

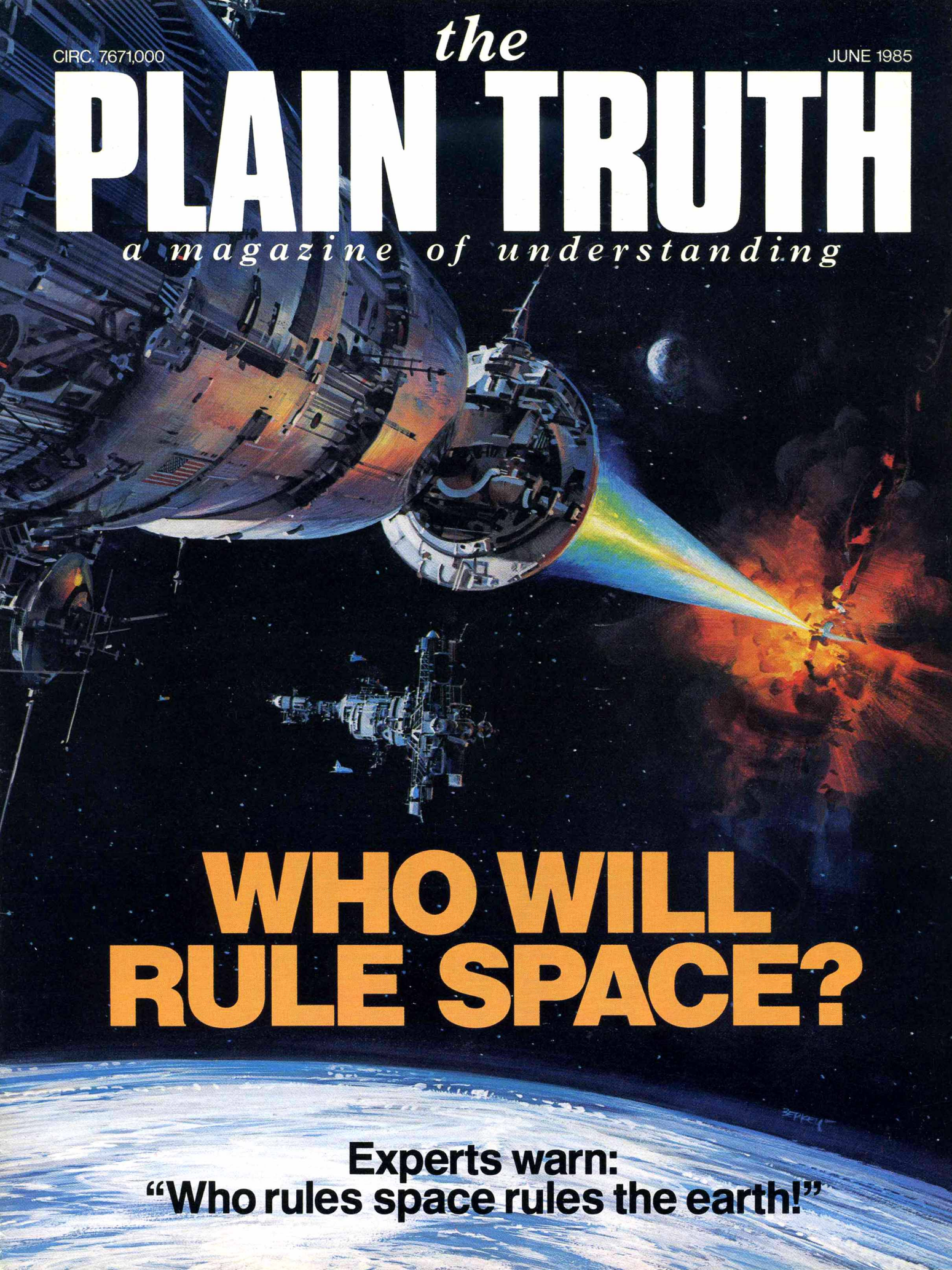
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PERSONAL FROM



No Political Elections in the World Tomorrow

How different government will be in the world tomorrow!

No more national networks with their stars and superstar newscasters covering major conventions.

No more will there be what is typical of American election campaigns.

No more convention halls decorated in bright colors, or delegates wearing loud-colored casual or sports attire, many with outlandish oversized hats. No more whoop-and-holler demonstrations, or thousands with balloons, like little children at play. No more political signs and placards.

And no more of the usual politics being played secretly in smoke-filled hotel suites away from convention halls—the jockeying for selfish advantage, political gain and coveting of power.

I am reminded of the answer given by Franz Josef Strauss, often called “the strong man of Europe.” He had spent the day visiting the Ambassador College campus and was an evening dinner guest in my home.

It was a day or two after Richard M. Nixon had taken the oath of office after his first inauguration, January 1969.

“What,” asked a guest of Dr. Strauss, “do you think was going on in Mr. Nixon’s mind as he was taking the oath of office?”

“How to be reelected four years from now, of course,” answered Herr Strauss without a second’s hesitation.

Each election year millions are spent on political

campaigns and conventions to nominate candidates for the people to vote on. The conventions are big noisy shows. There is laughter, “having a time,” shouting, confusion, anger, jubilation, pathos, emotion and even tears. In all this campaigning to “GET” the office of POWER, one vocal observer said, “Thank God, only ONE candidate can win.”

That is one way GOVERNMENT is carried on in this world. But how did this world come to be as it is?

Almost 6,000 years ago, the former superarchangel Lucifer, having rebelled against the government of God on earth, and now called Satan, was slinking around as a serpent. God had just created the first HUMAN—in God’s own image—with a potential of inheriting the THRONE OF THE EARTH.

From this man, Adam, God made a woman, Eve, to be his wife. Eve was all for “women’s rights.” She took the lead. The man, created to be the head of the wife, succumbed to her leadership. She led him into Satan’s way. Adam joined her in rebelling against the GOVERNMENT OF GOD—rejecting God as Revealer of basic knowledge and as Giver of eternal LIFE!

When the first man and woman REJECTED GOD and HIS GOVERNMENT, CUT THEMSELVES OFF from God and the gift of his Holy Spirit, God made their decision binding on all their progeny for 6,000 years—until Christ, the “second Adam,” should come, having qualified by overcoming Satan and Satan’s way, to RESTORE THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD. This shall happen now, very shortly. For we are near the END of that 6,000 years of the DAY OF MAN under SATAN, and the DAY OF THE LORD is almost upon us!

So ALL HUMANITY—except the minutest FEW God has specially called to his service in preparation for that future world government—has been CUT OFF from God and his government. Man has been left to form his own ideas of how he should be ruled.

Down through history, some peoples have submitted to the tyranny of DICTATORSHIPS and autocratic MONARCHIES. Some have swung to the center and called it democracy. Others to the left, calling it communism.

The living Jesus Christ is soon now going to return, as KING of kings, to RULE ALL NATIONS with the GOVERNMENT OF GOD!

There will be no election campaigns. No multimillion dollar

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Who Will Rule Space?

by Ronald S. Toth

Experts warn: "He who rules space will rule the earth!" Ironically, the one who *actually* rules space today will rule the earth tomorrow.

THINK of it! A few years ago no one seriously thought of outer space as a new line of military defense.

Now it is big news, especially with the publicity surrounding the United States' plan for a "Strategic Defense Initiative," popularly referred to, especially by its critics, as the "Star Wars" system.

Outer space, it was thought, would remain free from weapons, whether defensive or offensive. Mankind could safely explore, discover and someday colonize the heavens.

Scientific seers told us of the potential benefits of space exploration to humankind: Orbiting space stations would provide an environment for developing improved vaccines and other biological products of higher quality and purity than can be achieved on earth. Following closely would be space industrialization. Then the construction of space platforms serving as launching and docking facilities for trips into deep space.

Then space colonization, first of the moon, then possibly Mars. Our scientific seers said—and most people believed—the exploration of space would transcend power struggles on earth.

But the prospects of orbiting spy stations, antisatellite weapons and

particle beams have changed all that.

Gone are the dreams that through cooperative effort the United States and the Soviet Union would enhance the prospects of space exploration. That by continued togetherness, a mutual trust would develop.

Just as the airplane opened the skies to warfare, space exploration makes possible the birth of a whole new generation of weaponry.

Until now, space weapons remained relatively hidden in articles appearing in technical journals, not widely read by the general public. The person on the street, if asked, seemed blissfully unaware of potential systems of war circling overhead.

As most today only now realize, outer space *never* had a special status as a sanctuary from weapons.

What happened?

Satellites Change Our World

Reconnaissance has always played a vital role in military operations. But increasing vulnerability of aircraft forced aerial reconnaissance higher and higher, until today surveillance is routinely conducted from outer space.

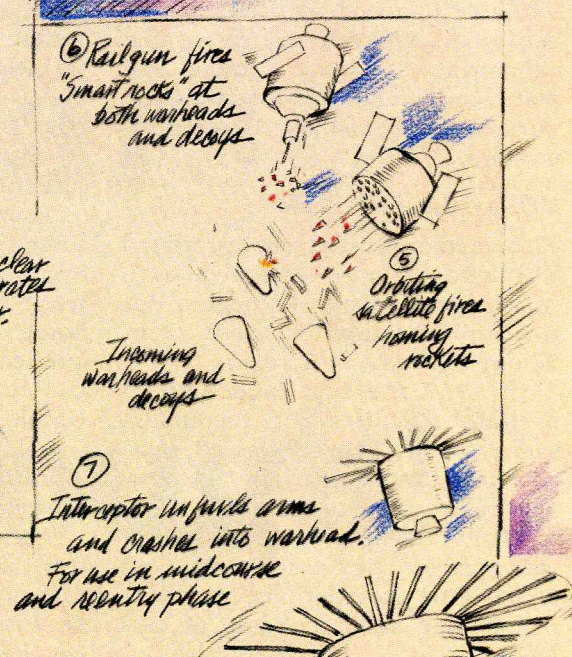
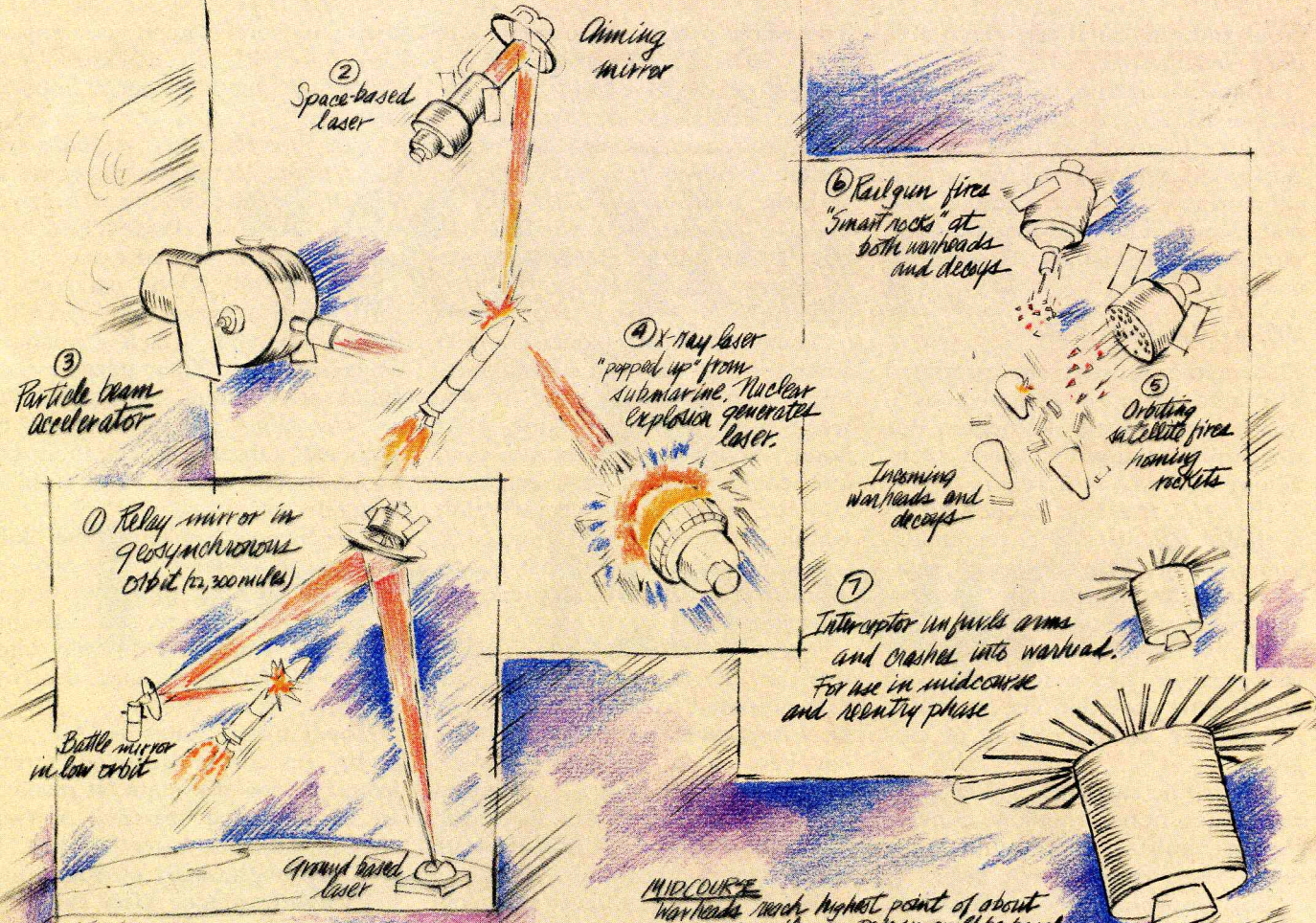
Sputnik I, launched by the Soviets in 1957, crossed the invisible threshold between air and space. Since then we have witnessed the launchings of hundreds of satellites, the placing of human footprints on the moon, extended

periods spent in orbiting laboratories, and probes sent to Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. These accomplishments are awesome. They have changed the outlook of us all.

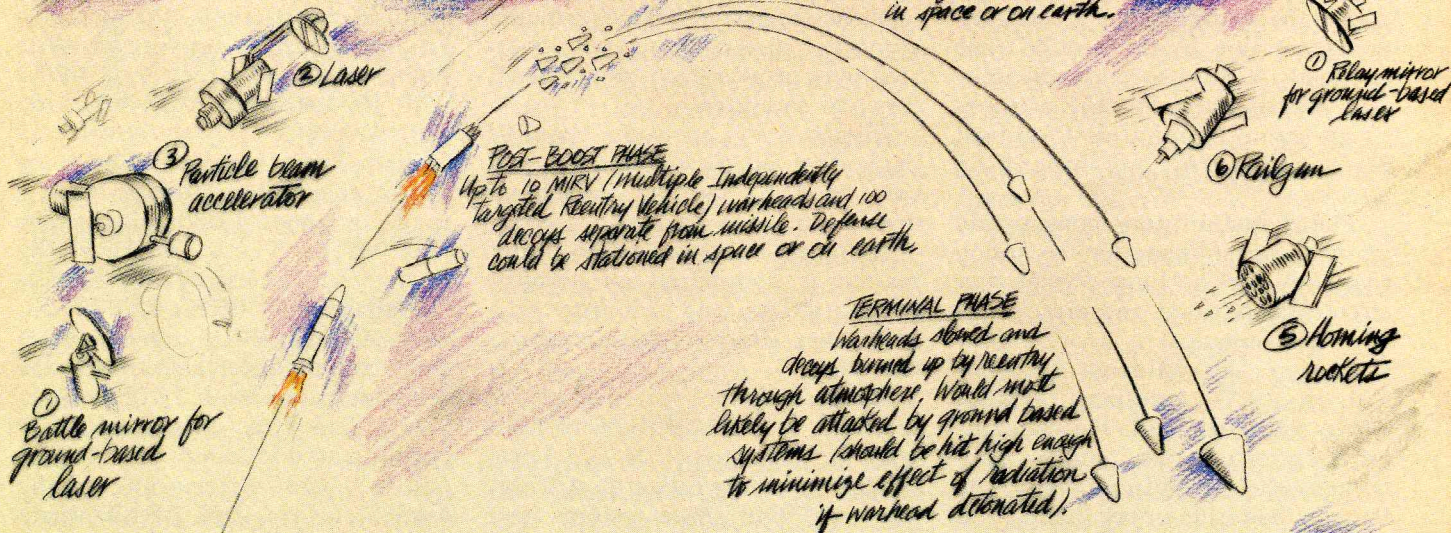
Today, satellites interlock our 20th-century society. We rely on satellites for our instantaneous communication, monitoring weather and natural resources, studying the health of crops and water availability, and locating oil and minerals, among numerous other functions. Soon navigators will pinpoint their position within about 50 feet anywhere in the world through a network of satellites.

These uses benefit mankind. But from the beginning a quiet military application began. Communication satellites that juggle calls from London to New York can just as easily relay military communications. Satellites photographing

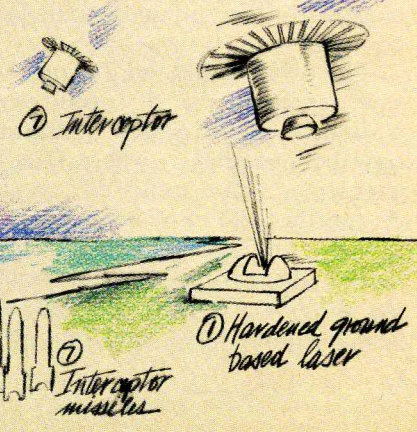
An artist's conception of a hypothetical nuclear-tipped missile attack. First, an overview below, right: the proposed positioning of the various space-defense orbiting systems (numbered) in a strategic defense plan; then, in detail drawings, top, how specific systems work. Some proposals may never fly in orbit, but our purpose is to piece together the many systems now in planning and picture what a space-based defense arrangement might look like.



MIDCOURSE
warheads reach highest point of about 500 miles up. Defense could be based in space or on earth.



BOOST PHASE
4 to 6 minute initial stage when warheads are all attached is most desirable point of interception. Heat from engines firing makes missiles easy to target. Systems for defense at this phase would most likely have to be based in space.



④ Submarine launch X-ray lasers

crops and rangeland can watch military installations.

If navigation spacecraft aid ships in pinpointing their positions to within a hundred yards, they also can guide a navy's nuclear armed submarines. If space stations and platforms can be used for industrial purposes, they can also be used for warfare.

Military Uses Not New

The media present the proposed Strategic Defense Initiative as a future event about to begin. But the militarization of space technology *already* is a reality.

In 1959 the first launching of military satellites for reconnaissance began. There followed navigation, communication, weather and early warning satellites.

Today, orbiting satellites survey the oceans. They track ships and watch port installations, monitoring loading and unloading of cargo.

Electronic satellites, called Ferrets, listen in on telephone conversations, military communications and signals from missile tests.

Early warning spacecraft hovering in fixed orbit 22,300 miles above the earth detect intercontinental missiles by the heat of their exhausts within seconds of ignition. These give twice the warning time—from 15 minutes to almost 30 minutes—of an impending attack.

The major military powers rely upon space information so much that they can no longer wage war effectively without the aid of satellite surveillance.

During the Mideast October war in 1973, satellites orbited above the battlefield. Russian satellite photographs finally convinced the Egyptians that the Israelis had the upper hand, and caused the Egyptians to call for a cease fire.

