

The Honorable Clay T. Whitehead
Director
Office of Telecommunications Policy

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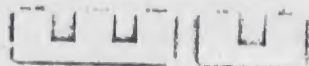
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The Thirtieth Annual Convention of the National Religious Broadcasters represents a significant milestone in the history of our Nation's rich religious heritage.

The pervasive impact of radio and television broadcasting on public values and tastes has immeasurably extended the role of our religious broadcasters, as well as their influence on our daily lives. The growing success of three constructive decades of public service attests both to the devotion of America's religious broadcasters, as well as to the need for their message in our homes and communities. On behalf of countless citizens, I express my warm congratulations to those who attend this anniversary meeting and to your colleagues throughout the Nation.

Richard M. Nixon

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OUR NATION'S RICH RELIGIOUS HERITAGE.

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OUR RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS, AS WELL AS THEIR INFLUENCE ON OUR
DAILY LIVES. THE GROWING SUCCESS OF THREE CONSTRUCTIVE DECADES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20504

January 26, 1973

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

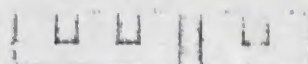
MEMORANDUM TO MR. WHITEHEAD

From: Helen C. Hall *HCH*

Subject: Background Information on Your Speech
to the National Religious Broadcasters,
Friday, January 30

I have spoken recently to Dr. Ben Armstrong, Executive Secretary of the NRB, who is delighted that you will be speaking to them. The Congressional breakfast is scheduled to begin at 7:30 a.m. with your speech at about 8:00 a.m. Places will be reserved for you and Brian at the head table in the International Ballroom (Center) of the Washington Hilton Hotel. Other head table guests who have accepted include Attorney General Kleindienst, Senators Bible, Randolph, Scott, Curtis, Hanson, and Nunn, Congressman Gerald Ford, several new Congressmen, D.C. Police Chief Jerry Wilson, FCC Commissioners Lee and Reid, Nick Zapple, Mary Brooks and Labor Secretary - Designate Brennan. You will be introduced by Dr. Eugene Bertermann who is president of the NRB and Executive Director of the Far East Broadcasting Company in Whittier, California.

They expect a 10-20 minute speech on "White House Telecommunications Policy in the 70's" to be followed by a short question and answer session. Half of the NRB membership are religious station owners and, according to Dr. Armstrong, the entire NRB is very pleased by your license renewal proposal. Dr. Armstrong hopes you will tell them what they can do to help. Last year 73 Congressmen and Senators attended the breakfast (though all didn't stay for the speech).



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RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS, AS WELL AS TO THE NEED FOR THEIR MESSAGE
IN OUR HOMES AND COMMUNITIES.

ON BEHALF OF COUNTLESS CITIZENS, I EXPRESS MY WARM CONGRATULATIONS
TO THOSE WHO ATTEND THIS ANNIVERSARY MEETING AND TO YOUR
COLLEAGUES THROUGHOUT THE NATION.

RICHARD NIXON

FAR EAST

BROADCASTING COMPANY, INCORPORATED

February 5, 1973

The Hon. Clay T. Whitehead, Director
Office of Telecommunications Policy
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Whitehead:

I should like to take this opportunity to express my sincere and heartfelt appreciation to you for your kindness in being with us at the Convention of National Religious Broadcasters, and in addressing our Congressional Breakfast on Tuesday morning.

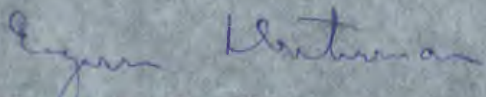
It was grand to have you with us, and we appreciated very deeply the insights which you have given us into the work of the Office of the Telecommunications Policy.

We are sincerely and deeply thankful to you for your kindness in taking time from your busy schedule to be with us.

Thank you also for presenting the telegram from President Richard M. Nixon. It meant a great deal to all of us, and we express our sincere thanks to President Nixon for all of his friendly interest and his gracious greeting.

With cordial greetings and a prayer for God's richest blessings, I am

Very sincerely yours,


Eugene R. Bertermann
Executive Director

ERB/rc

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February 13, 1973

Mr. Clay T. Whitehead
Director, Office of Telecommunications Policy
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

I want to express my deep appreciation to you for your presence and participation at the recent convention held by National Religious Broadcasters in Washington, D.C. We have received many fine comments from our delegates on your fine address. I hope that it is possible for you to be with us at some future time.

