ask Senators to secure passage of the President's revised prayer amendment and (2) to provide us with immediate feedback from our Senators as to how they plan to vote and why. Responses from our Senators will be very important in determining a national lobbying strategy for the Body of Christ in this matter.

We are asking you, and other heads of Christian denominations and Christian organizations, to write letters to all 100 United States Senators. These letters should be on the senator's desks no later than October 7th. They should indicate that these senators represent the denominations or Christian groups by voting YES for Senate Joint Resolution #73 and voting NO for the alternative silent meditation and silent prayer amendment.

The second part of the letter should attempt to get a response from the senators on how they intend to vote specifically in this situation. To help us coordinate this campaign as effectively as possible, we are asking you and the other denominational and organizational leaders to do one more thing. Please forward the responses from the senators to THE FREEDOM COUNCIL as soon as possible so we can gather intelligence and more effectively lobby for this amendment.

Finally, would you ask the pastors and leaders of the Chinese Christian & Missionary Alliance to write a similar letter to the 2 United States senators from their home states. In addition, they should ask the members of their congregations to do the same thing. These letters should reach the senator on or before October 10th.

In this way, your letter and the letters of the following Christian leaders will be in the hands of the aforementioned senators on or before October 7th: Dr. James Draper, President, Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. William Bright, President, Campus Crusade for Christ; Rev. Morris Vaagenes, President, International Lutheran Center for Church Renewal; Mrs Beverly LaHaye, President, Concerned Women of America; Dr. Thomas Zimmerman, General Superintendent, Assemblies of God; Demos Shakarian, Founder and President, Full Gospel Businessmen International; Dr. L.L. King, President, Christian and Missionary Alliance; Bishop J.O. Patterson, Presiding Bishop, Church of God in Christ; Dr. Ben Armstrong, Executive Director, National Religious Broadcasters; Rev. H.O. Espinoza, Chairman of the Hispanic section of the National Religious Broadcasters; Rev. Bob Weiner, Maranatha Campus Ministries; Dr. Rolf McPherson, General Superintendent, International Church of the Four Square Gospel, and others. The state and local leaders of these denominations and Christian organizations will then be writing similar letters to their senators to arrive on their desks by October 10th.

Senator Strom Thurmond reminded us at a recent hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee that, "We had prayer in our public schools for 170 years." We would like to thank you, and the leaders and members of the Chinese Christian Missionary and Alliance for your efforts to see that prayer is again restored in our nation's classrooms.

God bless you, my brother.

Your brother in Christ,



Ted Pantaleo,  
Executive Director

TP/ifo

P.S. All United States Senators may be reached at:

United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510



# The Gallup Poll

FOR RELEASE:  
Thursday,  
September 8, 1983

## 8 In 10 Favor Amendment Permitting Voluntary Group Prayer In Schools

By George Gallup

PRINCETON, N.J. — An overwhelming majority of Americans favor a Constitutional Amendment that would permit voluntary group prayer in public schools.

Among the 8 in 10 who have followed the pros and cons of the debate over prayer in public schools, 81% say they favor the proposed Amendment while 14% oppose it and 5% are undecided.

Public support for such an Amendment has remained firm over the 15 months since President Reagan first proposed it. A May 1982 survey showed 78% of the aware group (also 82% in that survey) in favor of the Reagan proposal, 16% opposed and 6% with no opinion.

### Many Express Strong Support

Nearly half of the aware group (48%) say they strongly favor the proposed Amendment, while 33% express mild support. On the disapproval side, 7% say they strongly oppose the Amendment, while 7% express mild opposition.

### The Reagan Proposal

The President's proposed Amendment states:

*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.*

Organized group prayer in public schools effectively came to an end in 1962 after the Supreme Court ruled it violated the First Amendment.

All persons in the current survey were first asked this question:

*Have you heard or read about a proposed Amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would allow voluntary prayer in the public schools?*

Eight in 10 (82%) replied in the affirmative. This "aware" group was then asked:

*Do you favor or oppose this proposed Amendment? How strongly do you favor (oppose) this proposed Amendment — very strongly, fairly strongly, or not at all strongly?*

Here are the national findings:

### Voluntary School Prayer (Based on aware group)

Favor — Total		81%
Very strongly	48%	
Fairly strongly	29	
Not at all strongly	4	
Oppose — Total		14
Not at all strongly	2	
Fairly strongly	5	
Very strongly	7	
No opinion		5
		<u>100%</u>

Here are the results by key population groups:

### Voluntary School Prayer (Based on aware group)

	Favor %	Oppose %	No opinion %
NATIONAL	81	14	5
Men	79	16	5
Women	83	12	5
Whites	79	15	6
Non-whites	91	7	2
18-29 years	77	18	5
30-49 years	79	15	6
50 & older	85	10	5
College education	72	21	7
High school	84	11	5
Grade school	94	5	1
Catholics	84	10	6
Protestants	84	11	5
Baptists	91	6	3
Methodists	82	11	7
Republicans	85	10	5
Democrats	81	14	5
Independents	77	16	7
East	81	16	6
Midwest	85	10	5
South	86	9	5
West	67	25	8

### Home Is Seen As Key Training Ground

Although the public overwhelmingly favors permitting voluntary prayer in schools, the prevailing opinion among all groups and faiths is that the home is more important than either the church or schools in the religious training of children.

Currently 80% say the home is most important in the religious and spiritual development of a child while 15% name the church and only 2%, the schools.

*Which one of the following do you think is the most important in the religious and spiritual development of a child — the home, school, or the Church?*

Home .....	80%
Church .....	15
School .....	2
No opinion .....	3
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	100%

The results reported today are based on in-person interviews with 1,567 adults, 18 and older, conducted in more than 300 scientifically-selected locations across the nation during the period July 22-25.

