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700 Club 7-2-90

News:

- Opening of Soviet Party Congress
- Unification of East and West Germany's currencies
- Frohnmayer's rejection of four controversial grants

Robertson

"This man's incredible! I wonder why he says it's a half-truth? They funded pictures of Jesus Christ immersed in urine! They did it! I mean, it's not a half-truth. They did it! They ...paid for a picture of the Pope submerged in urine! They did it! With our dollars! Why does this man keep saying that's a half-truth? That isn't a half-truth. It's a whole-truth!"

Sheila Walsh (co-host)

"Do you think he's thinking of resigning because he just can't take the heat?"

Robertson

"Well, I think that he's got an agenda that doesn't square with the American people. But think of this, Sheila: Let's assume that \$10,000 of taxpayer money went from the NEA to the Ku Klux Klans of America to teach people how to burn crosses or white sheets on the lawns of black people. Can you imagine what a firestorm it would be! It would be horrible! I mean, you'd never even hear the end of it! They would demand his resignation instantly!

"But here, the man is not only condoning, he is apparently encouraging attacks on the Christian faith, Catholic faith, Jesus Christ himself-- and he calls it half-truths, and there's no firestorm. It's an unbelievable thing."

Walsh

"It's kind of like when you turn the lights on, the cockroaches go running for the dark corners."

Robertson

"Well, it's time they run."

Testimony of Soviet immigrants.

Genesis: The search for Noah's Ark

Interview with John Morris (Institute for Creation Research) on the search for Noah's Ark.

A short CBN News piece on the problems ICR is facing in attempts to obtain accreditation from the state of California.

Robertson

"The head of education in the state of California is saying

there's no way that a private school can have a license, with distinguished PhD.'s and former professors of established universities to teach a concept that God created, instead of the world evolved [sic]?"

Morris

"Pat, that's the scariest thing. It's not just our school that's involved. You see, if the state does have the power to tell a private Christian school that they can't teach from a biblical viewpoint, then the state has too much power, to put it bluntly."

Robertson

"That is totally unconstitutional. There's a free exercise case writ large on that thing.

"...Boy, if you talk about censorship and free exercise, that is one of the most blatant examples of a violation of the First Amendment.

"...I'm astounded. I'm simply astounded that the state would tell a private religious school you can't teach about God and creation! Haa! I mean, that's horrible!

"...You know, I just started the American Center for Law and Justice. We've got some lawyers like the proverbial junkyard dogs. They're tough as they can get. We want to send some help in there. I think that you need to take those people by the scruff of the neck and go after them in court. In a loving, Christian sort of way and let them have it!"

Morris

"Pat, we have filed a lawsuit in federal court in San Diego district basically claiming violation of our First Amendment rights."

700 Club 7-6-90

News:

- NATO summit agreements
- Yeltsin's suggestions to the Communist Party
- Jesse Jackson's run for DC Shadow Senator
- Drop in unemployment rate

Special report: Missing the Mark

Recent biased media coverage of evangelical Christians and their activities. The correspondent asked rhetorically if this bigotry is a result of ignorance or of outright hostility.

Robertson

"It is a world-wide attempt to denigrate Christian values. And the communists who are anti-Christian are brothers of many of the reporters here in this country who are anti-Christian."

Discussed LA Times article (7-1-90) about bias toward abortion rights in the press.

Interview with nightclub owner.

Testimony of workaholic and his roaming wife.

Testimony of woman who was in a moped accident.

Interview with W. George Selig, Provost, Regent University.

700 Club 7-10-90

Missed the news segment.

Interview with ultra-conservative radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh, who gave his opinion on the state of the country.

Robertson

"What are those Americans telling you? You are hearing as much as anybody the voice of the people, because they call you and you're meeting them-- what are they saying?"

Limbaugh

"Well, it's a combination of things. I think we're in the midst of a culture war right now, Pat.... We're in the midst of the re-shaping and re-definition of the limits on our behavior, who's going to set those limits, who's got the right to set those limits, what the punishment for violating them is going to be.