Success of the convention was due in no small part to your contribution and helpfulness.

With warm personal regards, I am

Cordially yours in Christ,

Ben Armstrong dc

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BA:dc

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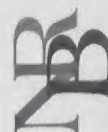
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bill in attempt to resolve some of the problems that have caused both

C. License renewal bill, as well as a number of other policy issues in communications such as ~~also~~ the framework for cable communications, will have to be resolved--Important that the Administration and Congress work together on these issues-- ~~The end result~~/X Both have a common goal--a more rational framework for communications and more diversity and choice for the communications consumer-- Hope that we thus can work together--License renewal a first step and I am looking forward to the opportunity to discuss the bill with the Congress and working closely with Members of Congress in attaining the common goals.

D.V.



January 20, 1973

Mr. Clay T. Whitehead
Office of Telecommunications Policy
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Whitehead:

I am enclosing a tentative program schedule listing your participation in the program as circled.

I look forward with keen anticipation to seeing you at the convention.

With warm personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Ben Armstrong (gr)

Ben Armstrong
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Enclosure

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National Religious Broadcasters,
Madison, New Jersey

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Mr. Paul Hollinger, President

Southwestern Chapter

Chaplain Ray Hoekstra, President

Southeastern Chapter

Dr. Herbert Bowdoin, President

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

LADIES EMBASSY RECEPTION

3:30 - 4:30 P.M.

(Bus leaves at 3 P.M.)

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY BANQUET

7 - 9 P.M. International Ballroom Center

GUEST OF HONOR: Dr. Billy Graham, Speaker,
Hour of Decision, Minneapolis, Minnesota

PRESIDING: Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann,
President, National Religious
Broadcasters, Far East Broad-
casting Company, Whittier,
California

INVOCATION: Rev. Bob Harrington, Chap-
lain of Bourbon Street, New
Orleans, Louisiana

MUSIC: Pat Boone

GREETINGS: Dr. Billy Graham

ADDRESS: Rev. Stephen F. Olford, D.D.,
LL.D., Pastor, Calvary Bap-
tist Church, Speaker, *En-
counter*, New York City

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THIRTIETH ANNUAL CONVENTION

NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS

Theme:

Calling Our Continent to Christ



Washington Hilton Hotel, Washington, D.C.

January 28-31, 1973

An affiliate of National Association of Evangelicals

SUNDAY

JANUARY 28, 1973

REGISTRATION 12 Noon - 9 P.M. Concourse

PRESS ROOM, OFFICE and EXHIBITS

Exhibit Hall

SEMINARS 2 - 5 P.M.

1. **Station Owners and Operators** Jefferson Room West
2. **Radio Programming** Jefferson Room East
3. **Television Broadcasting** Hamilton Room
4. **Missionary Radio** Thoroughbred Room
5. **Key 73 Military Room**

SUNDAY EVENING PROGRAM

Plenary Session, 7 - 8:20 P.M.

International Ballroom West

PRESIDING:

Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann, President, National Religious Broadcasters, Far East Broadcasting Company, Whittier, California

INVOCATION:

Rev. John Huffman, Pastor, Key Biscayne Presbyterian Church, Key Biscayne, Florida

ADDRESS:

Mr. W. Clement Stone, President, Combined Insurance Company, Chicago

SEMINARS 8:30 - 10 P.M.

1. **Joint Seminar: Owners and Operators and Missionary Radio**, Jefferson Room West
2. **Radio Programming** Jefferson Room East
3. **Television Broadcasting** Hamilton Room
4. **Children's Programming** Georgetown Room East
5. **Decency in Media** Monroe Room East
6. **Key 73 Military Room**

MONDAY

JANUARY 29, 1973

REGISTRATION 8 A.M. - 9 P.M. Concourse

PRESS ROOM and CONVENTION OFFICE

8 A.M. - 9 P.M. Exhibit Hall

OPENING PLENARY COLLOQUIUM

9 - 9:40 A.M. International Ballroom West

PRESIDING:

Mr. Donald Bailey, Executive Assistant, Billy Graham Team, Atlanta, Georgia

INVOCATION:

Dr. Elliott R. Cole, Through the Bible Radio Network, Pasadena, California

INTRODUCTIONS and ORIENTATION

INDIVIDUAL COLLOQUIA 9:45 - 11:50 A.M.