For results based on a sample of this size, one can say with 95% confidence that the error attributable to sampling and other random effects could be 3 percentage points in either direction.



ARTICLE

"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. Nor shall the United States or any State compose the words of any prayer to be said in public schools."

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Text of President Reagan's  
Revised Voluntary Prayer Amendment

# The Freedom Council

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# MEMO

to: TFC Coordinators  
copy to: File  
from: Ted Pantaleo, Executive Director, THE FREEDOM COUNCIL  
subject: Brief on Silent Prayer and Meditation Amendment  
date: August 16, 1983

"Nothing in this constitution shall be construed to prohibit individual or group silent prayer or meditation in public schools. Neither the United States or any state shall require any person to participate in such prayer or meditation, nor shall they encourage any particular form of prayer or meditation."

"Nothing in this Constitution shall be construed to prohibit Equal Access to the use of Public School facilities by all voluntary student groups."

--Alternative Prayer Amendment

We have discussed the alternative amendment to Senate Joint Resolution #73 (the President's school prayer amendment) with the following constitutional attorneys: Sam Ericsson, Director, Washington Office, Christian Legal Society; John Whitehead, Founder, Rutherford Institute; Steve Galebach, Policy Staff, The White House; and Dr. Herb Titus, Dean of CBN's School of Public Policy.

Generally they oppose this amendment on the grounds that it puts the emphasis on silence. Silent prayer has not been ruled unconstitutional by the Supreme Court. From that standpoint, the alternative amendment is unnecessary and would create confusion.

In addition, there was agreement on two other objections to the proposed silent prayer and meditation amendment: (1) it would legally support the practice of eastern religions and transcendental meditation in our public schools, and (2) through the emphasis on silence, it would also jeopardize all oral devotional prayers in schools, including benedictions and invocations.

Sam Ericsson said he was strongly opposed to the silent prayer and meditation aspect contained in the first section of the amendment. He stated it was... "very limiting and implies no other form of prayer should ever be permitted." Ericsson also said the second section of the amendment infers that "equal access" is now illegal (unconstitutional) in our public schools. The U.S. Supreme Court has not so ruled, therefore this provision would generate great confusion in the courts of the land.

# The Freedom Council

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P.O. Box 64323 Virginia Beach, Virginia 23464

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September 1, 1983

Archbishop J.R. Roach  
Catholic Archdiocese  
226 Summit Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Archbishop Roach:

As you may know two proposed constitutional amendments on school prayer were voted out of the Senate Judiciary Committee on July 14th:

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We are asking you, and other heads of Christian denominations and Christian organizations, to write letters to the following United States senators: Senator Howard Baker, Majority Leader; Senator Robert C. Byrd, Minority Leader; Senator Strom Thurmond, Chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the United States Senate; and the 2 U.S. Senators from the state where denominations or Christian organizations are currently based. These letters should be on the senator's desks no later than September 15th. They should indicate that these senators represent the denominations or Christian groups by voting YES for Senate Joint Resolution #73 and voting NO for the alternative silent meditation and silent prayer amendment.

The second part of the letter should attempt to get a response from the senators on how they intend to vote specifically in this situation. To help us coordinate this campaign effectively as possible, we are asking you and the other

denominational and organizational leaders to do one more thing. Please forward the responses from the senators to THE FREEDOM COUNCIL as soon as possible so we can gather intelligence and more effectively lobby for this amendment.

Finally, would you ask all pastors, and leaders of your Diocese throughout the United States to write a similar letter to the 2 United State senators from their home states. In addition, they should ask the members of their congregations to do the same thing. These letters should reach the senator on or before September 22nd.

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God bless you, my brother.

Your brother in Christ,



Ted Pantaleo,  
Executive Director

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P.S. All United States Senators may be reached at:

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MORTON BLACKWELL RELIGIOUS LIAISON  
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THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE WAS SENT TO PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN WHITE HOUSE DC:

DEAR PRESIDENT REAGAN,  
YESTERDAY, MARCH 28, THE CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK, THROUGH ITS TELEVISION PROGRAM, THE 700 CLUB CONDUCTED A NATIONWIDE POLL ON THE SUBJECT "SHALL THE UNITED STATES BUILD A NUCLEAR DEFENSE SYSTEM IN OUTER SPACE?"

IN ANSWER TO THE POLL TAKE VIA TELEVISION IN 3,425 COMMUNITIES IN THE UNITED STATES, 31,642 PEOPLE RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS:

27,315 - OR 87 PERCENT - VOTED YES.

14,327 - OR 13 PERCENT - VOTED NO.

IN OTHER WORDS, 87 PERCENT OF THOSE RESPONDING ARE IN FAVOR OF THE INITIATIVE PROPOSED IN YOUR RECENT MESSAGE ON DEFENSE.

PAT ROBERTSON PRESIDENT THE CHRISTIAN BROADCASTING NETWORK VIRGINIA BEACH VA

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Pat Robertson  
PRESIDENT

December 1, 1982

The Honorable William French Smith  
The Attorney General  
Justice Department  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Evangelical Christians across America have been shocked at the diminution of religious liberties in the United States during the past 20 years.

Perhaps the most egregious recent case is that dealing with the Lubbock School District recently decided by the Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. In that case, the Court forbade private student groups from exercising free speech before and after school hours if that speech dealt with the exercise of their personal religious beliefs. This ruling overturned the unanimous vote of the elected officials of the City of Lubbock, and would effectively prohibit all private religious free speech in any public school in the United States.

The case is of such import that noted attorney Leon Jaworski is representing the Lubbock School District. Our organization, The Freedom Council, is filing an amicus brief on petition for a writ of certiorari.