"There used to be this implied agreement in America that everybody had their freedom-- do what you want to do, just keep it to yourself. And that gave us what a lot of people call the 'establishment' or the 'mainstream' and a bunch of little subcultures. And the subcultures now, who have been out there and been pretty private are all upset at having to be private, and they want to become public. There is clearly a battle being waged for the American public and its mind and the American voter, both as a collective and as an individual [sic].

"...The best way I can tell you what's happening is that for the first time since the early '70s, I think, those who are the believers in the traditional American values, but who never show up until it's election day...these people are very much concerned about some of the values and the moral issues and the issues that are symbolized by the flag and by the NEA. And what's happening is, these people are beginning to fight back-- obscenity in Florida now all of a sudden not being tolerated.... The National Endowment for the Arts just rejected so-called grants...

"...So it's working. I think the people in America who are shocked and a little bit repulsed at what they see-- the counterculture rising up-- ought to have great faith and great hope because there's plenty of evidence that people are willing

to fight back and win.

"...There's so little tolerance. And Pat, there is a new fascism out there that, I think, is springing up, and it's reminiscent of this no-tolerance. If, for example, you don't say the right things about an issue, it's not enough that they just turn you off or not listen to you, they want to try to get you banned. They want to get you so that you can't speak.... It's a very sobering thing, and gives you-- when it happens to you-- a new respect for the First Amendment, freedom of speech, and so forth."

Interview with owner of a modeling agency.

Testimony of former model.

Interview with Kip Jordan, publisher of Word Books, Inc. which will print Robertson's forthcoming book, The New Millennium. Robertson purports to answer the following questions in the book:

Robertson

"What are the spiritual implications of what's going on in the world?... What about the spiritual clash, the clashes of cultures? What about the almost planned decline of the United States of America over the last fifty years? What do all of these things mean for Christians, and what is the spiritual significance? This book, as you know, is a 'spiritual Megatrends'..."

Jordan

"...What do you see being the impact on us and our families? I think that's what a lot of us are interested in."

Robertson

"Well, I think as Christians we've got to be aware of the fact that in this clash, whenever there's a clash, people get hurt. And the people who have a certain amount of spiritual or political or economic power, if you will, are going to come out better than those who don't.

"I'm saying to Christians right now: you and your families are in some danger. They're in some peril.

"...The thing that concerns me is the potential for decay that could injure our families-- the educational decay, and some of these things that just scream for action. And if the Christian family doesn't get involved, they're in danger of being thrust into a ghetto. So [my book is] a warning as well as hope and promise."

700 Club 7-11-90

News:

- Potential lawsuit against Neil Bush by federal regulators
- Gorbachev's election as Communist Party General Secretary
- NEA guidelines on obscenity

Robertson

"I think Frohnmayer is dancing. I think the Administration is clearly uncomfortable with any kind of restrictions. I think some members of Congress, for some reason, like Congressman Pat Williams in a radio interview said that he doesn't think he has the qualifications to judge what is obscene or what isn't, what is sacrilegious or what isn't, and it's a matter that should be given to the court. That's absurd. I mean, what are congressmen for? I mean, I know we ask that question many times, but what are they there for?..."

Sheila Walsh (co-host)

"Surely if they say, 'We can't make good judgment,' then we'll find some people who can make good judgments."

Robertson

"Sheila, the arts in America receive roughly six and a half billion, billion, dollars worth of support. According to Naisbitt's Megatrends, more people attend art-- I'm taking about theaters, exhibitions of art, all that kind of thing, concerts, plays, etc.-- than go to professional football, basketball, and baseball combined. And more money is spent on that form of art.

"Now, the government funding, it amounts to like 2.4 percent of total art funding in America. If it was abolished, it wouldn't make one bit of difference. Business in America gives one billion dollars to the arts. Now, if business wants to fund homoerotic art, then you and I as consumers have the privilege not to buy their products. Period. Or if they fund nice things, we can encourage them, applaud them and buy it. That is the free market. But it looks like to me the best thing to settle this controversy is just to defund that agency, just take the money. We're talking about raising taxes! You and I are going to have to pay bigger taxes. You know? Read my lips: more taxes. Well, read my lips: let's cut spending! Let's do away with \$175 million dollars of expenditure that we don't need.

