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700 CLUB 9-3-85

Charlotte School Controversy

The feature story on this broadcast dealt with a controversy over equal access and other religious issues in the Charlotte Mecklenburgh school system in Charlotte, North Carolina. A teacher in the system had counseled a student to accept Jesus Christ as her saviour. The student's mother had then notified the school and the teacher was reprimanded. Other teachers, who read their Bibles during lunch and held prayer meetings, were also reprimanded. An attorney for the Freedom Council (Robertson's legal service) was contacted and the school system now has a sixteen point program in which teachers can hold a moment of silence, talk about religion in class, pray, read the Bible and hold religious meetings during school hours. The school board then appointed a committee to review the current sex education program.

CLIP OF CARL HORN, Attorney for the Freedom Council

"The curriculum goes way beyond just teaching bad moral values and teaching that birth control when used by teenagers makes teenage sex responsible. In fact, it goes on to the worst sort of social engineering where radical feminist ideology is taught to undermine traditional male and female roles and it's very clear that the idea is to invade family privacy..."

700 CLUB 9-4-85

Gary Bauer/Education

A large portion of this show was devoted to the issue of private vs. the public schools. Gary Bauer, Under-secretary of the Department of Education, appeared, advocating a voucher system for parents.

MARY FUTRELL

Mary Futrell also was shown at a press conference denouncing the tuition tax credit/voucher alternatives, saying that it would drain badly needed funds from public schools.

Bauer appeared again and said that argument presupposes that everyone who has a choice will choose the private schools and that he believes that there are good public schools.

EILEEN GARDNER of the Heritage Foundation

She said that what NEA is really afraid of is that "the debacle in education that they have presided over in the last twenty years will be shown for what it really is." She also added that the NEA has not done a very good job.

ROBERTSON

He said that the time for the voucher system has definitely come.

"The NEA advocates an initiative for the teacher/pupil relationship to be privileged like a lawyer/client one. When you get that kind of adversary relationship, it's time to break it up."

[He encouraged viewers to write their congressmen.] "Secretary Bennett...Gary Bauer, the U.S. Department of Education is pushing it. We congratulate them. We applaud the initiative."

700 CLUB 9-9-85

ROBERTSON

South Africa

"[Response to a question on his opinion on South Africa] "If we're going to do a number of South Africa, can't we be consistent and do it to those who are oppressing people in other societies? We don't even consider it because that isn't in vogue with the liberal establishment. They don't want to come down hard against Marxist communists. They want to come down on this other country. Yes, apartheid is wrong...It's much worse oppression in the communist world than the South Africans ever dreamed of. And yet, all of the media's talking about South Africa..."

700 CLUB 9-10-85

Abortion

NARRATOR

"Abortion is a fact of life for the baby boomer generation, And is perhaps the ultimate expression of 'doing their own thing' -- abortion."

ROBERTSON

"There's a dark side to our baby-boomer, yuppie generation. It's one that deals with selfishness...Who is going to pay for them if they have aborted 17 million babies?"

"We in this nation know what abortion does and we know about the so-called fetus which is really a baby. And we know that baby can feel...and yet to take the life of that baby is nothing short of murder because this is an unprotected member of the human race. And he has rights...just as much as the mother has rights. The baby is now a separate person; it's not a part of the mother's body...There's no question that a baby is a separate creature from the mother."

Literacy

DANUTA SODERMAN

"How do we stop the trend? How do we turn the trend around and get those kids learning to read again?"

ROBERTSON

There are two things that gotta be done, without question and they both involve the education establishment. Number one, you have to have morality in schools, there's got to be discipline. I think if you don't have discipline and morality then there is no educational environment. You cannot have students raping teachers and smoking pot out in the halls of the schools or dealing heroine back in the parking lot or something. You just can't have it. You can't have illicit pregnancies and all the sexuality and so forth. There's got to be a return to a knowledge of God. And the crisis in education has started as a main thrust in the last 25 years. The breakdown of the morality in schools is the result of a Supreme Court decision. It was tragic. And we're harvesting the crop. The second thing is the educational establishment has got to be broken. The NEA, which said in one of their publications, 'so what if Johnny can't read? We've got him till he's seventeen years old.' They're so much more concerned with teaching a new values system to these students, they don't care if they can read or not. They just want to take them away from traditional, Christian morality -- the values, if you will, of the private, free enterprise system -- and move them toward a collectivist type of mentality. They're more concerned with indoctrination of the students against their parents...so they have embraced this failed look-see method of reading which is absolutely an abomination."

