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PAT BUCHANAN

"I think, Pat, you're exactly right to focus on Central America because it's so critical for national security of this country. The contras down there are fighting America's fight for Democracy, they're fighting to get rid of a Stalinist regime that's been established right at the neck of our hemisphere. And what's been happening here in Washington is that ideologues and politicians and others who have always opposed the Reagan doctrine are trying to exploit this and use it, especially the so-called contra connection to undercut and undermine the efforts to aid the contras. Now we're in pretty good shape temporarily. A hundred million dollars is going to go down there 'til September. If they try to cut off funds we can veto that, but the real problem is going to come when we go up for additional funds."

ROBERTSON

"Ollie North."

BUCHANAN

"Fine American...I guess you've seen him on television. I worked with him. I came to the White House and a fellow came around to see me and said, "You think us guys in the NSC, a lot of State Department striped pants. You better meet Ollie North." And Ollie came around to my office and we visited and I worked closely with him on the battle for contra aid on the Hill and I think Ollie is a dedicated, patriotic American, a Vietnam veteran, a real hero of that conflict. He'd done tremendous work in the NSC. Admiral Poindexter is a man of honor."

ROBERTSON

"Let's take the statement of Secretary of State Schultz before the congressional committee. He said not only was it a bad policy, it was illegal. Was it illegal? Has anybody really determined?"

BUCHANAN

"I don't know. If someone has swindled the Ayatollah and sent his money down to Nicaragua, I don't know that there's any Congressional restrictions on the Ayatollah funding the contras. We don't know that, Pat, and we haven't even got any kind of counsel on it. Admiral Poindexter and Ollie North haven't been convicted of anything, I understand they're trying to figure out if the law was violated. But ask yourself if they did what they're alleged to have done, what did they do? They did in 1985 which the Congress of the United States finally woke up and voted to do itself in 1986, so that's why I've been sort of defending Ollie North."

ROBERTSON

"Ollie North told me that the amount of money that really came out it was in the very small amount in the neighborhood of maybe two-three million dollars. He said it was nothing like the ten to thirty million that's been alleged. Do you have any facts on that?"

BUCHANAN

"No. But if they ripped off the Ayatollah, I hope it was thirty million."

ROBERTSON

"Tell me the role of the press. This has been called a scandal. It's been in the papers, it's been talked about as a second Watergate."

BUCHANAN

"Ben Bradlee said, "We haven't had so much fun since Watergate. And what they mean, Ben Bradlee means by that is he's enjoying himself because the Washington Post is out there crippling or trying to cripple another American President, especially this one's a great conservative President. He's done a tremendous number of things that Ben Bradlee and his friends are profoundly opposed to, like the Reagan doctrine of rolling back Communism, and I think they're delighted, they think they can get him now and let me make clear, Pat, when I say the press, I don't mean all the press...but there clearly are groups and elements of the national press corps that see this as another sort of Watergate and the destruction of another President as in their interest sort of a great news story and it's good that these guys are getting what they deserve."

ROBERTSON

"The truth is why do we want in this country to destroy a President? Is that truly a motive, do you think?"

"Look. There is a cottage industry in this city of building men up, and seeing great men built up, and then tear them down. And I think it's an attribute of the adversary press in this town and I think there's a lack of reflection of what these type things do to the country as a whole."

700 CLUB 12-11-86

Louisiana Creationism Law

BILL KEITH, former Alabama State Senator

"I thought that the ACLU attorney was totally unprepared. He read from the dictionary, he called us names like pseudo-scientists, he said this is just a fundamentalist conspiracy, and

that type of thing and as a result I thought that we won before the United States Supreme Court and I'm quite optimistic."

"He hollered at the judges and just sort of made a mockery out of the whole process, whereas our attorney, Mr. Wendall Byrd of Atlanta, was so polite and so well-prepared -- I was very, very pleased with the outcome of the case yesterday. Across America, Danuta, the latest polls show that 76% of the people of America believe that if you're going to teach evolution, you ought to teach creation science. Only 6% agree with the ACLU and say you should only teach evolutionism."

