

# People For The American Way

FROM: Piper Phillips  
DATE: 2/16/82  
RE: Radical Religious Broadcasts Week of 2/1-2/7

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700 Club

Monday 2/1- featured: report on the space shuttle; discussion of the income tax system; young boy's battle with encephalitis.

Within the discussion of the income tax system in this country, the viewers are told that income tax is an invasion of our privacy, and that it was Karl Marx who advocated a graduated income tax.

During the last 30 minutes of the broadcast, Robertson critiqued the program "Pray TV" saying that it began to discredit people in Christian broadcasting. Robertson suggested that his viewers pray for these people.

During response time to questions posed by viewers, Robertson said that "God hates divorce, that's what the Bible says."

Wednesday 2/3- featured: Roger Horchow; Carol Lawrence; segment on Karl Kent, a police detective from Houston; and Dr. Paul Beal on chelation therapy.

Robertson was discussing the crisis in Central America on today's broadcast. He asserted that the U.S. was responsible for the present situation (a communistic based government) in Nicaragua, and that we need to assist other countries in order to avert this happening again. Robertson said, "I was amazed to see a United States congressman criticize the President for helping the government of El Salvador because if we don't help the government of El Salvador, El Salvador will become another Cuban satellite, another Russian satellite..." Robertson then suggests that the "People in our country should let the President know that they support him."

Friday 2/5- featured: Virginia Prewitt on crisis in Latin America; Tammy Roberts from the Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders.

Prewitt reported on how the Soviets are pumping 9 million dollars worth of arms into Cuba daily. As this is perceived to pose a threat to Latin America, Mexico and eventually southwestern U.S., Robertson asks what can be done by the administration to prevent their moves. Prewitt advocates an extenuated economic boycott of Russia, and Robertson wonders if we can't reinstate the Monroe Doctrine. Robertson goes on to say that the press distorts the real situation in Central America and now that his viewers know that the problem is serious that they should write their congressmen.

Another example of how religious freedoms are being eroded daily was cited. In Virginia Beach, Va. (home of the "700 Club") there was an ordinance against handing out literature on the streets. An individual was fined for passing out gospel tracts, so Robertson himself mobilized 100 people and leafleted the boardwalk opposing the ordinance. He said he brought his kids along and told them to bring their toothbrushes because they might spend the night in jail. This is something worth going to jail for Robertson stated. What we did was to dramatize the situation, and

by doing so the ordinance was dropped, Robertson told his viewers. "You've got to be prepared to sacrifice something for freedom." Martin Luther King, Jr. went to jail for freedom and so should Christians, Robertson says.

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RE: Radical Religious Broadcasts Week of 2/8-2/14

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700 Club

Monday 2/8- featured: Dr. Hugh Ross, an astronomer; segment on progeria disease; Dr. Grace Ketterman on child care.

Robertson began today by telling his viewers that the evolutionists are beginning a campaign through the media to support their beliefs. However, he tells us that the science association recently said that there will be no more debates because they (evolutionists) keep losing. Robertson says that that is "because evolution, ladies and gentlemen just ain't the way it happened." He goes on to say that "You would have to believe in more miracles, you'd have to believe in the Great Pumpkin and the tooth fairy to believe some of the things these folks try to unload on you as science." We're told that a new case is coming up in Louisiana, and that the trial in Arkansas was a "parody."

Tuesday, 2/9- Featured: This broadcast was filmed live at the National Religious Broadcasters convention in Washington, D.C. the evening of 2/8. Guests included Sen. Jesse Helms, Dr. Ben Armstrong, Dr. Charles Stanley, Beverly LaHaye, the Humbards, and Bishop J.O. Patterson.

Robertson discussed the role of the government in family disintegration with Sen. Helms. Helms said, "The increase in secular humanism...has been encouraged by the kind of governmental policies we've had for a generation." Helms went on to say that "the government is the problem." On the issue of busing Helms said, "It is utter folly, it's the worst tyranny ever imposed upon the school children of this country and I'm glad we're going to eliminate it."

Wednesday, 2/10- Featured: segment on hunger in Poland; Dr. Robert Atkins on diet; Dr. Ross Campbell on teenagers; and Rep. Robert Dornan (live from Washington, D.C.) on the recent IRS involvement in church schools.