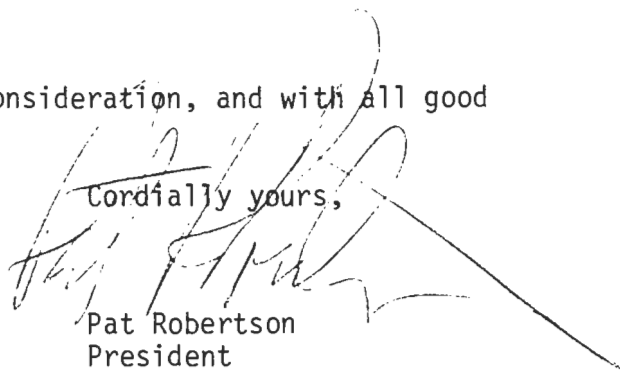
I would urge vigorous action by the Justice Department in support of the petition of the Lubbock School District. In light of the far-reaching constitutional issues touched by this case, I especially would urge action in support of certiorari. By refusing certiorari in the Brandon Case, the Supreme Court let stand a similar decision in New York. However, the language and rationale of the Court in the Lubbock Case is much more far-reaching, and, therefore, more damaging to religious beliefs in the United States.



William French Smith  
December 1, 1982  
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With thanks for your favorable consideration, and with all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Pat Robertson', is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and extends across the width of the typed text.

Pat Robertson  
President

PR:bj

cc: Morton Blackwell  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

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700 Club

Today on the 700 Club program, we conducted an audience poll call, offering two solutions to solve the problem confronting people concerning the Social Security system in America.

The audience were given two major alternatives:

- (1) Increased taxes
- (2) Reduced benefits

Under the heading of (1), we included additional Social Security taxes, funding from general revenues, drawing Federal workers into the Social Security system.

Under (2), we included deferring Social Security until age 68, elimination of cost of living increases, stricter regulations as to coverage of dependents, and possible use of private plans to supplement Social Security, so that Social Security would no longer be the primary source of retirement benefits.

Of an audience that eschews the elderly (those 50 years and older), the results were as follows:

Increased taxes - 19 percent in favor.

Reduced benefits (through one of the means mentioned above) -- 81%

The total number of respondents from all 50 states were \_\_\_\_\_.  
In \_\_\_\_\_ (state), we received \_\_\_\_\_ - calls and the results were \_\_\_\_\_.

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STRAIGHT WIRE - JULY 8, 1982

Mr. Pat Robertson  
c/o C.B.N. Western Division  
1307 W. Sixth Street  
Suite 206  
Corona, California 91720

Dear Pate

Nancy and I are delighted to send our warm congratulations as the City of Corona honors you with "Pat Robertson Day" and you celebrate the opening of the West Coast office of the Christian Broadcasting Network.

For many years you have worked diligently to bring a message of hope and faith to Americans across this land. Your leadership and devoted efforts have contributed to the spiritual growth that is a fundamental part of the strength of our nation.

May the Lord continue to bless and guide you in the years to come.

Sincerely,

RONALD REAGAN

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cc: K.Osborne/J.Wells/E.Rollins/J.Burgess/CF  
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**The  
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June 30, 1982

Mr. Martin Blackwell  
The White House, Room 191  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell,

It was a pleasure to see you again, and once again, your hospitality was absolutely impeccable. I enjoyed the brief time of fellowship, and I want to thank you for including me in the list of distinguished visitors to the President's announcement.

God's richest blessings be with you.

Your servant,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Kinchlow'.

Ben Kinchlow  
II Corinthians 4:5

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Ms. Shirley Griffing  
3728 Foss Road, Apartment 2  
St. Anthony Village, Minnesota 55421  
November 27, 1982

Mr. Morton Blackwell  
President Reagan's Liaison  
The Capitol  
Washington, D.C.

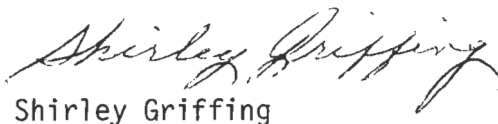
Dear Mr. Blackwell:

From the November 10, 1982 telecast of the Christian Broadcasting Network's 700 Club, I learned that President Reagan has ordered Federal marshalls to observe laws already on the books and crack down on those dregs of our society involved in the pornography trade. Thank God we have a President sensitive to the wishes of the people and one who is not under the control of the Mafia.

As a former silent taxpayer who loves this country, I pledge my written, vocal, and prayerful support of President Reagan and any congressman who takes a firm stand against any of the insidious rot destroying us.

You may wish to alert the President that he is upheld in my daily prayers.

Sincerely,



Shirley Griffing

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 7, 1982

Dear Pat;

Thanks so much for your recent letter sending me a copy of your "Perspective" from last fall. It is a very hard hitting and thought provoking newsletter.

Keep up the good work.

Cordially,



Morton C. Blackwell  
Special Assistant to the President  
for Public Liaison

Dr. Pat Robertson, President  
The Christian Broadcasting Network, Inc.  
CBN Center  
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23463

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**Pat Robertson  
PRESIDENT**

May 12, 1982

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell  
Special Asst. to the President for  
Public Liaison  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.  
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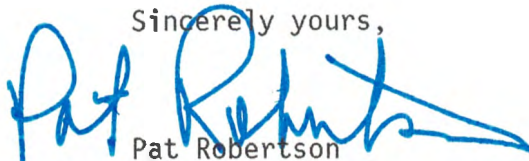
Dear Mr. Blackwell,

CBN began 1982 with a "700 Club" program series entitled, "World in Crisis -- Is There Hope?" In connection with this, I devoted an issue of my newsletter, "Perspective," to exploring the many facets of this crisis and its ultimate solutions.

Sharing your concern for the direction of our nation and world, I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy of the "Perspective." I hope you will find it of interest.