"These people in the media are promoting their own world view and they're doing an excellent job of promoting their world view. This 6% has essentially taken control of the secular media, government, at least government up until the last five or six years and they have taken control of our educational institutions and this humanistic world view is the dominant world view that we see on the 6:00 news."

SODERMAN

"And of course, that is bred from schools. I mean, you come through the system. Louisiana is the only state if I'm not mistaken, that has a balanced treatment act...what would happen if the Supreme Court upholds this legislation, would we see this law go through to all fifty states?"

KEITH

"Danuta, we know of 26 other states where legislators are standing by with their legislation already prepared to be introduced once it is resolved in the state of Louisiana. And so we think it will be a snowball effect and we really believe that within the next decade, we can see the evidence of creation science being taught in every public school in America."

700 Club 12/9/86

Problems of farmers

ROBERTSON

"Our farmers are very important to us and as a society we can not sit idly by and watch farmers go down. It wouldn't be right and it wouldn't be in the best long range interest of this nation. But what is the problem they're facing now? One of them is the incredible glut of commodities worldwide. We're in a bit of a deflationary period and first of all we must find ways to reduce the production of farm products to a point where prices begin to come back up again because the prices aren't adequate to carry the farmers through. The second thing it seems like we must do is work out some amelioration possibly in the bankruptcy laws to enable farmers who've bought very expensive land during an inflationary period and had borrowed money sometimes at high interest rates, to carry those farms through without having them sold in foreclosure. This is the great specter that faces them.

If they don't make it, the farm goes on the block and what could have been a family situation for some generations is lost to them. And beyond that the United States must give them a stable currency and a stable export market because what has happened is by the amazing fluctuation of the dollar and the federal deficit. The farmers have been unable to compete as successfully as they should of in world markets and as a result they've lost some of their major markets, but it's a serious crisis."

Supreme Court Ruling/PACS - allowing Massachusetts Citizens for Life to participate in political activity without setting up a separate Political Action Committee.

ROBERTSON

"How does this affect the so-called political action committee? On those, there's a limit, at least on a federal PAC that you can only give five thousand dollars, an individual a year. And a C-4, apparently, can get an unlimited contribution. Somebody could give a C-4 a million dollars if he wanted to, you know, in a pro-life amendment."

ALAN DYK

"...that could be a large loophole allowing a lot of independent expenditures by such organizations with those large contributions."

ROBERTSON

"Let's talk a little bit about those other groups, churches and so forth, because I'm sure the churches are interested in this ruling. It was technically broad enough to actually invalidate the IRS restrictions, isn't it? I mean, if that was challenged in courts?"

DYK

"Well...the courts have been much more reluctant to apply Constitutional principles to the tax statute than they were to statutes like the Federal Election Campaign Act...So certainly, the opinion doesn't apply directly to the tax law, and I doubt that the Court would rule the same way if faced with a challenge to the restriction on political activity contained in section 501(C)3."

ROBERTSON

"Well, what can a church do? I mean, many churches are interested, for example, in pro-life, what can they do and what can't they do, in terms of that kind of involvement in issues or in politics in general?"

DYK

"Well, one thing they definitely can't do is financially support candidates either through contributions or expenditures on behalf of candidates. Section 501(C)3 is very clear...And the church could well lose its tax-exempt status. There have been some religious institutions which have -- to which that has happened. Christian Echo's national ministry is one, years ago."

ROBERTSON

"Let's go back to this ruling which deals apparently with these lobbying groups. A 501(C)4 -- the Court is saying in essence, that these groups can do more than lobby. They can actually get involved in helping the furtherance of a candidacy of particular people who agree with their point of view. Who wins, who loses on this ruling?"

DYK

"I think everybody wins who is interested in free speech. I think it's a good opinion, I think it's interesting to note how the votes lined up. I'm not sure the opinion would have come down the same way before Justice Scalia joined the Court. But I think that anybody who believes that the Federal Election Committee restrictions on political speech by people organized together in a corporate form are too strict wins by virtue of this case and of course, that's not limited to liberals or conservatives, that goes across the board. As I say, we've got everything from the Sierra Club to the Conservative Caucus are organizations of this type."