The 1982 Falkland Islands war saw expanded use of satellites for military intelligence. Planners now believe that it was a Russian satellite that beamed to the Argentines the exposed position of HMS *Sheffield*.

The Argentines further refined the *Sheffield's* position and sent the Etendard jets on their way.

The whole process took about four hours. The final result was the sinking of the *Sheffield*.

The British took advantage of satellite reconnaissance too. It is widely believed that the order to sink the Argentine cruiser *Belgrano* was beamed to the British nuclear submarine HMS *Conqueror* by way of an American military satellite.

Today the entire planet is under some form of constant surveillance. Some experts claim that, if you were now sitting outside your home, powerful spaceborne cameras could see this very magazine you are holding. Spacecraft aloft watch airfields, launching pads, troop and tank movements. Communications are intercepted and interpreted.

These spy satellites are so effective that the "open skies" program first proposed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on July 21, 1955, has become an inevitable reality. He suggested that the United States and Soviet Union open each other's country to unlimited aerial inspection by the other.

While Mr. Eisenhower's proposal was turned down by Moscow, what he suggested has nevertheless come to pass. The superpowers routinely inspect each other's territory via satellites.

Figures vary, but some claim 95 percent of all Soviet and 86 percent of U.S. satellite launchings are for military purposes.

Reliance on space-based information is considered an absolute necessity. As one scientist said, "Whoever controls space, controls the world."

Because space systems are so essential to the superpowers, they must be protected. U.S. Air Force Undersecretary Edward Adridge has said: "Our space systems have become essential to our operational forces." And: "We are going to have to defend them." If either superpower were to launch an attack, experts foresee the opening shots would be in space.

Space Weapons Systems

As with the airplane in World War I, space research has moved from the reconnaissance phase to the weapons phase. Science seems

ready to confer upon us weapons so powerful, so advanced, so incredible that they seem impossible.

Consider the space weapons systems under development, some of which already exist, others of which may be farfetched but reflect current thinking.

First of all, is the category of antisatellite weapons (ASAT). These weapons attack reconnaissance satellites. Their purpose is to blind an enemy's eyes-in-the-sky so operations on earth won't be detected. Observers feel their use could signal the first shots fired in a major war.

The Soviets' version of the "killer satellite," once put into orbit, is designed to hunt down its target. When within range, the satellite detonates, causing a shrapnel blast like an exploding grenade, destroying its victim.

The United States ASAT, still being tested, is quite different from the Soviet system. It involves an air-launched missile. A two-stage, 18-foot-long rocket is strapped to the belly of a modified F-15 fighter plane. After the F-15 launches the rocket from a high altitude zoom-climb, the computer-guided, heat-sensing missile homes in on the target and collides with it—kamikaze style—destroying the prey.

The Soviets have effectively shown that killer satellites have a range of about 1,000 miles above the earth. Tests indicate the Soviets could destroy low-altitude reconnaissance, Ferret and navigation satellites. With larger boosters they could conceivably reach the geosynchronous—22,000-mile—orbit. The U.S. test flights are concentrated against low enemy orbits—300 miles—above the earth's surface. But ASAT weapons are only the first step into a larger and more deadly world.

Since the days of Buck Rogers comics, many have heard about death ray beams. These weapons soon may be a reality.

Death rays, or more properly direct energy weapons, use laser or particle beams to destroy satellites or other targets. Both superpowers are researching such weapons.

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Europe Says “40 Years Is Long Enough!”

by Gene H. Hogberg

Europe has been largely at peace for 40 years. But that peace has been achieved only at tremendous cost: the political division of the Continent.

MAY 8, 1945: the end of the Second World War in Europe and the finish to the Nazi dream to unite Europe by force of arms and usher in a false millennium—a “Thousand-Year Reich.”

Looking back to that fateful day, it is extremely doubtful whether any leader of the victorious Allied powers would have foreseen events 40 years later.

Who would have dared speculate that 300,000 American troops would still be stationed on the Continent, facing east. That elements of the British and French forces would still be camped in parts of Germany. And that the Soviet army, facing west, would still be forward-based throughout nearly all the once proud and independent nations of Eastern Europe.

After four decades, one of history's most heavily defended borders continues to cleave the German nation. The world's largest

arsenal of short- and medium-range nuclear weapons extends this border through the heart of Europe.

Will the nations of Europe remain *disunited*, locked into mutually hostile spheres of interest 40 years from now, in 2025?

Absolutely not!

A growing number of Europeans question as never before the very foundation of postwar European society and strive for a way out of the division dilemma.

Peace—at a Price

The growing dissatisfaction with the status quo, however, cannot hide the fact that, for 40 years, Europe has presented almost a solitary island of peace in a world wracked with more than 100 local wars.

World Wars I and II, it must be remembered, both arose out of conflicts within the European state system. Ever since May 8, 1945, two superpowers, one non-European, the other part Asian, have served as the main weights in the European balance-of-power structure. Western

Europe has been under the influence and military protection of the United States, while the nations of the East have languished under the preponderant weight of the Soviet Union, forming part of the latter's “security buffer.”

Money-minded Americans are tiring of the continued presence of their military forces in a prosperous, long-since economically recovered Western Europe. The new generation, however, overlooks what a leading West German journalist, Josef Joffe, calls “the central role America has played in pacifying a state system that almost consumed itself in two world wars.”

Mr. Joffe, now a senior associate of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, D.C., adds that the postwar West European order has “endured beyond expectations because it succeeded in solving two existential problems at once. It managed to envelop the potential of Germany, Europe's past claimant to hegemony; and it managed to contain the might of the new contender, the Soviet

Union. Both achievements were made possible by the permanent entanglement of the United States."

But 40 years of division is long enough, Europeans increasingly insist.

Breaking the Deadlock

Europe's present state of affairs was more or less fixed at the Allied big-power meeting held at Yalta in the Soviet Crimea, February 4 to 11, 1945.

Over the years, in the Western world at least, the word *Yalta* has almost become synonymous with betrayal. At this conference more than at any other (such as the Teheran conference in 1943, or the Potsdam summit in 1945), the nations of Eastern Europe were in fact conceded to the Soviet Union.

But conditions change in 40 years.

"Slowly and tentatively," wrote Jonathan Steele in the February 28, 1985, issue of the *Daily Telegraph* (London), "a few Europeans (and some Americans) are beginning to think of an alternative future." One of these is Polish-born Zbigniew Brzezinski, formerly National Security Adviser to U.S. President Jimmy Carter.

Mr. Brzezinski argues in the December 27, 1984, *New York Times*, as well as in a major article in the Winter 1984-85 issue of *Foreign Affairs*, that Yalta has come to "symbolize the unfinished struggle for Europe's future."

This division, perpetuated by the direct presence of both superpowers, will not be overcome, Mr. Brzezinski maintained, without "the emergence of a politically more vital Europe less dependent militarily on America... leading eventually to a fundamentally altered relationship with Eastern Europe and Russia."

To nudge the Europeans in the direction of unity, the former Carter administrative official urged Washington to undertake "a ten-year program of annual cuts of the U.S. ground forces in Europe."

The hope would be to loosen, at least partially, the Soviet military grip on the Eastern satellite nations, producing "a Europe that would be less at conflict with the

Soviet Union than a Europe hosting a large American army."

Economics, too, would play a major role in this blueprint for gradual "emancipation" of Eastern Europe. Both the United States and Japan are racing into the high-tech world of the future. The fragmented economies of Western Europe are becoming less competitive by comparison.

This creates opportunities, according to Mr. Brzezinski, for the nations of Western Europe to offer the type of economic aid the nations of Eastern Europe need. "The fear that America may be turning from the Atlantic to the Pacific... justifies a wider economic, and potentially even a political accommodation between an industrially obsolescent Western Europe and the even more backward Soviet bloc, a logical customer for what Western Europe can produce."

Even the Soviets, Mr. Brzezinski claims, might be tempted with a greater economic cooperation—especially if American military forces are drawn back from Western Europe. Mr. Brzezinski asked:

"Why then should not the next generation of Soviet leaders be pressed also to come to terms with the fact that the interests of the Soviet people would be better served by a less frustrated and oppressed east-central Europe, partaking more directly of the benefits of all-European cooperation?"

Significantly, the first sign of the "next generation of Soviet leaders" has already appeared with the selection, in March, of 54-year-old Mikhail Gorbachev as the Communist Party's General Secretary.

Mr. Gorbachev is known to favor sizeable reforms of the stagnant Soviet economy. The personable new leader is highly regarded by Western officials.

U.S.-Europe Rift

World events are inexorably moving in the direction of European reunification—and possibly a lot swifter than the gradual approach Mr. Brzezinski outlined. At issue is the future of the relationship between the United States and its European allies.

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization is now entering its

37th year. That is an unprecedented duration for an alliance, especially a peacetime one.

There are now serious strains in NATO, more than ever. Two growing disputes in particular have the potential to rip the alliance asunder.

President Ronald Reagan's energetic push for a space-based antiballistic missile system has caused consternation throughout Western Europe. Officially, most allied governments approve research on the Strategic Defense Initiative—the so-called Star Wars plan. But doubts persist as to its impact, if deployed, on the defense of Europe. Many fear that a Star Wars shield would decouple Europe from U.S. defense strategy.

The French, in addition, are concerned that their own independent nuclear strike force could be rendered irrelevant. France, says the spokesman for a Paris-based research institute, sees its "huge investment in both nuclear and conventional weapons threatened."

The French may push even harder than ever for the creation of a separate European defense force. Mr. Brzezinski, as if anticipating this development, urged that "America should particularly encourage efforts at increased French-German military cooperation and eventual integration."

Split Over Central America

Even more serious a threat to the future of the alliance is the developing crisis confronting the United States in Central America, especially with the regard to the government of Nicaragua.

The Reagan administration appears determined to root out the Marxist revolutionary leadership in Managua. The United States genuinely believes that the toehold of communism in the region must be eliminated lest the contagion spread right up to America's southern border.

Many in Europe view this analysis with alarm, believing that the United States is becoming paranoid over the existence of a relatively small "socialist" state.

These opposing viewpoints could dash the Western alliance to the ground. In the March 1985 issue of

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What Is Now Prophesied!

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Will the next 15 years bring human extinction—or the dawn of a new world of peace and incredible achievement?

SUDDENLY this world has become different! It was never like this before. Look at the change in the last 85 years—then LOOK at the change in the last 15. What will *another* 15 years be like?

When I was a boy, our family transportation was a horse and buggy. Horse-drawn streetcars had just been replaced. Telephones were rare, hanging on walls. Only a few downtown streets in cities were paved. Automobiles were a curiosity—we called them horseless carriages. They were steered with a stick instead of a steering wheel.

Gaslights dimly illuminated city streets. A man, riding horseback, rode past with a lighting stick to turn

them on at dusk and again to turn them off at dawn. Our home was dimly lighted by kerosene lamps.

No man had ever flown. Orville Wright's first 12-second, 120-foot flight did not occur until after I was 4½ months into my 12th year. Television was unheard-of. Compare this with the startling advances of the last few decades. And with the mounting crises in Africa, riots, looting and mass VIOLENCE worldwide. And threat of all-out world-girdling NUCLEAR WAR.

And now, as we enter the middle of the decade of the 1980s, Russia is still in Afghanistan, planning to control the Indian Ocean.

Again I ask: WHAT will this world be like in *another* 15 years?

What Scientists Prophesy

Numerous world-famous scientists and economists see a stern picture of the future. They see—today—

the masses of illiterates in India, Africa—more than half the world's population in the depths of ignorance, poverty, squalor and degradation; the population explosion and the coming food war; the breakdown of family life—the very BASIS of a progressive and thriving society; the spiraling increase in crime; the fast-spreading breakdown of law and order.

All this they see, and tell us humanity's one great problem, now, is the QUESTION OF SURVIVAL.

Ask these sober scientists and economists HOW LONG we may continue in this present trend. Some will guess, perhaps 15 more years—others think less than 10—some give us a little more. But that's only relative. It's still a question of SURVIVAL!

There Is Good News Ahead

Humanity WILL SURVIVE! There is

GOOD NEWS for the future. This good news is reported by a major news source most people—and most scientists and economists—have utterly overlooked.

There is a master plan already worked out. And it will bring to this earth PEACE! There is a master plan to solve the vast problems of illiteracy, starvation, poverty and squalor. It entails vast agrarian reforms, economic reforms, reforms in governments, and *practical* plans to bring about disarmament and world peace.

Many scientists and world leaders know, in general, what it will take to bring this solution. Today, many farseeing leaders put their fingers on the one great change that can now save humanity alive. What they don't know is how to implement it.

With one voice, these men say the solution now demands a WORLD GOVERNMENT.

There is one thing wrong with this solution. That world supergovernment would have to be given the power of a world police force to enforce its laws, and it would have to maintain the ONLY military force in the world—all nations would have to surrender their armies, navies and air forces to this one SUPERSTATE.

In a word, *every* nation would have to surrender its national sovereignty absolutely. And WHAT MAN could be accepted by all as WORLD RULER? It would, mind you, be a world POLICE STATE. Would the Soviet Union give up its struggle to harness the whole world with communism and accept an American capitalist as their world ruler? No, I'm afraid not in a thousand years!

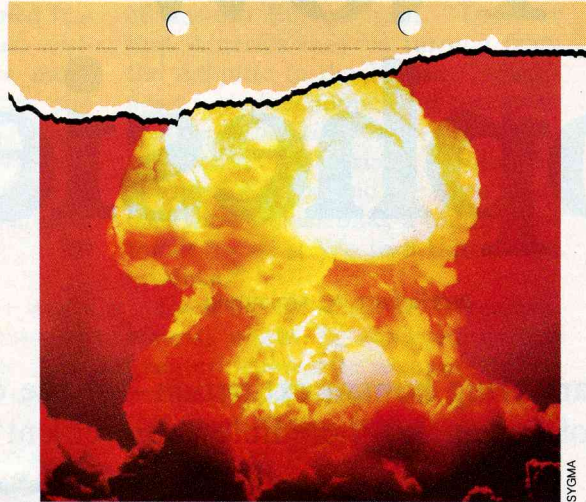
Would the United States accept a North Korean? NEVER!

There is only one way the nations could get together on a world supergovernment.

Within nations, each individual has to be willing to give up his

personal sovereignty. He must submit to the laws of his government or suffer the consequences. Of course, individuals in all countries are given certain personal liberties, not prohibited by law.

So it must be with NATIONS—if there is to be a world supergovernment—if humanity is to survive! If there is to be this world supergovernment all individual nations must first give up their private selfish goals, their dreams of world conquest—of spreading *their* particu-



Numerous world-famous scientists and economists see a stern picture of the future . . . and tell us humanity's one great problem is the question of survival.

lar kind of government around the world.

One important newsmagazine said this can happen only if there is "a strong hand from someplace" that would intervene.

So there is the world's dilemma.

Many leaders are agreed the world's only hope is a world supergovernment. At the same time, they confess frankly that world supergovernment is absolutely unfeasible and utterly IMPOSSIBLE!

And where does that leave you? Does that leave you with nothing but gloom and doom for the future?

Two Alternatives—and Only Two

You *have* to face it—either there is now no HOPE—either all humanity soon will be erased from this earth—or there does exist that "strong hand from someplace" with supernatural power to INTERVENE in world affairs—to literally take control from the human great powers of this world and to SAVE humanity from itself!

You need to *wake up*—and to realize this means YOUR LIFE—and the lives of your children, your family, your friends and neighbors. The one great problem facing every one of us is HUMAN SURVIVAL. And the only alternative to extinction—SOON—is world government!

I sat in the press gallery in the Opera House at the San Francisco, California, Conference in 1945, when world leaders were drawing up the charter for the United Nations. There I heard the leading statesmen of the world warning that this United Nations they were forming was "THE WORLD'S LAST HOPE." One hour, in plenary sessions, they were uttering this solemn warning; the next hour in group conferences with leaders from other nations they were fighting for their own special advantage.

The United Nations has proved NOT to be that supergovernment.

This Is Real—It Involves You

Hiding your eyes from the existing facts won't save your world for you—and YOU alive in it! This directly concerns the life of every reader of *The Plain Truth*—and the countless other millions who *ought* to be reading it.

This is REAL! It's HERE! There isn't much more time! It's now far later than you think. And—yes, I realize it—this is the ONLY VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS of today's desperate situation that dares to SPEAK OUT!

THIS YOU MUST FACE. There are now two alternatives—and ONLY two.

1) Either the Creator GOD exists, and will *soon*, now, step in and INTERVENE in this world's

affairs and SAVE ERRING HUMANITY FROM ITSELF—OR:

2) Any one of six existing causes will ERASE HUMANKIND FROM THE EARTH!

The person who is unwilling to consider that the Creator GOD is a real, living, all-wise, all-knowing, all-powerful personal BEING, has only the CERTAINTY of existing world conditions fast closing in upon him!

But for the reader who is willing to listen, I give you not only your ONLY HOPE of survival, I give you your one SURE HOPE.

World's Most Accurate Newscaster

First, notice the published report of the world's No. 1 newscaster. This newscast was a FORECAST. And it's CERTAIN. I know, very few ever realized that Jesus Christ came as a NEWSMAN—reporting NEWS for the future. He spoke of 20th-century world conditions—and WORLD GOVERNMENT to come. The world has misunderstood, perverted, maligned his message.

The word *gospel* means GOOD NEWS. And his was news for the FUTURE. He described today's violent chaotic world. In the pivotal prophecy of the New Testament of the world's best-selling book, he graphically described the international chaos into which the world is rapidly plunging right now. He said the violence would explode into a world trouble so great, that unless God intervened, no human would remain alive.

Yet, he promised, the all-powerful God would intervene supernaturally to cut short this world chaos (Matt. 24:21-22).

NEWS—Past, Present, Future

No book has so great a sale as the Holy Bible. And no book ever was so unread, misunderstood, maligned, distorted, misrepresented. Those who profess to use it as the source of their religion promulgate doctrines diametrically opposite from its teachings.

Few know that a whole third, approximately, of that book is devoted to FUTURE NEWS of world happenings. News of the now soon-

coming peaceful and happy WORLD TOMORROW—on through CENTURY 21. It's the BEST NEWS you ever read!

We look, now, at one pivotal NEWS DISPATCH within this volume, which covers dramatically a panorama of the dominating governments, past, immediate present and future.

Advance News Report

You never thought of this panoramic look ahead as a NEWS REPORT? It's time we recognized it for precisely what it is! And it's exciting!

Incredible though it seems—and

reported in Daniel 2. It was one of those rare dreams that remain indelibly impressed on the mind after awaking. He thought it must have meaning.

So Nebuchadnezzar called in all his astrologers, his religious leaders, magicians, his chief advisers, his wisest men. He determined to test their clairvoyant powers.

"It was a terrifying dream, yet it's gone from me," he told them. "I want you to tell me what I dreamed. If you fail, I'll know you are fakes and phonies, and I'll have you all put to death."

But even with their lives at stake, his wisest men could not tell Nebuchadnezzar what he had dreamed.

Now among other nations that had been conquered by this great Chaldean king was the kingdom of Judah, whose capital city was Jerusalem. These Jews had been taken as captives and transported from their homes in their cities, towns and countryside to the land of the Chaldeans, where they were made slaves. But four outstandingly brilliant lads had been inducted into important government positions in Babylon. Among them was Daniel.

These four Jewish lads were seized, to be put to death along with the sorcerers, magicians and Chaldean "wise men." Daniel asked for time, promising that he would be able to tell the king his dream and its meaning.