The program today ran a tape of President Reagan's speech to the National Religious Broadcasters convention Tuesday evening in which he endorsed the efforts of the "700 Club's" Operation Blessing program. It was reported that Reagan singled out Operation Blessing as an example of how the private and religious sectors can help meet human needs in the wake of massive federal assistance cut-backs. Operation Blessing credits itself for handling 274,000 calls for assistance and dispersing more than a half million dollars in 1981 through its 73 counseling centers across the nation.

Thursday, 2/11- Featured: segment on gun control; Donna Summer; Bonnie McLean on prison ministries; and Charlene Curry, author of The General's Lady.

Today's program featured a discussion on gun control which was well balanced. Interviews were given by those for and against. Robertson said that he wouldn't keep guns around, but he advocates stiff sentencing for violations committed with guns.

#### Old Time Gospel Hour

Sunday, 2/14- Tape # 487 from the Old Time Gospel Hour.

Second in a series of four promoting Liberty Baptist College. Falwell commented on the program, I Love Liberty, sponsored by People for the American Way. He said, "I was reading in TV Guide the other day the comment of the editor regarding those who believe the Bible. They refer to us as the Radical Religious Right. The Radical Religious Right. They were advertising Norman Lear's two-hour special which was donated, I understand, by ABC. Two hours in which they were to attack Bible believing Christianity, conservative Christianity in this country. Unbelievable that a network would do that and that Norman Lear would be so incensed by the Bible believing preachers on television and radio that he would spend so much effort and bring in so many big name persons to do that kind of thing. But in describing the program, in describing all of it the writer referred to this particular program saying it's an effort to refute or rebut the radical religious right. Did you know that if you believe the Bible you're radical? Well then, be radical." (See attached copy of the TV Guide article and the description of I Love Liberty).

Falwell discussed their efforts to help feed the hungry in Poland and appeared to be distressed that there was little outrage exhibited in this country around the crisis in Poland. He said, "I think of Afghanistan. Two years old now and I wonder where all the liberals are who yell about Vietnam and yell about El Salvador. Where are the liberals who are suppose to be yelling, clergy included. About Poland, Afghanistan; strangely silent. Inconsistent."

#### The LaHayes on Family Life

Sunday, 2/7- (We are now monitoring this program on a weekly basis. When controversial issues are discussed they will be reported in this summary).

During the first 15 minutes Bev conducts her "counseling" sessions. Today's guest was unidentified (and viewers only saw the back of her head). She spoke of her upbringing in a non-Christian family which resulted in her becoming involved with "bad" friends. She became pregnant several times and upon the advice of her mother had abortions. Later, when she married, she also became pregnant and had an abortion because her husband said they could not afford a baby at that time. She reported that she felt what she had done was wrong and "I am very resentful right now at this point in my life, to my husband, and my family and even to the Supreme Court; which may sound odd, but they're the one's who helped make it seem so easy to have an abortion and I resent them." Bev responded by saying,

"Even though the highest law of our land, the Supreme Court, may legalize it, may make it convenient, it doesn't in God's eyes. He sets the morals and we have to let God set the law and then we have to follow those laws." Bev continues by saying, "I think the person who is without Jesus Christ, and certainly that would be many of those who make the laws for us, really don't look at it through the eyes of God's morality."

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RE: Old Time Gospel Hour remarks on I Love Liberty

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This past Sunday, 2/14, Jerry Falwell on the "Old Time Gospel Hour" made a remark regarding the I Love Liberty rally. He said:

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# People For The American Way

FROM: Piper Phillips  
DATE: 2/23/82  
RE: Radical Religious Broadcasts Week of 2/15-2/21

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700 Club

Tuesday 2/16- featured: segment on organizing your life; J. Russell Hughes, an attorney who found Christ; conclusion of poll conducted on busing.