ROBERTSON

"One last thing: there was some thought that a business corporation could therefore come under the ruling. But it didn't specifically say yes or no. Right now, business corporations can't give anything to a federal election. Do you think this opens up for them as well? Or do we know?"

DYK

"I don't think it opens up for them. There's, I suppose, a possibility that independent expenditures -- the Court could do something in future on that, but this opinion was so firmly based upon associational rights of people gathered together for political purpose, for an ideological purpose, that I don't think it has any direct applicability to business corporations. The Court says -- a number of times it makes distinctions between the type of corporation that the Massachusetts Citizens For Life was and business corporations and says that this election act was indeed to prevent expenditure of aggregations of wealth, aggregated through business activity, on political purposes and that goes more toward the business corporation. I think they'd probably decide the case very differently if this had been a business related organization."

700 CLUB 12-18-86

ROBERTSON

Contra Connection

"We might say that we, obviously, as part of the media and

the press, applaud the fact that we have a free and open press in this country...and I think this is an expression of our freedom in this nation and I think the press has a certain obligation to expose the foibles of our elected officials when they make mistakes. And so much for the inquiry. But when it gets to a point where they describe it as fun to destroy a President who won the electoral college by the biggest majority ever cast by the American people, to weaken the clear voice of the people, to make the executive of our nation impotent because of the transfer of a minuscule amount of arms -- CIA Director Casey said that there have been twenty billion dollars worth of arms shipped in the Iran/Iraq war. Now, against that, indeed, ten million or fifteen million or whatever it was worth of arms is a drop in the bucket! And so, he made a mistake. He tried to do a good thing, number one get the hostages free, number two make an opening to what he thought was (sic) moderates. There are people in there who made mistakes, so they have been fired. So maybe we don't know even if a law's been broken yet. Nobody has determined whether this indeed was a violation of the Bowen amendment. But the Bowen amendment has been withdrawn, it expired, and Congress voted aid to the contras. And so, in a sense, all this did was precede the fall, if you will, of the Bowen amendment. Now, what does that mean for all of us? It means that really we only have one President, ladies and gentlemen, and he is the effective leader of the country and we cannot allow the press -- I don't know that we can stop them but we should not permit it in our own minds -- in order to get headlines, to sell newspapers, to sell magazines, to hike the ratings on television newscasts, we cannot allow the careers if you will of journalists to be allowed to destroy the effectiveness of our only leader. And we, in turn, the leader (sic) of the free world. So a responsible press? Absolutely. But an irresponsible, activist press can be a danger."

700 CLUB 12-19-86

KINCHLOW

Human Rights/Communism

"...we perhaps need to examine our own understanding of what really is important. We're talking about liberty. We're talking about the rights of human beings. Our Constitution says very clearly that the -- man is endowed by their creator with certain unalienable (sic) rights. These are God-given rights, but where man begins to lose the concept of God, then man begins to lose the concept of liberty. You cannot separate true liberty from God. Because once you remove God from the equation, then liberty begins to rest in the hands of whatever group happens to be in power at that particular time. And since there is no God in their equation, that means they have the right to ascertain what you can do and what you cannot do, i.e., Hitler said the Jews were not human and so he began a systematic means of

exterminating. What's to say the communists also say that there are groups of people who are not human and therefore they are no longer subject to the protection that all of us take for granted. And its interesting to note, ladies and gentlemen, that right here in this great country of ours we are beginning to lose freedoms that are guaranteed by God and if they take away the freedom to pray and to worship God, that most basic, elemental freedom, once it is gone, then all the rest of the freedoms will surely follow." Danuta just came over with some shocking information. I cannot verify (information) at this point, but I have no reason to doubt it. You cannot believe that such a thing can actually happen in America but this is exactly the information that -- Danuta, what was this?"

