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700 Club 1-8-90

ON DESTINY'S EDGE

A special two-week series.

Robertson

"The time is now. The countdown to the colossal collapse of communism and the false utopia of Marxist-Leninism is on. Secular humanism is fading fast, and people around the world are starving for something to fill the void. As never before, the world is on destiny's edge.... It is absolutely urgent that we seize the moment and step in. Join us for the next two weeks of phenomenal programming as we capsule the crucial challenges of the coming decade."

Report on the inevitable downfall of communism by Dale Hurd.

Hurd

"In the final analysis, communism failed to re-make man and the world into its own secularistic image because it ignored the fact that man is a spiritual being. And for many, communism's imminent death signals the retreat of secularism, not only in the communist East, but in the democratic West as well."

Robertson demonstrated the historic trends of Christianity in the world from 30 BC to the present.

Robertson

"Humanism, which tied itself to socialism and communism, is a failure.... [Explained the new threat-- New Age Hinduism.] And the question is, during this decade, who will win?... People are going to turn to faith. The question is, which faith? [Hinduism] is a faith basically based on Satan and spiritualism. [Christianity] is a faith based on theism and the Bible. Now, it's in our hands.... Five million people [sic]. They are there. They're going to believe something.... The question is, who is going to be strong? Who is going to be committed? Who is going to be virile? Who's going to go in there with the message? And the burning in my heart is to get into the East Bloc countries as fast as we can with the Bible, with television, with radio, with religious programs of every nature, especially for the young."

Solicited money and began the telethon.

Talked vaguely about plans to travel to Eastern Europe to set up programs and satellite colleges for Regent [CBN] University.

Explained new services of CBN, including a travel agency and discounts at hotels and car rental companies-- if one is a card-carrying member of the 700 Club.

Testimony of former Marxist.

Segment about CBN News.

Robertson

"Not since the collapse of the Roman Empire has there been such an opportunity for Christianity to move into the vacuum that is being left by collapsing communism. There is a spiritual, intellectual, and moral vacuum of unprecedented proportions and in the 1990s, our enemy...will not be humanism, rationalism, atheism, or socialism or communism. Those things are gone to the junk heap. There are many professors that haven't learned that yet, but they're going to.... And our enemy, if I can use the term, is supernatural."

700 Club 1-9-90

ON DESTINY'S EDGE

Robertson

"Police charging a church sanctuary in Nebraska; abortion protestors bullied with Gestapo-like tactics. Impossible, you say, to take place in America? And yet it happened. You see, America was founded upon a Christian base, but along the way, a shift took place: a force known as secular humanism gained influence and began chipping away at that Christian base until religious freedom itself was in jeopardy."

Special report on the history of secular humanism in the US.

Discussed the influence of Unitarianism on American society in general, and on education specifically. Also mentioned John Dewey and Charles Darwin and the effects of their philosophies on education. Interviewed Richard John Neuhaus (Center on Religion in Public Life), who said the danger now lies in the different forms of secular humanism, the world's pseudo-religions; George Gallup (pollster), who quoted polls that say that 90% of Americans believe in God; and Michael Patrick (Rutherford Institute), who claimed that we are in a post-Christian era, but not in a post-religion era.

Robertson again told his version of the history of Christianity and secular humanism in the world and explained his theory about the decline of communism and the rise of Christianity.

Robertson

"If we don't move, we will lose the greatest opportunity in the history of the world, because people's hearts are open. They are asking for answers, and the United States of America-- it's high time we take back the strongholds of power from the secular humanists who have imposed their will on the courts, imposed their wills on the schools and the colleges, imposed their wills so often in the press, imposed their wills now in many of the

businesses and the government. And these great instruments of power are being manipulated by a tiny minority against the majority."

Related plans to bring CBN to Eastern Europe, Africa, and Central America and to train people in the communications field.

Described his new audio tape series, "Decade of Opportunity." It is comprised of four tapes: "World Up for Grabs," "Exposing the Conterfeit," "Excercising Your Spiritual Gifts," and "The Key to Miracles."

Chatted a bit about his new campaign in Central America to deliver two million people to Jesus.

Report on activities in Central America.

Robertson

"Our thrust in the '90s is no longer to play games. We are going to take nations. There is no other way to do it. The communists took nations; now there's a vacuum."

Testimony of former atheist.

Segment on Operation Blessing.

700 Club 1-23-90

News:

-- Continuing conflict in Azerbaijan

Special report: March for Life

The report was essentially a showcase of sound bites from the various speeches made that day by: Gordon Humphrey, George Bush, Lee Atwater, and Bob Packwood. The only one worth mentioning is that of Jesse Helms:

"Now they chant pro-choice, but what so many really mean is pro-tection of their own political hides. They are willing to advocate the deliberate destruction of tiny babies in the womb in order to win elections."

Special report: Day Care Dilemma

The report contended the statement in the ABC bill which says its purpose is to "build on and strengthen the role of the family." Claimed that at issue are two things: who should receive the funds, and will parents be allowed to send children to church-sponsored centers.

