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Dear Mr. Valis

I am a Methodist but I am
also a Republican & think the
strong arm tactics used by
Methodists in Washington office
is completely out of hand.

Would you please read this
& let me know what I can
do or say to help matters.

Thank you

Mrs Harold Coker
6730 Standifer Gap
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Abolition
United
Methodist
News
Letter
June 26

Group endorses code; Nestle shows different face on formula issue

By ROY HOWARD BECK
Associate Editor

INDIANAPOLIS — Nestle Corp. officials told United Methodist leaders here last weekend that "we fought the good fight (against the new international infant formula marketing code) to the end, but now we accept the verdict" of the 118 nations which voted for the code last month. (The United States cast the only negative vote.)

Perceiving a changed, more conciliatory Nestle, the denomination's Infant Formula Task Force informally agreed to wait until September to even discuss the possibility of recommending a boycott of Nestle products for alleged marketing abuse. Meanwhile, they will continue to observe the corporation's actions.

The 1980 General Conference charged the task force with studying the infant formula marketing issue, establishing "constructive dialogue" and recommending action to all United Methodists.

Support international code

The task force last weekend decided that the passage of the World Health Organization code was an important step toward eliminating the alleged misuse of infant formula that results in infant sickness, malnutrition and death, particularly in the Third World.

In a resolution passed unanimously, the task force urged United Methodists worldwide to seek enactment of the code by their national governments. Some task force members sympathized with industry criticism of specific articles of the code. They pointed out, however, that the international resolution includes an article specifying that each nation may adapt the code to its own circumstances. The task force resolution stated that "only those provisions that are clearly and demonstrably impracticable should be modified in national implementation."

"The code is but one contribution in the larger struggle against malnutrition and starvation..." the resolution stated.

For a year, the eight task force members have studied, traveled and interviewed organizers of the Nestle boycott, international nutrition experts and corporate officials. They spent four days last week deliberating and talking with representatives from the three big U.S. infant formula manufacturers who strongly opposed the code as excessive and unworkable.

The officials of the Swiss-based Nestle, though, said they weren't making detailed criticism of the international code since each nation must write its own

said Rafael Pagan of Nestle.

Nestle admits bungling

Nestle officials admitted they sometimes bungled their handling of the years-long controversy. They said the company's personnel involved with the matter have changed and so has the company's stance. The company was too inaccessible and unresponsive in the past, they said. They claimed that there now is no reason for the international boycott of their products to continue.

The task force was not ready yet to discuss the possibility of calling on boycotting organizations (including 27 of 73 UM annual conferences) to stop their actions.

One concern was that Nestle officials said their firm will operate by its own less-restrictive marketing code in nations that do not pass their own adaptation of the international code. The international resolution calls on companies to voluntarily abide by the code in the absence of national law. That code recommendation details severe restrictions on the use of samples, advertising, posters and promotions to health professionals.

Nestle's own code meets about three-fourths of the international code provisions, said Dr. Thad Jackson of the corporation. Nestle has strengthened its code several times during the years of the controversy.

"The boycott — without any question — grew out of Nestle's malpractice of the '70s," said Indiana-area Bishop James Armstrong, a member of the task force. "Nestle changed in 1978, and it could be that change is continuing."

Anita Anand of the UMC's General Board of Church and Society was more cautious: "I sense a change of tune, but not a real change."

Dr. Paul Minus, professor at Methodist Theological Seminary, Delaware, Ohio, said: "I think Nestle is trying to recoup and pull out of its abysmal performance so far. Theologically, I believe that for us to err on the side of excessive caution would be a grave error. I'd like to see us test this (new attitude of Nestle officials) and go for a new beginning."

Offers made to meet

The Nestle representatives said they have been and will continue to investigate every complaint about violations of Nestle's own code or national codes. "We will meet with responsible leaders of churches and pediatricians," Mr. Pagan said. But he does not include INFAC and the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility in this offer (organizations which run the boycott



here represents one kind of prison are also working together to provide services to inmates and their families. RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE PHOTO

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IC are the agency's second largest ncial backers.

fr. Ricketts said much of the apparent k of involvement by churches is construed. Besides appointing Pro-tant chaplains to the different insti-tions, his agency, representing 20 nominations also coordinates religious grams for Catholic, Jewish and slim prisoners.