On Monday, Robertson asked all the Blacks in the TV audience to call in and give their opinion on this question: "Do you favor forced busing beyond five miles?" On today's broadcast, Robertson asked the whites to call in and respond yes or no to the same question. Robertson said that this question is controversial because it [the busing] is enforced by the courts, but is not government mandated. He went on to say that "whatever comes in [results] will go to your congressmen. We'll send it and let them know what your will is." The results were reported at the end of the broadcast. They were: for Blacks; 35% yes, 65% no. For whites; 5% yes, 95% no. That averaged 83% saying no and 17% saying yes. Robertson equated this average with that of the national average, and suggested that the leaders in Washington, D.C. listen to it, however, Robertson continued "the Supreme Court and others will say we don't care what the people say, we're going to do it our way."

Wednesday 2/17- featured: segment on computers, "Office of the Future;" the Marva Collins Westside Prep school in Chicago; Samuel Blumenfeld on public education; and Betty Ann Voos, a nurse in a mental institution.

Robertson reported on Rapid Parish, La. and their attempt to continue to have voluntary prayer in their schools. Robertson said that there is "a quiet revolution going on in the United States..." "People are getting fed up with certain things and one of the things is the dominance of federal court system which has imposed upon communities something that the communities do not want." Apparently Rapid Parish is continuing to encourage their students, teachers, etc. to participate in voluntary prayer in the schools.

Ben Kinchlow (Robertson's co-host) asked Robertson about the Equal Rights Amendment and why it is that it doesn't say anything about women. Robertson responded that it doesn't say anything about women or men, that it refers to sex and "what people are not sure of, and this is; I'm not being facetious; they're not sure of whether it would be interpreted; your gender or how you perform sex." ✓

The majority of today's broadcast centered around denouncing the public school system in the U.S. Robertson's guest, Samuel Blumenfeld has authored a book entitled Is Public Education Necessary? Blumenfeld researched the history of the public education system in the U.S. for this book and was eager to suggest that the present system is attempting to remove the child from God and his/her parents. He reports that public education was not an academic movement, but a philosophical one aimed at changing man's thinking. The goal of public education is to purge

religion from the schools. As this results in separating the child from God and parents, it then leads to nihilism and the nihilists can then become Marxists terrorists. Blumenfeld says the schools don't teach children to read, and hence they are unable to read the Bible. He suggests that the U.S. needs a separation of school and state clause as "government has perverted education." He concludes by saying that "government controlled education will invariably lead to totalitarianism."

James Robison, "A Man With A Message"

Sunday 2/21

Today Robison appeared in his office amongst his staff to read his statement to the press concerning the film "Pray TV." Robison said that "it is an attempt to pit the church against television preachers just as the socialist thinkers pit race against race, labor against business and vice versa..."

Robison continued his presentation on the principle of separation of church and state. He said that they are separated, but "you cannot separate Christianity and state." Robison spent a great deal of time and effort telling his viewers that it is not the fault of the government that there are problems in the U.S., but the fault of the people. He said that we do not have excessive, uncontrolled government, we have an excessive, uncontrolled public. Robison did discuss how important it is that everyone speak out and he said "and if you think that you can separate the spiritual from the political then you have been deceived by the master of deceit....I'll never back down."





FROM: Piper Phillips  
DATE: 3/1/82  
RE: Radical Religious Broadcasts Week of 2/22-2/28

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700 Club

Wednesday, 2/24- Featured: Scott McGregor of the Baltimore Orioles; Tom Sine, CBN's futurist; segment on Jeanne Young, a Philippine game show host; and a segment on a senior citizen organization for women called Guardian Angels.

Robertson was discussing how the Amish are required to pay social security taxes by the government even though it is against their religious beliefs. He went on to say that "That justifies an invasion of religion...the thing about the Supreme Court, their First Amendment reasoning is so bad, it's always bad."

Tom Sine, CBN's futurist told the viewers today that "We need a whole new political agenda. There's a lot being written about a secular humanism out there that's going to get us if we're not careful. Well, I'm convinced we've already been gotten. We've already been eaten alive by the values of the culture of America."

James Robison: "A Man With A Message"

Sunday, 2/28- Robison is spending a lot of time justifying his right to preach to President Reagan, the Congress and the people. He appears to be preparing to say something. For example, Robison said that "There are people today that are saying you preachers can not tell us that our economy can be resurrected, that our nation can be restored by the power of God; yes we can, yes we must, yes we will. Because we're right."