"The educational establishment in this union is blocking progress. Blocking teacher testing. Blocking competency tests."

Humanism/Education

"And the second thing is the court system and the humanists which will not let us have religious values around in the school which brings about the ultimate authority."

KINCHLOW

"We have just recently launched a campaign which is effectively curving the vicious cycle of under-achievement...We launched a special reading program [This is a reading program in the inner cities called Operation Heads Up, which advocates the phonics methods.]

South Africa

ROBERTSON

"If South Africa falls to the Communists, we'll pay triple or quadruple for all the chrome that goes into every jet engine we make in the U.S....The Marxists have control of Mozambique, Zimbabwe and Angola. They're trying to get...South Africa to

fall under communist pressure...which means we will be buying material for our jet planes from Russia...I think apartheid is wrong...however, we cannot necessarily throw that country into chaos and destroy it without hurting many black people."

700 CLUB 9-14-85

Seven Days Ablaze

"Seven Days ablaze," Robertson's annual week of prayer for revival in our country started on this date and continued all week. The theme for this year was, "History Speaks. Will America Listen?" Viewers were urged to phone in and say that they will put aside 15 minutes a day to pray for revival in America. Each day featured a lengthy report about past societies which fell to extinction or ruin (i.e., Rome, Greece, etc.) and were subsequently compared to modern America. The first day was all about the fall of ancient Rome, and the lesson to be learned from that, Robertson said, is the need for strong, moral leadership in this country and a rethinking of the adage, "give the people what they want."

700 CLUB 9-17-85

This show dealt again with the Roman empire and focused on the demise of the traditional family in this country. Robertson talked about the numbers of unwed mothers and showed graphs illustrating the rise in population of this group of people. He then elaborated on the moral decay of America -- the sexual revolution, abortion, homosexuality, etc.

ROBERTSON

Church's Leniency

"19% of all births in the USA are to unmarried women...Welfare itself is contributing to that, the way we distribute welfare. Something else that the sexual revolution has done that are tearing our young people apart. That's the legacy of the quote sexual revolution. The horrible, appalling thing is that the church of Jesus Christ has put its imprimatur on many of these practices. Ordaining homosexuals. Saying any kind of sexual liaison is all right so long as it's 'meaningful.' That's a travesty of what God says."

Sexual Diseases

"People in this country are violating certain moral laws and standards. And, as a result, they're getting diseases. And they're in pain. And they're having suffering...We are breaking laws...and we are going to say God caused this. No. We broke

his law. The law was in place. People when they begin this sexual adventure that's going on in our country are breaking the laws. And when we do it, we're going to pay the price. This terrible thing about AIDS...we're adding 1,000 new cases of AIDS every day."

700 CLUB 9-18-85

The fall of the British empire from a highly industrialized, sophisticated political power to somewhat less than that today was the focus of this show.

ROBERTSON

America a Debtor Nation

"Since 1914 we have become a net debtor nation...The question is will we do what is right? Will we have the moral strength to make the hard decisions we need to? Will we exercise restraint in our habits in terms of the federal government, the state government? Will we take these burdens of our economy so the economy can be free and can be strong?...Or will we continue to mortgage our future...But what we must do, we must recapture the moral basis of our nation. It is a spiritual thing."

President

"We should pray for our President. And we should pray in a sense that God will restrain the evil designs of the Soviet Union."

700 CLUB 9-19-85

Ancient Greece was the spotlight of this broadcast and Robertson talked a great deal about morality. He told a story of a boy in a class who was asked what 9x9 was and the boy replied, "81." The teacher then asked another boy ("who was known as a bad student") what the answer was and he said, "approximately 76." And the teacher said, "That's right!" -- implying that reasoning or approximating was the right way to learn.