1. **Station Owners and Operators Colloquium** Jefferson Room West, Coordinator: Mr. E. Brandt Gustavson, Moody Stations, Chicago
2. **Radio Programming Colloquium** Jefferson

Room East, Coordinator: Mr. Tommy Thompson, The Lutheran Hour, St. Louis, Missouri

3. **Television Programming Colloquium** Monroe West, Coordinators: Professor Irvin Lister, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, and Rev. Don Lyon, *Quest for Life*, Rockford, Illinois
4. **Missionary Radio Colloquium** Monroe East, Coordinator: Dr. Abe Van Der Puy, HCJB, Quito, Ecuador
5. **Key 73 Military Room**, Coordinators: Rev. Virgil Megill, KEY 73 Mass Media Director, and E. Robert Norris, LCA Research and Planning, New York City

BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CHAPTER OFFICERS' LUNCHEON

12 Noon - 1:30 P.M. Georgetown Room East

PLENARY SESSION

1:45 - 5 P.M. International Ballroom West

PRESIDING:

Dr. John Olson, Executive Committee, National Religious Broadcasters, Trans World Missions, Los Angeles, California

INVOCATION:

Dr. Warren W. Wiersbe, Pastor, Moody Church, Speaker, *Songs in the Night*, Chicago

MUSIC:

Neil and Pat Macaulay, New Life Broadcast, Boca Raton, Florida

WELCOME:

Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, General Director, National Association of Evangelicals, Washington, D.C.

RESPONSE:

Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann

FCC PANEL 2 - 4 P.M.

Broadcast Bureau

Federal Communications Commission

Mr. Wallace E. Johnson, Chief, Broadcast Bureau

Mr. Harold L. Kassens, Assistant Chief, Broadcast Bureau

Mr. Martin I. Levy, Chief, Broadcast Facilities Division

Mr. Neal K. McNaughton, Chief, Rules and Standards Division

Mr. Quentin S. Proctor, Chief, License Division

Mr. William B. Ray, Chief Complaints and Compliance Division

Mr. Joseph F. Zias, Chief, Renewal and Transfer Division

Mr. John H. Midlen, General Counsel, National Religious Broadcasters, Panel Moderator

LADIES RECEPTION

National Presbyterian Center

Dr. and Mrs. Edward L.R. Elson

Chaplain, United States Senate

3:30 - 5 P.M. Buses Leave at 3 P.M.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS 4 P.M.

- MUSIC:** Doug Oldham, Soloist, *Old Time Gospel Hour*, Lynchburg, Virginia
- ADDRESS:** Dr. Jerry Falwell, Pastor, Thomas Road Baptist Church, Speaker, *Old Time Gospel Hour*, Lynchburg, Virginia

**EVENING PLENARY SESSION 7 - 9 P.M.
International Ballroom West**

- PRESIDING:** Mr. David Hofer Jr., Executive Committee, National Religious Broadcasters, Radio Station KRDU, Dinuba, California
- INVOCATION:** Rev. Quentin Everest, *Your Worship Hour*, South Bend, Indiana

**INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING
FORUM**

Rev. Horst Marquardt, Evangeliums Rundfunk, Wetzlar, Germany
 Dr. Patanapon Svastil, Bangkok, Thailand
 Mr. Lee Shih Feng, President, Broadcasting Corporation of China, Taipei

- MUSIC:** Gary Moore, Soloist, *Showers of Blessing*, Kansas City, Missouri
- ADDRESS:** Rev. D. James Kennedy, Pastor, Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- BENEDICTION:** Dr. Harold Lindsell, Editor, *Christianity Today*, Washington, D.C.

**LISTENING and VIEWING SESSION 9:15 P.M.
International Ballroom West**

TUESDAY

JANUARY 30, 1973

REGISTRATION 8 - 9 P.M. Concourse
PRESS ROOM and CONVENTION OFFICE
8 - 9 P.M. Exhibit Hall

**CONGRESSIONAL BREAKFAST 8 - 9 A.M.
International Ballroom Center**

- PRESIDING:** Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann, President, National Religious Broadcasters; Executive Director, Far East Broadcasting Company, Whittier, California
- INVOCATION:** Rev. Dr. Edward L.R. Elson, Chaplain, United States Senate, Washington, D.C.
- MUSIC:** Mr. Gary Moore, Soloist,

Showers of Blessing, Kansas City, Missouri

- DEVOTIONAL:** Rev. Stephen Olford, D.D., LL.D., Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Speaker, *Encounter*, New York City
- ADDRESS:** Clay T. Whitehead, Director, Office of Telecommunications Policy, the White House
- BENEDICTION:** Rev. Dr. Edward G. Latch, Chaplain, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.

