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PAT ROBERTSON STATEMENTS ON ALABAMA SCHOOL PRAYER CASE

700 Club March 3, 1986

POVERTY: In response to a question about why there are so many Christians literally starving to death, ROBERTSON responded:

"I'm not sure there are so many that are starving to death...you know, the Bible says my people perish for knowledge."

"Why are those people suffering? They are suffering because of the inhumanity of other people against them and we are dealing frankly with a Communist dictatorship that is systematically in Ethiopia starving people in Tigre and Eritrea provinces, they want those people to die...and what's happening to them is terrible, but its the result of this evil that's fastened itself on the world."

"And why is it? Well, well there's evil in the world and until the Lord himself cleanses all the people from evil there's going to be persecution and oppression against people."

"Now, regretfully, the poor are always with us. Jesus said and we have brutality. In places like Ethiopia, yes there is a famine, yes, we've been working at CBN in that famine, we've been sending seed, we've been sending tons of food, we've been sending millions of dollars worth of medicine and supplies into Ethiopia."

In response to a question about whether he would seek, if elected President, to reform or alter aid to the unemployed or poverty stricker and whether he would secure the Social Security system, ROBERTSON responded:

ON WELFARE: "The Welfare, of course, does not need to do anything at all which would contribute to family break-up. It needs to reinforce family values everywhere it can."

You cannot reward young girls, for example, for having babies, it just can't be, and the Department of Health and Human Services is trying to bring about a time when, if girls have babies they have to stay at home with them and not be able to have financed an apartment with government money that is a step forward...but there's going to be a partnership and we need to make it more efficient where money gets directly

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IN RESPONSE to a question as to whether Christians are making any inroads against the secular humanism is permeating the public school system,

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"[Christians] are getting very active and very involved because His way, ladies and gentlemen, is the best way and there are

extraordinary failures that we see all around us from those who think they can do a different way."

700 Club March 5, 1986

ROBERTSON ON CENTRAL AMERICA: "...nor can we allow Communist tyranny to take over nation after nation because we don't want to get involved. And even before us even at this moment in the halls of congress there's a very minor initiative out of an almost 1 trillion dollar budget to help some people fight for freedom. A little outpost of people called freedom fighters down in Central American who are saying we want to bring freedom and liberty to our country and 90% of our citizens agree with us. Well, will we as the United States stand by and say well we don't want to get involved or will we begin to get involved and say we want at least with our money to help those who would fight for freedom."

ROBERTSON ON HUMANISM/ALABAMA SCHOOL PRAYER: "humanism, as we all know, is a growing problem and what can we as Christians do to counteract this surge?"

"I'll tell you one thing that I'd like lawyers to do is to join the National Legal Foundation which we've just started that organization with Bob Skolrood as attorney has caused the Board of Education of the state of Alabama to take humanism out of the textbooks of Alabama and George Wallace, the governor, went along with it because he said I don't want to be teaching in my schools of the state that I'm in charge of and they also agreed to begin giving the historic truth of Christianity an equal share of the historical record in the textbook so it was a major victory I think the thing you need to do, if somebody is in a public school for example, is to point out what is being taught and to show the times when Christian truth of the faith of our fathers is being expunged. We want to have history as it actually happened and that's why we're here at the Alamo, we don't want to have some revisionist view of history that distorts and changes the historic record. I believe in the historic interpretation of the Constitution and I believe the same thing is true of our great nation and that's where Christians need to stand."

700 CLUB March 7, 1986

IN RESPONSE to a question asking if, should he decide to run for VOLUME 6, Issue 3 President, what would be the single most important thing he would do to achieve world peace PR replied: 1March, 1986

"...the only way we are going to have world peace is when the

Lord himself brings to this world the peace of Jerusalem but in the meantime we can do everything in our power to put in effect what is called the 'Law of Reciprocity', where as we do unto others we expect them to do unto us. As long as there are lawless and ungodly nations who are determined and bent on the subjugation of other people we will not have peace, until such time as the Lord brings it about. And that (it will only come through divine intervention or through the prayers of people. But politically the greatest deterrent to war through the last hundreds and hundreds of years has been strength on the part of those who love peace and care about peace."

"And so you say well what would you do? I think as a President or as a leader the best thing a leader can do for the United States of America given the world as it is now is to keep this country strong."

