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700 Club 12-4-89

News segment:

- Further political change in East Germany and Czechoslovakia
- Summary of the Malta summit

Special report: White Collar Crime

Interview with Tom Monaghan, founder of Dominoes Pizza.

An appeal for testimonials.

Testimony of an alcoholic.

Genesis

A piece on evolution and creationism, demonstrating that evolution is not a science and can be used for evil ends.

Ken Ham, Institute for Creation Science

"You know, when you look at issues like abortion, homosexuality, pornography, lawlessness-- they're issues, they're all symptoms. But what's the disease? The disease is the erosion of the foundation that says there's a God that sets the rules and replacing it with a foundation that says there's no God. And what's that foundation? Evolution."

Narrator

"Darwin's theory gave rise to the Eugenics movement. Its proponents wanted to sterilize poor people and to encourage more 'successful' human types and races to reproduce. Supposedly this would create new leaders for a world without crime and poverty. Sound far-fetched? One of the shining stars in the Eugenics movement was Margaret Sanger, found of Planned Parenthood. Her magazine featured articles from Eugenic thinkers all over the world, some of whom later worked as advisors-- for Adolf Hitler."

700 Club 12-5-89

News segment:

- Arrest of East German politburo
- Bush actions regarding the Philippines and the Malta summit

Special report: Flirting with Sex

Cynthia Glaser reported on the sexual promiscuity of young adolescents (aged 10 to 15). The reasons given for the extent of sexual activity among children are: peer pressure, media messages, and lack of parental supervision.

Robertson

"Well, ladies and gentlemen, we took the Bibles out of the schools, and we took prayer out of the schools. And you can't teach a child the Ten Commandments, but you can teach a child how to be a homosexual. You can certainly show a child explicit material about how to get involved in, in various types of sexual activity. You can show him or her exactly how to do it. And they're doing it, with no moral restraint whatsoever."

"They're being taught about it in school. And the parents-- apparently, again according to these reports, a great proportion of the children who have sex do so in the afternoon before their parents come home. So again, we are trading the security and integrity of our young people for the careers of many of the mothers in our society. That's the price we pay for career-oriented mothers. They don't come home before 5:00 in the afternoon, the kids are in an empty house, that's where they start. Why not? I mean, they watch it on TV, they've been taught it in school, so they can practice a little bit between the hours two and four or five in an empty house, and that's what happens."

Testimony of teenage girl who was promiscuous and alcoholic.

Interview with Alex Haley, plugging his new book, A Different Kind of Christmas.

A lesson on the parable of the soils.

Interview with Dr. Charles Stanley (former president, Southern Baptist Convention).

Stanley

"Christians must become more involved in the political area. We cannot just sit by and watch things...We have to stand up and say, 'Look. Enough abortion, enough of this pornography, enough of this drug business.' Somebody has to take a stand. And the liberal judges putting them back out on the street [sic]. If the church doesn't stand up and say something, we're going to be in serious trouble."

Robertson

"I couldn't echo more strongly what you're saying. Ladies and gentlemen, if we don't, there's a cleavage, a clash coming, of cultures: the Christian mind set, the Christian world view, if you will, versus the permissive, liberal society. And there's going to be a clash. We're having it right now."

Stanley

"We will destroy ourselves...Our problem is Americans."

700 Club 12-14-89

News segment:

- Secretary of State Baker's proposed plans for NATO
- Confirmation of Bush's trip to Colombia for the drug summit

Special report: Courts Against Life

Ty Bragg reported from Atlanta about the cases of three Operation Rescue people who were arrested for activities in October 1988: Gary Leber, Michael McMonagle, and Randall Terry. Bragg talked with their attorney Jay Seculow, who explained that Terry was not allowed to use the "justification" defense during his trial. (With this defense, if his trespassing were deemed justifiable by the jury, he would have been acquitted.) When asked what his defense would have been, Terry said:

"This [pointing to a picture of a baby's head in a clamp] is a head of a baby who was murdered under the law of Roe v. Wade. This is a crime against humanity. What I did was justified because I was trying to save some little boys and little girls from having their heads ripped off. Maybe a relative of yours that you don't even know has gone in to that killing center to have their child killed. And so in the name of this child and in the name of the children that were there that day that we tried to save, I am asking you to acquit me, to say, 'No, it's not a crime to try and save a baby from this horrendous fate.'"