DANUTA

"Well, this is what Romuald Spasowski (former Polish ambassador to the U.S., and highest ranking communist official to defect to the west, author of The Liberation of One) told me, when he gave me a copy of his book, and he autographed a copy of his book, this is what he said: 'you won't be able to find this book in major book stores.' And I said 'why not' he said 'because it is so anti-communist, it is so anti-communist that most major chains won't carry it.' And I thought 'now, wait a minute, this is Harcourt, Brace, Johanovich, that's the publisher, a big major publisher, but you can't find the book very easily. So if you want the book, The Liberation of One, you have to order it from Harcourt, Brace to get it. Now that is what he told me. It's difficult to believe that in this country because something is anti-communist, you can't find the book. Again, we're -- so far we haven't investigated the story, but that's quite a story."

KINCHLOW

"Ladies and gentlemen, you and I are the final bastions of freedom. Each individual is the final arbiter of freedom. Freedom comes from God and resides in the heart of every single individual. When you go back to look at how this great nation got started, men were willing to pledge their lives, their property and their sacred honor on the altar of liberty because they felt so strongly that the individual's right for freedom was greater than any possible comfort. Can you and I simply sit here and say 'well, as long as they let me have my soft spot everything's all right.' What was it that Edaund Burke said 'all that is necessary for evil to triumph is that good men do nothing'... "

700 CLUB 12-23-86

ACLU
KINCHLOW

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"...will the ACLU become the Grinch that steals Christmas this year?"

ROBERTSON

"...you know it's interesting. There is a group called the American Civil Liberties Union that has just recently gone into the lists against a particular university. You know what the civil right was that they're trying to preserve? The right of mud-wrestling and the right of fraternities to show X-rated dirty movies, ah, on campus in their fraternity house and they think they are fundamental rights that have to be defended by this organization. Well during the holiday season every year our happiness and good cheer is damped by the ACLU, which forces to fight to keep our holiday traditions intact. Cynthia Glazer looks at three of the cases now in court or on appeal in the following report."

CYNTHIA GLAZER

"...the cross (Jackson Mississippi) has been lit up every December for the past nine years but this year controversy began when the Mississippi chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union filed suit on behalf of several citizens. They protested the cross on public properties and they won."

HILARY CHIZ Executive Director, Mississippi ACLU

"This is a victory for what we have said all along which is that it is unconstitutional for the government to display a religious symbol, any religious symbol."

BILL ALLAIN Governor, Mississippi

"I got a ten dollar bill here, I'm not gonna give it to you. The ACLU doesn't want it because on the other side of it says 'In God We Trust.'"

GLAZER

"Governor Bill Allain was called to testify for the state and now along with Attorney General Ed Pitman will appeal the ruling."

ED PITMAN Attorney General, Mississippi

"It is an expression of the state's interest in good will toward all men and the ACLU ought to recognize that."

ALLAIN

"Any way you start chipping away, chipping away at these types of traditions that we've had in this state in the United States it does concern us. It does worry us."

GLAZER

"Public opinion polls show us that over 95% of Jackson residents favor the holiday cross. In Pittsburgh, PA, a

similar court battle has dimmed this season's feelings of good will toward all men. The ACLU filed a suit against a county-sponsored nativity scene and also against plans to sponsor a city-sponsored Menorah. Of everyone we questioned all are in favor of keeping up both displays...In this case the U.S. district judge ruled that he did not think religion was the predominant theme of the holiday decorations. So they stay, at least for this season. The ACLU plans to appeal that ruling. A significant backdrop to these and many other similar cases across the country is the 1984 landmark decision by the U.S. Supreme Court. The judges reversed a lower court ruling which banned the city of Pawtucket, Rhode Island, from sponsoring a manger scene, a tradition Pawtucket has enjoyed for over 60 years. The Supreme Court decision said communities are allowed to display scenes celebrating Christmas holidays. Attorney General Ed Pitman told CBN news that he actually is surprised the Pawtucket decision didn't carry more weight in the lower courts in support of the Mississippi case. Even though yuletide greetings have nothing to do with this 65 foot cross.