700 CLUB March 11, 1986

ON THE MIDDLE EAST: "...the greatest fear that the Saudis should have is of the internal subversion of the Shiite majority and they're up around the Rostenura (?) oil fields. I don't think the problem is to fight off internal subversion. And what we should be giving them, it seems like to me, is probably police equipment to use for internal security, if that's what they need. But the AWAC's, air planes, and the British are in the process of selling their Tornado fighters which are fighters and there was protest to that. I don't know if that deal has been killed or not, but the idea of arming the enemies of Israel with sophisticated fighters will throw away the imbalance of power. Of course, the Israelis count on air superiority and once they've lost that then they will have to escalate which means we will have to pay more and more money for more arms to Israel and the thing just begins to ratchet upwards and you don't know where its going to end so it seems like to me it's be better not to."

ON RELIGIOUS DISCRIMINATION, ROBERTSON said: "There's one area of discrimination that seems to be rampant in today's society and that is religious discrimination. But these cases often are not taken seriously either by the Courts or the state legislatures, now the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights recently looked into these charges and many religious leaders believe it maybe a first step towards making religious discrimination as important a national priority as race and sex discrimination."

Dr. Robert Destro, member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights appeared to speak of his efforts to get the Justice Department to take claims of religious discrimination more seriously.

ROBERTSON commented on NORMAN LEAR: "Its alright to beat up on religious people, you can do it in the movies, you can do it if your Norman Lear making fun of born-againers in One Day at a time, or you can do it in any number of series..."

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ROBERTSON quoted his own open LETTER TO KIRK which said: "It's the intention of the Democratic party to begin a full-scale attack on the participation of Christians in the electoral process."

"That's bigotry and its religious discrimination. Its time to stand up against it because it's wrong, it's wrong wherever you find it, it's un-American and it's un-fair."

"If he had written the same thing about Rabbi Tannenbaum (laughs), you would have heard the roof fall in!."

Dr. Constantin Menges, former CIA expert on central American and currently special assistant to the President on national security affairs appeared, denouncing Nicaraguan domestic and aggressive foreign policy and praising Reagan's policies.

Immediately after Menges' appearance, ROBERTSON asked viewers to let their Congressperson know of their opinion on the matter, no matter whether they agreed or disagreed with the Reagan line. NOTE: this seems to be his new tactic, getting "experts" to espouse the desired attitude and then PR says, very benignly, 'isn't that interesting, ladies and gentleman! Your Congressman wants to know how you feel about this matter, he really does (or alternatively, call the White House switchboard -- here's the telephone number -- and tell them your opinion on this matter), whether you agree with him or disagree with him, its important to become involved and let him hear from you.' Also note that, interestingly enough, Ben Kinchlow is stepping in to take the more aggressive, more overtly extreme, political role from which Pat may be shying away.

Dr. Robert Morley, author of "When its Right to Fight," appeared, and PR remarked: I don't think the Bible teaches pacifism.

700 CLUB 3-13-86

Pat Robertson and Danuta Soderman are mysteriously absent. Ben Kinchlow is pinch-hitting.

KINCHLOW ON GAY RIGHTS legislation then pending in New York to recognize full equal rights for homosexuals: "If it does pass...what it does will set in motion a precedent that would then begin to impact on what happens all around the United States...and what we're talking about here...well the problem is if you legalize that...to say that this so-called sexual orientation is a protected minority then you must of necessity allow exactly the same thing for people who come along and say, 'I prefer my sex through rape, I prefer raping people.' Then you must protect [people who have] a sexual orientation that means that people who are into bestiality, who come up and say 'well, I

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prefer my sex with animals,' then you've got to give them protected [rights] and people who say 'I prefer my sex with children under age 2, that's my preference, I choose that,' then you've got to give those same people protected minority status."

"That's the problem with this thing when you open up this kind of debate and allow this thing to come in. And not only that, but then it gets down to a matter of where if you own a business and you're a businessman who happens to believe, for example, that it's wrong for people to have sex with children under 2 and so you say 'well, I don't want somebody working for me who prefers that life-style,' but the person then comes and takes you to court and says, 'you don't have a right to discriminate against me because I prefer that life-style.' And ladies and gentlemen, that's the difficulty there, that is the thing we're talking about. The thing is, they have rights, there are civil rights laws that protect everybody's life-style, this is no civil rights protection, it is a favored status in the community."