Old Time Gospel Hour

Sunday, 2/28- Tape # 489

Falwell made his usual denouncement of abortion. He pointed to his Precious Feet stick pin and told the viewers that they were representative of a ten week old baby in the mother's womb. "It's unreal, but that little precious something is not a fetus or a piece of tissue, but from conception a living person."

Falwell responded to a recent poll on the Human Life Amendment. (He did not cite which poll). The viewers were told that 75% of the American people were opposed to the amendment according to this poll, although he went on to say that those results were achieved because of the way the question was phrased. If you asked them if they supported a Human Life Amendment that made abortions illegal except in cases of rape, incest, (which he doesn't personally agree with) or the mother's life being endangered then 90% of Americans would support it. "Why don't they do it? [ask the question correctly] Because they don't want that kind of answer. They want to put this headline up there: Three fourths of all Americans oppose a Human Life Amendment. Well you know what the

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facts are. The American people have not become animals....we have got to educate the American people on what abortion really is....that's the national sin of America." Falwell then introduces one of their singers by saying that he's sure glad that his mother didn't abort him or they wouldn't have this wonderful gospel singer.

# People For The American Way

TO: Staff  
FROM: Piper  
DATE: 2/17/82  
RE: NRB Conference

The National Religious Broadcasters (NRB) Convention was quite impressive with several thousand attending. The majority of the people are broadcasters in TV and radio from the evangelical persuasion. (The NRB represents the conservative religious broadcasters). The convention was highlighted by the attendance of many religious luminaries including Tim & Bev LaHaye, Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, Rex Humbard, James Robison, E.V. Hill and Donald Wildmon.

Sunday's opening plenary session featured E.V. Hill as the keynote speaker. Although he said little relevant for our purposes, (he tells stories of how we was born again) he does have a habit of telling off-color jokes about whites and negros in the south.

Monday day sessions offered little (the sessions are generally quite technical in nature) but the evening was highlighted by the live origination of the 700 Club. This is the first TV program I've seen live and needless to say it was a thrill for it to be the 700 Club. Guests included Charles Stanley, Sen. Jesse Helms, Bev LaHaye, etc. (See this week's media fairness summary for details). Today also opened up the impressive exhibit hall which had booths for many of the familiar Right groups including Vigurie, Religious Roundtable, etc. and many exhibits for religious books, jewelry, and broadcasting equipment. Billy Graham was scheduled to speak Monday evening but did not appear. No one was able to say why he didn't attend.

On Tuesday there was the FCC luncheon featuring Chairman Mark Fowler. As expected, Fowler reiterated his support of the religious broadcasters, repeal of the Fairness Doctrine and the equal opportunities provision (equal time for political candidates).

Immediately following the luncheon, Jerry Falwell held an open press conference. In the conference, Falwell referred to James Robison's TV program going off the air because he made a comment about homosexuals. (Robison attacked gays and a fairness challenge was brought to one station airing the program. They removed his program for a short time and upon reinstating it warned Robison to clean up his act). Falwell mentioned people who ask for equal time; it is not equal time, it is asking for an opportunity to respond, and said that if people disagree with what's being said then they should have to pay for the time to rebut.

On religion and politics, Falwell said that certain moral issues have become political, we [the Moral Majority] didn't make them political, the Supreme Court did in 1973. [referring to the Roe v Wade decision legalizing abortion].

Shortly thereafter I attended the "Battle for the Family" with Tim LaHaye. Bev was also scheduled to conduct this seminar but was ill. LaHaye's hour presentation was typical of his usual verbiage, although it's interesting to sit a few feet from him and listen to it live.

After LaHaye I attended the evening session with President Reagan speaking. His main point relevant to us is what he said about those who say that the Right are trying to impose their views on others. He said, "I do not agree with those who accuse you of trying to impose your views on others. If we come to the point in America where any attempt to see traditional values reflected in public policy leaves one open to irresponsible charges, then I say the entire structure of our society is threatened."

Mike attended the session on Wednesday with Donald Wildmon and James Robison. He has ordered an audio tape of their presentation.