The four Jewish lads prayed to their God for the answer. That night it was revealed to Daniel in a vision (now quoting the Revised Standard Version):

Report on What Is to Be

"Are you able to make known to me the dream . . . and its interpretation?" asked the king when Daniel was ushered into his presence. "No wise men . . . can show to the king the mystery . . .," replied Daniel, "but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and he



Humanity will survive! There will be a happy world tomorrow. Mortal humans do have a stern lesson to learn first. But we shall learn!

would-be discreditors to the contrary notwithstanding—the evidence has demonstrated conclusively that this world-news report was written about 600 years before the birth of Jesus Christ.

It concerns the king of the Chaldean Empire that ruled the Western world from 609 to 539 B.C. His name was Nebuchadnezzar. His capital was the ancient glamor city and world capital, Babylon. One night this king dreamed a remarkable and frightening dream as

has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will be in the latter days. . . .

"You saw, O king, and behold, a great image. This image, mighty and of exceeding brightness, stood before you, and its appearance was frightening. The head of this image was of fine gold, its breast and arms of silver, its belly and thighs of bronze, its legs of iron, its feet partly of iron and partly of clay.

"As you looked, a stone was cut out by no human hand, and it smote the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces; then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away. . . . But the stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth."

But what did it MEAN? Its MEANING was a NEWS forecast leading to the present world turmoil, and its imminent and SURE outcome! It is NEWS that vitally affects the life of every reader of *The Plain Truth*.

"This," continued Daniel, "was the dream; now we will tell the king its interpretation. You, O king, the king of kings, to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the power, and the might, and the glory. . . . you are the head of gold. After you shall arise another kingdom inferior to you, and yet a third kingdom of bronze, which shall rule over all the earth."

Here was NEWS of the future. It was news reported in advance. And it happened! After the Chaldean Empire, the Persian Empire arose. It was inferior as a world empire intellectually, morally, and in honor, splendor and glory—as silver is less valuable than gold. But, as silver is harder than gold, so was the Persian Empire stronger in military might.

Humanity was deteriorating. The Persian Empire fell before the swift conquering flight of young Alexander the Great, with his Greek and Macedonian army. Alexander expanded his empire farther east and west and south—greater in military strength, more in quantity—greater in area and

population ruled—but inferior in quality, as bronze is of less value than silver, yet a harder metal.

Alexander wept, it is said, because he had no more worlds to conquer. He died young. His empire was divided into four divisions, each ruled by one of his four top-ranking generals.

Now continue this most unusual form of NEWS REPORT.

The Roman Empire Came

"And," continued Daniel, "there shall be a fourth kingdom, strong as iron. . . ." This was the Roman Empire, which swallowed up all four surviving divisions of Alexander's Greco-Macedonian Empire, and spread out farther besides. It was the strongest military power in world history up to that time. And the two legs symbolized the *two divisions* of the mighty Roman Empire—with the eastern capital at Constantinople (today called Istanbul, Turkey), and the western capital at Rome.

But Daniel continued: "And as the toes of the feet were partly iron and partly clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong and partly brittle. . . . but they will not hold together, just as iron does not mix with clay."

There are three other specific prophecies—FUTURE NEWS REPORTS—one in the seventh chapter of Daniel, and one in the 13th and one in the 17th of Revelation, which also depict the future NEWS of this same succession of world empires. Putting all four prophecies together, it becomes plain that the toes of this image represent a last, final resurrection—or rebirth—of the Roman Empire in our time!

Soon-Coming United States of Europe

There is not space for details in this article. (Request our free booklet *The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last*.) But the two prophecies in the book of Revelation report clearly—*long in advance*—the fall of the original Roman Empire in A.D. 476, its restoration by Justinian in 554 and its history up to the fall of Napoleon in 1814.

Then Revelation 17:8 shows the partial revival of this empire under

Mussolini—after he took Ethiopia, adding it to Italian Somaliland, Eritrea, Libya and Italy—officially naming it "the Roman Empire."

These prophecies depict detailed ADVANCE NEWS of one more, last revival of this empire, yet to occur, by a union of 10 nations, or groups of nations, in Europe.

This coming "United States of Europe" is the dream of many leaders—not only within Europe, but in Britain and America. The Common Market is only its economic beginning.

Every indication is that this ADVANCE NEWS will be *current* news. And it will completely STUN THE WORLD! Yet *The Plain Truth* has reported this news in advance for the past 51 years!

Can you envision what that will mean in the world's balance of power?

But these nations will not cling long or loyally together. The 10 toes of Nebuchadnezzar's image pictured this United Europe millennia in advance. They will not cleave together for long, even as iron and miry clay will not.

Then what shall happen?

This prophecy—and others—give you the NEWS long in advance!

Then Finally—WORLD Government

Continue Daniel's explanation to King Nebuchadnezzar.

"And in the days of those kings [these then who are to unite in Europe!] the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall its sovereignty be left to another people. . . . and it shall stand for ever. . . . A great God has made known to the king what shall be hereafter. The dream is certain, and its interpretation sure" (quoted from Daniel 2, RSV).

This is just one of several ADVANCE NEWS REPORTS that explicitly affirm there WILL BE a world government that shall bring this war-weary earth PEACE AT LAST.

Not by the help of men or of their human governments—but in spite of them. Other prophecies report, centuries and millennia in

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CHILD SEX ABUSE

What You Can Do About It!

by Dan C. Taylor

Societies that thought it couldn't happen to them are now beset with the problem!

MOST of us would rather not talk about child sex abuse.

The problem is, child molestation worldwide feeds on just such an atmosphere of ignorance and secrecy. These are the molester's allies.

By informing yourself on how others have learned to deal with this problem, you can help your family avoid a tragedy that besets hundreds of thousands of families each year.

Scope of the Problem

There are individuals and groups that see nothing wrong with adult-child sexual relationships. The motto of one organization of pedophiles is "sex before eight, or else it is too late." Even whole societies in Africa, South Asia and the South Pacific are known to permit prepubescent sexual initiations.

We live in a world that has lost sight of the very purpose of children and the family. Today in Britain, one in 10 chil-

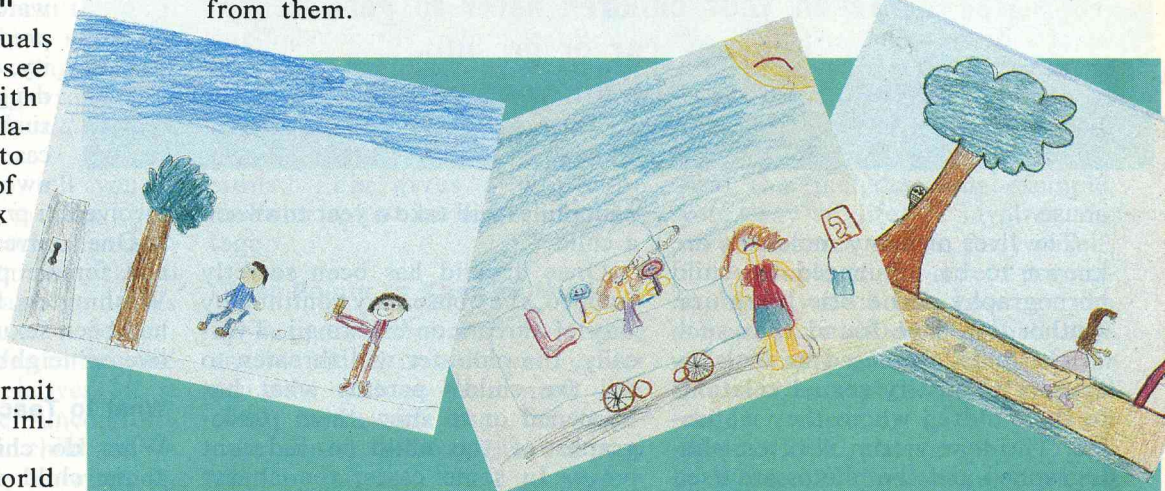
dren will be sexually abused before age 18—one in six in the United States.

God instituted the family to bring up healthy, whole-minded individuals (Mal. 2:15), not frightened children who must bear lifelong mental scars, or who become trapped into prostitution, or who grow up to victimize other children and perpetuate the cycle of abuse. God forbids incest (Lev. 18:6-17) and fornication (I Cor. 6:9, 18; 7:2) and every other form of sex abuse because he knew the pain and problems that spring from them.

The problem we face—whether one refers to child sex abuse or the arms race—is the *lack of right knowledge*.

The knowledge we desperately need in this world today is not how to build a more powerful computer, but the revealed knowledge from God himself—knowledge about how to rear decent children, how to produce upright young adults to deal with the problems accumulated by generations past.

Sex abuse robs children of the full opportunity to be those happy, future problem-



Teach your children their home telephone number and street address and how to use the phone in an emergency.

solving young adults. Instead of learning to be contributors, they must strive today to be survivors.

Teach Yourself First

The times in which we live demand parents teach their children how to avoid being caught up in the web of child sex abuse. To do so, parents must first realize that there is no clear stereotype of a child molester.

Child molestation cuts across all economic, educational, social, religious and ethnic lines.

What we do know is that about 80 percent of the time the molester is *not* a stranger. In more than nine of 10 cases, the abuser is a *male*.

Another common factor among child molesters, especially in the case of incest, is alcohol

one study, 80 percent of child sex abusers were themselves abused as children.

While these facts constitute only a rough profile of child molesters, much is known about the techniques they employ to tempt their victims.

Child molesters simply go where the children are. They look for situations that put them in close contact with children; for work in counseling, coaching, child-care facilities and other similar jobs.

Rarely is violence used against preadolescents. Instead, seduction has proven to be the child molester's best means of coercion. "These guys spend hours winning the love and affection of a child," said police Sgt. Joseph Polisar of Albuquerque, New Mexico. "Some

mals or inanimate objects to reinforce fears in their victims.

Caught in a battle of unequals and uncertain how his parents will react to the secret, the child usually submits to the abuse—sometimes for months or even years.

Watch for Signs of Abuse

By no means should parents suddenly become alarmists over the issue of child abuse. Avoid being paranoid. But parents must, for their children's sake, learn to recognize signs of possible molestation.

According to Dr. Sandra J. Kaplan, Chief of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at North Shore Hospital in Manhasset, New York, there are different signs to look for in various age groups.

In preschool children, parents should look for a significant change of sleep or eating habits, bed-wetting, a fear of strangers—especially men—precocious questions or open displays of sexuality such as masturbation, and redness or infections in the genital area.

In preadolescents, watch for changes in school grades or social behavior and, again, a fear of strangers.

And in adolescents, Dr. Kaplan asks parents to watch for sexual diseases, preoccupation with sexuality, depression, alcohol or drug abuse, pregnancy and running away. In the latter case, many of these run-away youths wind up

involved in prostitution.

One university survey of male and female prostitutes in Seattle, Washington, found that almost half had been sexually abused by a relative or neighbor as children.

What to Teach Children

What do children need to know about child sex abuse? Here are some tips based on advice from experts who have counseled cases of child sex abuse:

- Teach children about the pur-



Teach your children never to get into any car or go into anyone's house without your permission.

abuse.

The lives of many molesters are known to be influenced by child pornography and erotic literature. Authorities have found that such "visual aids" are used as tools by abusers to justify sexual relations to the children whom they victimize. The new victim is often photographed and the photos are used in yet other attempts at child molestation.

And perhaps the most common characteristic of all, according to

pedophiles will take a year to swoon a child."

Once a child has been secretly trapped, the abuse may continue by way of threats or blackmail. Typically, the molester will threaten to tell the child's parents what has happened or to show them photographs of the child in indecent poses. In some cases, the abuser will threaten the child's family with harm.

Abusers sometimes demonstrate their potential for violence on ani-

pose of their genitals and their right to privacy. Be explicit. Stress that no one should touch them in a sexual fashion.

Explain that there are good kinds of touches like when Mom or Dad gives them a good night hug and kiss, and bad kinds of touches as when someone touches them in an area of their body that is private. This is something both parents should talk over with their children together.

- Teach children that any gifts offered them must be acknowledged by you before they can be accepted.

- Instruct children to run away from people who touch them in wrong ways. Teach them to yell "No!" and run and tell their parent or another adult what has happened. Introduce them to people they can trust. Show them where they can go for help if someone tries to bother them and they can't find you, the parent.

- Let children know that it is good for them to tell you what has happened. Explain that you want very much for them to do so. Emphasize that when someone touches them in a wrong way or shows them something wrong, it is *not something that should be kept secret*.

- Instruct them to tell you if someone asks them to take their clothes off, or if someone with whom they are unfamiliar asks to take their photograph or talks about sex with them.

- Don't force children to hug and kiss anyone—even relatives—if it makes the child feel uncomfortable. By coercing a child to be affectionate, you may unwittingly condition him to respond to an abuser's advances as well.

- Teach your children their home telephone number and street

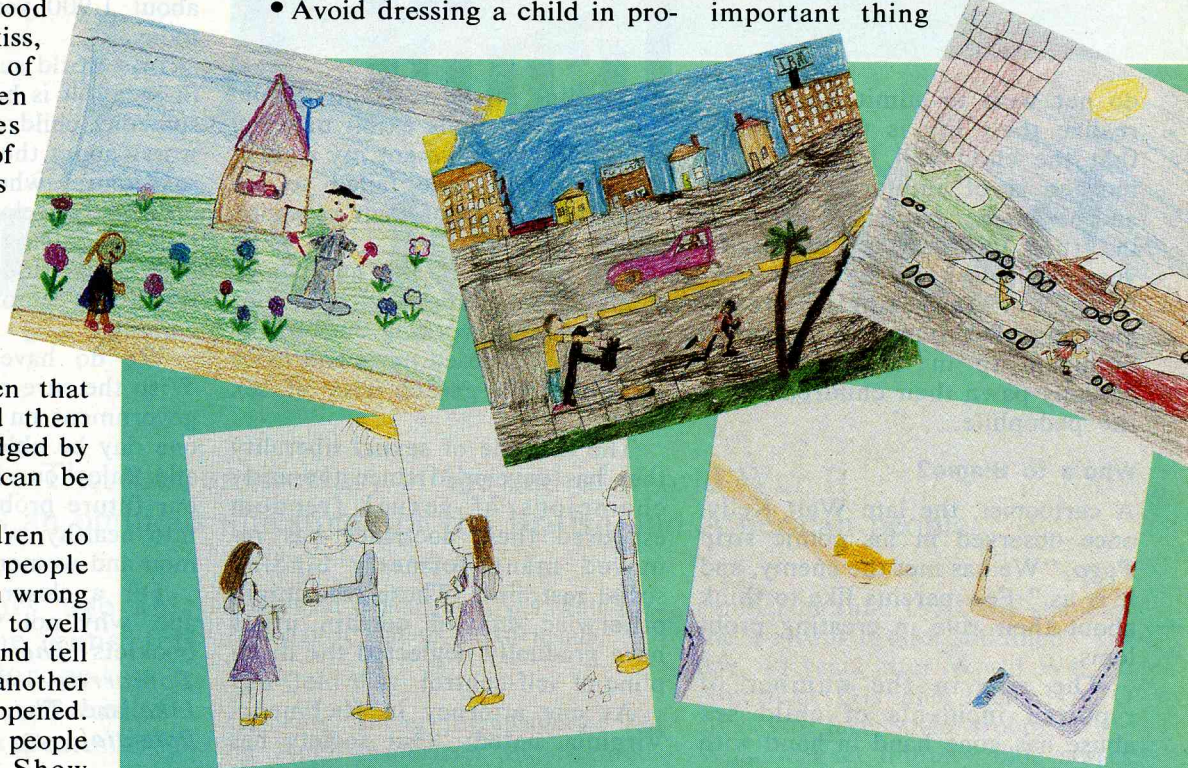
address and how to use the phone in an emergency.

- Teach your children never to get into any car or go into anyone's house without your permission.

- Avoid dressing a child in pro-

bilities for your child. Every time you put your child in the care of someone else, there's a chance—a small chance—that your child will be molested."

But the most important thing



Teach children that any gifts offered them must be acknowledged by you before they can be accepted.

vocative adult-style clothing. Pedophiles openly admit to being sexually stimulated by children wearing "grown up" apparel. And do not put children's names on the outside of their clothing or possessions. This gives a would-be molester a first-name-basis advantage.

Other Points to Keep in Mind

Be sure to thoroughly investigate any individual or child-care center you may wish to have mind your child. Make sure that the child-care center allows unannounced visits by parents.

Better yet, says Kenneth V. Lanning, a child-sex-abuse expert with the FBI: "Whenever possible, assume the child-caring responsi-

you, as parents, can do for your children is to make sure they know they have your total support. That support is affirmed to the child by your reliability as a parent. Inconsistency destroys your credibility. And this includes your example, your way of life. It involves the very standards you set for yourself. For example, if you accept pornography in your home, how can you expect your children to find anything wrong when a child abuser shows them photos of "happy" children engaging in sex with an adult in child pornography?

Warren Mumpower, a convicted pedophile, wrote a letter to the U.S. Senate committee investigating child abuse. In his letter, he pointed out: "As much as parents

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do not wish to admit, they must realize their life is the EXAMPLE that the child will follow. If the mother is of immoral character and allows her boyfriend to 'move in,' then it is certain the eight-year-old will have her own boyfriend. . . . Many single parents, and married ones also, are so wrapped up in 'self' that they actually pawn their children off on the pedophile. . . ."

Who's to Blame?

A cartoonist, the late Walt Kelly, once observed in his comic strip *Pogo*, "We has met the enemy, and it is us." Few parents like to think about their role in creating problems.

The rise in the number of reported incidents of child sex abuse has gone hand in hand with

the decline in self-restraint. While the "have" nations extoll material gains and the "I've got my rights" attitude, they have failed to see what the neglect of their responsibilities has cost.

The increase in the number of single-parent homes and the number of women working outside the home have exposed more and more children to a greater risk of sex abuse.

The attitude of sexual liberality that has developed since the early champions of sexual freedom espoused their doctrines has removed many formerly binding social restraints. Those who might otherwise control certain urges have gradually neglected the discipline of self-control.

As one attorney in Richmond, Virginia, noted: "Our society has

become more lax about kinky sex. I think people who have repressed this in the past may now feel there is less danger."

The sexually and morally de-based society the Bible warned us about 1,900 years ago is with us today.

In a world such as we must live in today, it is hard to imagine that someday children will not have to worry about the possibility of child sex abuse; where all people can grow and develop into contributing, problem-solving individuals instead of problem-ridden abusers and victims. Yet, happily, such a world is coming!

We do have reason for hope. With the sure restoration of God's government on this earth, we will one day be able to dwell in peace and enjoy our families and watch our future problem-solvers mature into healthy, whole-minded young men and women.

For a closer look at this new age, why not write for our free booklets *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like* and *The Incredible Human Potential*. □

Helping Children Explain

In the past, the aftermath of abuse has been as bad, if not worse, for a child as the actual sex abuse itself.

As a crime, child sex abuse must be reported. This means police and social workers have to try to get painful details from the children. Many parents have been unwilling to put their children through normal interrogation methods and an even more frightening situation of a court trial.

Many, however, have failed to realize that children need to tell what has happened to them in order to understand that they were not at fault and that they do not have to bear a burden of guilt for the rest of their lives.