"Ladies and gentlemen, that's something you can write your congressmen [about]. I really think the time has come for us to cut that thing out. If they're going to take more money out of one pocket, they sure shouldn't put it into that one. It's very simple. It'll make it easy for them. They can save \$175 million dollars with one stroke of the pen. The vote's coming up next week, and it might be wise to write them and say, 'Look, this NEA should not be funded anymore. Let's just stop it. They will not behave themselves. The Administration won't behave itself on this issue. We're not going to fund this horrible attack on our

values, so let's do away with the agency.' [Read US Senate and House address and phone number.]

"...It really doesn't matter. Business in America, as I say, will give six times, approximately...what the government is giving. Let's let private enterprise do the job, and they'll do it very well."

Special report: Suntans

Testimonies and interviews completed the program.

700 Club 7-19-90

News:

-- Senate passage of Civil Rights Act 1990

Robertson

"Well, they're at it again. This is a terrible bill because quotas are not American. Quotas would discriminate, for example, against Jewish people who have a disproportionate amount of college-educated people, and they rise to the top because of their natural abilities. This would mitigate against them, for example.

"...It'll just be a nightmare for especially small businesses to handle this. The President's got to veto this."

-- GOP split over taxes

-- Defections from the Communist Party in the Soviet Union

Special report: Social Orphans

Testimony of an orphan.

Story on a teenage boy who builds bicycles for orphanages.

Interview with the Sidetracked Home Executives.

700 Club 7-26-90

News:

-- Return of remains believed to be MIA's from Cambodia

-- Delay of NEA re-authorization debate

Report discussed the play "Sincerity Forever."

Robertson

"How many times do we have to be assaulted by the federal government with our taxpayers' money, to insult Jesus, contrary to the Constitution before the Congress will take action? And Sheila, you know Their Honorables are gutless, if I can use that term. You know why? They're not going to vote on it. It looks

like they're not going to have an authorization bill....

"Ladies and gentlemen, here's what I want to explain to you. If we pay for that, if you and I pay for it, if this country pays for it, then all of us as a nation are responsible. It isn't just one crazy artist-- the whole nation becomes responsible. We are now ratifying blasphemy if we let that thing happen. If we let this continuous assault against God continue in the nation, if we continue to do it, then sooner or later, he will then judge us all.

"Yes, he will spare those few people who are crying out to him asking for mercy, but the average person-- the average congressman, the average bureaucrat, the average leader, the average legislator and all the average people across the nation are going to suffer terribly when God's wrath hits this nation.

"And what we are is kind of the early warning, trying to set an alarm up and say, don't do this. You're making a terrible mistake. You're going to ruin this country. You're going to set it up for God's wrath.

"It isn't a question of restricting freedom. I mean, how in the world can people assault the moral values of the majority of the people in this country and then expect those same people to pay the bills for it. That's nonsense. It's time we stop this thing.

"People say, 'Oh, it's just a little bit.' It doesn't take but a little bit of bigotry when it's sponsored by the federal government to make it a national disgrace."

Special report: Still Alive?

Interview with Miss USA.

Testimony of woman who gave birth prematurely.

Health report: Baby Holding

700 Club 7-31-90

News:

- Request for more money to save the S&Ls
- PFAW's discovery of Souter's reference to abortion in 1976

Robertson

"People For the American Way's a joke. I think right now they have about as much influence as a snail crawling up the side of a wall. I just don't think anybody's going to pay any attention to them. They're trying to raise money. They were called, I believe by Newsweek Magazine, a 'liberal fundraising organization.'"

Sheila Walsh (co-host)

"If Newsweek called them that-- whoa!"

Robertson

"You can imagine how far out it is! This man is just going to go through. This is just posturing right now. There's no way in the world they can oppose him. I mean successfully."

[NOTE: Other than this brief comment, Robertson has offered no opinion on the nomination and has only reported it as a news item.]

-- Potential cuts in SDI research funding

Special report: Taxes, Anyone?

Testimony of injured teenager and his family.

Health report: Alzheimer's Disease

Report on CBN's program in Romania.