My prayers are with you and your colleagues as you move forward into the critical times of testing which lie ahead.

Sincerely yours,

  
Pat Robertson

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# PAT ROBERTSON'S PERSPECTIVE

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There is in the air today the unmistakable scent of the antichrist spirit. It was present at the tower of Babel; it was present in Sodom and Gomorrah; it was present in the French Revolution and later in Nazi Germany; and it is present in Europe and in the United States today.

The signs of the antichrist spirit are clear. A significant minority, then a majority of the people in a society begin to throw off the restraints of history--then the restraints of written law--then accepted standards of morality --then established religion--finally God Himself.

As the rebellion gains momentum, the participants grow bolder. What was once considered shameful and unlawful begins to be practiced openly, then militantly. As each societal taboo falls another comes under attack. Established institutions crumble. What begins as a cry for "freedom of expression" soon turns into an all out war against the rights of the advocates of traditional morality.

The thing spreads like a disease. Honor, decency, honesty, self-control, sexual restraint, family values, and sacrifice are replaced by gluttony, sensuality, bizarre sex, cruelty, profligacy, dishonesty, fraud, waste, debauched currency, rampant inflation, delinquency, drunkenness, and drug induced euphoria. Those who represent traditional morality are hated, then reviled, then diminished in influence, finally persecuted as enemies.

The people then seek out a deity which will both permit and personify their basest desires. At Babel it was a tower; in ancient Mediterranean cultures it was a god or goddess of sex; at Mt. Sinai it was a golden calf; in Rome it was an insane emperor; in France it was the goddess of reason; in Germany it was Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party; in the United States it is central government under the religion of secular humanism.

No society under the grip of the antichrist spirit has ever survived. With it comes a period of lawlessness and virtual anarchy. Then an economic collapse followed by a reign of terror. Then a strong man dictator who plunders the society for his own personal aggrandizement. Then wars to fulfill the leader's insane dream of empire. Then defeat and collapse.

In some cases God directly intervenes to destroy the antichrist society before its full flower. Others destroy themselves. In some cases a righteous nation overwhelms them. In others the work is done by more virile barbarians. In all cases destruction comes.

Consider what has been happening in the United States.

Organized crime is the largest industry in America, with gross revenues from narcotics, prostitution, gambling, pornography, racketeering, and other enterprises of \$150 billion, and net after-tax revenues estimated at \$50 billion. The profits from crime eclipse the profits of the giant United States oil or



automotive industries. Organized crime not only feeds on human depravity but becomes a well funded engine to perpetuate and enlarge it. The bribery, graft, corruption, and physical violence that the crime lords can buy is beyond calculation.

The citizens of South Florida, for example, know that chemically induced euphoria is harmful to people. They must realize the terrible dangers of heroin, cocaine, marijuana and barbiturates. They also know that the sale of these substances is illegal. But what is an unprofitable South Florida savings and loan to do when it receives a cash deposit from drug smugglers of \$10,000,000; what does a real estate agent do when given \$500,000 for the purchase of a hard-to-sell house; what does a car dealer do when given \$35,000 in cash for a brand new Mercedes? What do a host of legitimate businesses in South Florida do with the increase of \$5 billion or more in cash which flows into their economy each year from the traffic in illegal drugs?

If legitimate businessmen under those circumstances refuse to deal with the bearers of illicit cash, absent a miracle, they will find they are falling behind their competition until their ability to continue in business is jeopardized. If they accept the money, they tie their personal future to the success of crime in America. In either case the presence of organized crime has compromised and corrupted the entire fabric of society.

Consider domestic agriculture. Reeling from the onslaught of high costs and worldwide depression, some farmers have begun to grow marijuana. Now, illegal marijuana is a \$200 million cash crop in California and is having a significant economic effect on agricultural incomes in many states.

This year the gross revenues in the United States from illegal sale of cocaine stand at \$35 billion--for marijuana \$24 billion. Together revenues for these two substances is 50% more than the total amount Americans donate to all charity, education, and religion nationwide.

As many as 60% of school age children have tried marijuana. Some as young as ten and eleven are high on marijuana every day. When they get old enough to vote they will want to legalize the substance. A substantial percentage of college educated professional people are high on marijuana or cocaine several times a week. Over 240 million prescriptions were sold last year for semi-addictive tranquilizers, primarily librium and valium.

Imagine what will happen to our national resolve if the "good people" of society buy into the drug culture for profit, and the emerging generation makes drug induced euphoria a part of their lives.

But crime and drug abuse are only part of the story. Consider the sexual revolution. Public standards regarding nudity, fornication, adultery, homosexuality, incest, child molestation, and sadomasochism have either crumbled or are under fierce attack.

Humanist educators are forcing sex education without any moral standards upon little children. Courses in sex education are being offered which advocate masturbation, premarital sex, and homosexuality.

Bedroom scenes featuring unmarried men and women in various states of nudity have become commonplace in motion pictures, and are now brought repeatedly

into American homes on television. It would be a rare child who has reached the age of ten without being indoctrinated into permissive sexuality.

Now the array of sex courses, sex magazines, movies, massage parlors, and peep shows are being joined by a powerful ally--satellite to home pornographic channels on cable television. Under the heading of "Rainbow," "Excapade," "Midnight Blue," etc., cable systems are bringing into the living rooms of millions of subscribers graphic depictions of various sex acts, filthy language, and frontal nudity. This will no longer be the province of the stag smoker or the slightly eccentric voyeur. Now middle class America and their impressionable children will be shaping their views of decency, morality, marital fidelity, and human procreation at the feet of the morally twisted purveyors of soft and hard core pornography.

Porno directors soon tire of illicit heterosexual acts. Their cameras begin to probe the bizarre. Homosexuality and lesbianism; then incest; then group orgies; then the cruelties of sadomasochism; finally the ultimate horror, the "snuff" film in which the victim of perverted sex is first mutilated and then killed.