New techniques have been developed to help children explain to law enforcement officials the details of the abuse, and at the same time help

Angeles, has developed a show-and-tell method of reassuringly cajoling the details of sex abuse out of quite young victims in a playful manner with puppets



Kee MacFarlane and her puppets: It's OK to tell.

allay children's fear and potentially harmful guilt.

Kee MacFarlane, a therapist at the Children's Institute International in Los

and anatomically correct dolls. This therapy eases painful memories out of the children yet doesn't require them to have the explicit

vocabulary otherwise required to get the facts.

A videotape of the session is then shown to the parents and the child. This is the phase in which the child sees if he or she has the parents' support. Support is the critical ingredient.

This is also the phase in which the relatively rare case of children making up stories of abuse can be uncovered.

This new technique has been employed in cases in Minneapolis, Los Angeles and other U.S. cities with major success. According to *The Sunday Times*, September 16, 1984, by videotaping a show-and-tell session using anatomically correct dolls, then replaying the tape to a suspect in custody, the London Metropolitan Police have achieved a 100 percent confession rate.

V-E Day 40 Years Later

A Final Warning to the West!

by K. Neil Earle

The 40th anniversary of the end of World War II marks an ominous milestone for the British and American people.

JUST 40 years ago this summer, the guns fell silent in Europe on a blood-spattered world.

One of history's greatest tragedies was over.

In a wind-swept tent on Lüneburg Heath on the North German plain, May 4, 1945, Britain's Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery dictated terms to the beaten Nazis. Supreme Allied Commander Dwight Eisenhower was purposely absent from a similar ceremony in Rheims, France, three days later. He still seethed with rage at the Hitlerite officer caste, following his stomach-churning tour through the death camp at Ohrdruf.

A pall of death and destruction enveloped civilization. But the rejoicing and euphoria at the defeat of the Axis powers ushered in a springtime of glorious hope. Perhaps now the world would find peace at last. Perhaps now the lights really could go on—as Vera Lynn had sung—“all over the world.”

Surely the United Nations would succeed where the old League of Nations had failed?

After all, didn't the United States, Great Britain and the Soviet Union possess the military clout to smother aggression anywhere on the planet? Wouldn't this guaran-

tee world peace? Ah, yes, *how differently* it was to all turn out.

The Cold War

Growing Soviet intransigence fed on Anglo-American shortsightedness and naivete. Result? The “twilight struggle,” to use President John F. Kennedy's later phrase to describe the Cold War.

By 1948 the Marshall Plan began pumping vast sums of money into a stricken Western Europe. The winter of 1948-49 saw the dramatic propaganda victory of the Berlin Airlift, a brilliant riposte to the Soviet blockage of West Berlin. For 15 months British and American airmen logged 277,264 flights hauling more than 2½ million tons of food, fuel, clothing and medicine—nearly one ton for every citizen of Berlin.

“Operation Vittles,” as the rescue of West Berlin was called, touched just the right chord in Western Europeans.

“America has saved the world!” Winston Churchill exulted! In April 1949 the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) was formed. It was to be an association of sovereign states presenting a united military front against Soviet pressure, from the Bering Strait to the Black Sea.

By the outbreak of the Korean

conflict in June 1950, the shape of the postwar world solidified. Today, 40 years after World War II, American GIs and their NATO allies still face Soviet troops of the Warsaw Pact military bloc across the “tripwire” in Central Europe. But beneath this geopolitical fault line events are slowly altering the postwar picture.

Subtle Shifts

In 1984 communist Romania did not follow Moscow's boycott of the Olympic Games. In 1984 the East Germans smarted at the Kremlin's squelching of Party Chairman Erich Honecker's visit to West Germany. Meanwhile young West Europeans, with fading memories of the Berlin Airlift but vivid memories of the U.S. folly in Vietnam, anxiously recall the saber-rattling from Washington in the early 1980s.

What was happening?

Détente and West Germany's eagerness to deal with Eastern Europe (the Germans call it *Ostpolitik*) stimulated trade on both sides of the Iron Curtain. *Ostpolitik* whetted East Europe's appetite for Western consumer goods, especially as the Soviet economy sputtered badly. For the West Germans, trade deals with the East bloc are sweetened with opportuni-

ties to visit friends and relatives in East Germany.

Forty years after World War II this growing *Euro-neutralism* bedevils both the superpowers. The churning peace marches and demonstrations that swept Europe in the early 1980s signaled the unthinkable: a part of the new generation of Europeans view Washington as much a threat to world peace as the Soviet Union! Moscow, bogged down in Afghanistan, watchful of the Chinese border, wants a breathing spell in Europe.

alliance, the Berlin Airlift—all were backed by Washington's once ample treasury and the moral support of Great Britain.

So the question is: 40 years after World War II, what has happened to overshadow these Anglo-American achievements?

Why this strange ambiguity plaguing Washington and London's relations with the Continent? Why were Denmark and Eire so quick to condemn Britain during the Falklands War, for example?

Why is it that 40 years after the

Decline? Yes. No one can dispute that the English-speaking democracies have tumbled a long way since those glory days of 1945 when the Queen of the Netherlands could publicly state, "Every time my people see a Canadian soldier, they stand around and cheer."

Times have indeed changed. In France, Britain's Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher recently finished third in a poll of leaders French people strongly dislike, behind such notables as Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini and Libya's Muammar Kadafi!

Obviously this is not 1945. But, 40 years after V-E Day, even a former U.S. Secretary of State wonders if the United States is "incapable of mastering events." British parliamentarian Enoch Powell sadly characterizes the leader of the Western alliance, the United States, as "huge and powerful still, but *purposeless* and ineffectual . . . wallowing like some dismasted man-of-war, in the trough of world events."

So the real question is this: Has anything happened to the Americans and British *themselves* since 1945 to bring them to this state of affairs? Is the respected—and maligned—Soviet dissident and exile Alexander Solzhenitsyn right? Are there *spiritual factors* at work

in the lives of nations? Is the decline in Anglo-American world influence, their diminished stature in world leadership, somehow strangely tied in with the more or less general prosperity and affluence of the past 40 years? If so, how?

Secular Prophets

On January 7, 1960, President Eisenhower's State of the Union message struck perceptively at the root cause of future American decline in stature and world influence. He warned his countrymen:

"A great nation can for a time without noticeable damage to itself



May 1945—Field Marshal Bernard L. Montgomery (right) reads the surrender pact ending fighting in Denmark, northern Germany and Holland, during ceremony at his headquarters in Germany. German representatives (left to right): Rear Admiral Wagner and Admiral von Friedeburg, commander in chief of the German navy. British officer stands in background.

This contrasts, in some Europeans' minds, with Washington's vigorous rhetoric that shattered *détente*.

Some Americans find it hard to understand Europe's desperate desire to relax tensions along the Iron Curtain. They fail to understand that Europeans stand to lose the most in a nuclear or even a conventional war. They are the meat in the sandwich, and they know it. Europeans are also anxious to preserve the economic powerhouse built up from the ashes of World War II.

"But built with the help of American and British blood and treasure!" some might retort. True. The Marshall Plan, the NATO

English-speaking democracies played such a key role in the liberation of Europe that they often meet with such a mixed reception today?

Strange Ambivalence

Why this ambivalence straining the Atlantic alliance? Is it just European ingratitude and creeping communism as some shortsighted U.S. policymakers charge? Or is this sense of drift in the West linked to more subtle unseen factors, invisible causes that also tie in with the decline in world stature of the English-speaking nations these past 20 years?

pursue a course of *self-indulgence*, making its single goal the material ease and comfort of its own citizens. But the internal moral softness that will be engendered will in the long term bring it to disaster. *America did not become great through softness and self-indulgence.*"

Not at all! As her unstinting sacrifice in World War II and the noble generosity of the Berlin Airlift underlined. Yet the America of the 1950s worried historian George F. Kennan:

"If you ask me whether a country with *no highly developed sense of national purpose*, with the overwhelming accent on personal comfort, with *insufficient social discipline* even to keep its major industries functioning . . . , has good chances over the long run of competing with a powerful, serious and disciplined society such as that of the Soviet Union, I must say that the answer is 'no.'"

In 1953 Britain's great wartime leader Winston Churchill, then serving his people for the second time as Prime Minister, published a bitter warning in his *Triumph and Tragedy*, the concluding volume on World War II. Churchill's theme for the work: "How the Great Democracies Triumphed, and So Were Able to Resume the Follies Which Had So Nearly Cost Them Their Life."

Churchill's chilling blast at Anglo-American lassitude in the face of mortal danger met little response from nations then about to embark upon the greatest consumer binge in their histories. Especially Britain, which suffered painful adjustments in the postwar period (meat was still rationed up to 1953). Ahead was the frenetic affluent decade of the 1960s, the *decisive decade* in the postwar history of America and Britain.

The Aging Lion

"Britain's most valuable asset had always been the *character* of her people," lamented Paul Enzig in *Britain's Crisis in the Sixties*. "They were as public-spirited as any nation. Unfortunately today the behavior that was the exception (in 1945) has become the rule, while the attitude that was the rule

has now become the rare exception."

What happened to Britain in the 1960s? In many ways she was reaping the whirlwind, still paying out the penalties of the Second World War. Six war years had badly eroded *family ties* and *discipline*. Before that, the vaunted British Establishment had stumbled badly in World War I. It needed the support of the working classes to lead Britain to victory in 1945. The stage was thus set for radical change.

The Suez debacle of 1956, the Profumo political sex scandal of the early 1960s, the rise of the "swinging England" mentality and "Beatlemania," the orientation of the Labour governments of the 1960s, all this reflected a Britain churning in transition. The Establishment-oriented, steely character that got Britain through the 1940s and early '50s was being challenged by the exciting "classless," affluent generation of the '60s.

As millions of young Britons "turned on" and tuned out in the late 1960s, gambling, the pub and the "telly" seemed to hypnotize their fathers, those who had held the fort so admirably against fascism in 1940.

Watching a nation embarked on the unconscious commitment to living "smaller than life," columnist Bernard Levin sadly prophesied the turbulent 1970s in Britain:

"She rose again and again to her feet, only to fall as often as she rose. The consequence was that she became dazed, and frequently, on rising began to go backwards under the impression that she was going forwards; in time things grew even worse, and she began to lose all sense of which was which."

But the sex, drugs and vulgarity that began to waft across the Atlantic on wings of song ("We were the Trojan horse," said Beatle George Harrison) found a ready response

in a North America restless and dissatisfied with the fruits of affluence—precisely as President Eisenhower had predicted.

The Hapless Giant

In 1964 the United States Supreme Court authorized sweeping Civil Rights legislation, inaugurating a national debate about "rights" that has not abated. That same year the U.S. Congress permitted President Lyndon Johnson to step up the war in Vietnam. Two ominous events, as it turned out. American author



April 2, 1948—Planes forming first group to carry emergency food supplies to Berlin residents are unloaded at Tempelhof airport after flight from Frankfurt in the American occupation zone. German personnel unload the Air Force C-47 Dakotas. Airlift arose from attempt by Soviet Union to force the Western powers to abandon their post-World War II rights in West Berlin.

James Michener, as William Manchester later recorded in *The Glory and the Dream*, had perceptively foreseen that the American style of war in the postwar period would soon have fatal consequences:

"Starting with the Korean War in 1950," he wrote, "our nation developed a *seductive and immoral doctrine* about which I have become increasingly dubious. The mistaken doctrine was this: that we could wage with our left hand a war in which a few men chosen at ran-

dom sacrificed their lives, while with our right hand we maintained an undisturbed economy in which the fortunate stay-at-homes could frolic and make a lot of money” (pp. 565-566).

The dubious doctrine hit home to millions of Americans through television. The mass media increased their hold on the public throughout the 1960s and Marines in the Mekong Delta in Vietnam made great theater for the evening news. America’s campuses erupted. By 1968 President Johnson was goaded into quitting after his first full term.

Vietnam traumatized the United States. It debased the tone and quality of public life. It was an easy step to the security-phobia mentality that lay at the heart of the Watergate break-in and the resulting cover-up. While America writhed in internal agonies, President Richard Nixon and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger optimistically proclaimed 1973 as the “Year of Europe,” a chance to mend fences with the half-continent America had helped so much to rebuild.

By now millions of Europeans, with fading memories of the C-47s and Operation Vittles, but vivid memories of B-52s and Operation Rolling Thunder pommeling Vietnam, began to question the U.S. claim to moral leadership. The well-publicized race riots and assassinations of the decade didn’t help. Also, the U.S. economy began to slip beyond the power of government fine-tuning, especially after the OPEC oil embargo of 1973-74.

Ironically then, 1973, the “Year of Europe,” became, instead, the “Year of Watergate.”

Then came the presidential election of 1976. President Jimmy Carter, sincere and energetic but a Washington outsider, found it nearly impossible to translate moral high-mindedness into effective policy. As the economy skidded, the electorate struck back in 1980. Ronald Reagan promised to reverse the image of American impotence symbolized dramatically by the hostage crisis in Iran.

Europeans who sniped at what they perceived as President Carter’s indecisiveness over neutron bombs and the placing of missiles in

Europe, received another jolt from the new administration. The saber-rattling of the early 1980s helped trigger monstrous peace marches and antinuclear rallies in Western Europe.

The U.S. invasion of Grenada in 1983 did little to alter European perceptions. Anything that could heat up world tensions and jar the present “cold peace” in Europe disturbs the Continent greatly.

The Number 40

How do thoughtful Europeans view the United States *now*, 40 years after World War II?

Christopher Bertram, political editor of the West German weekly *Die Zeit* and former director of London’s International Institute for

Why is it that 40 years after the English-speaking democracies played such a key role in the liberation of Europe that they often meet with such a mixed reception today?

Strategic Studies, comments:

“The United States today is militarily stronger than for many years, so why should there be doubt over America’s superpower status? The answer is that *it takes more than military strength to qualify*. What distinguishes a superpower is its willingness and ability to design and maintain a framework of international order that not only serves its own interests, but also accommodates the interests of the large majority of weaker countries. It is the commitment not only to its own well-being, but to that of the international community as a whole.

“There was a time when the United States was a superpower in the true sense: confident not only in its strength but also in its ability to build, together with others, a world of shared duties and rights, and to be ready to carry the major burden in this enterprise” (*Toronto Star*, December 2, 1984).

The Anglo-Americans who rescued Western Europe in the Great Crusade of 1944-45, the people who sponsored the Berlin Airlift and have been pivotal in the NATO alliance, no longer give granitelike stability to the Western world.

How different was May 8, 1945. The United States and Britain were then emulated models of service and strength, possessors of “the right stuff.” Britain, though drained economically by the horrors of war, gallantly maintained a military presence around the world into the 1960s. But, as Christopher Bertram has pointed out, military and economic factors *alone* are not supreme in world affairs. It took the architect of the Marshall Plan, Harry S. Truman, to point out the truth on April 3, 1951: “*God* has brought us to our present position of power and strength!”

Britons and Americans were by no means righteous nations in 1945, but neither were they plagued with abortion, homosexuality, white-collar crime, income tax cheats, teen suicide, divorce, drug addiction, pornography, obscenity and televised trivia.

“Righteousness exalts a nation,” we read in Proverbs 14:34 (Revised Authorized Version). But the same God who rescued the United States, Britain and many other nations in World War II, so that this message you regularly read in the pages of *The Plain Truth* could go forth—this same God has a stern warning for our people.

It is time we realized the biblical importance of the number 40 on this 40th anniversary of V-E Day. In the Bible the number 40 signifies the end of a period of testing! (See Judges 3:11; 5:31, last part; 8:28; and Matthew 4:2; Acts 7:30, 36.) Our peoples have been tested and are found wanting. We have gone the way of selfishness. We have sinned by transgressing God’s law, which is the way to peace.

Britain and America had better wake up quickly, before it is too late, and repent of national sins—or we will be hurled from our summit of power and sent into national captivity till we do learn our lesson, break off our sins and turn to the God who alone gives peace and joy. □

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Fact or Myth?

by John Ross Schroeder

Liberal theologians have long denied the divinity of Jesus, the resurrection story and other tenets of traditional doctrine. Of more recent date the virgin birth has been attacked with particular vehemence in Britain.

SOME five years ago Angela Tilby wrote in the *London Times*:

"Of all the articles of the Christian faith, none is more widely disbelieved than the virgin birth. The idea that God the Son took flesh from a human mother and was born as a man without the aid of a human father strikes many modern Christians as absurd and incredible."

Much more recently a prominent bishop commented that "we have no right to insist on the literal truth of the story about the virgin birth of Jesus" (*The Times*, November 27, 1984).

It's easy enough for traditionalists to assign blame to two or three outspoken theologians. But what the theologians really represent is a surfacing of deeply felt, usually unexpressed, doubts in the hearts of the clergy. Increasingly the so-called poetic nature of the nativity stories is stressed in the media. A strict interpretation of the Bible text is summarily dismissed.

Perhaps a little historical perspective on this problem will clarify the controversy.

Brief Modern History

Adolf Harnack was a German lib-

eral scholar. In 1892 he remarked to his students that he did not believe the virgin birth. In his view Jesus of Nazareth was no more than a very capable teacher. Harnack touched off a heated controversy that has ebbed and flowed ever since.

Then Emil Brunner wrote a book about Jesus Christ in 1927 in which he questioned the virgin birth.

After World War II Rudolf Bultmann began his now famous approach of "demythologizing" the Bible. To him New Testament myth had to be separated from New Testament fact. Miracles were indeed statements of faith—but not factual stories.

Students training for the priesthood and ministry have read the published works of these theologians as a regular part of their educational routine. Many have absorbed such teachings, however unconsciously. They have become unsure. They do not understand who or what Jesus Christ really was and is. Their disbelief now extends to the virgin birth.

Thinking men and women are now examining the New Testament documents for themselves. They have no option but to test what they hear, as did the Bereans, who searched "the scriptures daily,

whether those things were so" (Acts 17:11).

Can one honestly believe the virgin birth? Two accounts of Jesus' birth appear in the gospels—one by Luke and the other by Matthew. Space only allows for an analysis of Luke's version.

Luke as Gospel Writer

Luke was a physician who conducted himself like the professional he was. His gospel was written for a prominent Roman official. He chose his sources carefully. He talked to eyewitnesses. He recorded truth.

It is unthinkable that Luke would produce a careless assemblage of half-truths. Notice Luke's prologue: "Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things which have been accomplished among us, just as they were delivered to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may know the truth concerning the things of what you have been informed" (Luke 1:1-4, Revised Standard Version throughout remainder of article).

Luke's sober intention was to

convey truth—not myths or half-truths. This Greek-speaking physician was nobody's fool. He was a well-educated man.

Here is the thoughtful conclusion of Professor A. Plummer about Luke the physician and gospel writer and the apostle Paul: "It is not improbable that it was at Tarsus, where there was a school of philosophy and literature rivalling those of Alexandria and Athens, that they first met. Luke may have studied medicine at Tarsus. Nowhere else in Asia Minor could he obtain so good an education" (*St. Luke*, pp. 20-21, T.&T. Clark, 1896).

Luke is one of the most versatile and prolific of all the New Testament writers. He uses 800 Greek words not employed elsewhere in the New Testament. He spent valuable time with another prolific writer—the apostle Paul who, like Moses, was not only educated in biblical doctrine, but in this world's secular and legal knowledge as well.

Only Luke sets the birth and ministry of Christ in the wider context of the Roman Empire. Considerable historical and chronological

data are used in his account. He is conscious of the impact of Christ's teaching in the whole of the civilized world. He realizes the gospel goes far beyond Palestinian borders.