We also deal with inmates' families, vide educational programs for sons and advocacy programs," he d.

le said many prison ministry organi-tions not well-grounded in the church k the ability to create strong advocacy grams which can correct individual es of injustice, upgrade prison icies and suggest viable alternatives various parts of the criminal justice tem as a whole. Further, he said in-cendent groups are "pretty much 'king on thin ice'" when dealing with son and state correctional authorities. at the church is power — both in a

push on formula policy

By ROY HOWARD BECK
Associate Editor

DAYTON, Ohio — The United Methodist General Council on Ministries will pull its fall meeting out of Stouffer's Dayton Plaza Hotel if the hotel's parent, Nestle Corporation, refuses to endorse a new world health code for infant formula marketing.

That would be GCOM's first stand in the international controversy surrounding Nestle's business practices. The council's executive committee last week unanimously supported this stance.

The 1980 General Conference postponed a decision on the boycott of Nestle products, directing the GCOM to establish a task force to study the issue and attempt to find a way to be a conciliatory force in the controversy. The GCOM has tried to remain neutral.

"The United Methodist Church is the only trump card left in the debate," said the Rev. Norman E. Dewire, chief executive for the program coordinating agency.

He explained that all other major religious bodies already have taken sides. Consequently, the GCOM and its task force are in the spotlight, he said.

"In the year since General Conference the issue has become clearer ... focusing narrowly on the World Health Organization's proposed marketing code," he said.

Initiated by charges that companies such as the Geneva-based Nestle Corporation were engaging in deceptive promotional campaigns for their breast-milk substitutes in the Third World, the proposed code recommends a ban on product advertising. It also asks an end to company distribution of samples and other promotional gifts to pregnant women. Another provision of the code would prevent corporate sales staff from putting on "educational" activities for pregnant women or mothers of young children.

In poorer countries, women have trouble sterilizing baby bottles and sometimes mix the formula with contaminated water — which health officials allege has led to thousands of infant deaths.

The proposed code affirms the superiority of breast feeding and asks

that all infant formula products carry this assertion in print, along with a warning of potential hazards of their misuse.

The code, which is expected to be adopted by the World Health Assembly later this month, is a weak one, Dr. Dewire said. After a year of interviews and study by the UMC's special task force, it appears that the least that should be expected of the infant formula industries is that they endorse the code, he said.

The three U.S. infant formula companies (Bristol-Myers, Abbott-Ross and American Home Products) already are lobbying against the code, Dr. Dewire said. "Nestle says it may oppose." Based on arguments that the code would be a restriction on free trade, the United States and Switzerland apparently will oppose the code, he said.

"If Nestle doesn't (endorse the code)," Dr. Dewire said, "it would be very difficult to continue to patronize Stouffer's."

Although cancelling reservations at Stouffer's and moving the fall meeting 60 miles to Cincinnati might appear to be breaking the denomination's neutrality, the move actually is an attempt to remain neutral, Dr. Dewire explained. To continue to use Stouffer's might suggest agreement with the Switzerland-based Nestle's stance on the world marketing code, he indicated.

Dr. Dewire said he met with Stanislas Flache, the head of a lobbying organization representing the world's infant formula corporations recently in Geneva. He said Mr. Flache told him that he was advising the corporations to follow the marketing code because their rejection might undermine all world health efforts which depend on voluntary compliance.

Dr. Dewire said he believes Mr. Flache, a former executive of the World Health Organization, sincerely believes the infant formula companies have been responsible agents in the world, although "he has seen the violations, too."

Dee Ann Kahn, assistant to Dr. Dewire, said the executive has talked with Dayton Stouffer's officials many times in recent years about the infant formula issues.

Dee Ann Kahn
15/1981
A.N.M.

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She seem to feel that there could be no wrong on the side of the left where concern for the poor was taken care of. Knowing her views on human rights made me understand why she had on her wall behind her desk a poster of Ronald REagan in a German like uniform , pointing a hand gun.