Will society recoil from these excesses? So far the answer regrettably is no. And why would it? The high priests of secular humanism who control the universities and the legal and education apparatus have said in their Humanist Manifesto, "there should be no restraint on any expression of human sexuality." Therefore, the emerging religion has spoken. "Unbridled sexuality is not immoral. In fact it is healthful and good."

Sex in marriage can be an avenue to shared union between two people who have committed themselves to a life together. But the ultimate aim of all sexuality is not sensuous gratification but procreation--the continuation of the race. Many forms of modern day sexual expression are completely sterile. Homosexuality by definition can never result in procreation and therefore is not sexual. Homosexuality and lesbianism always remain a form of auto-eroticism. Yet those who practice these abominations desire not only legal but even spiritual assent to their actions. Now a large element of society is demanding an amendment to the Constitution which would prohibit any form of discrimination based on "sex." This so-called Equal Rights Amendment, or ERA, does not mention discrimination because of gender, i.e., male or female. It is represented as bringing equality to women, yet it does not mention women at all.

Interestingly enough this amendment has the vigorous support of those who engage in types of sexual conduct which are now illegal in some states. It is obvious that they view ERA, not as protecting women, but as protecting their personal sexual preferences and practice.

ERA, if ratified, could be interpreted to give constitutional protection to homosexuals, lesbians, sadomasochists, and to anyone else who engaged in any other sexual practice whether or not that practice was prohibited by the Bible, religious dogma, existing federal or state law.

The sexual revolution has permitted unbridled gratification of sexual desire, but along with gratification has come procreation of human beings, something that hedonists find both inconvenient and embarrassing.

Since the religion of secular humanism has ruled that full freedom of sexual expression is desirable, then it must create a dogma which minimizes what they consider the undesirable side effects of sexual pleasure.

As an accommodation to their views, the Supreme Court of the United States has ruled that the thing conceived as the result of sexual relations between two human beings is not itself a human being and therefore may be destroyed prior to birth. It is an embryo, a fetus, or the "product of conception" but not a human baby.

So that the sex party may continue without inconvenience, we have killed eight million unborn infants since Roe vs Wade, and the slaughter proceeds at the rate of 1.2 million per year. Whatever the Supreme Court or the humanists call them, God calls them human children and our society will be forced to answer to Him for their deaths.

The sexual revolution is having a profound effect on American family life. In the last decade the number of couples living together outside of marriage has doubled. One out of every two marriages ends in divorce. In Washington, D.C., last year more babies died by abortion than were permitted to be born alive. Reported cases of venereal disease are at epidemic proportions--about 3 million annually.

Despite all of the sex education, or perhaps because of it, the numbers of pregnant unmarried teenagers has continued to rise. Between 1970 and 1979 the number of babies born out of wedlock has doubled. Statistics just released indicate that one out of every six live births in the United States was out of wedlock. No statistics mark the loss of innocence and beauty, the corruption, the shame, the guilt, the ruined lives.

Consider also the debauching of our standards of financial morality.

In the United States, molded by humanist thinking, the government has been made our god and our provider. The result has been a wild raid on the public treasury, federal debt in excess of \$1,000,000,000,000, ever diminishing currency value, ever increasing inflation, and a fragile domestic and world economy in serious danger of collapse.

In 1941 the population of the United States was 133.7 million. To meet the total needs of the federal government we spent \$13.6 billion. Forty years later our population has grown to 229.3 million, a 71½% increase, but the federal spending has grown to \$661.2 billion, an increase of 4,762%.

Easy money and wild inflation have encouraged borrowing, speculation, excesses of consumption. Smart money buys leveraged investments and borrows recklessly knowing that inflation will make profligacy seem wise. Those who worked and saved and stayed out of debt have been considered foolish. Inflation has wiped out the conservatively invested savings of lifetimes.

The federal government, like organized crime, has forced the honest and frugal to buy into its dishonest inflationary schemes in order to survive. In like manner, it has corrupted millions of people by a bewildering array of benefits, gifts, grants, and loans. The people have been willing to sell their

freedom and independence in exchange for the twentieth century equivalent of bread and circuses.

Now we have become addicted, and though the addiction is life threatening, the withdrawal seems worse. And so, like the heroin junkie who knows that continued addiction will cause death, we not only prefer death to the pain of withdrawal, but we are prepared to fight and even kill anyone who threatens to cut off the supply of our economic "fix."

Consider the revolt against history, law, traditional morality, Christianity, the Bible, and God Himself.

In a recent church-state dialogue sponsored by the Virginia Council of Churches, Dr. Robert S. Alley, professor of humanistic studies at the University of Richmond, a school that was founded by and, until recently, supported by the Southern Baptist Convention, summed up the antichrist rebellion with these words, "We must throw off the tyranny of the concept that the Bible is the word of God. We must be freed from the tyranny of thought that comes from Martin Luther, John Calvin, Zwingli, and John Knox."

What he intended was the destruction of the Bible as the authoritative guide for faith and conduct, the doctrine of man's sinfulness, the doctrine of eternal rewards and eternal punishment, the necessity of repentance and justification by faith in Jesus Christ, and the necessity of holy living in order to please God.

This man did not dare in a church meeting to deny the existence of God, but in Humanist Manifesto I and II, the leaders of secular humanism deny the "existence of a supernatural God who hears and answers prayer."

At the core of a self governing free society, there must be self restraint on the part of the people. This self restraint springs from the belief that there is a God who is the ultimate authority, who will one day reward or punish men for their conduct on earth. No democratic society can endure without self restraint based on moral absolutes.