The point is, here is a man uniquely equipped to write an account of the life and teaching of Jesus Christ to one in high office. Luke understands the Graeco-Roman world. He possesses literary gifts and historical awareness. He has professional experience.

Luke's Birth Accounts

The birth stories of John the Baptist and Jesus Christ are set in the days of Herod (Luke 1:5). The account begins with Zechariah, who is approached in the Temple by the archangel Gabriel while Zechariah is performing his priestly duties. Gabriel predicts the birth of John. Not unnaturally, Zechariah protests his and his wife's advanced age. Nevertheless Elizabeth conceives (verse 24).

This crucial account follows: "In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name

was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary" (verses 26-27).

God is director of this entire scenario. Gabriel was sent by the Creator. The archangel said to the betrothed virgin Mary, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God" (verse 30).

What is to happen to Mary as a result of God's favor? "And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus" (verse 31).

Tripartite Testimony

Notice the account carefully. Notice how Scripture affirms Mary's virginity. In verse 27 Luke says that Mary was a virgin. In verse 34 Mary herself states she was a virgin. In verses 35 through 37 the archangel Gabriel affirms her virginity.

But what was Mary's reaction to the angelic greeting? Just what you'd expect in a real life situation. Luke records that "she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be" (verse 29).

Questions on the Virgin Birth

Why does John Mark, the writer of the gospel of Mark, fail to report a virgin birth?

Mark is the briefest of the four gospels. He simply omits the first 30 years of Jesus' life—beginning his gospel with Jesus' ministry. Says Mark 1:1: "The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (Revised Standard Version throughout). Even here a virgin birth is inferred.

What about the silence of the apostle Paul?

Paul's epistles were all what theologians term "occasional" letters. That is, they were written to either inform or correct a specific congregation or an individual because of problems that arose during the course of

his apostolic duties. None is a catalog of Christian doctrine.

Certainly nothing in Paul's epistles contradicts a virgin birth. Notice Galatians 4:4: "But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman. . . ." At the outset of every one of Paul's 14 letters, there is a reference to the Father-Son relationship in the God family. Note an excerpt from the salutation in II Corinthians 1:3: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Also in Colossians 1:3: "We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ." Draw your own conclusions.

What about Matthew's quotation of Isaiah 7:14 in the Old Testament? Is not the word *virgin* a mistranslation? Does not the Hebrew word *almah* mean "young woman"?

The Hebrew word *almah* can be translated "young woman," "girl" or "maiden," as well as "virgin." As *The New Bible Commentary Revised* puts it: "It presumes rather than states virginity" (page 596). *Almah* is used to describe Rebekah as a "young woman" before her marriage to Isaac (Gen. 24:43). She was a virgin (verse 16).

Almah is never used to

describe a married woman. Says *The New Bible Dictionary*: "In using the word *alma*, however, Isaiah employs the one word which is never applied (either in the Bible or in other Near Eastern sources) to anyone but an unmarried woman" (page 557).

This is not true of *btula*—the other term that may be translated "virgin." Continues *The New Bible Dictionary*, "The word *btula* may designate a virgin, but when it does the explanatory phrase 'and a man had not known her' is often added. . . the word *btula* may also indicate a married woman."

Moses uses both Hebrew words to describe the virgin Rebekah (see Genesis 24:16, 43). But

And when Gabriel tells her of the coming birth, her reaction is very human. "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" (verse 34). Mary was betrothed, but not yet living with a husband. She presents the natural difficulties. Then Gabriel proceeds to strengthen her faith. Notice how.

He focuses her attention on Elizabeth's miraculous experience. "And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. *For with God nothing will be impossible*" (verses 36-37).

A Miracle-working God

Such is the crux of the whole matter. God is a miracle-working God. Miraculous biblical incidents are recorded from Genesis to Revelation. Of course, God did create natural law. But the Creator is superior to the created and can transcend natural law.

Birth is not normally possible after menopause. It occurred twice in biblical history. The first occurrence involved the patriarch Abraham and his wife Sarah. Again the

reaction was typically human. Abraham said: "Shall a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Shall Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?" (Gen. 17:17). Sarah said: "Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?" (Gen. 18:13).

Notice how God answered these questions. "*Is anything too hard for the Lord?* At the appointed time I will return to you, in the spring, and Sarah shall have a son" (verse 14).

"Is anything too hard for the Lord?" Each must answer this question for himself or herself.

Must we reject miracles because they are not the norm in secular human experience? Notice the wisdom of Winston Churchill: "The idea that nothing is true except what we comprehend is silly, and that ideas which our minds cannot reconcile are mutually destructive, sillier still" (*My Early Life*, page 126, 1930, MacMillan & Co.).

Which Is the Greater Miracle?

It is foolish to view the virgin birth in isolation. As Angela Tilby wrote in the *London Times*,

November 28, 1981: "The virgin birth is not inherently less plausible than the physical resurrection of Jesus."

The virgin birth is no harder for God than resurrecting Jesus Christ—and certainly no harder than creating the first man from the dust of the ground—or fashioning Eve from Adam's rib. Which miracle is harder for God?

Let's put it another way. God created the heavens and the earth "out of things which do not appear" (Heb. 11:3). Visible matter is therefore not eternal in nature. God created Adam out of dust, without any father or mother. God created Eve out of a rib, without any father or mother. Was it then impossible for God to be the Father of Jesus without benefit of a human father? Which is the greater miracle?

But what was the archangel Gabriel telling Mary? Simply this. If God could make it possible for Elizabeth and Zechariah to have a son John in their old age, Mary could bear a child as a virgin. "For with God nothing will be impossible." □

why did Isaiah use *almah* to describe the one who would bear Immanuel (meaning "God with us")? Simply stated, the prophet had to choose one of the two terms. Neither always means virgin. There is no precise word in Hebrew that always means virgin. Since *almah* never means a young married woman, one living with a husband, it is the better term for Isaiah 7:14.

It is interesting to note that the Septuagint—the most important Greek translation of the Old Testament—translates the Hebrew word *almah* (Isa. 7:14) into the Greek *parthenos*. This particular Greek word always means "virgin." This was the judgment of some 70 Jewish scholars who translated the Hebrew Scriptures into Greek about

250 B.C.

All that aside, remember that here the Greek New Testament interprets the Hebrew. The angel explained to Joseph: "'Do not fear to take Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. . . .' All this took place to fulfil what the Lord had spoken by the prophet: 'Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel' (which means, God with us)" (Matt. 1:20-23).

Just before his ascension, Christ told his apostles: "'These are my words which I spoke to you, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the law of Moses and the prophets [including Isaiah]

and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures" (Luke 24:44-45). That last sentence is the key. The apostles—including Matthew—received an inspired understanding of the correct sense of the Hebrew Scriptures.

Many times the Hebrew prophets did not fully comprehend the exact nature of what they were writing (Dan. 12:8-9).

Matthew was given inspired understanding of many Hebrew scriptures concerning Jesus Christ. Isaiah 7:14 was just one. **Matthew's genealogy begins with the genealogy of Joseph. What is the point of a genealogy of a stepfather?**

This genealogy shows

something vital about Jesus—as well as about his legal father. Matthew 1:1 simply states: "The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham."

King David was founder of the Jewish royal family. Matthew's genealogy follows the Davidic royal line to Jesus' legal father. Here are Jesus' regal credentials.

Why do you think King Herod slaughtered all the male children in Bethlehem age 2 and under (Matt. 2:16)? Herod thought Jesus, as heir to David's throne, might usurp his kingdom.

It was left to Luke to explain the actual Davidic bloodline through Jesus' mother Mary.

Inside the New India

by Keith W. Stump

HERE is a look at the India you rarely hear about.

India is a puzzle to many people in the developed Western world. Yet it need not be!

To the average person in the West, the impression is one of a fragile country in disarray, poised on the brink of calamity.

The paradoxes, of course, seem abundant. Modern India is a land of splendor and squalor, of tolerance and violence, of nuclear reactors and belching brick smokestacks, of five-star hotels and sidewalk squatters' huts.

But what are the *facts*?

Statistics show that India—the world's most populous democra-

cy—is today emerging as a major industrial, economic and military power!

Here, then, is the story of the emerging new India—potentially one of the world's *wealthiest* nations!

Electoral Landslide

With the assassination last October 31 of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, 66, the curtain rang down on a turbulent chapter in India's modern history. The death of the woman who ruled India for most of two decades cast a pall over the future of the country.

In the chaotic days just following the assassination, uneasy observers used phrases such as "teetering on the brink of the abyss" to express their fears over India's uncertain

future. The dangers to India were endlessly discussed as the country experienced its worst carnage since the bloody partition of India and Pakistan 37 years before. By official estimate, the anti-Sikh violence claimed more than 1,300 lives across India.

Never before, declared some Western observers, had the survival of unified India stood in such dire jeopardy.

But behind the stormy, and sometimes violent, events that have hit the country in recent years lies the fact that there is, in India, a broad devotion to the grand idea of the Indian union—a devotion that cuts across religious, linguistic and class lines.

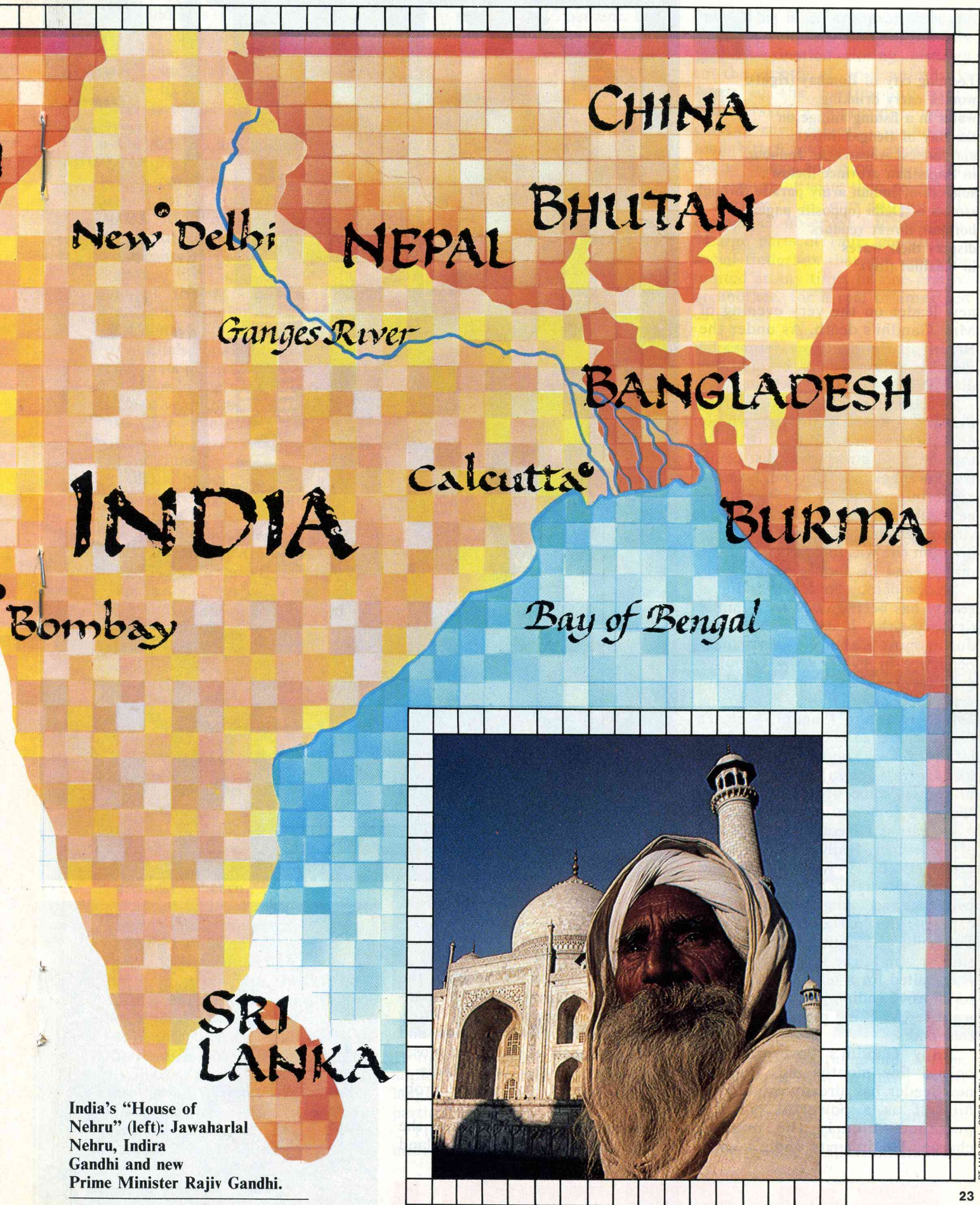
Within days of Mrs. Gandhi's death, this devotion asserted itself in the form of overwhelming nationwide support of the succession to power of her son, Rajiv Gandhi, 40. Anxieties over India's future quickly began to subside.

The chiefs of the Congress (I) Party chose Rajiv Gandhi as their



LEFT TO RIGHT: KATHERINE YOUNG, ATLAN—SYGMA; BALDEV SYGMA

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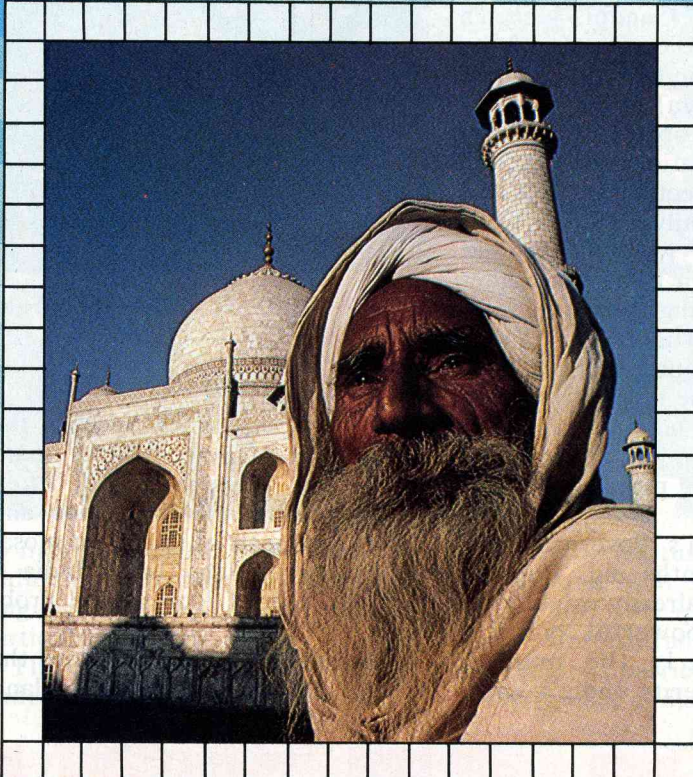
Calcutta

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India's "House of Nehru" (left): Jawaharlal Nehru, Indira Gandhi and new Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.

Teeming city of Bombay (right); women carry drinking water in a fishing village on the Bay of Bengal (inset) and harvest wheat near Jodhpur in Rajasthan province (below); soldiers of Indian army parade through streets of Delhi (opposite page, bottom); flower vendors display their wares in Udaipur (top).

new leader on the very evening of Mrs. Gandhi's death. As under the British parliamentary system, he thereby automatically became India's Prime Minister.

A relative newcomer to politics, Prime Minister Rajiv was wholly untested in his ability to hold together and govern the vast country he inherited. But he brought numerous promising qualities to his new job: a clean political past, a strong sense of discipline and organization (he was formerly an airline pilot)—and his family name.

A democracy in form, India in reality has been guided by a family dynasty—the house of Nehru—during most of the years since independence in 1947. Rajiv Gandhi's grandfather, Jawaharlal Nehru, was independent India's first Prime Minister. Indira Gandhi, Nehru's daughter, ruled India for 16 of the last 18 years. The existence of this unofficial royal family has prompted some observers to label India "a democratic monarchy."

In national elections at the end of December, Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party won the biggest election victory in India since independence, securing nearly 80 percent of the parliamentary seats. Following the unprecedented landslide triumph, the new Prime Minister called for a national campaign to improve Indian life, and put forward far-reaching proposals toward that end.

Rajiv Gandhi's government is only a few months old. But the new leader has already established himself as a powerful political presence—clearly the man in charge. He inherits India's enor-

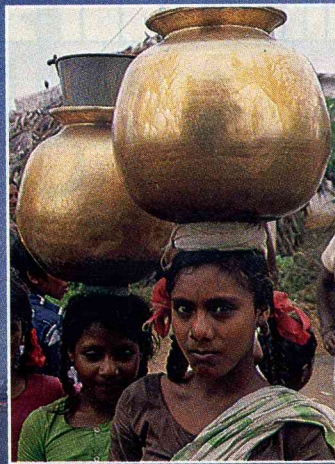
mous problems—and its great potentials.

Burgeoning Population

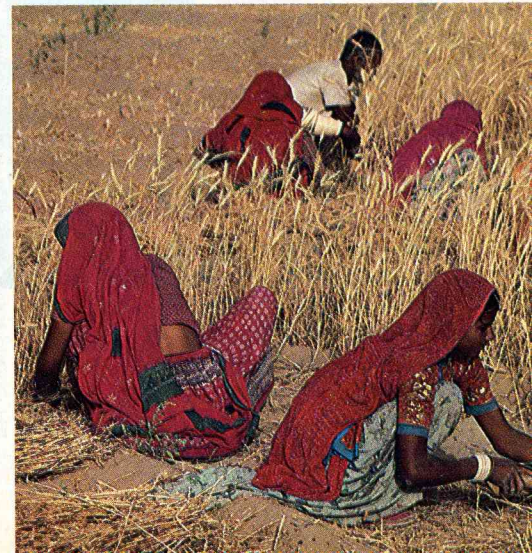
As a new personality assumes the governance of one sixth of mankind, it is time to update *Plain Truth* readers on the status and future prospects of this great mosaic of contradictions that is India.

First, a brief look at the problems.

Though only about one-third the size of the United States in land



GORDON—AFTER IMAGE; INSET BY MADISON—IMAGE BANK



area, India is the world's second most heavily populated country (after China). The number of India's people stands at around 750 million, a figure more than twice as many as at independence in 1947. One out of every six persons in the world today is an Indian.

To grasp the great density of India's population, imagine all the people of Canada, the United States, Mexico, Central America and South America—plus all the inhabitants of France and Spain—cramped into the United States east of the Mississippi River. That's the situation inside teeming India today!

If India's population continues to grow at its present rate, it will *double again* in the next four decades. By the year 2000—just 15 years from now—the number of Indians will already have reached one thousand million.

India is basically a rural society. About three quarters of India's population lives in its 600,000 farming villages. There, the deeply rooted culture of traditional India flourishes as it has for more than 5,000 years.

Though only about one quarter of the population lives in cities, these cities are bursting at the seams. The teeming port city of Calcutta in eastern India has a population density of 85,000 per square mile—virtually incomprehensible when compared to New York City's "mere" 20,000 per square mile!

India's urban population continues to skyrocket as migrants from the countryside flock in unabated. This rural-to-urban migration is seen as possibly the nation's greatest concern.

Hand in hand with the problem of overpopulation goes that of poverty. India's gross national product per capita stands at only \$260, compared to the \$13,160 of the United States, the \$5,940 of the Soviet Union and the \$690 of Egypt. Some 300 million Indians live below India's poverty line. These desperately poor are not starving as in decades past, but are malnourished in varying degrees.