ROBERTSON

Education/Humanism

"You know why they're doing that in education today along with the fact that they're not teaching people phonics? They're teaching the sight-say type of reading method...It's because humanists hate absolutes! And the multiplication table is an absolute...We can't have any rote learning in school today because we have to 'discuss it.' You see where we're going if we continue humanism. There is no absolute. There is no standard. And when that happens you have what is laughingly called pluralism. One thinker said pluralism is a euphemism to describe a transition from one orthodoxy to another..."

Fairness Doctrine

"What is happening in our television today -- if God himself came on television, you'd have to give equal time to the devil. And so we always have to have a debate. Whoever speaks -- the President of the United States speaks and some dissident maybe who represents fifty people is able to get equal time to counter the President. There's always this 'balance.' That's what they did in Greece. There was no orthodoxy. there was no unity."

700 CLUB 9-20-85

Reagan's Appearance

Ronald Reagan appeared on a pre-taped interview with Pat Robertson on this show. All of Robertson's questions dealt with the budget deficit, tax reform, the trade protectionist bill and Reagan's recent illness.

ROBERTSON

"You're getting ready for the summit. Is the American press, and a free press is so important in our nation, but is it from time to time being manipulated by the Soviet Union to sort of stack the deck against you in this summit meeting?"

REAGAN

"I did begin to feel for awhile that when the summit started, they'd be rooting for the other side. He was wearing the white hat and I was wearing the black hat -- you know, that's an old Hollywood expression. You'd identify the villains by the color of their hat. I think what should be better understood by out people and this isn't any criticism of our press, is that the Soviet Union has a worldwide disinformation network and it's very effective and they can get many things published and broadcast to suit their ends in their drives, i.e., to try to create some friction among us and our allies and I don't think we have anything comparable to that."

ROBERTSON

"Mr. President. Thank you so much. God bless you."

REAGAN

"...I'm convinced that this is a nation under God. As long as we recognize that and believe that, he'll help us."

End of Segment

ROBERTSON

"We appreciate a president who knows the greatness of this people and the greatness that God will give us as a nation under God."

Robertson then said that it was important for people to

pledge fifteen minutes of their day to pray for revival and that people are already praying -- "They're praying that God will put righteous men in office and lead them once they're there."

Pray for Reagan

"We pray now for President Reagan. We thank God for him and for his deep feeling for you and the important things in our nation. God strengthen him and bless him even as you have through two great physical crises. Bless him and his wife, Lord, and his staff around him...Give us Godly leaders in every level of life in this nation that they might serve the Lord with a willing heart."

700 CLUB 9-23-85

This broadcast kicked off a week of fundraising specials for CBN University, entitled, "Your Place in the Future." During each show Robertson focused on a particular problem or issue and then talked about how a contribution to CBN University could help train Godly men and women to solve some of those problems in society. This show dealt with a look at the American family and began with a long report on its demise.

Education

CLIP OF PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY

"One of the greatest problems is education -- is what the children are taught in schools. What they are taught is ending up alienating them from the parents. It's making them believe that they can invent their own moral code."

CLIP OF TIM LAHAYE

"It's the philosophy of secular humanism that man should do his own thing and that self-actualization is more important than anything else and what is in it for me that destroys marriage. Marriage demands commitment and selflessness."

"Whatever it's going to take -- we're willing to pay the price of sacrifice to raise up the next generation of Christian and country leaders for America."

Secular Leaders

DANUTA SODERMAN

"Why is it important to have leadership? Why is it important to train leaders? Aren't there enough in the world already? Aren't there enough politicians?"

ROBERTSON

"There are too many politicians and not enough statesmen anywhere. The people who've been running the government of this country and of other countries have been, in many instances, those who were given to a socialistic or a secularistic mindset. Not so much socialistic in this country, but in Europe they have

been and they have embraced a philosophy of secular humanism which rules God out."