**PLENARY MORNING SESSION 9:45 - 11:50 A.M.
International Ballroom West**

- PRESIDING:** Dr. H. Dale Mitchell, Executive Committee, National Religious Broadcasters
- INVOCATION:** Dr. R. Eugene Sterner, *Christian Brotherhood Hour*, Anderson, Indiana
- ADDRESS:** Mr. Vincent Wasilewski, President, National Association of Broadcasters, Washington, D.C.

PANEL

"Reaching Minorities with the Gospel," Rev. J. Morgan Hodges, National Religious Broadcasters Press Secretary, Washington, D.C., Moderator; Rev. Joe Brown, *Grace Memorial Hour*, Baltimore, Maryland, Dr. B. Sam Hart, *Grand Old Gospel Hour*, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

- ADDRESS:** Mr. David Foster, President, National Cable Television Association, Washington, D.C.

PANEL

"Decency in Media," Mrs. Ben Armstrong and Mrs. Bunny Graham Diener, Ladies Action Group.

**FCC LUNCHEON 12 Noon - 1:30 P.M.
International Ballroom Center**

- PRESIDING:** Dr. Thomas F. Zimmerman, First Vice President, National Religious Broadcasters, *Revivaltime*, Springfield, Missouri
- INVOCATION:** Dr. Charles Leaming, Faith Temple, St. Petersburg, Florida
- GREETINGS:** The Hon. Dean Burch, Chairman, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C.
- MUSIC:** Miss Perlita Lim, Recording Artist, Los Angeles, California
- ADDRESS:** The Hon. Benjamin Hooks, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D.C.

AFTERNOON PLENARY SESSION 1:45 - 2:45 P.M.
International Ballroom West

PRESIDING: Dr. Wilbur Nelson, Secretary, National Religious Broadcasters, *Morning Chapel Hour*, Paramount, California

INVOCATION: Rev. Melvin Jones, *Back to the Bible* Broadcast, Lincoln, Nebraska

GREETINGS: Dr. William Fore, Broadcasting and Film Commission, New York City

ADDRESS: Dr. James F. Engel, Director of Communications Research, Wheaton College Graduate School, Wheaton, Illinois

WORKSHOP SESSIONS 3 - 5 P.M.

1. **TECHNICAL AND ENGINEERING WORKSHOP**, Independence Room
Moderator: Mr. Clarence Moore, President, Crown International, Elkhart, Indiana
2. **TELEVISION STATION WORKSHOP**, Hamilton Room
Moderators: Professor Irvin Lister, Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, and Rev. Don Lyons, *Quest for Life*, Rockford, Illinois
3. **KEY 73**, International Ballroom Center
4. **YOUTH PROGRAMMING WORKSHOP**, Military Room
Rev. Mel Johnson, *Tips for Teens*, Minneapolis, Minnesota
5. **COMBINED WORKSHOP, RADIO PROGRAMMING AND MISSIONARY RADIO**, International Ballroom East
Tommy P. Thompson, Lutheran Laymen's League, St. Louis, Missouri
6. **AUDIENCE BUILDING AND FOLLOW-UP WORKSHOP**, Monroe East
Dr. Donald Luttrell, WIVV, San Juan, Puerto Rico
7. **STATION OWNERSHIP AND OPERATION WORKSHOP**, International Ballroom East
Cornelius Keur, Northwestern College, Roseville, Minnesota
8. **CHILDREN'S BROADCASTING WORKSHOP**, Monroe West
Mr. Charles Vandermeer, Director, *Children's Bible Hour*, Grand Rapids, Michigan
9. **CABLE TELEVISION WORKSHOP**, Jackson Room

**LADIES CAPITOL TOUR,
SENATE RECEPTION 3 - 5 P.M.**

Senator and Mrs. Carl T. Curtis, Hosts
(Bus leaves at 2:30 P.M.)