In the rural villages, illiteracy

runs at more than 75 percent. India as a whole has an illiteracy rate of more than 60 percent.

Communal Divisions

Also well-publicized among India's problems are the antagonisms of her diverse communities. India's people are divided by religion, language, race and caste.

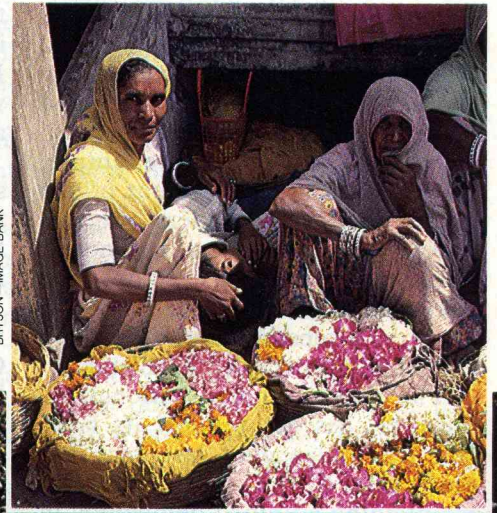
Practically all *religions* are represented in India, officially a secular state. Four out of five Indians (83 percent) are Hindus. Muslims constitute the biggest religious minority (11 percent). Three percent are Christians and 2 percent are Sikhs. Countless other religions and sects, including Buddhists, Jains and Parsees, are also represented.

Though Indira Gandhi and her father were both committed to a secular state in which all religions and sects could flourish, religious antagonisms persist, and interreligious violence flares at intervals.

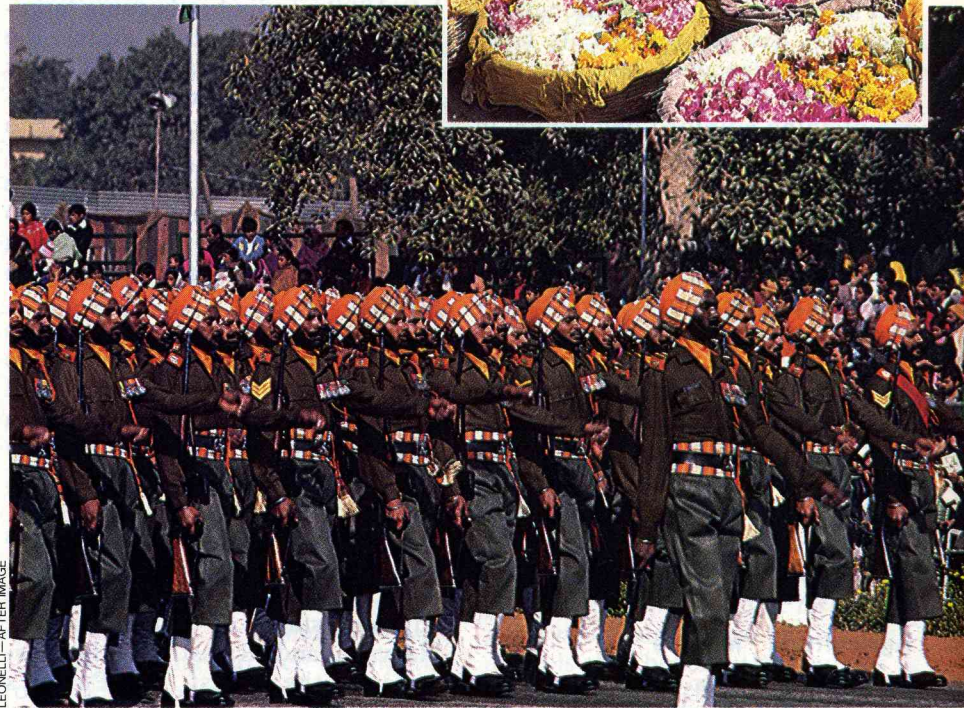
The multiplicity of *languages* is equally problematic. The Indian Constitution recognizes

envy. This is as strong or stronger than any religious antagonism. The post-assassination rioting testified to the depth of this animosity. Most of the participants were members of a deprived economic class of rural migrants to the city, long bitter against the prosperous Sikhs. Social and economic factors were more at issue than religion.

However, as one Indian daily newspaper observed late last year: "Large parts of India constitute a social tinderbox that can easily be ignited at any time, on one pretext or another, for a real or imagined cause."



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15 main languages. More than 250 additional dialects are spoken. Each language is jealously guarded by its particular speakers.

There is also in India a powerful undercurrent of *economic* or class

The *caste* (status group) system is alive and well in India. Most Indians are still quite caste conscious. Castes transcend language and religious barriers.

Though social discrimination has

been outlawed on paper, the prejudices of the traditional caste system remain deeply rooted. Religion and caste have long been India's great hate-makers. Casteism is only gradually breaking down under the impact of modern times.

India also exhibits sharp *regional* differences. From the snowcapped Himalayas to the lush green of the tropical south, from the Arabian Sea to the Bay of Bengal, a host of regional groupings exist that exhibit a special loyalty to their own particular areas.

Regionalism, as history shows, can easily turn into separatism, and some observers fear that this could eventually lead to a breakup of the Indian nation. In recent years, regional pressures have come from the states of Assam, Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab and elsewhere.

In the Punjab, for example, where Sikhs are 52 percent of the population, Sikh leaders are demanding greater local autonomy. Secessionist militants among the Sikhs are even calling for their own country, a separate Sikh homeland that they would call "Khalistan."

The glue of Indian nationalism, however, has not yet lost its hold. But the violence of last year has emphasized the difficulties of maintaining a unified democracy in such a vast and diverse country that had known unity only under the autocracy of the British raj.

The complex tangle of religions, languages, castes and regional groupings permeates virtually every aspect of Indian life. This unique diversity has been both the strength and weakness of India. The weaknesses are readily apparent. The strength lies in the great energy and vitality generated through such diversity—when correctly channeled.

Now look at the India few in the West have ever heard about.

Agricultural "Miracle"

Beyond the India of poverty, overpopulation and communal divisions lies another India—an increasingly modern and self-sufficient industrial nation that has made extraordinary strides.

The stereotyped picture of multiple millions of wretchedly poor people faced with imminent starva-

A street vendor in New Delhi offers an assortment of grains, nuts and baked goods.



tion is a highly exaggerated and inaccurate portrayal of modern India. Conditions in India as a whole are not nearly as bad as they are often made out to be.

Here are some facts not widely stressed in the popular press. Given the enormous problems India has faced, her successes have been nothing short of remarkable.

Firstly, India has eliminated famine. As a result of a successful Green Revolution that began in the late 1960s, India has become largely self-sufficient in food grains, the national dietary staple. This has been a truly remarkable achievement, and a source of intense national pride.

Agricultural output has more than *doubled* during the last two decades, and is now increasing at a rate *greater* than that of population growth.

Last year's food grain output was an impressive 142 million metric tons. As crop yields per acre are still comparatively low, there exists a great potential for dramatically increasing this figure even further, to never-before-dreamed-of heights.

The flat, fertile Punjab in India's north is the country's principal granary. There, and in parts of the adjacent states of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Rajasthan, the harvests are the richest. The Punjab's nine million farmers—the majority of whom are Sikhs—produce an impressive 60 percent of India's critical stockpiles of food—including 90 percent of India's wheat. With extensive investment in irrigation and flood control, and improved agricultural techniques,

other parts of the country could become equally productive. The resulting abundance of food would be staggering.

Industrial Giant

Though agriculture is still the occupation of seven out of every 10 Indians, India today can lay claim to being the world's *seventh-largest* industrial economy!

Despite the fact that industrial growth has been hampered by bureaucratic meddling and a lack of economic incentives, great strides have been taken in the development of a strong industrial base for the country. Industry has grown and diversified. Industrial growth is currently running in the 7-percent range.

India manufactures everything from silicon microchips to automobiles to advanced jet fighter aircraft. Rapid progress has been made in the production of textiles, steel, cement, chemicals, fertilizers, paper and a host of other products. India is also a leading manufacturer of machine tools, and exports them to more than 50 countries.

Moreover, India has become the Third World leader in scientific and technical development. Satellites and rockets have been built and launched in India. India was the world's sixth nation to explode a nuclear device. The use of nuclear power for peaceful purposes is a major thrust of India's extensive scientific research program.

Unrealized by many, India is also a rich storehouse of resources. India is blessed with excellent soil, and ranks second in the world in

arable land. The country is also rich in minerals. India leads the world in iron ore reserves, and has large deposits of manganese, mica, coal, chromium, bauxite and gypsum. India's oil production has *doubled* over the last four years.

The water resources of Indian rivers—with their irrigation potential—are enormous. India's Ganges is one of the great river basins in the world. India's bountiful supplies of water and sunshine have been recognized since ancient times as being among her most precious resources.

India is also rich in possibly the most valuable commodity of all—her tremendous *human* resources. Indians are an intelligent, talented people. Though many lack skill and education—especially in scientific and technical fields—or have grown up malnourished, the potential manpower and brainpower that they represent must be seen as an enormous asset. India has millions of underemployed laborers just waiting to be employed productively. Even now, India already has one of the largest populations of scientists, technicians and college graduates in the world.

The successes and potentials of India's economy have made it the envy of many Third World countries. Inflation in India stands at only 6 percent—far less than in many developing countries. India's standard of living is higher than many other parts of the world.

India also has a large and growing middle class, numbering 70 to 100 million—by far the largest middle class in the Third World. Life expectancy nationwide has risen to 55, up from 23 at the turn of the century. This is well more than a decade longer than the life span in many African nations. The typical Indian today lives twice as long as his grandfather!

International Role

Economic growth is transforming India's place in the world. It is shaping and coloring India's attitudes about herself and about the world at large. India's relations with her neighbors and with the industrialized world are undergoing rapid change. New Delhi is search-

ing for her proper international role, for a foreign policy that will broaden her options and give her greater diplomatic clout.

Of greatest concern to the new India are relations with her longtime archrival, Pakistan. The two neighbors have fought three wars in the 38 years since Britain partitioned the subcontinent.

In the wake of Indira Gandhi's assassination, however, observers see fresh hope for the establishment of neighborly ties. Pakistan's President Zia ul-Haq was the first foreign leader to cable his condolences to New Delhi, and he proclaimed three days of national mourning in Pakistan. He also sent a message to Rajiv Gandhi pledging his "full support" in efforts to "build a relationship of trust and confidence" between the two nations and "create a secure and tranquil environment in our region."

Efforts are also under way to patch up relations with the People's Republic of China. India fought a short border war with the Asian giant in 1962.

Prime Minister Gandhi has accepted an invitation for an official visit to Beijing. He will be the first Indian premier to do so in three decades. Observers see this as a significant milestone in relations between Asia's biggest nations.

Nervous over India's fence-mending with Beijing is the looming superpower on India's northern doorstep, the U.S.S.R.

India has long been tagged with a pro-Soviet label, though the Indian government officially describes its policy as "independent," "centrist" or "nonaligned." In 1971 India signed a 20-year friendship treaty with the Soviet Union, which sees India as one of its best friends in the developing world. India, with the world's fourth-largest military force, is a regular buyer of Soviet arms and Moscow's biggest trading partner among the developing countries. Rajiv Gandhi has assured Moscow that India will continue to consolidate friendly relations with the Soviet Union.

India's generally pro-Soviet leanings, many Indians are quick to point out, are not out of an attraction for the Soviet way of life (In-

dia's economy is essentially capitalistic). They are simply Indian self-interest. *Realpolitik*, not sentiment, is involved.

Relations between India and the United States—the world's two largest democracies—were badly strained by the U.S. arming of Pakistan in the wake of the Soviet presence in Afghanistan. Within India, American arms sales to Islamabad were widely viewed as anti-Indian.

Mutual suspicion persists, though under the highly Westernized Rajiv Gandhi, U.S. observers are cautiously optimistic that relations between Washington and New Delhi will improve. Just as the United States played a major role in India's Green Revolution, Indians today see America as a major source of technology and capital infusion to help boost their country's private sector. Even so, New Delhi's special relations with Moscow are expected to continue into the foreseeable future.

Good News Ahead!

For all of India's impressive gains, major obstacles still lie on the path that would transform India into a dynamic and fully prosperous nation.

India faces pressing problems within and geopolitical uncertainties without.

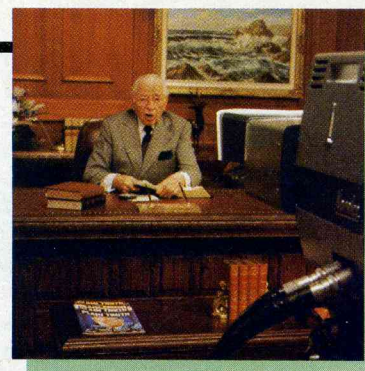
Will India's leaders be able to resolve the huge problems of governing such a large democracy with so many diversified interests?

In the broader context of world geopolitics, will India be able to avoid being swept into the maelstrom of the turbulent crises prophesied to envelop much of the world in the years ahead?

In the final analysis, India's internal and external problems will not be solved apart from solving the problems of the world at large. The *good news* announced by this magazine is that beyond the troubles of this age, a time of world peace and prosperity is soon coming—sooner than many think!—for the whole world. And in this new world, India is destined to become a land of prosperity and plenty for all—a land finally freed of religious and social conflicts! □

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WHNT, Huntsville — 19, 7:30 am, Sun
WPMI, Mobile — 15, 8:00 pm, Sun
WCOV, Montgomery — 20, 10:30 am, Sun

ALASKA

KTVA, Anchorage — 11, 12:00 midnight, Sun
KTVE, Fairbanks — 11, 11:00 pm, Sun

ARIZONA

KNAZ, Flagstaff — 2, 9:00 am, Sun
KTVK, Phoenix — 3, 7:00 am, Sun
KUSK, Prescott — 7, 10:30 am, Sun
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KYEL, Yuma — 13, 9:00 am, Sun

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KIEM, Eureka — 3, 9:00 am, Sun
KJEO, Fresno — 47, 7:30 am, Sun
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KSBY, San Luis Obispo — 6, 8:30 am, Sun

COLORADO

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KWGN, Denver — 2, 7:00 am, Sat
KUSA, Denver — 9, 7:30 am, Sun
KTVS, Sterling — 3, 10:00 am, Sun

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WTXX, Waterbury — 20, 7:30 am, Sun

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WTLV, Jacksonville — 12, 9:30 am, Sun
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WVGA, Valdosta — 44, 10:30 am, Sun

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KWWL, Waterloo — 7, 10:00 am, Sun

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KUPK, Garden City — 13, 10:00 am, Sun
KLOE, Goodland — 10, 10:00 am, Sun
KAYS, Hays — 7, 10:00 am, Sun
KCTV, Kansas City — 5, 10:30 am, Sun
KSNT, Topeka — 27, 10:30 am, Sun
KAKE, Wichita — 10, 10:00 am, Sun

KENTUCKY

WBKO, Bowling Green — 13, 10:30 am, Sun
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KTBS, Shreveport — 3, 8:30 am, Sun

MAINE

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WLUC, Marquette — 6, 11:30 am, Sun
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WPBN, Traverse City — 7, 10:00 am, Sun

MINNESOTA

KCMT, Alexandria — 7, 9:30 am, Sun
KDLH, Duluth — 3, 10:00 am, Sun
KEYC, N. Mankato — 12, 8:30 am, Sun
KMSP, Minneapolis — 9, 7:00 am, Sat
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KNMT, Walker — 12, 9:30 am, Sun

MISSISSIPPI

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WCBI, Columbus — 4, 10:30 am, Sun
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MISSOURI

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KSDK, St. Louis — 5, 9:00 am, Sun

MONTANA

KTVM, Butte — 6, 4:00 pm, Sat
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KOUS, Hardin — 4, 7:30 am, Sun
KCFW, Kalispell — 9, 4:00 pm, Sat
KECI, Missoula — 13, 4:00 pm, Sat

NEBRASKA

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KBGT, Lincoln — 8, 8:00 am, Sun
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NEVADA

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

WMUR, Manchester — 9, 10:30 am, Sun

NEW MEXICO

KGSW, Albuquerque — 14, 11:00 am, Sun

NEW YORK

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NORTH CAROLINA

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NORTH DAKOTA

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KOKI, Tulsa — 23, 11:00 pm, Sun
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OREGON

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KDRV, Medford — 12, 8:00 am, Sun
KOIN, Portland — 6, 6:30 am, Sun
KPIC, Roseburg — 4, 7:30 am, Sun
KECH, Salem — 22, 6:30 pm, Sun

PENNSYLVANIA

WTAJ, Altoona — 10, 11:30 am, Sun
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WLYH, Lebanon — 15, 8:00 am, Sun
WPHL, Philadelphia — 17, 7:30 am, Sun
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WPXI, Pittsburgh — 11, 7:30 am, Sun
WTVT, Reading — 51, 10:00 am, Sun
WDAU, Scranton — 22, 12:00 noon, Sun
WNEP, Wilkes Barre — 16, 8:30 am, Sun

RHODE ISLAND

WPRI, Providence — 12, 10:30 am, Sun

SOUTH CAROLINA

WCBD, Charleston — 2, 9:00 am, Sun
WOLO, Columbia — 25, 10:00 am, Sun
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WYFF, Greenville — 4, 6:30 am, Sun

SOUTH DAKOTA

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KDLT, Sioux Falls — 5, 9:30 am, Sun

TENNESSEE

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WPTY, Memphis — 24, 9:30 pm, Sun
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WTVF, Nashville — 5, 10:30 am, Sun
Nashville Network, (TNN/NSH) Nashville (on
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CT, Sat

TEXAS

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KWAB, Big Springs — 4, 9:30 am, Sun
KZTV, Corpus Christi — 10, 10:00 am, Sun
KTVT, Dallas — 11, 7:00 am, Sun
WFAA, Dallas — 8, 12:00 noon, Sun
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KGBT, Harlingen — 4, 7:30 am, Sun
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VERMONT

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VIRGINIA

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WASHINGTON

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KCPQ, Tacoma — 13, 9:00 am, Sun
KAPP, Yakima — 35, 11:00 am, Sun
KNDO, Yakima — 23, 7:30 am, Sun

WEST VIRGINIA

WCHS, Charleston — 8, 7:00 am, Sun
WOWK, Huntington — 13, 9:00 am, Sun
WOAY, Oak Hill — 4, 10:00 am, Sun

WISCONSIN

WQOW, Eau Claire — 18, 9:00 am, Sun
WFRV, Green Bay — 5, 7:30 am, Sun
WXOW, La Crosse — 19, 9:00 am, Sun
WKOW, Madison — 27, 9:00 am, Sun
WITI, Milwaukee — 6, 9:00 am, Sun
WTMJ, Milwaukee — 4, 7:30 am, Sun
WAEQ, Rhineland — 12, 10:30 am, Sun
WAOW, Wausau — 9, 9:00 am, Sun

WYOMING

KCWY, Casper — 14, 10:00 am, Sun
KYCU, Cheyenne — 5, 10:00 am, Sun
KOWY, Lander — 5, 10:00 am, Sun
KWWY, Rock Springs — 13, 10:00 am, Sun
KSGW, Sheridan — 12, 8:00 am, Sun