ONCE AGAIN I would like to state very clearly that the Methodist church has not been made priviliged to the information about the government study done in the Caribbean Islands. There is nothing wrong with the formula. If you would like more information about this subject, you may write to WJ Elliot Abrams, Assistant Sec. of State for International affairs in Wash D.C. or you can get it first hand at the university of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Ask for the Study "Breast Feeding practices in low income countries; Patterns and determinants,"

MRS Harold Coker
5750 Standifer Gap.
Chatt. Tenn. 37421

I have not mailed this in
to Church newsletter but will
wait to hear from you.

I suspect that Miss Anand
has contacted Sen. Long's
office & helped get bill thru
Congress.

Our Congresswoman voted
for it.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Methodist Church's boycott of Nestle's and now is turning it's attention to other companies in the U.S. who manufacture milk formula has gone completely sour and smells to the high heavens of political manipulation to attack free enterprise and those persons in the Reagan administration who are against Soviet expansionism.

The code to ban formula advertisement can develop into bans on anything that those who sit in judgement might deem to be harmful. Why not ban ads on chain saws, automobiles, knives; they cause deaths too. What has escaped the attention of the general membership of the church is that the Methodist church's claim that advertising of the formula is causing the death of babies in third world countries is false.

A study done under the Carter Administration through the Agency For International Development proved that the large majority of the mothers who turned to bottle feeding had not done so because of the advertising but had done so for several reasons: the mother had an inadequate supply of breast milk; a new pregnancy, the mother's poor nutrition, and many had done so because they had gone to work away from the home.

The subtle claim that the formula is dangerous is false. It is not the formula that causes the deaths but the manner in which it is used or misused: impure water and poor sanitary conditions that cause the sick babies and families.

The WHO code is a complete ban on advertising. In a letter to Elliot Abrams Assistant Sec. of State for International affairs, Miss Carol Adelman, an advisor AID (mentioned above) was advisor for AID under the Carter Adm. said that the code will in no way stop the unnecessary deaths of children but will impede the necessary distribution of milk formula where it is needed.

The minister of Health of Egypt had requested infant formula for those who could not breast feed. His request has been denied.

There is no doubt that Nestles could have used more propriety in their methods of advertising the product but to ban completely any advertising is to deny free enterprise.

All of this has been very disturbing to me and so I went to the office of Anita Anand in the Methodist Church office in Washington. When I talked to her about the AID government study she just passed it off as untrue. Just as she had reacted to the news that was printed in HUM last week that she would not accept Nestles saying that they would do better. She said that she did not feel that there had truly been a change. (June 20th HUM).

MISS ANAND was quite pleased that Ernest Lefever had withdrawn his name for the nomination for Sec of State for Human Rights. She somehow felt that she had made a major contribution toward the church's stand against the Reagan Adm. stand on Human Rights. Therefore I thought it very interesting to hear her talk about her own country of India and how the Soviet union was doing so much good there. She said that "they were really very good and were building steel mills and plants and providing jobs for the people as well as feeding the hungry." She further stated that they were doing it for the good of humanity and with no strings attached would leave in five years.

Focus may be shifting to U.S. companies

HUM July 16, 1981

By ROY HOWARD BECK
Associate Editor

U.S. religious groups' focus in the infant formula controversy may be shifting from Switzerland's Nestle Corp. to the three big U.S. formula manufacturers.

While Nestle officials in the last month have sounded more conciliatory about adhering to international marketing restrictions, the U.S. companies have become more vocal in their opposition to the restrictions.

The three companies (and their subsidiaries which make the infant formula) are: American Home Products (Wyeth Laboratories), Bristol-Myers (Mead Johnson) and Abbott-Ross Laboratories.

Several members of the United Methodist Church's Infant Formula Task Force at a recent meeting said it may no longer be fair to single out Nestle by boycotting all its products while only sponsoring shareholders' resolutions with the U.S. firms — and doing nothing about the rest of the world's 33 formula manufacturers.

