## Falwell And S. Africa: Intolerance In Defense Of Intolerance

troducing two "red herrings" into the debate,
Falwell attacked one leader of the Sojourners, charging that, as a pacifist, he
wouldn't have fought Hitler, and claimed that the
Sojourners have failed to
protest Soviet atrocities.
Since returning from South
Africa, Falwell has also
made an ugly personal
attack upon the Rev.
Joseph Lowery, president
of the Southern Christian
Leadership Conference,

colleges strengthen our community and our nation by training faculty and staff personnel to: 1) learn to effectively manage budgets, 2) perform research which can be published to serve our dignified, noble, young learners who represent the future of our community.

It is a fact that the overwhelming majority of pro-fessional black men and

women who have earned graduate degrees obtained some or all of their un-dergraduate

dergraduate preparation at a predominantly black educational institution of

educational institution of higher learning.

Again, congratula-tions to Dr. McLean, her staff, and the Chcord-

Cabarrus community for earning the full accredi-

Dear Editor: Jerry Falwell has built Jerry Falwell has built his career as a religious-political leader on an intolerant debating tactic. To hear him tell it, there's only one position that a "good Christiat." can take on just about every political issue. If you disagree with Falwell, the devil made you do it, for, as he says of those who oppose him: "Our battle is not with human beings. Our battle is with Satan himself."

Now, Falwell is using intolerant tactics to defend one of the most intolerant social arrangements of earth: South Africa's ra earth: South Africa's racist system of apartheid. He is debating the issue of United States policies towards South Africa the way he debates most other public issues by questioning

al character, and the re-ligious faith of people who disagree with him.

Throughout the world, people of good will were shocked when Falwell called Bishop Desmond Tutu "a phony" for sup-porting economic sanctions porting economic sanctions against South Africa. As the Anglican Bishop of Johannesburg and a Nobel Peace Prize winner, Bishop Tutu's international reputation will survive Fal-well's crude attack and his subsequent clumsy apolo-

gy. But Falwell's attack upon Bishop Tutu is typi-

cal of the fire-and-brim-

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stone he pours upon those who oppose the South African government. On May 26, Falwell used his nationally televised program. "Falwell Live," to denounce the Sojourners, a group of evangelical Christians who had demonstrated in Washington earlier that week in opposition to apar theid. Instead of simply taking issue with the Sojourners' views on South Africa, Falwell declared

they aren't sincere about their religious beliefs. In-

position he's paid for."
Falwell has also attacked
the World Council of
Churches and the South
African Council of Churches
for supposedly backing
"Marxist activities."

Following his return from his brief trip to South Afri-ca, Falwell has mobilized nis entire televangelical apparatus for a campaign to build American support for the South African government. Reaching millions of viewers each week, his television programs – "The Old Time Gospel Hour" and "Falwell Live" – are broadcasting slick propaganda defending (the Botha regime. Meanwhile, Falwell is also using his religious programming and his monthly newspaper, Moral Majority Report, to urge Christians to buy Krugerrands, the South African gold coin.

Falwell may never do anything as thoroughly repugnant as his current attack to cloak apartheid in the garb of Christianity. While Falwell is always eager to claim that his own political views are mandated by the Bible, apartheid contradicts the most basic premises of Americans' religious and political heritages; that all people are created in God's image and are endowed with inalienable rights. It is particularly contemptible

with malienable rights. It is particularly contemptible for Falwell to urge Americans as Christians to buy Krugerrands when these gold coins are mined by black workers employed under conditions whose brutality defies the moral code shared by every major religion. As a vehement "pro-family" advocate, Falwell should be concerned that the miners'

families are torced to live far away in their so-called tribal "homelands" and tribal "homelands" and need special government authorization just to visit their husbands, fathers, and brothers in the industrial areas. While the Moral Majority has attacked the Equal Rights Amendment and even child abuse laws as "anti-

family," it apparently finds nothing objection-able about apartheid poli-cies that disrupt black families. Americans who cies that disrupt black families. Americans who understand the cruelty of apartheid will not follow Falwell's siren song to sell out their commitment to human rights for 30 pieces of Krugerrands.

Not surprisingly, most religious leaders — in South Africa, the United States, and throughout the world — oppose anartheid

States, and throughout the world – oppose apartheid. On the same day that Falwell announced his milliondollar campaign to support the South African government, the leaders of that nation's Anglican, Catholic, Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches met with Botha to urge the immediate abolition of apartheid. Here in the United States, leaders of the Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths have all spoken out against South Africa's racial policies.

Jerry Falwell's state ments on South Africa have halted his own effort to win halted his own effort to win acceptance as a mainstream religious and political leader. Earlier this year, he apologized for his past statements that have been construed as antiSemitic. In recent years, Falwell has apologized for his earlier support of racial segregation in America which he once declared as "God's law."

Falwell took years to repudiate segregationism and anti-Semitism. With South Africa seething with unrest, we don't have

with unrest, we don't have time to wait for Falwell to apologize for his support of the racist regime. And, if, the past is any guide to the future, Falwell will never repudiate the most con-sistent feature of his public career; an intolerant style of debate that he has used to condone some of the worst injustices of our times, from the American South of the 1960s to the South Africa in the 198

Sincerely, John Buchanan, Chairman People for the American Way

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