Education

ROBERTSON

"What about education? Do you know what they're doing, some of the schools? In certain schools they are trying to get passed legislation that would give a teacher with her pupil or his pupil the same rights as an attorney/client so no parent would ask a child what the teacher was telling them...And they're trying to build up little fellowship groups of confidantes surrounding that child which would wean that child away from his mother and father...That's Nazism. That's Fascism. That's Communism."

"Thomas Mann years ago tried to take education away from the Christians and lure us into the Unitarians and others. There's been 100 years of this, but...John Dewey...trained thousands of teachers and they have trained other teachers and so the major bastions of education in America -- the universities -- have gone away from Jesus Christ and if you advocate a heartfelt love of Jesus they will ridicule you, scorn you and beat up your faith. That is what any Christian student has to go into when he walks into the classroom in a college. His faith and everything he believes will be assailed by every side by unbelieving professors."

700 CLUB 9-25-85

ROBERTSON

Secular Humanism

"Now that term is secular humanism - someone who believes from a secular standpoint that there is no God, man is the center of everything and in turn the corollary that there are no absolutes ...Now this permeates our educational structure...humanists are a fancy name for atheists."

CLIP OF PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY

"In hearings conducted by the Department of Education, one parent told how her child had to stand up in class and tell about a situation in which it is all right to lie. Another parent was told that her child was told to write an essay -- when is it okay to cheat. Of course, the sexuality education in the schools are often too obscene to repeat on this television program."

CLIP OF TIM LAHAYE

"They have taken over the greatest educational system in the history of the world and turned it into a humanistic think factory or brainwashing institution. So committed have the disciples of John Dewey been to using public education as a forum to infiltrate the mind, or indoctrinate the mind of the future generation with humanistic philosophy that they have destroyed

education."

SCHLAFLY

"There is no excuse for the schools teaching humanism as an ideology to the children of parents who reject that view of society. One of the great rights that we have as Americans is the right not only to practice our religion...but to be able to transmit our religion, our ethical, our cultural notions to our children."

Tony Podesta/Ellingwood

During the report, a clip of Tony Podesta at the Ellingwood press conference appeared with a voice over saying, "proponents of secular humanism have succeeded in stopping the appointment of Christians to high positions in government, fearing that their faith in God would affect the decisions they would make."

CLIP OF LAHAYE

Liberal Press

"You can hardly name a rock-ribbed, conservative, traditional value newspaper in the U.S. starting with the New York Times, The Atlanta Constitution, and The Washington Post, The Los Angeles Times, they're all so liberal they should be printed, in my opinion, in red ink. They're based on secular humanistic philosophy and they always give that liberal twist to everything...I believe right now we're in a race for the 21st century. They say that by the year 2,000, America will be as secular humanism nation. And we say over our dead body."

ROBERTSON

Rebuking Hurricanes

"We have never had a hurricane in this area since people prayed about 1964 and rebuked a killer storm...[praying] We command that hurricane in the Atlantic ocean in the name of Jesus that your westward flow might be stopped in this moment and that you will go out to sea and continue north harmless in the name of Jesus..."

700 CLUB 9-26-85

The subject of this show was young people and the "tug of communism and atheism that is pulling our young people apart."

Youth of America

CLIP OF PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY

"It's making them believe that they can invent their own new moral code. It's getting them to reject eternal truth -- eternal values, the ten commandments, a belief that there is a fixed, moral position and instead, telling the child, 'you can make up your own mind whether you can lie, steal, cheat, kill...'"

CLIP OF TIM LAHAYE

"So what we have here is parents from traditional homes send their children into humanistic public education and the children are taught things that are contrary to the values of the home so when they come home there is conflict rather than peace and harmony. I think schools should be representative of the yearnings of the American people -- the parents, the taxpayers that pay the bills. Instead, they are the reflection of the secular humanists."

ROBERTSON

"I think what's happening in the youth of America is a tremendous religious revival...We are in a battle. And, I think, having read the last chapter of the Book, that the good guys win."