Residents in Honolulu, Hawaii have spent this Christmas season fighting to keep the cross lit up. It stands on the property of Marine camp H.M. Smith lit up year-round for the past 20 years. A suit was filed by the ACLU on behalf of 15 plaintiffs. The objection is the same."

VANESSA CHONG Executive Director, Hawaii ACLU

"What we're asking the court to do is to find the cross on Camp Smith unconstitutional and have the government remove it."

GLAZER

"A group of resident calling themselves Friends of the Cross collected over 25,000 signatures protesting a court injunction to take down the cross. The result, a hearing has now been scheduled in Hawaii January 12. Toni Swalinkavich heads up Friends of the Cross. She believes the real issue behind the case is the potential threat to our country's religious freedom."

TONI SWALINKAVICH

"...if this cross is to come down -- the cross that is on another hill -- the Koli Koli Pass cross and crosses throughout the nation, even on cemeteries, they will come down."

GLAZER

"The principle question in all these cases is whose interpretation of the Constitution is correct? That of the ACLU or those groups who support religious symbols in public

life? Should the courts eventually rule in favor of those groups like Friends of the Cross, many historical traditions will remain the same. If not, America's views of religious liberties could change dramatically. I'm Cynthia Glazer, CBN News."

PAT ROBERTSON

"Thanks, Cynthia. You wonder why these things happen. When we realize that 94% of the American people believe in God. Only 6% are atheists and 89% believe in what we would call a personal God, the God of the Bible. So, we're looking at a extremely religious people and one case that came up on this matter was in Chicago where U.S. District Judge Frank McGarr said this and I quote, 'The truth is that Americans' origins are Christian and that our founding fathers achieve full religious freedom for all within the context of a Christian nation in the first amendment as it was adopted rather than as we have re-written it.' And I think that disteist court judge spoke the truth. That's exactly what happened. In yesterday's Wall Street Journal on the front page there was an article about an economic conference held at Boston University. And the debate was whether economic theories alone could control destinies or whether the social and moral fiber of the people indeed were the underlying, underpinnings (sic) if you will of the capitalistic system and a professor Berger (probably Peter Berger, a sociologist of religion) had this to say: 'The old Protestant ethic which isn't very significant today in its countries of origin is alive and well in Seoul, Soweto, in Santiago, Chile. It is operating there much as it did in Europe and North America in an earlier period.' and I'm quoting 'by inculcating moral values and attitudes that are conducive to success in a nascent capitalistic economy.' In other words, without the moral values that religion brings, there cannot be any freedom of economics and capitalism buy this particular analysis of one scholar at that symposium but we figure that's the truth because our forefathers have said it. Now, what about these challenges to religious liberties? We have with us two distinguished constitutional experts; Herb Titus, who's dean of the Law and Public Policy School of CBN University and Bob Skolrood who's the director of the National Legal Foundation and gentlemen, it looks like the Supreme Court is somewhat schizophrenic. It permits creches in Pawtucket, and yet judges now say you cannot have a lighted building with a cross on it and they uphold some rulings and knock them out. Where are we going? What's happening?"

BOB SKOLROOD Director, National Legal Foundation

"Well, Pat, on the creche scenes it looks like we're making progress on those. There's only one case and that's the Birmingham, Michigan, case because it had only a creche scene in it but they're going what they call the two plastic reindeer rule. You know, if you have a couple of plastic reindeer then you can have the creche scene. That's actually what they call it

now."

ROBERTSON

"Aw, come on, two plastic reindeers?"

SKOLROOD

"Two plastic reindeer rule."

ROBERTSON

"Reindeers have got nothing to do with the truth of Christmas. The word Christmas means a mass for Christ, that's what it means, doesn't it?"

SKOLROOD

"That's what it means, but that's not what the courts are--are interpreting and we have to get back to those original interpretations as Herb well knows."

ROBERTSON

"Herb, you actually worked with the ACLU, you're a law professor at University of Oregon, you were fabulously successful with them -- they're fabulously successful. What is their agenda? What does the ACLU really want?"