The 1980 General Conference established the task force out of concern for infant malnutrition and mortality. The task force has yet to make a recommendation concerning the UMC's posture on the concerning Nestle boycott. It did endorse the marketing code that was passed in May by a 118-1 vote in the World Health Organization's legislative body.

The UMC's Wisconsin Annual Conference last month decided to extend its boycott of Nestle products to the three U.S. firms as well. It apparently is the first religious group in the nation to call for a boycott of the U.S. firms. Twenty-six other of the 73 UMC conferences have endorsed the Nestle boycott.

Some UMC task force members feel Nestle has become less combative because its government voted for the international marketing code which the U.S. government voted against. The U.S. companies, they reason, may have been spurred on to be more aggressive by the knowledge that the U.S. political atmosphere has turned more conservative and pro-business and that they probably can count on the administration's backing.

The U.S. companies have additional reasons for taking a tougher stance than in recent years, the task force members said:

- The companies are heavily involved in the sale of pharmaceuticals and see the world infant formula marketing code as the first step toward similar

regulation of the more lucrative pharmaceuticals market. The World Health Organization has stated it expects to consider a pharmaceutical code in a couple of years. The infant formula code is viewed as a threat to the survival of trans-national corporations, according to a couple of task force members who have met privately with infant formula industry officials.

- The companies don't want the marketing code implemented in the U.S. where they sell most of their infant formula.

Representatives of the companies made it clear to the task force that they place much fewer restrictions on their marketing in the U.S. than in the Third World. Mead Johnson, for example, no longer advertises to Third World consumers but it still does to American con-

sumers. Its labels in Third World countries state that breast milk is the best baby food, but they don't say that here.

The task force's resolution endorsing the world marketing code includes a call for United Methodists to urge their government to implement the code.

Dr. Robert Kegerreis, task force member and president of Wright State University in Dayton, indicated that passage of a national code would help the companies avoid some messy anti-trust implications. Brought onto the task force because of his experience as a business consultant and his membership on boards of directors of several corporations, Dr. Kegerreis said the formula manufacturers would violate federal trade laws if they got together on their own and decided to abide by the world marketing code.

But there is precedent in the banning of tobacco advertising on radio and TV for the U.S. government to approve an infant ban on direct advertising, among other marketing restrictions, he said.

The U.S. company representatives told the task force that marketing questions in the Third World don't pertain because consumers here are more sophisticated.

But critics claim American babies also are dying because their mothers misuse infant formula. Testimony before a U.S. House subcommittee last month revealed a year-long study backed by 100 pediatricians showing that "in the Los Angeles metropolitan area, where there are many large communities of recent immigrants from Mexico and Central America, infant health problems caused by misuse of formula have reached near-epidemic proportions."

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Write letter
of thanks for
her support of the
administrative
position.

I am pleased that
this Administration was not
swept up in the excitement
generated by people who are
ready for any excuse to wipe
out private businesses, particularly
successful ~~private~~ businesses ~~which~~
over

~~already present~~

Similar initiatives are
afoot to freeze out
free news services
through international
agreements promoted
by many oppressive
governments. This is a
dangerous trend.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

*Call
re: 7/29/81
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July 27, 1981

Mr. Victor E. Criswell
National Association of Church Business Administrators
P.O. Box 7181
Kansas, City, Missouri 64113

Dear Mr. Criswell:

The President has asked me to thank you on his behalf for your kind letter of June 29th. The growth of the National Association of Church Business Administrators in the last twenty-five years testifies to the effort and good work of its leadership.

Thank you once again for your letter, and I wish you success as you work towards the NACBA's Golden Anniversary Conference in 2006.

Sincerely,

Morton C. Blackwell
Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

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June 29, 1981

President Ronald Reagan
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear President Reagan,

The National Association of Church Administrators will be celebrating the Silver Anniversary Conference in Dallas, Texas beginning July 12 thru 16, 1981.

In preparing for the Silver Anniversary Room we reviewed again your participation in the NACBA's Third Conference at Los Angeles, California in 1959. I remember the warmth and wit as you presented Connie Haynes, Songstress, and Stary Gange, Lecturer.