Bragg then talked with Lee O'Brien, Chief Assistant Solicitor, Fulton County:

O'Brien

"[T]he justification defense does not apply in that particular case...because the law is a legislative enactment, ok? We're not talking about what the Bible says. The Bible does not govern our actions in the trial of cases, ok? The law governs our trial of cases--"

Bragg

"So man's law, you're saying, is above the law of God."

O'Brien

"No, I'm saying there's two different laws here."

And one final speech from Terry, from the jail in Atlanta:

"I'm just wondering when some broken, guilty minister is going to write: 'When they kicked the Bible out of public schools, I didn't say anything, because we still had the Bible in our churches. When they kicked prayer out, I didn't say anything, because we could still pray in our homes. When they started killing babies, I didn't say anything, because I wasn't a baby. When they started imprisoning Christians for standing up for the babies and trying to rescue the babies, I didn't say anything, because, because I wasn't one of them. And when they came and padlocked my church and took my children, there was no one left to speak up, and I didn't resist them, because I was thoroughly trained in non-confrontation and cowardice.'"

Robertson

"They're trying to make test cases, and you just get a feeling somewhere along the way, the judges and prosecutors are deliberately trying to uphold abortion...If this were not a baby, but a black slave, and somebody was getting ready to amputate one of those slave's limbs because of disobedience, or whip that slave to death, if somebody jumped over a fence and took the overseer's hand and held the whip or held the knife or held the whatever and said, 'Don't do that to that man,' how many of these civil rights leaders would say that was wrong?"

Sheila Walsh

"He'd be hailed as a hero."

Robertson

"Of course he would. And yet Jesse Jackson right now is trying to say that the fight for human life is not the same thing as the fight for civil rights with the blacks. It's nonsense! Absolute nonsense what they're doing here."

"Now ladies and gentlemen, two things I wanted to tell you about right now. First of all, the judge handling Michael McMonagle...is Judge Thelma Cummings."

Robertson announced and displayed the judge's address and phone number...but before he was finished, the station went loopy and remained that way until the commercial break.

Testimony of a wealthy man.

Interview with Miss Arizona, who won the talent competition by rollerskating and singing "Amazing Grace"-- simultaneously!

Health report: Child-proofing your house for the holidays.

Testimony of a football player.

700 Club 12-15-89

News segment:

- Andrei Sakarov's death
- Commerce Department report on October

Special report: Judicial Activism

Janet Boyd defined and related the recent history of judicial activism. Discussed the Warren Court and the cases of Brown v. Board of Education and Roe v. Wade. Talked with Pat McGuigan (Free Congress Foundation) and Father Robert Drinan (Georgetown University).

McGuigan

"The problem with judicial activism is that in essence, though judges will argue, they'll pretend, essentially, that they're arguing from the text, but the truth is, they're making it up as they go along. That's not law; that's power, that's usurpation, that's anti-democratic."

Drinan

"[T]he United States Supreme Court is following its role in interpreting the Constitution, not inserting their own values, but interpreting in a way consistent with all of the values of American life. And the people who scream and shout that this is judicial activism have an agenda of their own. And sometimes they disagree with the message, and therefore, they say that the messenger is doing it wrong. I don't think that's true."

Boyd talked about the effect on state and federal legislators, who previously liked to "pass the buck" on to the judiciary.

Robertson then conducted an interview with **Robert Bork**.

On the "tempting" of America:

Bork

"It is the fact that some groups are trying to tempt us to abandon Democracy in areas where it belongs and turn to courts, so that they can get their agenda enacted."

Robertson

"When did they start going astray? What brought them into this?"

Bork

"Well, I think it's a human sin..."

On William O. Douglas and privacy:

Bork

"William O. Douglas was influenced by what they call the 'legal realist' movement,...which ultimately held that all judging was really political."

"Well, he [Douglas] said, 'Look, the Constitution protects certain aspects of privacy,' which it does. Then he said, 'Therefore, I can create a general right of privacy that goes beyond anything in the Constitution.' But how that affected us is, obviously nobody knows what this general right of privacy contains. You can ask yourself, 'Privacy to do what?' Beat your wife in private? Take cocaine in private? Fix prices with your competitors in private? Obviously, the court isn't going to throw privacy around that. It's going to throw privacy around things it likes and refuse privacy to things it doesn't like, which means they legislate. And ultimately, out of that right, they legislated the abortion decision in Roe against Wade."

On "penumbras":

Bork

"It means that you can legislate freely from the bench. That's all it means.... There's no legal reasoning in it."

On privacy:

Bork

"There's privacy in the Constitution, and most of our privacy comes from the American people and their legislation. Nobody wants to destroy privacy. What I object to is a right of privacy that the Supreme Court can manipulate to get any result it wants."