Abbie Hoffman/The 60s

"Somebody sent me yesterday a statement from a book written by the 60s radical, Abbie Hoffman. And you know what Abbie Hoffman said? I don't like to take credit from someone like that, but Abbie Hoffman said, 'After I go through watching the 700 Club, I realized that these people have the knowledge to turn back what we'd done in the 60s.' What they had done in the 60s was to radicalize this nation, tear the campuses apart, start riots against major corporations, disrupt the government, do everything they possibly could to bring down law and order and when they saw what the Christians were doing -- they had a strategy."

Education

"One of the appalling things that's going on in our world today is that children are being mistaught. The education establishment has bombed on their responsibility to teach people. It is really bad."

700 CLUB 9-27-85

The spotlight on this show was the recent revival of the church in America and E.V. Hill and Charles Stanley appeared on a pre-taped segment talking about this.

ROBERTSON

Freedom Council and the Jews

"We've formed an arm to counter the ACLU. The Freedom Council right now has 700 lawyers affiliated with us. We're 200 ahead of the goal for the end of the year already. Even some of the Jewish lawyers now in Maryland want to get involved because we're helping the orthodox Jewish people in their struggle for religious freedom, because it's affecting them as well. Humanism is cutting not just to Christians, but it's cutting against the Jews, too, and we're helping them."

Hurricane

Robertson also took credit on this broadcast for hurricane Gloria's missing the Virginia area and said that it demonstrated what happened when the people of God pray together. He showed a map of the route of the hurricane, and said that the whole staff of CBN had had a prayer vigil the day before, asking God to send it back into the ocean. (He also showed clips of himself praying about it the previous two days.)

OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR 9-8-85

FALWELL

Homosexuality

"[accepting it] would be like telling me to stop preaching against bank theft and robbery and murder and all other sins. Homosexuality is a sin...I have the deepest compassion for a person with AIDS...We love them and we reach out to them and we lead them to the gospel out of that perverted lifestyle...We should pray lovingly for a cure and pray for research...at the same time while it's incurable it's totally preventable...if the homosexual men who are plagued by AIDS and who are potential high risk victims would stop doing what they're doing, the epidemic would stop."

FALWELL LIVE 9-8-85

South Africa

This was part three of "South Africa -- The Untold Story." John Lofton and Herbert Beukes (Ambassador from South Africa) appeared on this show. Falwell mentioned an NAACP rally at Thomas Road Baptist Church held to protect his recent remarks about South Africa.

FALWELL

NOW

"NOW was there. Can you imagine Judy Goldsmith who's discriminated against 16 million babies in the last 12 years was here about a civil rights issue?"

Clips of the press conference with Jesse Jackson were shown, notably those of Falwell addressing the crowd. After these, Falwell said that his church was one of the most integrated in the country and reiterated that he could not find one elected official in South Africa who wanted disinvestment.

NCC/Communists

"Anybody who knows me knows I'll join the communist party about the same day I join the National Council of Churches. He said the U.S. should buy Krugerands and invest in South Africa, but attached to that should be a commitment to end apartheid." Falwell announced that he is taking another group of pastors to

South Africa in November -- some of whom do not agree with his position -- to show them what is really occurring. He then closed the show telling viewers to call their senators (showing the number on the screen) and tell them to vote "the way you want them to vote."

FALWELL LIVE 9-15-85

South Africa

JESSE HELMS

"I think the U.S. better wake up and smell the coffee in terms of the vital nature of South Africa, our ally through thick and thin. And bearing in mind that the Soviet Union is orchestrating the takeover of all of Africa and they realize if they get South Africa the rest will come."

FALWELL

Said that this is "not a black/white issue, but a red/blue one -- communism versus freedom." Falwell has recently published a sixteen page report called, "South Africa -- The Untold Story," calling it "the finest thing in print."

HELMS

Ted Kennedy

"[The problem with] Ted Kennedy is that] he's always supporting those who would overthrow anti-communist regimes." Helms added that recently Kennedy had said that republican party has got to decide whether it's the party of Lincoln or the party of apartheid and the press asked Helms to comment to which he replied: "Since Mr. Kennedy took that cheap shot, let me just reply with one. Senator Kennedy's got to decide if his party is the party of Jefferson or the party of Gorbachev."