HERB TITUS Dean, CBN Law School

"I believe they want to rid the nation of any evidence of Christianity in public life. For example, the cross cases that were reviewed in this particular clip that we had ah there was a cross case back down in Oregon when I was a professor back at the University of Oregon. The ACLU tried to take a cross down from the hill in Eugene, Oregon. They were unsuccessful in doing that, so this (is) not a new plan. This is a consistent systematic effort by the ACLU to eliminate religion from public life."

ROBERTSON

"I read that in Fresno, California, on the buses, I guess they were city buses, there were placards by the Salvation Army saying something to the effect of let's feed the poor and God bless you or something like that and the God bless you, which Ronald Reagan says after every speech virtually, he makes, the God bless you was considered an impermissible support of religion and therefore was ordered to be taken down from the buses at Christmas time. Is that right?"

TITUS

"Well, I don't know about that particular incident, but it doesn't surprise me because this effort to rid all religious symbols and all religious words from public life requires necessarily that any reference to God -- whether it be on the money or whether it be in the Pledge of Allegiance, or wherever it may be necessarily must go. What we have to see here is that the efforts to get rid of the creche scenes, the efforts to get

rid of the crosses are a step in a plan to get rid of every reference to God in every aspect of public life."

ROBERTSON

"Well, in order to do that you've got to expunge the Declaration of Independence which talks about a creator. You've got to expunge the Constitution of the transmittal letter which said it was transmitted in the year of our Lord 198-- ah 1787 in the year of our Lord."

TITUS

"I believe you're right, Pat, but after all, you don't have to go there first. What you do is you get rid of those things that are in the daily lives of the people ah, the dollar bill, the Pledge of Allegiance which, after all, is part of our daily life. A lot of people don't read the Constitution anymore and rarely do people read the Declaration of Independence. So those documents are buried in a pile of history and therefore they're not quite so concerned about those particular aspects. What they want to do is rid what is alive today in our lives."

ROBERTSON

"I mean, yet at the same time they're ridding religion they're going to court to try to force a university to allow the showing of filthy pornographic movies in the fraternity house and allow girls to mud-wrestle in the fraternity -- outside the fraternities. I mean, that doesn't seem to me to be a basic constitutional right to look at pornographic movies."

TITUS

"What people have found out in working with the American Civil Liberties Union is they're not for civil liberties. They're for a particular political program. They're in favor of certain positions with regard to political issues like pornography, uh, abortion, a variety of political positions. They simply use the civil liberties packaging because that sounds like they're for freedom. As a matter of fact they're for a particular political program."

ROBERTSON

"Well Bob, you and the National Legal Foundation are in the courts against the American Civil Liberties Union in Alabama and they are on the side of the state as I understand it to enforce the teaching of secularism or atheism in the public schools with taxpayers' money. So this isn't defending some little child having his or her rights taken away. They're oppressing the Christian people in that case, is that right."

SKOLROOD

"Oh, It's absolutely right, Pat. They want to eliminate all references to religion and, uh, I'm just going over the Nuchenburg documents of the day and if you took out social

democrats and put humanism in there you couldn't tell the difference between the two documents. We are going down that road unless we stop. What's made America great is the religious freedoms which allow us all the other freedoms."

ROBERTSON

"But this idea, the posture of the ACLU has always been 'we're for the minority, we don't want to have this rammed down anybody's throat,' but now with humanism they're on the side of the majority, not the majority, but the side of the state, saying we will compel you to study humanism even if you don't agree with it in your religion."

SKOLROOD

"The roles are reversed, as you know, as you said in representing the so-called little guy but now they're representing government and take control of it. They are not representing the little person anymore. They are going off and representing the government in this case in Alabama, and that is very dangerous."