On opposition to his nomination:

Bork

"Part of it was a desire to get Ronald Reagan.... Part of it was me, that's right. A prominent liberal, Lloyd Cutler, who was Jimmy Carter's counsel and who supported me, told me that they, the other side, had an agenda that they knew I would never give them, because it's not in the Constitution, and they would rather take their chances with somebody they didn't know."

On morality in the judicial process:

Bork

"Well, it plays an incremental role. That is, the judge to take his morality from the Constitution or from the statute. But then he has to engage in moral reasoning to ask whether the morality of the Constitution applies to this case or not. But he

shouldn't be running his own morality in as if it's part of the Constitution."

On how a judge should decide a case:

Bork

"They should read the words of the text, and they should try to read the history of the time when it was made-- find out what the debates were over the constitution of that provision. We have a lot of information of that sort. But when you get a case like the Roe against Wade case or you get this Cruzan case... what the judge should say is, 'There's no provision in the Constitution that reads on this subject. The legislation stands.'"

Testimonies and a segment on language.

700 Club 12-19-89

News segment:

- Confrontation in Panama between US and Panamanian soldiers
- Stock market drop
- Special report on Palestine

Special report: Stealing Christmas

Robertson

"Certain radical groups in our country, especially the ACLU and others have made America an angry battlefield over various nativity scenes that are on public property and the various holiday celebrations in school. Many parents are angry at the outcome which often exclude the fun of the holidays from their children....Well, more importantly, they say that in the name of understanding and tolerance, religious freedom is actually being stifled. Ty Bragg files this report on stealing Christmas."

Bragg reported from three different school districts in Michigan and their rules regarding the "December dilemma." Talked with three angry parents and one conciliatory superintendent of schools.

Robertson

"[Christmas] is a celebration of the birth day of Jesus. And we have had this, by the Supreme Court of the United States in the Pawtucket case, said that nativity scenes on public property paid for with public funds are a time-honored custom of our society and therefore, not in conflict with anything in the First Amendment of the United States Constitution. Now, there's nothing in the Constsitution that says we cannot teach religious values. Absolutely nothing. And the predominant group in our society, whether anybody likes it or not, are the Christians.

"This country was founded as a Christian nation. And do you know what the Constitution of the United States, when it was signed, Sheila, when George Washington signed it, he said these words: 'in the year of our Lord 1787.' Now that's what our Constitution said.... This is the only country, ladies and gentlemen, whose constitution specifically refers to Jesus Christ. We were a nation founded with faith in Jesus. And all of those people at the Constitutional Convention celebrated a 'mass for Christ' [Christmas]."

"Here is my solution to the superintendents of school who bring out these utterly absurd rulings. Two words: fire them. that's all you gotta do. Fire them. And if you want to have the power to do it, you better get involved in the political process and get in and vote and make your vote felt. Because this is just errant nonsense, what is coming down from these educators. Absolute nonsense. It is historical nonsense. It is Constitutional nonsense, and it is pedogogical nonsense. And when people give you all three of those, get rid of them; get somebody that's got sense in their place."

Bob Slosser, President of CBN University [advertisement]

"There's an unfortunate lie that many Christians have bought, and that is that God's truth is only concerned with our devotional life. Yet, Christ himself told his disciples to go out and teach people to obey everything he had commanded them. Well, that 'everything' includes everything: communication, law, business, government, journalism, everything. That's what his word says. And that's what CBN University's graduate school is all about."

Segment on the upcoming TV special, "Young Messiah."

Interview with singer Russ Taft and his lovely wife.

Testimony of girl with ovarian cyst.

The parable of the rich fool.

The "Good Steward" board game: Monopoly for Christians.

700 Club 12-29-89

News segment:

- Czechoslovakia's new non-Communist president
- Washington Times report that Noreiga may have been warned
- Effects of earthquake in Australia

Images of the 1980s

Year-by-year montage of the most memorable events of the decade, almost all of it political events.

CBN during the 1980s

A piece on the progress and developments of CBN over the past ten years, including:

- dedication of the CBN Communications Center (1979)
- two Marches for Jesus (1980, 1988)
- first graduating class of CBN University (1980)
- many TV and radio programs aired in US and world
- aquisition of Middle East TV time (1982)
- Robertson's bid for the presidency (1987-1988)

Robertson announced that Regent University (formerly CBN University) has received accreditation for ten years to grant Master and Doctoral degrees.

Memorable testimonies of the 1980s.

Tribute to good Christians who died during the decade.