EVENING PLENARY SESSION 7 - 9 P.M.
International Ballroom West

PRESIDING: Dr. Thomas F. Zimmerman, First Vice President, National Religious Broadcasters, General Superintendent, Assemblies of God, Springfield, Missouri

MUSIC: Mendelssohn's "Elijah" University of Maryland Chapel Choir

**ANNUAL
PRESIDENTIAL**

ADDRESS: Dr. Eugene Bertermann, President, National Religious Broadcasters, Far East Broadcasting Company, Whittier, California

LISTENING and VIEWING SESSION 9:30 P.M.
International Ballroom West

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 31, 1973

INTERNATIONAL BREAKFAST 7:30 - 9:15 A.M.
International Ballroom East

MUSIC: Gary Moore, Soloist, *Showers of Blessing*, Kansas City, Missouri

Dr. Benjamin Armstrong, Executive Secretary, National Religious Broadcasters, Madison, New Jersey

Dr. Everett Graffam, Executive Director, World Relief Commission, NAE, Valley Forge, Pennsylvania

LADIES WHITE HOUSE TOUR

9 - 10 A.M.

(Bus leaves at 8:30 A.M.)

MORNING PLENARY SESSION 9:30 - 11:50 A.M.
International Ballroom Center

PRESIDING: Rev. Lee Shultz, Executive Committee, National Religious Broadcasters, *Revival-time*, Springfield, Missouri

ADDRESS: Major General Gerhardt W. Hyatt, Chief of Chaplains, United States Army, Washington, D.C.

ADDRESS: Dr. Theodore A. Raedeke, Executive Director, Key 73 Evangelism Thrust, St. Louis, Missouri

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS: Dr. Eugene R. Bertermann
Award of Merit
Distinguished Service Award
Certificates of Appreciation

SEMINARS 1:45 - 3:30 P.M.

1. **TELEVISION BROADCASTING**, Military Room
2. **STATION OWNERS AND OPERATORS**, Thoroughbred Room
3. **RADIO PROGRAMMING**, Monroe Room East
4. **MISSIONARY RADIO**, Monroe Room West
5. **KEY 73**, International Ballroom Center

**ANNUAL MEETING OF NATIONAL
RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS**
International Ballroom East 3:30 - 5 P.M.
REPORT

January 29, 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR

**Miss Elaina Haack
The White House**

As we discussed by phone this morning, attached is a suggested message for the President to send to the National Religious Broadcasters Convention meeting January 28-31 at the Washington Hilton. Tom Whithead speaks at the Congressional Breakfast tomorrow morning, January 30.

As you suggested, a telegram from the President to Tom Whithead would be the most expedient way to go.

Thanks very much for your help.

**John F. Smith
Assistant to the Director**

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SUGGESTED MESSAGE FOR THE PRESIDENT TO
SEND TO THE NATIONAL RELIGIOUS BROADCASTERS'
CONVENTION

I wish to extend my warmest greetings and congratulations to the National Religious Broadcasters on the occasion of their Thirtieth Annual Convention.

Everyone recognizes today the pervasive impact of radio and television broadcasting on public values and tastes. Beyond entertainment, information, and diversion, broadcasting should reflect and help foster the long-standing traditions and beliefs of our country. Religious broadcasting plays a crucial role in this regard by ensuring that a significant portion of the broadcasting in our country is devoted to our religious heritage and the diverse beliefs of our people.

The outstanding success of religious broadcasting over the last thirty years is indicative both of the devotion and hard work on the part of religious broadcasters and also of a recognition that the American people want and need the type of spiritual uplift provided by religious programming.

I hope your convention this year will produce many ideas and initiatives to help you continue your very important work.

Friday 12/29/72

SPEECH

1/31/73

4:00 Roger Arnold of the National Religious Broadcasters called in connection with their request for Mr. Whitehead to speak at their 30th Annual Convention at the Washington Hilton Hotel -- Jan. 28-31.

We received letter dated 12/15 from Ben Armstrong inviting him.

Referred the call to Helen Hall.

Monday 1/29/73

SPEECH
1/30/73
8:00 a.m.

9 00 MIKE

Roger Arnold's office called. He would like to have a Presidential message for the Religious Broadcasters on Tuesday, Jan. 30.

Tom said he thought it might be good to add it to his speech, and asked if you would work on it.

Judy

942-2570