A STUDY IN THE WORD 12-22-86

SWAGGART

Mother Theresa

"Back near mid-November Good Morning America presented a synopsis of fundamentalism here in the USA and that included this evangelist in it. And on the particular day that they aired a part (of) our interview Steve Fox came on the air and in effect said, did say, 'Jimmy Swaggart said Mother Theresa is going to Hell.' Now that's about as inflammatory as any statement could be and it is utterly absurd, utterly ridiculous. I've never made such a statement as that. I've never even thought such a thing, to be frank and fair with you. We asked immediately for a retraction, if you would call it that. I did not really call it a retraction. I felt that it inflamed the subject of the situation even more, and I don't know what the outcome of it is going to be, but for a reputable news agency ABC -- Good Morning America -- to air such a statement and then refuse to give an honest retraction, I think goes to show us what the media really is, to be frank and plain with you.

"I'm going to show you what I did say concerning Mother Theresa as it -- I was on [an interview] -- with David Hartmann some months earlier on Good Morning America as well and let's view that right now:"

NOTE: Transcript of "Good Morning, America" series available in library.

"Ok, you can see there that such a statement was never made, and I want to go on record again stating -- because I know that the news media will pick it up and columnists will write it in their newspapers, Jimmy Swaggart says this, Jimmy Swaggart said that, and I want to be very plain and clear in my statement. I have never stated in all of my life that Mother Theresa is going to Hell. That's about the most stupid statement that anyone could ever make. I have stated publicly, scores of times, and will continue to state it that you have to accept Jesus Christ as your personal savior to be saved. That includes Mother Theresa and me and anyone else and I have said that, but that's a far cry from making a judgmental statement that some individual is going to Hell. I'll have to leave that with God. I don't know where all of those statements came from. Well, I do know. It came from the media. To be frank with you I never said them and I resent it very highly that a reputable news agency would make such statement that really cause (sic) great harm to the body of Christ, to my ministry, to this effort for the cause of Christ all over the world. It does cause great harm and it bothers me and I'm very, very sorry that they did not honestly come out and give a retraction as they should have and we are doing our very best to get them to do so and taking whatever action that we need to take because we believe it's that important."

OLD TIME GOSPEL HOUR 12-21-86

FALWELL

People For The American Way

"Former President Gerald Ford has notified Norman Lear and **People For The American Way** to remove his name from membership on the board of **People For The American Way**. He said, 'When I was asked to join, President Ford said, 'When I was asked to join **People For The American Way**, I was led to believe it was, quote apple pie and motherhood. I found out it's the radical left and I want out.' "

"I was invited, I was honored to be invited to speak at Notre Dame this year and to meet with Father Hesburgh...another great American who deserves credit for instructing Mr. Lear, 'Take my name off your literature.' That also is something that we should be grateful. Monsignor Higgins from -- what is it -- Catholic University, has done the same thing."

"A rabbi who helped Norman Lear start **People for the American Way** called me on the phone. I asked him, 'Can I tape this? It's hard to believe this.' He was telling me, he said 'You know, the real problem with Mr. Lear is, it's possible because of an Eastern Europe experience, that his family was involved in years ago, it's possible that **PAW** is totally based on an anti-Christian

philosophy. He could just simply be anti-Christian.' This is a rabbi who helped him start it. It's amazing how smart the American people are. You can fool them a little while, but you don't fool them forever."

"Reverend Charles Stanley pastor of the great First Baptist Church in Atlanta Georgia, called me last night...Charles said, 'Jer, have you seen these **Norman Lear People For The American Way** ads?' ...As a matter of fact, I got a letter from some friends in Richmond, Virginia, where Thomas Bliley, a conservative Republican was running against a Mr. Powell, a liberal Democrat. And the Democrat had run some television ads himself linking Thomas Bliley...with Jerry Falwell, intending by negative advertising to hurt Mr. Bliley. And he said **People For The American way** can ads there are the same time, I assume, with Dr. Stanley and me, Jerry Falwell, in those ads, assuming that would hurt us, and they had Jimmy Swaggart in there, too. And it hurt Mr. Bliley, but he won by an overwhelming margin. The letter I got said, 'I'm a Democrat, and I'd planned to vote for Mr. Powell, but I voted for Mr. Bliley 'cause they attacked my preacher.' Well, I suspect if we could just...get them to run a lot of those, maybe it would help us...But that's all part of it. Really it is. You can expect opposition and criticism and suffering and pain. This world has never been a friend of grace."