The nation of Israel was established as a self-governing constitutional democracy. It was not a theocracy but was governed by a written body of laws given by God Himself. The United States was founded as a Constitutional Republic, with the concept that its laws, rights, and privileges came from a higher power --"the Creator."

The Supreme Court has repeatedly affirmed that we are a "Christian nation," "a religious people whose institutions presuppose the existence of a supreme being."

Today, under the assault of secular humanism, a new rule of law is emerging. No longer do judges seek to make decisions based on the Bible, the Constitution, natural law, or historic precedent. Instead they impose as a rule of law whatever seems sociologically expedient or whatever reflects the prevailing sentiment of the ruling humanistic elite. As one justice declared arrogantly, "The Constitution is whatever we say it is." We have ceased to be a government of law and have become a government of men.

Consider what this has meant to traditional religious standards. In Missouri, the state run university is willing to accommodate student groups which advocate communism and homosexuality. Yet a student Christian group was denied freedom to pray and study the Bible on campus. The Federal District Court judge, in total disregard of all legal precedent, ruled in the case that religious freedom has more limited protection under the First Amendment to the Constitution than do other freedoms.

Consider the case of the couple in Tennessee who have been accused by a social worker of "mental cruelty" to their children because they want their children to accompany them to church and refuse to allow them to attend rock music concerts where illegal drugs are used. In this case the family risks losing their children unless they consent at their expense to treatment by state licensed psychiatrists.

Consider the Supreme Court decisions, which in clear violation of all of our history and tradition, have invalidated prayer and Bible reading in schools, have ordered the Ten Commandments removed from a school wall in Kentucky, have forbidden voluntary school assemblies which begin with prayer, and have even denied a sovereign state the privilege of printing a prayer on a road map.

Consider a proposed law in Arizona that would forbid all but state licensed psychiatrists to conduct seminars on family relations; the school in California which prohibited a small group of Christians from praying together on the school lawn; the Christian mother in Norfolk, Virginia, who was forced to spend the night in jail because she spanked her daughter for skipping school; the principal of another California high school who ran out to the school parking lot to stop students from praying in their own car prior to school; expunging of religious material from history books; the order in Florida forbidding the teaching of any of the religious facts in association with our history; the history text which gave three pages to Eugene V. Debs, the father of American socialism, but less than one page to George Washington, the father of our country.

Consider the blatant arrogance of Playboy magazine which chose an admitted fraud, Marjoe Gortner, to "rate" the morality of men of God on television. And Penthouse magazine which obtained an interview with Reverend Jerry Falwell by deception, then mocked him in full page advertisements in major cities all over the country.

Finally, consider the Baptist church in Louisville, Nebraska, which was ordered padlocked by a state judge because the church desired to conduct education of its young without submitting to state licensing procedures.

Christians in America must wake up to what is happening. The only lasting answer to the antichrist rebellion is a heaven sent revival. So first there must be prayer. Secondly, there must be education in our heritage, our laws, and the way our system functions. The Bible says "He that increases knowledge increases power"...yet, "My people perish for lack of knowledge." Finally, Christians must stand in defense of freedom. They must resist the antichrist spirit in the public arena, in the courts, and in the polls.

The psalmist described the recurring rebellion of man against God in these words,

Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his Christ saying,

Let us break their bands assunder, and cast away their cords from us.

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.

Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure.

Psalms 2:1-5 (KJV)

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Without question the deteriorating condition of both the domestic and the world economy overshadows other domestic concerns. The Wall Street Journal quotes Sidney Homer, a partner of Solomon Brothers, who has studied interest rates back to ancient times, "There has never been anything to rival the current turmoil in financial markets."

This year's new housing starts in the United States are estimated at 1.1 million, the lowest since 1946. Per capita housing starts are the lowest since records have been kept. In the twelve months ending July 31, only 2.5 million houses have been sold--half of what was anticipated by the real estate industry.

Total farm income for 1981 will approximate \$20 billion. Considering inflation, real domestic farm income is equal to or slightly lower than the depth of the depression in 1932.

The stock market's Dow Jones Average at 850 is only 2½ times the 1929 peak of 381, yet the gross national product in 1981 is 29 times that of 1929. Deflated to 1929 terms, the present United States stock market has already crashed. In deflated dollars, it stands at 120, only slightly ahead of the depression level of 80 in 1932.

During 1981, there has been a depression in bond, stock, commodity, and real estate prices that is estimated at \$2 trillion.

Gold, silver, diamonds, antiques, wheat, corn, soybeans have plunged dramatically. Only residential real estate has not dropped dramatically, yet many analysts feel that this is a grossly inflated bubble waiting to burst.

During the past year corporations have been forced to stay alive by dangerous short term borrowing. Since the third quarter of 1980 long term debt of corporations has risen by \$20 billion, but short term debt by \$75 billion. Short term debt of business now amounts to 46% of total debt, and high interest payments eat up increasingly large amounts of business profit. Interest expense last year consumed 45% of total corporate net profit before taxes. In 1965 there was \$8 of profit to cover every dollar of interest

expense. Now there is only \$2.39 for each \$1 of interest due. This illiquidity makes business more vulnerable than at any time since the depression.

If tight money and the current recession continues well into 1982, the numbers of bankruptcies will soar even higher. Such names as Chrysler, Ford and International Harvester have been mentioned as candidates. Experts fear a large bankruptcy by a company not thought to be in trouble. If that happens, panic could be triggered in the huge commercial paper market which in turn could destroy some money market funds, weak banks and savings and loans.

The high cost of money not only causes pain to individuals and private businesses, it is destroying weaker nations. These countries are not paying off their loans, but refinancing them at brutally high interest rates.