Robert Rector (Heritage Foundation)

"A lot of what this bill is about is forcing a atheist [sic]

vision onto society, onto children, purging religious content out of day care."

Piece on latchkey children's hotline.

Testimony of former drug addict.

Segment on CBN activity in Central America.

Testimony of a rebellious child.

Teaching of the Parable of the Mustard Seed.

Testimony of Mike Cover of the San Francisco 49ers.

Advertisement for the next day's show:

"The '40s found us at war with Japan. Four decades later, the conflict continues: a war of power and profit... An inside look at the new Pearl Harbor on the next 700 Club with Pat Robertson." [Nothing of interest was actually said.]

700 Club 1-31-90

News:

- Gorbachev's rumored retirement from Communist Party leadership
- Legislative measures in Wisconsin and Indiana regarding abortion
- Randall Terry's release from prison

Robertson

"We've been following what's called Operation Rescue. As a matter of fact, the 700 Club brought it to the nation's attention and then thousands of people joined in, tens of thousands, all over the country, brave people, willing to risk their lives and their freedom in order to stand for life.

"Well, Operation Rescue founder and national director Randall Terry was released from jail in Atlanta on Tuesday after serving four months of a draconian two-year sentence for his pro-life activities. To fill us in on the details, Randall Terry is now joining with us from our Washington studios."

[chit-chat...]

Robertson

"Are you still with it with Operation Rescue?"

Terry

"Absolutely. As you know Pat, the federal government seized our accounts just three days before Christmas-- our payroll account and our general operating account-- which virtually has forced us into bankruptcy....[Explained why accounts seized.]

"It's just been a betrayal of justice, judicial tyranny.... This is unprecedented in American history. We have asked and checked and to our knowledge, there has never been a protest group in the history of this country where the federal government has virtually driven us out of business by seizing the accounts-- no other groups. No civil rights groups in the '60s, or anti-war groups, and even some of these radical homosexual groups in the '80s that are doing sit-ins in the streets and in St. Patrick's Cathedral. I mean, this is political tyranny at its best-- or worst-- and it's unbelievable."

Robertson

"I think that right now you're in a moment to do some tremendous good in this country."

Terry

"I want to go on the record and make it very clear both to our enemies, enemies of God, and to the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ that just because we're having to close our doors does not mean that Operation Rescue is through, and does not mean that the rescue movement is through. The rescue movement is a move of God. It's a call to the people of God to repentance, to lay down our comforts and our petty little lifestyles and to stand for the Lord Jesus Christ, repent of our apathy and our selfishness, and to stand for the children."

Robertson

"People are infuriated at this kind of thing [seizure of accounts], and it's got to be appealed, and there has to be some justice in reaction to this issue.... "

"It's an incredible thing that people who are child molesters sometimes get off with lesser sentences than somebody who just wants to see a baby live. Unbelievable. But the victory is coming around. It seems that in state after state, the momentum is on the side of life, and it always has been."

The remainder of the show was devoted to discussion of the business of athletics.

Thomas Road Baptist Church 1-7-90

Falwell

"[In 1980] I was reminding preachers and lay people everywhere who we are: a nation under God, a nation founded upon the principles of scripture. Norman Lear is wrong. People For the American Way is wrong. NOW is wrong. The ACLU is wrong. This is not a secular nation. This is a nation under God and has been from the beginning."

"If you were watching January 1, New Year's night, I was on Crossfire with Tony Podesta, People For the American Way, Norman Lear's left-wing outfit [sic]. And we were having a shoot-out, and I thought, 'That's a wonderful way for Jerry Falwell to start the decade-- at war with these left-wingers.'"

The sermon was titled, "My Vision for the '90s," and Falwell outlined his five strategic goals for the decade:

1. evangelize the communist world
2. graduate 50,000 "Champions for Christ" per year from Liberty University
3. expand the Old Time Gospel Hour
4. mobilize pastors for world evangelization
5. expand Liberty Godparent Home

Coral Ridge Hour 1-21-90

Insight: President's Council

D. James Kennedy announced that Coral Ridge Ministries has expanded the services of the President's Council. A new director, George Grant, has been appointed, and a new liason office has been established to better serve Council members and Capitol Hill.

Narrator

"By joining the President's Council, you can minister to our President in a practical and meaningful way. The President's Council is committed to providing the President with dedicated prayer support along with documented, researched reports concerning today's critical issues, written from a Christian perspective...."

Gary Bauer (Family Research Council)

"Christians need to get over this idea that somehow there's something unseemly or dirty about getting involved in politics. If we stand back and allow the public square to be only taken over by those who share a different vision than we do, we can't complain when, twenty years down the road, America is a country that we're very uncomfortable to be in."

The two main goals of the Council are:

1. to provide Washington with information about issues from a Biblical perspective
2. to get Christians politically active all over the country