CANADA

BRITISH COLUMBIA

CJDC, Dawson Creek — 5, 11:30 am, Sun
CFJC, Kamloops — 4, 8:30 am, Sat
CHBC, Okanagan — 2, 8:30 am, Sat
CKPG, Prince George — 2, 9:30 am, Sat
CFTK, Terrace-Kitimat — 3, 9:30 am, Sat
CHAN, Vancouver — 8, 6:30 am, Sun
CHEK, Victoria — 6, 7:30 am, Sat

ALBERTA

CFAC, Calgary — 2, 5:30 am, Wed
CFRN, Edmonton — 3, 5:30 am, Mon
CHAT, Medicine Hat — 6, 11:00 am, Sun
CKRD, Red Deer — 6, 10:00 am, Sun
KXLY, Spokane — 4, 9:30 am, Sun

SASKATCHEWAN

CKSA, Lloydminster — 2, 9:30 am, Sun
CFQC, Saskatoon — 8, 10:00 am, Sun
CJFB, Swift Current — 5, 10:30 am, Sat
CKOS, Yorkton — 5, 11:30 am, Sun

MANITOBA

CKX, Brandon — 5, 10:00 am, Sun
CKND, Winnipeg — 9, 7:00 am, Sun

ONTARIO

CKVR, Barrie — 3, 11:30 am, Sun
WGRZ, Buffalo — 2, 8:30 am, Sun
CJBN, Kenora — 13, 9:00 am, Sun
CKNY, North Bay — 9, 10:30 am, Sun
CJOH, Ottawa — 13, 10:30 am, Sun
CJIC, Sault Ste. Marie — 5, 11:30 am, Sat
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CICI, Sudbury — 3, 10:30 am, Sun
CKPR, Thunder Bay — 2, 10:30 am, Sun
CITO, Timmins — 6, 10:30 am, Sun
CFTO, Toronto — 9, 9:00 am, Sun

QUEBEC

CFCF, Montreal — 12, 7:00 am, Sun
CKMI, Quebec City — 5, 10:30 am, Sun

ATLANTIC CANADA

WVII, Bangor, Maine — 7, 9:00 am, Sun
CJCH, Halifax, N.S. — 5, 11:30 am, Sun
CKCW, Moncton, N.B. — 2, 11:30 am, Sun
WAGM, Presque Isle, Maine — 8, 9:00 am,
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CHSJ, St. John, N.B. — 4, 12:00 noon, Sun
CKLT, St. John, N.B. — 9, 11:30 am, Sun
NTV, CJON, St. John's, Nfld. — 6, 10:30 am,
Sun
CJCB, Sydney, N.S. — 4, 11:30 am, Sun

AUSTRALIA

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CTC7, Canberra — 7:30 am, every second Sun
CTC10, Tuggeranong — 7:30 am, every second Sun

NEW SOUTH WALES

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CBN11, Bathurst — 9:30 am, Sat
WIN6, Bega — 8:30 am, Sun
BKN7, Broken Hill — 7:30 am, Sun
WIN3, Broken's Nose — 8:30 am, Sun
CWN10, Cobar — 9:30 am, Sat
CTC10, Cooma — 7:30 am, every second Sun
GMV10, Deniliquin — 8:00 am, Sun
CWN6, Dubbo — 9:30 am, Sat
WIN3, Eden — 8:30 am, Sun
CTC10, Goulburn — 7:30 am, every second Sun
MTN9, Griffith — 9:30 am, Sat
MTN5A, Hay — 9:30 am, Sat
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AMV4, Khancoban — 8:30 am, Sun
NBN10, Merriwa — 8:30 am, Sun
CWN9, Mudgee — 9:30 am, Sat
NBN1, Murrurundi — 8:30 am, Sun
WIN11, Narooma — 8:30 am, Sun
NBN3, Newcastle — 8:30 am, Sun
CBN8, Orange — 9:30 am, Sat
CBN4, Portland — 9:30 am, Sat
NBN10, Rossgole — 8:30 am, Sun
TEN10, Sydney — 6:30 am, Sun
RVN2, Wagga Wagga — 8:30 am, Sun
WIN4, Wollongong — 8:30 am, Sun
RVN6, Young — 8:30 am, Sun

NORTHERN TERRITORY

NTD8, Darwin — 10:00 am, Sun

QUEENSLAND

BTQ7, Brisbane — 6:00 am, Sat
QTQ9, Brisbane — 6:00 am, Wed
MVQ11, Collinsville — 11:30 am, Sun
MVQ6, Dysart — 11:30 am, Sun
UHF52, Gold Coast — 6:00 am, Sat
UHF42, Gold Coast — 6:00 am, Wed
ITQ10, Gunpowder — 1:45 pm, Sun
SEQ1, Gympie — 11:30 am, Sun
DDQ10, Kingaroy — 11:00 am, Sun
MVQ6, Mackay — 11:30 am, Sun
SEQ8, Maryborough — 11:30 am, Sun
SEQ5, Monto — 11:30 am, Sun
MVQ11, Moranbah — 11:30 am, Sun
ITQ8, Mt. Isa — 1:45 pm, Sun
SEQ10, Nambour — 11:30 am, Sun
DDQ5A, Toowoomba — 11:00 am, Sun
SDQ4, Warwick — 11:00 am, Sun

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

SAS10, Adelaide — 8:00 am, Sun
GTS8, Cowell — 7:00 am, Sun
SES8, Mt. Gambier — 11:00 am, Sun
GTS5, Pt. Lincoln — 7:00 am, Sun
GTS4, Pt. Pirie — 7:00 am, Sun
RTS5, Riverland — 11:30 am, Sun

TASMANIA

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TNT11, Derby — 8:00 am, Sun
TNT48, Devonport — 8:00 am, Sun
TVT6, Hobart — 7:00 am, Sun
TNT9, Launceston — 8:00 am, Sun
TNT6, Lileah — 8:00 am, Sun
TVT8, Maydena — 7:00 am, Sun
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TVT8, Queenstown — 7:00 am, Sun
TVT10, Rosebery — 7:00 am, Sun
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TVT8, Swansea — 7:00 am, Sun
TVT8, Tarooma — 7:00 am, Sun
TNT11, Waratah — 8:00 am, Sun
TNT5A, Wynyard — 8:00 am, Sun

VICTORIA

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GMV3, Eildon — 8:00 am, Sun
ATV10, Melbourne — 6:00 am, Sun
BTAMV9, Myrtleford — 8:30 am, Sun
BTV7, Nhill — 9:30 am, Sun
BTV11, Portland — 9:30 am, Sun
GMV6, Shepparton — 8:00 am, Sun
BTV9, Warrnambool — 9:30 am, Sun

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

GSW9, Albany — 7:30 am, Sun
BTW3, Bunbury — 7:30 am, Sun
GTW11, Geraldton — 10:20 pm, Wed
VEW8, Kalgoorlie — 8:30 am, Sun
VEW3, Kambalda — 8:30 am, Sun
BTW10, Katanning — 7:30 am, Sun
VEW6, Merredin — 8:30 am, Sun
BTW6, Narrogin — 7:30 am, Sun
STW9, Perth — 6:30 am, Sun
BTW6, Quairading — 7:30 am, Sun
VEW63, Tammin — 8:30 am, Sun
BTW11, Wagin — 7:30 am, Sun
VEW47, York — 8:30 am, Sun

PHILIPPINES

LUZON

Metro Manila — GMA Chan. 7, 8:30 am, Sat; 9:30 am, Sun

MINDANAO

Cagayan de Oro — GMA Chan. 12, 7:00 am, Sat; 8:30 am, Sun
Davao — GMA Chan. 7, 9:00 am, Sat; 10:00 am, Sun
Iligan — GMA Chan. 12, 8:00 am, Sat; 9:30 am, Sun
Zamboanga — GMA Chan. 3, 8:30 am, Sat; 9:30 am, Sun

VISAYAS

Cebu — GMA Chan. 7, 8:00 am, Sat and Sun

CARIBBEAN

St. Lucia, HTS, Castries — 4, 6:30 pm, Wed
Bermuda, ZBM, Hamilton — 10, 5:00 pm, Sun
Bahamas, ZNS, Nassau — 13, 10:30 am, Sun
Jamaica, JBC, Kingston — 11, 3:00 pm, Sun
Puerto Rico, WSJU, Carolina — 18, 8:00 am, Sun
Puerto Rico — San Juan Cable TV WGN, Chicago 5, 7:30 am CT, Sat; WOR, New York 9, 11:00 pm ET, Sun; WTBS, Atlanta 13, 7:00 am ET, Sun
Virgin Is. (U.S.A.), WSVI, Christiansted, St. Croix — 8, 8:00 am, Sun
St. Maarten, LBC, Philipsburg — 7, 4:00 pm, Sun
Antigua, ABS, St. John's — 10, 9:00 am, Sun
Trinidad and Tobago TV — 9 and 14, 6:00 pm, Sun

EUROPE

Italy, Tele-Monte-Carlo (Italian) — 4:30 pm, Sun
Luxembourg, RTL-TV (French) — 11:15 am, Sat; 11:30 pm, Thurs
Monaco, Tele-Monte-Carlo (French) — 11:30 pm, Mon

OTHER AREAS

Belize, Central America, TVTV — 7, 9:00 am, Sun
Guam, KUAM, Agana — 8, 9:30 am, Sun
Sri Lanka, ITN11, Colombo — 7:30 pm, Wed
Tonga, ASTL, Nuku'alofa — 7:30 pm, Sun

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CKO-FM, Calgary — 103.1, 9:30 pm, Sun-Fri
CFCW, Camrose — 790, 10:00 pm, Mon-Fri
CKO-FM, Edmonton — 101.9, 9:30 pm, Sun-Fri

ONTARIO

CKO-FM, London — 97.5, 9:30 pm, Sun-Fri
CKO-FM, Ottawa — 106.9, 9:30 pm, Sun-Fri
CKO-FM, Toronto — 99.1, 9:30 pm, Sun-Fri

QUEBEC

CKO, Montreal — 1470, 9:30 pm, Sun-Fri
CKVL, Montreal — 850, 11:30 pm, Sun
CJRP, Quebec City (Fr) — 1060, 7:15 am, Sun

NOVA SCOTIA

CKO-FM, Halifax — 8:30 pm, Mon-Fri

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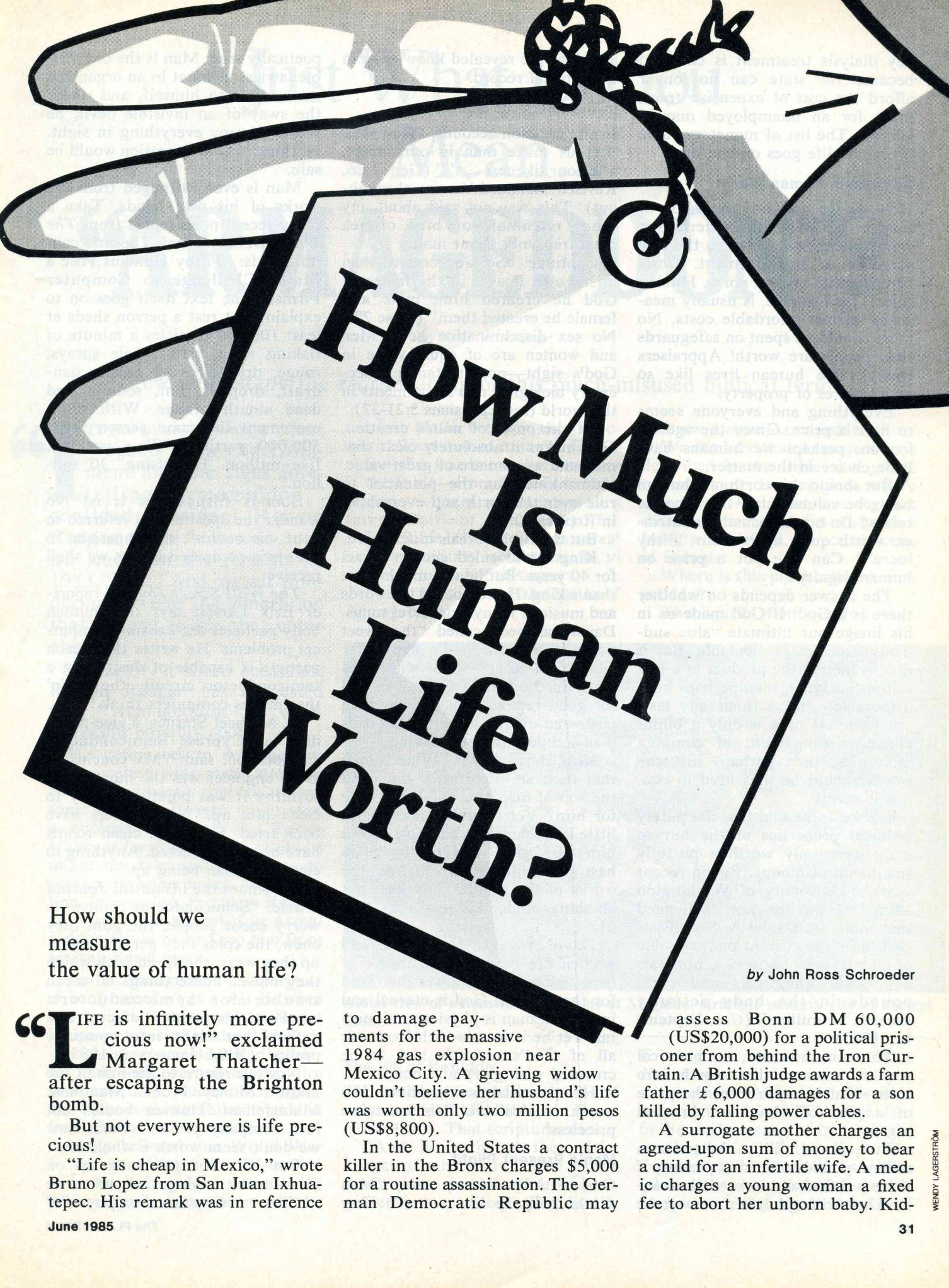
ZFB-1, Hamilton, Bermuda — 960, 7:00 pm, Sun-Sat
ZNS-3, Freeport (Eng), Bahamas — 810, 6:00 am, Mon-Fri; 9:00 am, Sun
RJR-FM, Christiana, Jamaica — 101.3, 6:00 am, Tues, Thurs; 6:30 am, Sun
RJR-AM, Kingston, Jamaica — 720, 4:30 am, Thurs, Sat
RJR-FM, Kingston, Jamaica — 92.7, 6:00 am, Tues, Thurs; 6:30 am, Sun
RJR-FM, Kingston, Jamaica — 94.7, 4:30 am, Thurs, Sat
RJR-FM, Kingston, Jamaica — 95.7, 6:00 am, Tues, Thurs; 6:30 am, Sun
RJR-FM, Kingston, Jamaica — 104.5, 4:30 am, Thurs, Sat
RJR-AM, Mandeville, Jamaica — 770, 4:30 am, Thurs, Sat
RJR-FM, Montego Bay, Jamaica — 92.9, 6:00 am, Tues, Thurs; 6:30 am, Sun
RJR-AM, Port Maria, Jamaica — 580, 4:30 am, Thurs, Sat
RJR-FM, Spur Tree, Jamaica — 90.5, 4:30 am, Thurs, Sat
MBC Radio (Fr), Port au Prince, Haiti — 1430, 10:30 am, Sun
Radio Caraibes (Fr), Guadeloupe — 1240 & Martinique — 840, 5:30 am, Mon-Fri
BBS, St. Michael, Barbados — FM 90.7, 6:30 am, Mon-Fri; 9:00 am, Sat, Sun
Radio Antilles (Eng), Montserrat, Eastern Caribbean — 930, 6:00 pm, Mon-Sat; 7:00 am, Sun
NBS, Trinidad — 610, 10:30 pm, Sun-Fri

NEW ZEALAND

IXP, Radio Pacific, Auckland — 1593, 6:00 pm, Sun
IXW, Radio Waikato, Hamilton — 954, 10:30 pm, Sun
KCC-FM, Whangarei — 90.3, 9:00 pm, Sun

OTHER AREAS

A3Z, Tonga Radio (Eng), Nuku'alofa — 1020, 6:30 pm, Sun
C2AM, Radio Nauru — 1323, 9:00 am, Sun
Hong Kong Radio, Kowloon — 1044, 6:30 am, 12:00 am, Sat
Radio Ceylon — 7190, 9720, 15425, 9:00 pm, Sun, Tues, Thurs, Sat
Aruba, Telearuba 13, Oranjestad — 7:00 pm, Sun
Honduras, San Pedro Sula, Radio Norte (Sp) — 780, 8:45 am, Sun
Radio Luxembourg (Fr) — 5:15 am, Mon; 5:00 am, Tues, Thurs
France, Radio SUD (Fr), Toulouse — 1161, 5:45 am, Tues, Fri



How Much Human Life Worth?

How should we
measure
the value of human life?

by John Ross Schroeder

"LIFE is infinitely more precious now!" exclaimed Margaret Thatcher—after escaping the Brighton bomb.

But not everywhere is life precious!

"Life is cheap in Mexico," wrote Bruno Lopez from San Juan Ixhuatepec. His remark was in reference

to damage payments for the massive 1984 gas explosion near Mexico City. A grieving widow couldn't believe her husband's life was worth only two million pesos (US\$8,800).

In the United States a contract killer in the Bronx charges \$5,000 for a routine assassination. The German Democratic Republic may

assess Bonn DM 60,000 (US\$20,000) for a political prisoner from behind the Iron Curtain. A British judge awards a farm father £ 6,000 damages for a son killed by falling power cables.

A surrogate mother charges an agreed-upon sum of money to bear a child for an infertile wife. A medic charges a young woman a fixed fee to abort her unborn baby. Kid-

ney dialysis treatment is canceled because the state can no longer afford the cost of expensive treatment for an unemployed manual laborer. The list of monetary value of human life goes on and on.

Appraising Human Worth

How do we appraise the value of human life? In this materialistic world, money seems to be the sole standard of measurement. Cost-benefit ratios are the norm. Human safety, for instance, is usually measured against affordable costs. No more should be spent on safeguards than people are worth! Appraisers coolly value human lives like so many pieces of property.

Everything and everyone seems to have a price. Given the age we live in, perhaps we humans have little choice in the matter.

But should the worth of a human being be valued solely in economic terms? Do not humans have intrinsic worth quite apart from "filthy lucre"? Can one put a price on human dignity?

The answer depends on whether there is a God. If God made us in his image our ultimate value suddenly becomes incalculable. But if man is merely the product of a fortuitous accident, then perhaps he is disposable—and without any lasting value. If man is only a blind-chance arrangement of complex molecules, then perhaps his true worth should be measured in economic terms.

It used to be said that the purely physical properties of the human body were only worth a pitifully small sum of money. But in recent years a University of Washington animal researcher has challenged that thinking. Daniel A. Sadoff has said that "the current market value of all enzymes, hormones, minerals and other chemicals and compounds in the body actually exceeds \$1 million" (*Geo*, September 1983).

There is, however, no practical way to convert that worth into cash—that is, aside from the price of a pint of blood or donated organs.

But even a million dollars or a million pounds a head is peanuts if there is a God and he made mankind in his image. It is time we take

a look at the revealed knowledge in the biblical record.

In the Image of God?

In the creation account, "God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness . . .'" (Gen. 1:26, Revised Standard Version throughout). This was not said about any other mammal—or bird or sea creature. Only about man.