I personally wish you well and give you my support in attempting to change the direction our Country to a better one. As you know I am not alone in wanting a balance budget. Since my retirement last August, 1980 I continue to hear many retirees willing to help in your plans - even by a reduction of SSA and this also my view.

Since the NACBA first conference at Dallas, Texas in 1957 our membership has grown from 90 to over 900. We have had good leadership and established a Standards & Training program, which results in a Fellow Church Business Administrator certificate.

We established the motto "About our Master's Business" along with a Code of Ethics.

This letter is merely to say "THANKS" for your help in the NACBA's early history.

GOD BE WITH YOU

Sincerely,

Victor E. Criswell, Immediate Past President

Silver Anniversary Conference, Dallas, Texas

JULY 12-16, 1981

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*File
Refugees
cases.*

Rev. Anthony Bellagamba, IMC
United States Catholic Mission Council
1302 Eighteenth Street, N.W.
Suite 702
Washington, D.C. 20036

Dear Rev. Bellagamba:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your message suggesting and requesting he meet with representatives of the Clergy and Laity Concerned.

Regrettably, due to heavy demands on the President's time, he will be unable to schedule such a meeting. However, a copy of your request is being forwarded to Secretary Haig at the State Department.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*File;
all cases*

Mr. Thomas Fassett
The United Methodist Building
100 Maryland Avenue, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20002

Dear Mr. Fassett:

The President has asked me to respond to your recent message expressing your concern about some of his proposed reductions in Federal spending. He has requested that I reassure you that each of these proposals was made after careful consideration of the national interests involved.

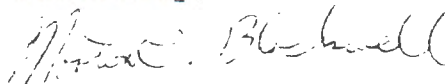
During the Presidential campaign, the President promised the American people that he would make a concerted effort to limit Federal spending as an initial step in his program to bring inflation under control. During the first months of his Administration, the President has developed and submitted to the Congress a comprehensive package intended to revitalize the American economy. That policy package required many hard decisions about a number of programs, but each of those decisions had to be made with some concern for the national interest in controlling our economy and reviving our Federal system.

The President submitted these proposals to the Congress as a package because they constitute an integrated effort to speed our overall recovery. No particular measure can be isolated from the overall package. Despite particular adjustments that might be necessary on a personal level, the President believes that a similar package of proposals, requiring similar adjustments, will be necessary to achieve the reforms that the American people expect of this Administration.

I appreciate your concern about the spending policies that will be adopted over the next four years. I hope that these policies will prove worthy of your support in the near future. A healthy economy is essential to the revitalized America that we all desire.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Board of Church and Society
The United Methodist Church

AVH 80
March 23, 1981

President Ronald Reagan
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

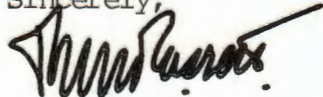
Dear Mr. President:

The General Board of Church and Society of the United Methodist Church in its meeting of February 22 received your address of February 18 with great concern. The policies indicated in your speech have raised serious questions about the directions of our society. We have expressed these concerns in a series of questions:

1. How would the proposed budgetary cuts affect the people of this nation? Would they place an increasingly heavy burden on the elderly, the low income, the unemployed, single-parent families and those on fixed incomes?
2. Within the framework of this economic plan, is there a built-in advantage for large businesses and corporations? In what ways would those interests benefit at the expense of other segments of society?
3. Might the stated proposals create a dislocated economy? Would not our society become greatly financially dependent upon military spending and weapons production?
4. What will be the effect of shifting the responsibility of human services to the state level? Are adequate means provided to prevent further tragic discrepancies existing from state to state due to wide differences in resources and attitudes?

These are questions which we would like to discuss with you or a representative of your administration. They are also concerns that we will continue to monitor and keep before the members of the United Methodist Church across the country.

Sincerely,



Thomas Fassett
Acting General Secretary

Committed to Christ — Called to Change

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 13, 1981

Dear Mrs. Butcher:

On behalf of Mrs. Dole, I am responding to your letter of October 25.