700 CLUB March 12, 1986

Lewis K Uhler, President of the National Tax Limitation Commission appeared.

ROBERTSON COMMENTED ON THE BUDGET: "...I know there's no support (for the balanced budget amendment) because the Congressional process, as we know, is out of control. The Gramm-Rudman-Hollings is a stop-gap measure but it's in a sense an admission that Congress has abdicated part of its role in the taxing and spending powers, because they just won't say 'no' to special interest groups. So the balanced budget amendment is one way of forcing them to do it in the Constitution and that vote comes up so if you have a desire on it, make sure your Senator knows about it because it's going to happen right now."

700 CLUB March 15 1986

ROBERTSON is absent, Ben KINCHLOW does the show. The show included a segment on sex in advertising, prompting the following enlightened comments from Ben:

KINCHLOW ON PORNOGRAPHY AND DECLINING MORALITY: "...soft pornography...has become a part of American society at large, and things which would have been absolutely shocking years ago...has now become simply a routine matter of everyday life. I think that's because there's been a continued assault on the morals of a younger generation. "

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Ben Bull, legal counsel for Citizens for Decency through Law appeared. The show also featured a segment on unwed mothers.

700 CLUB March 17, 1986

ON CENTRAL AMERICA, ROBERTSON said: "Charles de Gaulle said "Nicaragua is a station on the way to Mexico." And that's all it is. And the ultimate Communist gain is to subvert Guatemala, then Mexico, of course, El Salvador, in the process and then they will position troops on the southern borders of the United States of America. The rhetoric of the Democratic opposition to the President harkened back to Vietnam; we're still cursed with that Vietnam syndrome, we have acquired a cowardice in this nation, a reluctance to take decisive action."

"But there's no question but what we're hearing, the Democratic Senator, Sasser from Tennessee, said the contras' excesses make the Sandinista problems pale into insignificance but he doesn't know what he's talking about; he hasn't interviewed the refugees like I have; he hasn't talked to women who've been raped..."

"If we lose on this one...the Soviets and their allies will definitely try something else, just like when we lost on the Bay of Pigs, they immediately escalated to the Cuban missile crisis. The plague of isolation, indecision in our country and we're going to be faced with a major crisis within 6 to 8 months unless something is done.

ON EDUCATION: "First, what is the state's legitimate interest in education and second, should the state have the authority to have accreditation of Christian schools and Christian school teachers.

"This may shock some people, but when Virginia -- which had adopted a Bill of Religious Liberties in its constitution which was the forerunner of the Bill of Rights and the First Amendment -- when Virginia wanted to begin public education it could not do so until it amended its Constitution to permit it because it was felt by the founding fathers of this nation that education was a form of religion to set up education because they could not conceive of education apart from morality. Now that's the truth. Now, there's no way we can separate religion from education."

700 CLUB March 18, 1986

ROBERTSON ON TEENAGE SUICIDE: I was reading a few weeks ago an article that was written by a distinguished psychiatrist from Harvard University, Armand Nikolai, and he indicated that the absence of one or more parents is conducive to mental sickness in young people. And he gave all kinds of illustrative examples and case studies and research findings back over the last 20 years. The prolonged absence of either a father or prolonged absence of

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a mother whether through work conditions or through divorce or some similar occurrence and he pointed out that the suicide rates among teen-agers as a result of some of these family break-ups had tripled in the last few years.

700 CLUB March 19, 1986

ROBERTSON absent again; BK hosted with guest host Rosey Grier.

KINCHLOW commented ON HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULA: "What should children be learning in the high schools? Well, there's no argument that they should learn the 3 r's, but what about such things as abortion, contraception, and family planning? Should high school students be learning this? And should they be getting it without their parents consent."

KINCHLOW also made the following statement about CHILD ABUSE: "And you know there are a lot of psychologists and psychiatrists and so-called learned people out there who are advocating incest between parents and children, preferably before age 8 because after 8 its too late, and their advocating that!"

700 Club March 20, 1986

The first featured guest today was retired Major General John Singlaub, U.S. Council on World Freedom and advisor to the President, on Nicaragua, who said, "Nicaragua is within walking distance of the United States...The terrorism that is based in Nicaragua will continue to infiltrate terrorists into the United States and of course, drug trafficking that is very active in Managua now as a transition place, being run by the government by the Minister of the Interior, will continue...I think those are all consequences of a "no" vote."