FALWELL

Bishop Tutu's Christianity

One of the viewers called in and asked Falwell if Bishop Tutu was a Christian in the biblical sense and he said, "As a Christian, it's impossible to judge another's relationship with God. I can inspect fruit, however. Jesus said, 'By your fruits ye shall know them' and at the World council of Churches convocation in Vancouver in 1983 two years ago, [Tutu] had a press conference there. (And I got this from Canvas the WCC newspaper.) He said, 'I'm a socialist. I deplore capitalism.' He, at another time, said, 'The black South Africans would rather have Soviet occupation than the present government'...He has a right to be a socialist or whatever he wants to be, but I have nowhere seen the American media identify his credentials in that way."

HELMS

South Africa

"More blacks in South Africa own automobiles than all of the

people in the Soviet union."

JIMMY SWAGGART MINISTRIES 9-22-85

SWAGGART

United Nations

"The U.S.A. should get out of the United Nations."

"The United Nations is finally revealed for what it has been from the beginning -- a promoter of communistic, subversive activities all over the world."

"I was in Washington just the other day. I sat across the table from government leaders, preachers. One said, 'We are going to finally solve the problems -- gradually bring in a utopian paradise and bring a millennia upon this planet.' I said, 'Sir, that's not true. The Apostle Paul in II Timothy 3:1 said in the last days perilous times shall come...I may sound like a preacher of gloom, but I've got to tell you the truth. Even though in this last election the American people spoke and spoke loudly, I wish I could say we're going to solve all our problems, but we aren't."

Armageddon

"[On a recent news show] They said do you believe in Armageddon, and I said 'yes, I believe Armageddon's coming.'"

"The world is heading toward Armageddon."

"Armageddon is ahead of us. And this book says it's coming. And they can sign all the treaties they want, but it's not going to stop it."

DR. D. JAMES KENNEDY 9-15-85

KENNEDY

Communist Threats

"At its heart, communism is a religion...It has its apostles in saints [Lenin, Marx, etc.]...It has its elect nation, Russia. It has its views or pre-destination [etc.] ...for a Christian to be abysmally ignorant of communism, as most are, is absolutely not to be countenanced, it is inexcusable upon the part of anyone who would claim to be a good soldier of Jesus Christ...They [communists] have their own definition of war and peace...I am astonished at how many Americans breathe a sigh of relief when they hear this [the communists saying they want peace]."

"We are on a track with the Soviet Union. But the trains are going in the opposite direction on the same track...But some through these propaganda efforts they [the Soviets] have managed

somehow to get us to think that communism is good. Hitler and Nazi Germany was but a kindergarten of evil whereas Soviet Russia is the graduate school...We need to openly declare our support for freedom fighters everywhere...those in Congress right now who are trying to cut off the support to the freedom fighters in Nicaragua I can't tell you how incredibly blind they are to the processes of history and to what their actions would produce."

DR. D. JAMES KENNEDY 9-22-85

Communism

This sermon was entitled, "The beginning of the End of Communism" and Kennedy, again, talked about the dangers of communism. He cited statistics on how many nations are under communist rule and how there are eight anti-Marxist revolutions currently taking place in eight different countries. He said that the media has withheld that fact from the public.

"Communism just does not work. The crack in the dike is becoming a fissure...There is another scenario...where America wakes up to its opportunities and responsibilities and begins to help and support ...Abraham Lincoln said 100 years ago or more that this nation could not long remain half slave and half free. So it is with the world. It will not long remain half slave and half free. It will either be all slave or all free."

Nuclear Threat

"The great threat of nuclear disaster is not the existence of nuclear missiles. Now, some of you will say, 'that is heresy...' The empire has enough missiles to destroy every major city in America and yet not one person in this country is concerned about that threat...I am referring to the British empire."

Write to Congressmen/Senators

"If Christians, all over this nation get on the telephones or take up their pens and write their senators and congressmen this week and tell them that it is unthinkable that the U.S. should not supply at least material and diplomatic aid to all of those anywhere in the world who are fighting for freedom."

Communism

"I believe...that there is every possibility that by the year 2,000 Communism will be a thing of the past...will be swept by the arm of God onto the garbage heap of history."