Child abuse and pornography are serious problems in our country. We appreciate your ideas and advice, and will give them our serious consideration.

Thank you for your thoughtful letter.

Sincerely,



Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President

Mrs. Helen M. Butcher
817 West 3rd Street
Washington, Missouri 63090

OCT 8 1981

10/25/81

c/o 817 W. 3rd St.
Washington, Missouri
63090

Mother - please reply
per

Mrs. Elizabeth Dole
c/o White House
Washington D.C. 20500

Draft
short
note for
my sis
on behalf of
Mrs. Dole
MB

Ref. "False and wrong lead-
ership - U.S.A."

Dear Mrs. Dole;

I happened to hear the TV special on pornography — particularly "child pornography" — at the same time I was reading the St. Louis Post Dispatch article, on your power and position! So the Lord led me (I am truly "born again," since 1971, and live a celibate life in mind, body and spirit, since another home breaker E.R.A., (who) broke up my home, wrecking my life and the home life of my son and daughter) to warn you!

Make very certain about this, "He is with me 100%," and America is on the skids because of the women and men who have brought a curse to our country and homes, due to their adulterous lives! And have caused our children to suffer because of it. You might also be warned that those

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same men and women — particularly in the leadership role of Churches, synagogues and politics — are going to pay a greater price for their sins, than the rest of us will who obey Him and His word!

He said, "If anyone causes one of these little ones, who believe in me, to stumble, (sin) it would be better if they had a great millstone hung around their neck and they be thrown into the depths of the sea."

and to His disciples, He said "Teach them to follow all that I have commanded you".

So there will be no excuse, when "the last tribulation" or destruction falls on those who were pre-warned.

Child abuse and pornography is merely a part and parcel of our whole present society — which Christ referred to as "the evil and adulterous generation of the End Times". The last frontier — "the bed".

"Where is yours? Who do you serve?
Satan or Christ? We will see."

In His Spirit, #3

CC: —

Mrs. Helen A. Butcher (Independent)

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 16, 1981

FOR: Elizabeth H. Dole

FROM: Morton C. Blackwell *MB*

SUBJECT: Reformed Church Women Triennial Assembly Invitation

Your instincts were right on this group. There is no reason you should'nt do the event.

This is one of the "mainline denominations", a group with a long history. This denomination is not as liberal politically as most of the "mainline denominations".

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale is part of this group.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

11/12

TO: *Morton*
FROM: Charlotte Ellis
SUBJECT:

The attached is for your:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Information | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Review & Comment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Direct Response | <input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EHD Draft Letter | <input type="checkbox"/> Signature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> File | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

Comments: *EHD would like to consider
this attached. Could you please
advise as to what kind of group
this is, etc?*
Thanks.

INVITATION CHECKLIST

EVENT: Reformed Church Women
Triennial Assembly

REQUESTED DATE: May, 1983

Type of Participation

Keynote Speech _____
Formal Speech _____
Informal Speech _____
Drop-by _____
Briefing _____
Reception _____
Panel Participation _____
Attend Or _____
Other (sp) _____

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Type of Organization

Major National _____
National _____
Regional _____
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Local _____
Other (specify) _____

Support In Favor of Event

Personal (EHD/Senator) _____
White House () _____
Admin. () _____
RNC () _____
Other _____

Recommendation

ACCEPTANCE:

Top Priority _____
Okay, but not crucial _____
Personal Preference _____

REGRET:

OPL Surrogate _____
WH Speakers Bureau _____
Presidential Message _____
Thank You _____

Comments:

*This is a religious event + follow on to
Chaptol Cathedral. A personal preference call.*

*Diana
11/04*

EHD: _____
ACCEPT: _____
DECLINE: _____

NOV 05 1981

TO: Diana W/S
PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR RECOMMENDATION
COMMENTS ON THE FOLLOWING REQUEST.
RETURN TO CHARLOTTE BY 11/9



Reformed Church Women

November 3, 1981

Mrs. Elizabeth Dole
The White House
Second Floor West Wing
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mrs. Dole,

It was a real joy to hear you share the story of your faith on October 10 at the Crystal Cathedral. I appreciated the privilege of meeting you during lunch in Robert Schuller's office. We came with the request that you tell the same story for the women of the Reformed Church in America the evening of Thursday, May 26, 1983. Tish Sadler told me afterward that you understandably were not too clear as to what this involved.