An excellent summation of where the \$10 trillion debt pyramid has taken us was contained in an editorial in the London Economist of October 3, 1981, "Although investors have not borrowed to keep stock markets too high as they did in 1929, many other groups have overborrowed in 1981 to do many other things. The overborrowers include homeowners and property men everywhere, holders of many glutted and stockpiled raw materials, bankrupt private companies which cannot afford to meet obligatory redundancy payments, nationalized companies with a dozen successive years of negative cash flow, governments with estimates for small budget deficits that are obvious fibs, countries like freedom-seeking Poland and growing Brazil and starving Bangladesh.

"If this overborrowing were ever punctured, there would be crashes in property prices from California to Hong Kong, in companies from Detroit to Seoul, in state corporations from Milan to the North Sea, in overstocked materials from Oregon timber to Nigerian oil, in government credit from Washington to Tokyo, in banks and near banks from Switzerland to Singapore, in financial consortia and their clients everywhere. The downward multiplier from all that could make 1929's little local stock market difficulties look like a controlled parachute drop.

"As money grows dearer round the world, some of these overborrowers are overborrowing more so as to meet their interest payments. They are increasing their indebtedness to pay for their debt. This must make punctures more possible."

The odds are very high that there will be a major worldwide economic debacle of unprecedented magnitude. It could come at any time, but an informed guess would say that there will be some type of recovery in 1982, then rapid inflation, followed by a major worldwide crash sometime between 1983 and 1985. The wise man prepares himself.



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February 3, 1983

Ben Elliott  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Ben:

I want to add my voice to others who have congratulated you on the outstanding speech the President gave at the National Religious Broadcasters.

As you recall when we discussed the matter a couple of weeks before the event, I mentioned that certain topics would have the delegates on their feet cheering. In fact this happened precisely as I told you. There were four standing ovations during the speech plus numerous interruptions for applause.

You would be interested to know that Billy Graham, who spoke to the same group in the morning, was only interrupted once during his message. In other words, these are not folks who just cheer and stomp at every provocation. The President's speech really moved them.

I enclose an article from our local newspaper. Regrettably the Washington Post played it down. Bob Slosser, our executive vice president, who was a former assistant news editor of the New York Times, says that this speech could be interpreted as a major move by the President to reach out once again to his core base and from that standpoint could be considered a most significant event.

I thank God for you. With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Pat Robertson  
President

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P.S. I am also sending a copy of my book, "The Secret Kingdom" under separate cover. Please see page 103 dealing with the problems that could be solved in our national life if we adopted the Golden Rule. I hope you enjoy it.



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January 10, 1984

Mr. Morton Blackwell  
Special Assistant to President  
for Public Liaison  
Old Executive Office Bldg., Room 191  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

In early 1984 Dr. Pat Robertson will publicly announce the most extensive project yet undertaken by CBN.

Over the next five years the Network will commit a great part of our staff and financial resources to marketing the Bible so that it becomes a major force in the decision making of the American people.

The consequences of this project to individual and national life are enormous.

As a director on this project, I wanted to inform you in advance of this activity.

Very truly yours,

*C. S. Holt*

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# CBN'S GOOD TIDINGS

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Easter and the beginning of a new year has brought into sharp focus the on-going opportunities that we have at CBN to serve the Lord. Television is the most powerful and pervasive communication tool in the world today and we are aware of our responsibility to use the air waves for encouragement and support. Your contribution and friendship has been an essential ingredient that is deeply appreciated.

Therefore, we want you to know of the latest activities with which we are involved here and around the world. The Foundation and Grants Department would appreciate hearing from you and welcome ideas or opinions that you have on any of our areas of activity.

**The United States.** "The 700 Club" and other CBN programming reached over 80% of America's homes via cable and affiliate broadcast stations. With its revised news format, "The 700 Club" has been bringing men and women from all walks of life before the public to share experiences and answers that they've found to contemporary problems.

Many special segments have been added that lend new dimensions to the program. In cooperation with the **Saturday Evening Post**, the latest in medical research breakthroughs are explored weekly. "The 700 Club" also deals with family and marriage relationships, financial planning and business integrity and other topics relevant to our life in the 80's. All segments have been chosen to give support to the Judaic Christian heritage of our country.

**Internationally.** We are broadcasting into Chile, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Monaco and Peru. As well as the Philippines, Puerto Rico, St. Maarian, the West Indies, Vieques, Tortola, Culebra, Saba and St.

Also Australia, New Guinea, New Zealand, Mainland China, the U.S.S.R., India, the Middle East and Japan. Literally, CBN's message now reaches around the globe.

In 1980, CBN went on the air in Japan with the first primetime Christian programming in the country's history. These animated Bible series, amazingly, are pulling ratings equivalent to those of "60 Minutes" in the American audience. The programs have evoked thousands of responses, which are referred to local Japanese ministers who then follow-up with personal calls, inviting the people to join in their churches' activities. In this increasingly materialistic society with a crumbling, family structure, CBN has an unparalleled opportunity to serve, sharing sound Christian principles as answers to societal ills.

This Spring, Pat Robertson visits Tokyo and Hong Kong, and will speak at a national rally in Manila, Philippines. It is our hope to continue sharing Christian principles throughout the Orient, where missionary work is difficult due to strong ancient religious practices.

One of our most exciting outreaches is the Middle East where we have acquired a new station, Middle East Television (MET), situated on the border of Lebanon and Israel. The station, boasting an 80,000 watt transmitter, is probably the strongest in the area and has the capability to reach the entire Middle East.

Our staff is now in place in Lebanon, broadcasting daily throughout the eastern Middle East with a program format aimed at bringing quality entertainment along with a redeeming and encouraging Biblical message through "The 700 Club" translated into Arabic and the animated features "Superbook" and "The Flying House," giving both the Old and the New Testament stories. In the near future, we will be able to have impartial news coverage arriving from Jerusalem and Beirut via our own correspondent. We feel our position there as peacemakers and seek to encourage and bless the entire Middle East.

