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This week's Oral Quarrel question asked readers: What would you do if you were the finder of two suitcases stuffed with expensive jewelry? Following are the responses:

If they weren't found, I would keep it.

Definitely return them. You have an obligation to somebody if you find an expensive item. The person that doesn't attempt to return them has no integrity whatsoever and is just as bad as a thief.

I would do just what he did. Turn It

in because it is the honest thing to do and I have to live with myself the rest of my life. We are proud of him.

If I found two bags full of jewelry and knew who they belonged to, I would return them to the owner, and I would refuse a reward. Shame on the

In answer to your question what would you do with found booty, I would shake, shake, shake your booty,

person that was so mercenary to accept a reward for returning that jewel-ry to the store.

My initial reaction would be to say that I would keep them. I think if they were from a regular department store, I would do that. If I found they were from an individual, I would probably return them.

I, as an individual, if I were to find two suitcases full of jewelry or what-ever in the middle of the highway, would keep them. I think most of my neighbors around us would probably say the same thing.

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I would keep it. Finders keepers

from our readers

They defend manger scene

To the editor:

We as young adults of today's society wish to comment on tights as American citizens to display our religious beliefs in the form of a Nativity scene. According to our belief, we feel that the Birmingham court ruling on Nativity scenes in front of City Municipal Buildings is detrimental to our society and sets a precedent for unconstitutional rulings.

In this editorial we will show you why we feel this way.

Four major topics will be deal with: first, that Christmas is a holiday centered around the birth of Christ; second, the Constitution guarantees accommodations of religious expression; third, the court decision is contradictory in the fact that we express religious ideas in many ways including our money, in court systems and in the date we use; and our final topic is concerned with our country's past and its rich history of influential and respected leaders who have made

accommodations for our Christian religious expression in our society. Certainly no one would be ludicrous enough to believe that allowing this Nativily scene that represents the very core of America to set in front of a city municipal building would set a precedent for those wishing to display things that are diametrically opposed to the very essence of America such as Adolf Hitler.

When the hollday known as Christians began, it was centered around Christ's birth, but many people fail to see this. They limit this joyous celebration to just the giving of gifts. Many members of today's society have limited Christmas to a secular hollday, in other words, they take Christ out of Christmas and celebrate only the "mss." This is as foolish as celebrating George Washington. The Constitution grants freedom of religion and it says everything needed to be said on this subject. It states "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting free exercise thereof." Last March the Supreme Court ruled that it was alright for Pawtucket, R.I., city councilmen to

include a Nativity scene in the city-sponsored Christmas display. In accordance with this case, Chief Justice Burger declared that the Constitution "affirmatively mandates accommodation, not merely tolerance, of all religions."

The new test for any governmentally aided religious practice will be whether it presents "a real danger of establishment of a state church," said Burger.

The question then that needs to be asked should be, "Is any city council in accordance with Justice Burger's proposition to 'mandate accommodation, not merely tolerance' in the case concerning the prohibition of a Nativity scene or any other religious expression?"

It seems most contradictory that a country which guarantees freedom of religion and freedom of speech (expression) can prohibit a public display of symbols commemorating Christ's birth is a fact in history, represented by such things as the year of our Lord. God is also noted in our money, when one gives an oath in court and when the pledge of allegiance is recited. Do we really want "Big Brother" to have the power to exploit history?

Many respected and influential leaders of America bave made ac-

commodations for religious ex-pression in public. In Lincoln's Sec-ond Inaugural Address, Lincoln ad-dressed the nation on the issue of

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This is what he said, "If we suppose that American slavery is one of those offenses which, in the providence of God, must needs come . . . shall we discern therein any departure from those divine attributes which the believers in a loving God always ascribed to Him?"

Him?"

He goes on to say that "the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether." In his third state of the Union message, John F. Kennedy, on January 4, 1963, spoke — in the spirit of the Lyden pastor

John Robinson — of the new light and the new ways ahead. He speaks of "turbulence that lies below" and "the winds of change blowing more strongly than ever." He closes with this: "Today we still welcome these winds of change. . With thanks to Almighty God for seeing us through a perilous passage we ask his help anew in guiding the good ship 'Union."

After having read this, we hope you will come to realize that this type of thing is occurring all over the United States, We, as Americans, must stand up for what we believe. It is our constitutional right to be able to express our religious beliefs. Even more importantly, if we let the government

take God out of our government, our nation will crumble. As quoted by Benjamin Franklin:
"We have been assured, sir, in the Sacred Writings that except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it. I firmly believe that, without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel."

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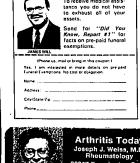


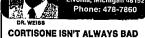
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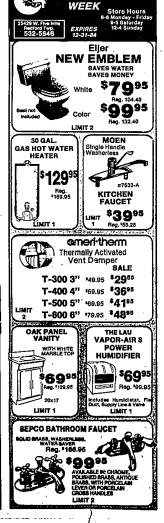






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