The Reformed Church in America is the denomination to which Robert Schuller belongs. Every three years the women have a four day convention we call our "Triennial Assembly". In May, 1983, it will be held on the campus of Hope College in Holland, Michigan. Arvella Schuller will speak for us on Tuesday evening, May 24. Richard Ostling, Religion Editor for Time Magazine will speak on Monday, May 23. During the day we have Bible studies and seminars. We expect 3,000 women from all over the country at our evening meetings.

It is our custom to pay our speakers \$500 plus expenses. We would like to know whether this is agreeable to you.

Our National Executive Committee was thrilled with the report we brought of your willingness to be part of our program. We also want to assure you of our prayers for you as you carry heavy responsibilities in your position at the White House.

Sincerely,
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September 15, 1981

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

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

This letter is to confirm our verbal invitation for you to address the officers and volunteers of the Foundation for a Christian Civilization at our headquarters in Bedford Hills, New York on the subject: "The Historical Development of Citizen Political Participation in the United States."

We are looking forward to your stay here on October 3rd and 4th.

Please advise us of your travel plans so that arrangements can be made to meet you at the airport.

Shall we make plane reservations? for Sat. morning + back Sunday night?

Sincerely,

Philip A. Moran, Sr.
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President

PAM: jm

Mr. Moran or Mr. Stana will meet you at

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October 29, 1981

Mr. Morton C. Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Morton:

On behalf of the delegation from the Washington Interreligious Staff Council (WISC) I want to express my thanks for the visit with you on October 27. We were, of course, sorry that Diane Luzzano could not join us, but we enjoyed the conversation with you while we waited. We felt that we were able to clarify the process we should follow to get a fully developed proposal to you regarding the idea of a meeting between the President and the Presidents and Executive heads of the denominations and faith groups which work together in WISC. I have enclosed a listing of these groups along with the names of the Washington based staff for your files.

I will be in touch with the executive offices of these groups to work together with them to develop the proposal and will forward it to you as soon as it is ready. As we said to you during our conversation there is important precedence for these religious leaders to meet occasionally with the President for off-the-record conversations and exchanges which sometimes touch on the issues of current political attention but often on matters of the spirit and of theological concern. I look forward to working with you on this.

Sincerely,

Paul Kittlaus
Director
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Monday - Sept 21
2 PM room 132
Jack Burgess
AID, rep, EHD
do stop by

Red - Would like to know what's being planned for Morgan - Sounds like we need someone w. foreign aid background - Pete McPherson?

WILLIAMS, President

Geting done on this

Mrs. Elizabeth Hanford Dole
Special Assistant to the President
Office of Public Liaison
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Elizabeth:

The Cooperative League of the USA (CLUSA) and several other private and voluntary non-profit (PVO's) organizations would like to again request a meeting with you and your staff in the next few days. We would like to discuss the role of the PVO in foreign assistance and the necessary passage of a foreign aid authorization and appropriation bill this year in the U.S. House and Senate.

In addition to the Cooperative League, the following organizations would be represented at the meeting: the Cooperative for American Relief Everywhere (CARE), Save the Children, P.A.I.D., the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), Church World Services and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). We hope to take no more than one hour of your time and would suggest the dates of September 14, September 15, September 17 and September 21st. *2:00 PM Rm 132*

Should you have any questions or need additional information on this request and those in attendance, do not hesitate to contact either myself or Martha McCabe here at the League.

Sincerely,

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E. MORGAN WILLIAMS
President

2:00 PM
Sept 21

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 22, 1981

TO: Flo Randolph - Ed Meese's office
FROM: Morton Blackwell and Jack Burgess
RE: C.L.U.S.A.

Re our meeting with C.L.U.S.A. on September 21, their principal request was that the White House designate someone on the Hill to manage the Foreign Assistance Act.