**Counseling Centers/Operation Blessing.** CBN is increasing its community involvement and support through our network of local counseling centers, lo-



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cated in 78 major U.S. cities and 12 foreign countries. These centers were manned last year by over 12,000 trained volunteers and received almost 2 million calls. The Operation Blessing program, which is the giving of food, emergency funding for electricity and fuel, medical treatment and other needs, in cooperation with area churches and agencies, dispersed approximately \$1,700,000 this past year. About 100,000 people were connected to over 8,500 churches.

President Reagan has commended Operation Blessing as "the American way for communities to care for their own" and invited Pat Robertson to attend the National Conference on the Private Sector. We have been striving to fill in the gap created by the decrease in government funds and to reactivate the grass-roots power of the American communities.

**Publications.** Pat Robertson's latest book, **The Secret Kingdom**, published by Thomas Nelson in September, has been selling at the rate of 25,000 copies per week. It was written in an effort to give practical guidelines based on God's Word to the attention of our nation's leaders as well as to the average citizen. Copies are being sent to leaders in industry, finance, politics and the professions across the nation in the hopes that the principles may come to be used by those in positions of influence.

CBN's Executive Vice President, Robert Slosser, is currently writing a biography of Ronald Reagan which

will be released in September of 1983. Bob is a former editor of "The New York Times" and has written **A Miracle in Darien** with Father Terry Fulham, an Episcopal priest, as well as co-editing Pat Robertson's **The Secret Kingdom**.

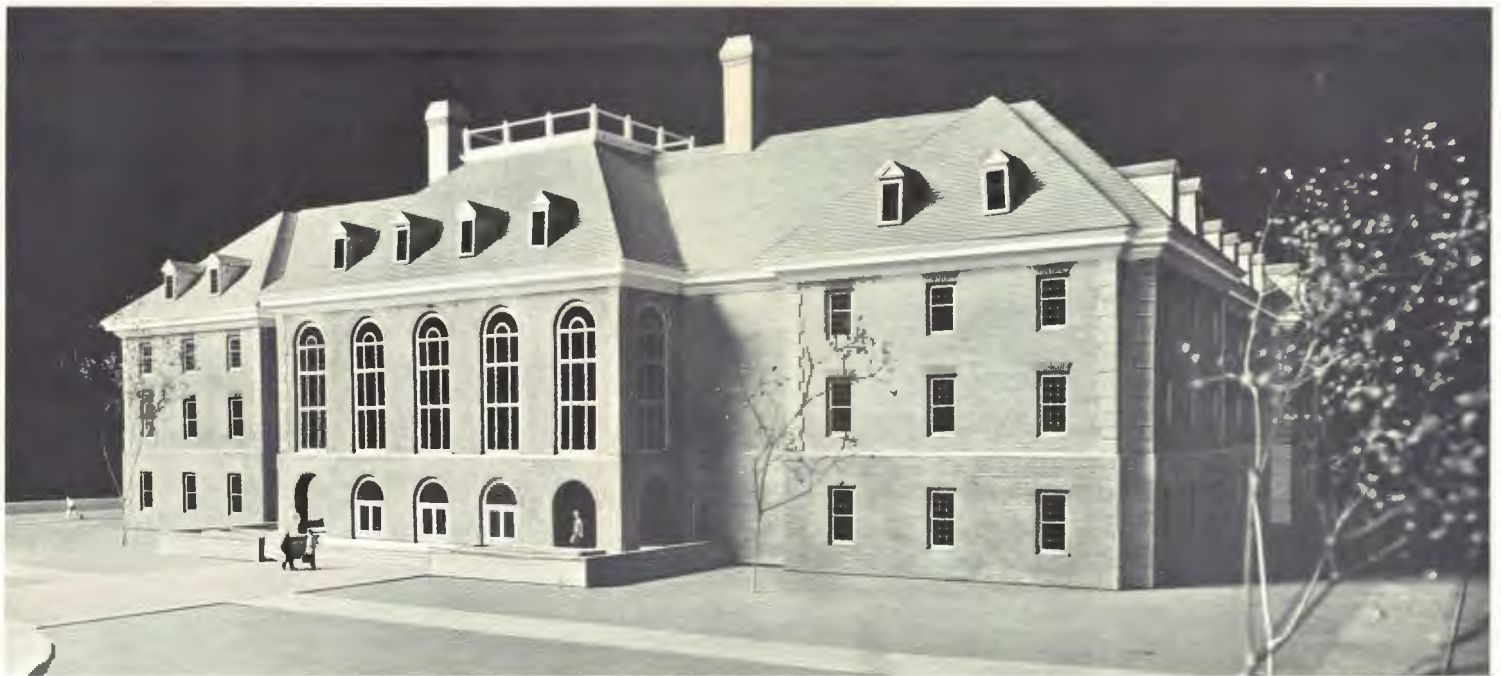
**CBN University.** The University was opened in 1978 with a Graduate School of Communications and quickly added a Graduate School of Education. We now have graduate schools of Business Administration and Biblical Studies and are looking forward to a School of Public Policy which will open in the fall of 1983. The construction on a 9 million dollar library began in June, 1982, and is 60% completed. In what may be record time, CBNU last summer was granted candidacy for status for full accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the ranking was made retroactive through January 1, 1982. The University has been a joy to the students and faculty and to those at CBN as we have been able to interact with both faculty and students.

**We Thank You . . .** 1982 was the year of many blessings and a time of widening horizons. The beginning months of 1983 have continued in this trend. We want you to feel a part of this work and to know that you are always welcome

at CBN. Our television staff, our counselors, our faculty and students will be delighted to share the joy and the vision of CBN and the University with you.



"700 Club" Counselors



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