700 CLUB March 25, 1986

PR on President Reagan's request for 20 million dollars in emergency aid to the government of Honduras: "The Soviet troop movement comes only a few days after the House voted against sending any aid to the freedom fighters and when asked about that the State Department said, well, there's nothing new about this, remember what Daniel Ortega did right after the House voted against humanitarian aid. Within days, he was on a plane to Moscow kowtowing to the leaders of the Kremlin, so he's done it again, apparently."

"When the House voted against the 14 million dollars in humanitarian aid which was a shocking abandonment, it seems to me, of principle, within days Ortega humiliated them."

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"Either Ortega is insane or he's got someone down there who doesn't wish him well."

ON DECENCY IN ROCK MUSIC: "That's the danger, there's some young people, not Spielberg and some of the really creative people, but there's some young people, especially in the rock music scene, who just want to push the bounds of propriety as far as they can, just for a kick, I mean, they want to see how far they can offend people before it gets so blatant that they will run 'em off the stage. And they just keep pushing, pushing, pushing, pushing and we unfortunately are so weak-spined that we just let them continue to push instead of saying hey, kid, behave yourself (laughs). You know, shape up or else get out. We don't do that, we say, it's artistic expression and so forth, all you have to do is say "no" and they'll say "OK."

700 CLUB: MARCH 26, 1986

Pat addressed the Yale Divinity and Law schools: Highlights from his speech:

ON THE COURTS: "Courts have done what Congress has never been permitted to do; the Congress could never pass a law prohibiting the free exercise of religion but the Courts have successively in the District Court level, in the Circuit Court level, in the Supreme Court level, restricted the right of religious people to involve themselves in their faith in anything approaching a school context."

592 "I believe that the people in this country can be trusted. I think that we have a very intelligent -- if they're given the right decisions, the people know what to do and I believe that in our life-time, I hope, that we're going to see this country return to the intent of the framers and that we will not have to use some Draconian method that's been suggested by some, and that we won't indeed have a Constitutional crisis but that this nation will come together, and in my fervent prayer I hope that once again we will become one nation under God."

700 CLUB March 28, 1986

ON COMMUNISM: "The Communists always take irresolution on the part of the United States as a signal to escalate whatever there doing, and we cannot show irresolutions."

700 CLUB March 31, 1986

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KINCHLOW interviewed Pik Botha, South African Foreign Minister, ROBERTSON was absent.

Falwell, The Old Time Gospel Hour March 16, 1986

THE STATE OF THE WORLD: "This world has never been a friend of grace and organized Christianity has always been the enemy of those of the Way...I'm talking about this great big one-world church that's coming into being today."

ON GAYS AND THE OTGH MINISTRY: "There's a gay newspaper out there -- a lot of gay newspapers out there -- that are publishing something they call the Play the Falwell Game. These militant gays have spent the last year getting hundreds of thousands of their people to dial our toll-free counseling number...the gays are calling in and in one newspaper they said "order the free materials, order the Bibles and then burn them...it's now clear that maybe 40 or more thousand sets of Bibles and of published materials [have been ordered] by these enemies of Christ and enemies of this Ministry and been burned."

ON NORMAN LEAR: "I think of a leading T.V. mogul who hired him a staff a few years ago and decided to attack all the Gospel preachers."

ON JOHN BUCHANAN: "He hired one fellow who'd been a Christian preacher, a southern Baptist preacher who didn't make it in the ministry; became a Congressman, didn't make it there, they voted him out, I suppose he drove an Edsel at one time or another and then he joined this T.V. mogul..."

ON TONY PODESTA: "And then he hired another fellow who was a Kennedy staffer and after he left the Kennedy staff he then worked for Ms. Ferrarro in her quest for the Vice-Presidency and then he joined the same group, its a group of losers."

PFAW: "But their whole goal in life is to shut down the Jerry Falwell's and Billy Graham's and Pat Robertson's and you name it the Gospel preachers."

Falwell, The Old Time Gospel Hour March 23, 1986

ON COMMUNISM: "If you want to defeat Communism, here's a good way to do it: train young preachers to preach the gospel, I can tell you, preaching what I preach is the best defense against a Communist takeover anywhere."