They sense a lack of commitment here on the topic of foreign aid. They hope that any statements that the President makes encouraging volunteerism will include a reference to the traditional American support of voluntary programs to help the needy overseas.

Below is a list of the people present at the meeting.

Dr. Russell E. Morgan	National Council for International Health 298-5901
Samuel E. Bunker	N.R.E.C.A. 573-9686
Martha L. McCake	Cooperative League 872-0550
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cc. Shirley Ballard - Elizabeth Dole's office



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A DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR THE "SIBERIAN SEVEN" AND THE SUFFERING RUSSIAN CHURCH

NEWS RELEASE

Subject: March 31, 1982 Day of Prayer and Fasting for the Siberian Seven and the Suffering Russian Church.

Responding to a critical need, the national radio broadcast Chapel of the Air (Wheaton, Illinois) has called for a day of prayer and fasting on Wednesday, March 31, 1982 for the "Siberian Seven" held in the United States Embassy in Moscow and the suffering Russian Church.

Due to the long, over three year ordeal of the Seven (consisting of five members of the Vashchenko family and two members of the Chmykhalov family) and the obvious escalation of oppression of believers by all levels of the Soviet Government, a vital need exists for Christians to unite in prayer and fasting on their behalf. Individuals, families, college groups, Bible study and prayer groups, churches, Christian organizations, etc., are being urged to participate.

Christians in the Soviet Union have also been asked through key contacts to pray and fast for American believers on the same day. Thus, a mighty chorus of prayer will be exchanged between our countries on each other's behalf.

The plight of the Siberian Seven began on June 27, 1978 when they arrived at the U.S. Embassy expecting to receive counsel for emigration from the Soviet Union in pursuit of religious freedom. Though holding an official letter from U.S. officials authorizing their entrance into the Embassy, they knew that getting past the Soviet guards at the gate was another matter. Seeking entrance, by itself, could mean imprisonment and torture for everyone. Nevertheless, with years of torment branded in their minds, they proceeded.

As expected, the Russian guards blocked passage. The families then rushed past them onto the Embassy grounds except for John, the Vashchenko son, who was caught, choked, then taken away.

Frightened for John and themselves, the Seven refused to leave the Embassy until learning of his fate. More than two weeks later, their fears were confirmed. Having contacted their daughter, Vera, in Chernogorsk by phone, the Vashchenkos discovered that John was home, but he had been beaten and tortured. It was at this point that the Seven became convinced that asylum should be sought until emigration visas to the west were granted. Thus what was intended to be a brief visit turned into one of the longest asylums in diplomatic history.

Those interested will pray as follows: First, regarding the

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Siberian Seven, that the Soviet Government would grant emigration visas to them and their families still in Chernogorsk. Then, once released, that they would settle in the place of God's choice, the one best suited for them. Moreover, that God will protect them from emotional and physical harm and meet their emotional, physical, and spiritual needs.

Secondly, concerning the Russian Church, Christians will pray that the Soviet Government on all levels would stop persecuting believers and grant them the freedom to exercise their faith and meet publicly without restraint. Also, that Christian families would endure attacks leveled at them from atheistic forces and remain united and strong. Moreover, amidst persecution and pain, that the body of Christ in Russia would grow numerically and become constantly stronger spiritually. And finally, that God would be powerfully and lovingly in their midst, especially during times of trouble.

In connection with the day of prayer there will also be a writing campaign of letters and petitions to Soviet officials calling for emigration visas for the two families and freedom for Christians throughout Russia to openly meet and exercise their faith. Letters and petitions will be sent to these addresses:

Ambassador Anatoly Dobrynin
Embassy of the USSR
1125 16th Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20036

President Brezhnev
The Kremlin
Moscow, R.S.F.S.R.
U.S.S.R.

In case the Seven are released by March 31st, prayers and the writing campaign will still occur for the suffering Russian Church at large.

The exiled Russian believer Georgi Vins said upon arriving in America: "If everyone remained silent, we might very well be dead." On March 31, 1982, a powerful voice of American believers will be heard by Soviet officials through prayer, fasting, and a writing campaign. We will not be silent!

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