"Now, we're not to be contentious about the faith, but we are to contend for the faith. And if we're standing for Christ and against sin there will be necessarily, as in the Marxist world

there will be antagonism and hatred and malice."

ON CHURCH AND STATE: "The United States, this is a time of danger, add to that the fact that this is a time of secularism when organizations like the ACLU, the NEA, NOW, and P.A.W., People for the American Way are trying to purge all religious heritage from public life on the basis of so-called Separation of Church and State and those who take the name of Christ and stand up for the Lord today find themselves under great pressure."

PTL Club: PFAW began monitoring Jim and Tammy Bakker in February; they themselves were absent for most of February and March with guest hosts have been conducting the program, claiming that Jim and Tammy are taking a short rest and using the time to write two books, one recounting the history of their 25-year ministry and partnership, the other detailing the story of the vicious and unfounded attack on their ministry by the Knight-Ridder newspaper chain.

There are two points to note.

1. Some of the shows contained taped segments of Jim sadly and wearily proclaiming his innocence and righteousness, but Tammy is always absent.
2. The shows invariably follow up the rehashing of the arguments against the Bakkers use of PTL funds with an appeal by the assembled guest hosts for money on the grounds that the approaching 25th anniversary of Jim and Tammy ought to be the happiest time in their lives, because they've been so successful in their efforts to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ while simultaneously building a strong marriage. But, heartbreakingly, they are not to be allowed this time of peace and happiness because of the plot of a corporate giant to smear the name of their relatively small and defenseless ministry. But Jim and Tammy do not want to fight, they have only one simple hope: to be able to reach this anniversary free from all the debts incurred through their simple desire to spread the Gospel and help their fellow man. Therefore, if each viewer would simply send a \$25.00 contribution -- one dollar for each year of their ministry and their marriage -- the PTL Club, with all its members united in hope and commitment, would emerge triumphant from this crisis.

An example of the sort of argument follows:

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Jim quotes the Fort Mill paper: "PTL President Jim Bakker used

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donations to his TV Ministry to purchase such personal items as a sports car and a houseboat, recently released Federal documents show. The Federal Communication says Bakker told viewers in 1978 and 1979...that their money was going toward S. Korea and Brazilian programs either already underway or soon-to-be started. But PTL failed to send the aid until more than a year after the donations came in, the FCC report showed. Bakker and his wife Tammy reportedly used the money to buy a mink coat and a Corvette."

Jim Bakker then rebuts, after a fashion, saying: "Now, isn't it strange that it said Bakker used money from the missions to buy a Corvette, a car. I've proved that the car which was my car, provided for me by the ministry as I've always had an automobile provided for me by the church, I did not own the car, the car was in the name of the Ministry. And the car was then given in trade for air-conditioning and heating work in the studio at Heritage Village. Well, this car then was bought with funds that did not come in until over a year after the car was purchased."

MEMORANDUM

To: Interested staff

From: Naomi

Date: March 5, 1986

In his March 4, 1986 broadcast of The 700 Club, Pat Robertson made the following comments in response to a question from the audience.

Asked, "Do you think Christians are making any inroads against the humanism that has permeated our public school system?" Robertson replied:

"Yes, emphatically. I have had the privilege of founding an organization called the National Legal Foundation whose purpose it is to oppose the American Civil Liberties Union -- the ACLU. We have 700 lawyers right now working with us. We were the prime council in Alabama in a lawsuit that was a continuation of the Alabama prayer case, we represented 600 students, teachers and parents and we said, 'You are teaching humanism in the schools of Alabama,' and we sued the governor and we sued the school board."

"The governor of Alabama, George Wallace, said 'I don't want to teach ungodly humanism in the schools where I'm governor,' (laughs) and he said, 'Let's get 'em out of here.'"

"The school board said, 'Well, we don't want to go to Court against you,' and what's happened is they have agreed to two things, number one, they have agreed to take humanism out of the school system and not teach it and number two, they would give a fair shake in the history textbooks and to the social study texts to contemporary Christian experience in our culture because we said, 'We are being discriminated against, you are expunging important material.'"

"So that Alabama is a landmark move for religious freedom for Christian people and we are going to see that followed up in state after state because we can challenge those people in every single state they're doing it. Its unconstitutional and its wrong."

MEMO

To: Christie and Jill
From: Naomi
Date: March 6, 1986

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