Continue: "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them" (verse 27). No sex discrimination here. Men and women are of equal value in God's sight—notwithstanding necessary biological role assignments in this world (see Ephesians 5:21-32).

At the onset of man's creation, God makes it absolutely clear that men and women are of great value. Humankind has the potential to rule over the earth and everything in it (verse 28).

But the Bible reveals much more.

King David ruled ancient Israel for 40 years. But he was much more than a king. He composed the words and music of many wonderful songs. David has been called "the sweet psalmist of Israel"—"a man after God's own heart"—"one who ruled justly in the fear of God"—and all for good reason. This ancient king possessed unique insight into God's plan and purpose for mankind.

King David wrote: "What is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him? Yet thou hast made him little less than God, and dost crown him with glory and honor. Thou hast given him dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet" (Ps. 8:4-6).

David reveals that men and women are made in the image of God—albeit a little lower than God for the present. God is eternal and immortal; man is physical and mortal. Yet he is to rule with God over all of God's creation and to be crowned with glory and honor.

His potential is incredible. His worth incalculable. His existence priceless!

Man's Present Plight

One of Job's friends said, "Man drinks iniquity like water." How

poetically true. Man is the one visible lawless element in an organized earth. Left to himself, and under the sway of an invisible devil, he would destroy everything in sight. Nothing in God's creation would be safe.

Man is even estranged from the works of his own hands. Take a fairly recent news report from *The Wall Street Journal*. The title caption reads: "Filthy Humans Pose a Major Challenge to Computer Firms." The text itself goes on to explain: "At rest a person sheds at least 100,000 particles a minute of flaking flesh, saliva, hair sprays, rouge, dried shaving cream, dandruff, droplets, lint, sodium and dead mouth's tissue. With slight movement the same person sheds 500,000 particles. Slow walking, five million. Exercising, 30 million."

Sounds filthy—and it is! No wonder the apostle Paul referred to "our vile bodies" in comparison to the spirit-composed bodies we shall receive.

The Wall Street Journal reporter Erik Larson says that human body particles are causing computers problems. He writes that "each particle is capable of destroying a semiconductor circuit, the 'chip' that makes computers think."

R. Michael Starnes, a vice-president at Cypress Semiconductor Corporation, said: "My conclusion as an engineer was the human was so filthy it was pointless to try to clean him up." Air showers have been tried. Expensive clean rooms have been constructed. Anything to clean a human being up.

Continues the insightful *Journal* article: "Semiconductor companies worry about people, the gum they chew, the colds they get, the make-up they wear, the speed with which they move. These things all mean trouble for semiconductors. . . . Particles mean defects, and defects cut right into company profits" (*WSJ*, January 3, 1985).

Now we return to the nub of the matter. Money. Profits. Mammon. Materialism. Human bodies cut into company profits. About now we don't seem worth a whole lot.

But let's not get hung up on short-term thinking. Only when we

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Just What Do You Mean... “ARMAGEDDON”?

by Keith W. Stump

Few understand the *real* meaning of this much-misused biblical term.

“TURN back to your ancient prophets in the Old Testament and the signs foretelling Armageddon,” confided President Ronald Reagan to an American Jewish leader in the autumn of 1983, “and I find myself wondering if we’re the generation that’s going to see that come about.”

On nearly a dozen occasions, Ronald Reagan has suggested that “Armageddon” is coming—and possibly soon.

His references to Armageddon have received widespread attention and have aroused concern among some that Mr. Reagan might view a nuclear war with the Soviet Union as *inevitable*. They imply he might not take sufficient steps to prevent a superpower confrontation. In response, President Reagan has stated that his belief in Armageddon would never keep him from seeking world peace.

But is Armageddon a superpower confrontation? Is a war between the United States and the Soviet Union prophesied in the Bible?

Statesmen, scientists and generals have long warned of the dire prospects of a “nuclear Armageddon” that could annihilate mankind from the face of the earth.

Many believed that World War I—and later World War II—would end with Armageddon. Some today believe that Armageddon will be

the last battle between the democratic West and communist East.

But did you know that *nowhere* in the Bible—from Genesis to Revelation—is there any mention of a future “battle of Armageddon”?

The Bible, of course, does reveal a great military confrontation to occur at the end of this age.

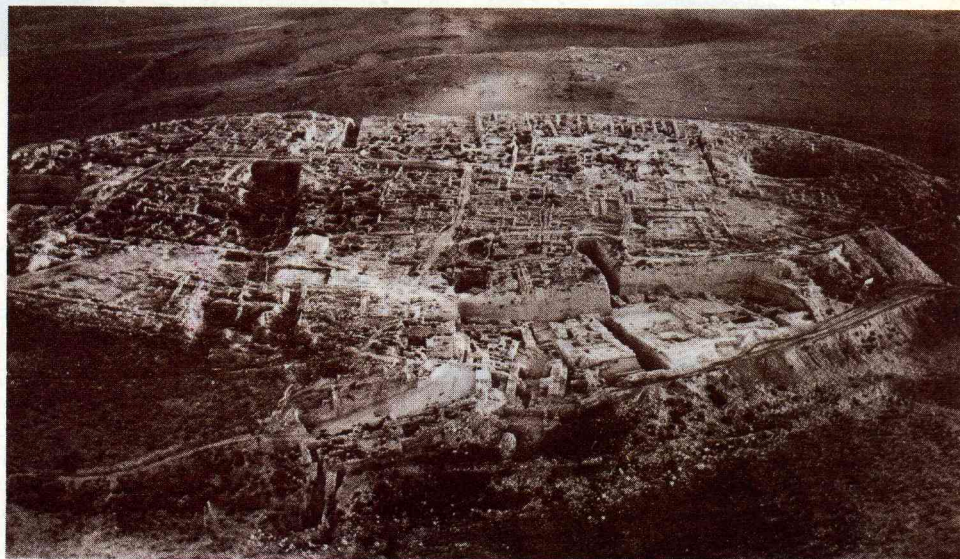
But it is not called the battle of Armageddon!

Hebrew tongue Armageddon.”

We see here that Armageddon is described in the Bible as a *place*, not an event. It is a place where armies *gather*. But notice that there is no mention of Armageddon being a battlefield, an actual scene of fighting.

Where is this place called Armageddon?

The word *Armageddon* is a



Aerial view of extensive excavations at Megiddo, strategic military city of ancient times.

The Hill of Megiddo

The word *Armageddon* is found only once in all the Bible—in Revelation 16:16. That scripture reads:

“And he gathered them [the kings of the earth and their armies—see preceding verses] together into a place called in the

Greek form of the Hebrew name *Har Megiddon*. It means “hill (or mountain) of Megiddo.” Megiddo is an ancient town of Palestine. It is in the modern state of Israel on the southern rim of the large flat expanse of the plain of Esdraelon (also called the valley of Jezreel in Scripture). Megiddo lies about 55

miles north of Jerusalem, and about 15 miles inland from the Mediterranean Sea.

From the huge mound of Megiddo that today marks the site of the ancient city, one enjoys a commanding view of the valley of Jezreel stretching out to the northwest far into the distance (see photos and map). Jezreel is Israel's largest and most fertile valley and is often referred to simply as *Ha'emek*, "The Valley."

Ancient Battlefield

In ancient times, Megiddo was a city of great importance. It lay at the strategic crossing of important military and caravan routes. The Via Maris, the old coastal route linking Egypt with Damascus and the east, traversed the Jezreel Valley by Megiddo.

In view of the strategic nature of the area, it comes as no surprise that the valley of Megiddo has been the scene of famous battles since the dawn of history. It is one of history's bloodiest battlefields. Some historians believe that more battles have been fought there throughout time than at any other place in the world!

Megiddo is first mentioned in the Bible in Joshua 12:21. It was one of the cities of the Canaanite kings defeated by Joshua and the Israelites at the end of the 15th century B.C.

Some two centuries later the plain by Megiddo was the site of a major engagement between the Canaanite captain Sisera and Isra-

elite forces under Deborah and Barak (Judges 4 and 5). This ancient confrontation, which might accurately be called a "battle of Armageddon," ended with a total rout of the Canaanites.

King Solomon fortified the city in the 10th century B.C. as a military center and chariot town (I Kings 9:15). An estimated 450 horses could be stabled there. Three centuries later, King Josiah of ancient Judah was slain in the valley of Megiddo, unintentionally, at the hands of the Egyptians (II Kings 23:29).

These battles and others mentioned both in the Bible and in secular sources gave the valley of Megiddo an infamous reputation. It became a very symbol of war itself.

Even in post-biblical times—including this century—the strategic expanse has been the scene for large-scale confrontations. Near the end of World War I, the British general Viscount Allenby won a crucial victory over the Turks at the Battle of Megiddo on September 19, 1918. Journalist Lowell Thomas, in his book *With Allenby in the Holy Land*, referred to the engagement as a "battle of Armageddon."

Seven Last Plagues

Now see what prophecy has in store for this ancient battlefield.

The book of Revelation describes a dramatic series of catastrophic events to precede the return of Jesus Christ to this earth to restore the government of God and to bring world peace. (Request our free booklet *The Book of Revelation Unveiled at Last* for full details.)

Among these events is the sounding of seven prophetic trumpets (Rev. 8-10), symbolizing God's direct intervention in human affairs.

The seventh and last of these trumpets will announce the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to

establish his rule on earth (Rev. 11:15; I Cor. 15:52; I Thess. 4:16). This trumpet will also initiate on a rebellious world a series of divine punishments known as the "seven last plagues" (Rev. 15 and 16).

These seven plagues, designed to bring humanity to repentance, are pictured symbolically as seven vials, or small vessels holding liquids. These vials are "poured out" upon a corrupted earth by seven angels. Tragically, mankind as a whole will still refuse to repent of sin!



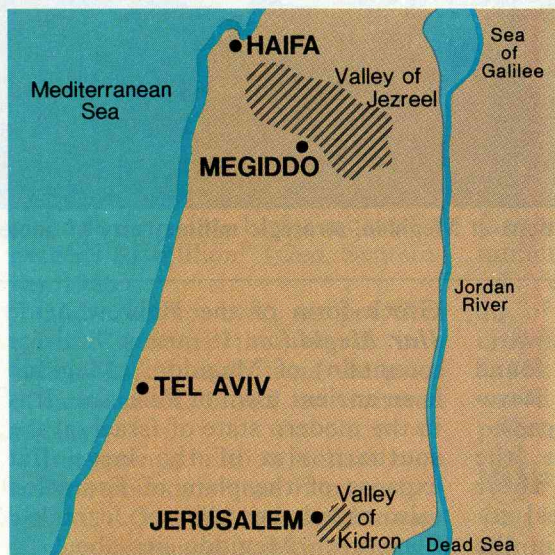
The sixth of these vials or plagues is described in Revelation 16:12 and introduces us to Armageddon:

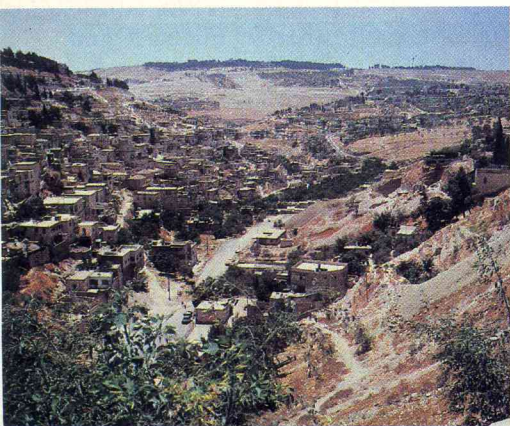
"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared."

The Euphrates River rises in Turkey and flows southeastward for some 1,700 miles through Syria and Iraq, ultimately emptying into the Arabian or Persian Gulf. Across this riverbed will come the "kings of the east" and their armies—a prophesied communist-dominated Eurasian confederacy.

This confederacy will have certain geopolitical goals motivating their military offensive. But an unperceived, behind-the-scenes influence will be the ultimate motivation underlying their actions. Notice:

Revelation 16:14 reveals that it will be demonic spirits that will influence "the kings of the earth and of the whole world" to gather for battle. These spirits are fallen angels who followed Lucifer (Satan) in his rebellion against God





PT PHOTOS

ARMAGEDDON—the hill of Megiddo—lies 55 miles north of Jerusalem and overlooks the expansive valley of Jezreel (map, lower left). Here the world's armies will gather. From the hilltop site of the ancient city of Megiddo one enjoys a commanding view of the valley, also called the plain of Esdraelon (center photo). Many visit the archaeological excavations at Megiddo each year (left photo). Sign at Megiddo (lower right) details the long history of the ancient site. The Kidron Valley (top photo) at Jerusalem will be the site of the climactic battle against the returning Christ.

(Isa. 14:12-14; Ezek. 28:12-17; Rev. 12:4). They will stir up this world's leaders to prepare for war. The world's armies will unknowingly become their pawns.

The God of heaven will allow these seducing demons to marshal the armies of the kings of the east and the whole world (the United Nations, too!) at Armageddon, as we

earlier saw in Revelation 16:16.

But the battle will not be fought at Armageddon!

In the meantime, another great military power and its allies will be in force in the Middle East to oppose the oncoming "kings of the east."

This power is referred to in the Bible as the "beast"—a powerful union of 10 European nations or groups of nations to arise in the closing days of this world's civilizations (Rev. 17:12-14). This European power—led by a military superdictator also referred to in prophecy as the "beast"—will be the final, end-time revival of the medieval Holy Roman Empire.

Working with the beast will be a great miracle-working religious figure called the false prophet (Rev. 13:13-14; 16:13; 19:20; II Thess. 2:3-4). This charismatic figure will preside over a great centuries-old false religious system labeled by the Bible "BABYLON THE GREAT" (Rev. 17:5).

Earlier, the beast will have conquered portions of the Middle East and established a foothold there (Dan. 11:40-43). The prophet Daniel refers to the end-time beast as "the king of the north."

"But," Daniel continues, "tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him [the beast] . . ." (Dan. 11:44). The beast will be challenged by the might of the communist East!

The result?

"... therefore he [the beast] shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many" (end of verse 44).

The beast and his allies will move to confront the oncoming armies of the "kings of the east." The stage will be set for a desperate battle to determine who will rule the world!

(For the answer to why the armies of the United States or Britain will not be involved, write for *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.)

The world will stand at the brink of the most terrible battle in all of

history! Were the enormous power of the world's armies actually to be unleashed, global annihilation would be the result! *No flesh* would be saved alive (Matt. 24:22)!

Satan's goal of erasing all life from this earth would become reality!

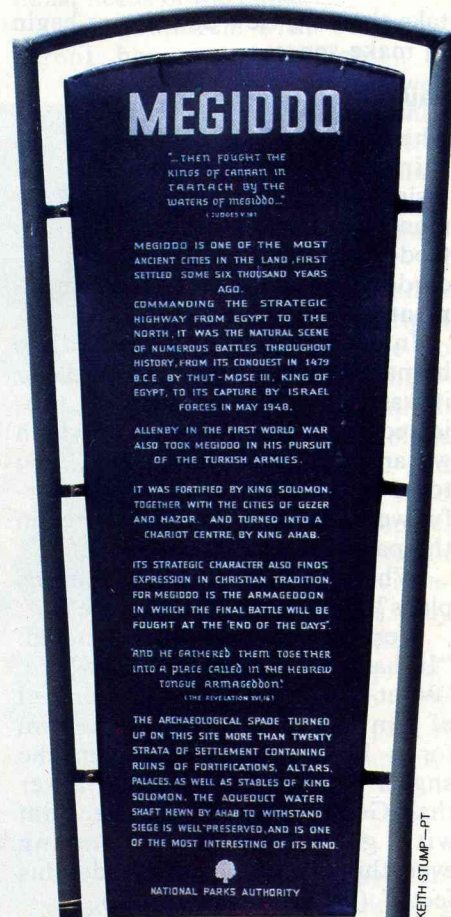
Battle of the Great Day of God Almighty!

But no battle will be fought at Armageddon!

The seventh trumpet sets the stage for the confrontation at Megiddo and announces the Second Coming of Jesus Christ! He—Jesus Christ—will descend from heaven to the Mount of Olives at Jerusalem (Zech. 14:4; Acts 1:11-12).

Notice Revelation 11:15: "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."

This world's two great military powers—ready to fight each other for world domination—will be suddenly confronted by what they con-



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ceive to be, in their deceived minds, a common “enemy”—the returning Jesus Christ! Jesus, in Jerusalem, will proclaim *his* dominion over the world!

How will the assembled forces at Megiddo react?

“And the nations were *angry . . .*,” declares Revelation 11:18. Men will not want to submit to God’s rule! Instead, they will seek to destroy Jesus Christ—whom they will regard, falsely, as the Antichrist—and his angelic armies from heaven who accompany him to Jerusalem.

Instead of fighting each other, the beast and the kings of the east will join forces—to “make war with the Lamb” (Rev. 17:14).

From the staging ground or mustering area of Armageddon the world’s armies will move to confront Jesus Christ himself.

Where will that climactic battle be fought? The prophet Joel provides the answer. Read it in Joel 3:1-2, 9-14.

The battle, involving “all nations,” will take place in the *valley of Jehoshaphat*! This deep valley or ravine borders Jerusalem on the east, between the city and the Mount of Olives (see photo). Today it is more commonly known as the Kidron Valley.

Jehoshaphat means “judgment of the Eternal.” The rebellious and unrepentant nations of this world will be *judged* there by God for their disobedience!

The world’s armies will converge on Jerusalem to fight Jesus Christ. He will not go north to Armageddon to fight them; they will march south to engage him!

The ensuing confrontation is called in the Bible “the battle of that great day of God Almighty” (Rev. 16:14). It is not the “battle of Armageddon” simply because it will not take place at Armageddon!

Zechariah 14:12-13 graphically describes this supernatural confrontation at Jerusalem with the world’s armies. They will turn

against each other in mistrust and fear as their very flesh decomposes and their eyes cease to see!

Read Revelation 19:11-21 for a further description of the climactic events to occur on that day.

The rebellious armies of this world will be utterly vanquished!

Then, Good News!

Jesus Christ, now returned in power and glory as KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS (Rev. 19:16), will intervene mightily to save a God-rejecting world from self-destruction. He will destroy those who would have destroyed the earth through nuclear war.

These climactic times lie just ahead!

But beyond the chaos and war at the close of this age is good news! And it will happen in this generation. Having decisively put down rebellion, Jesus Christ will establish his kingdom on this earth—a millennial kingdom of peace and prosperity for all peoples! □

Human Life

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take the long view do matters begin to make sense.

Paul to the Rescue

The apostle Paul did some tall thinking about David’s age-old insight into God’s great purpose for man. To this he added his own God-given understanding. It’s recorded for us in the New Testament book of Hebrews.

In speaking of our incredible human potential, Paul wrote: “For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking” (Heb. 2:5). The topic addressed here is the wonderful world tomorrow we announce in the pages of *The Plain Truth*.

Who is to rule? What are the plans? What is God’s purpose?

Here Paul paraphrases David: “It has been testified somewhere, ‘What is man that thou art mindful of him . . . ? Thou didst make him for a little while lower than the angels [or for a little while lower than God], thou hast crowned him with glory and honor, putting everything in subjection under his feet’ ” (verses 6-8, excerpts).

Having completed David’s account, Paul then adds fresh insight to the subject: “Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him.”

Do you grasp what this means? Man is ultimately to rule over the whole universe *when* God crowns him with glory and honor. In the coming age the human inborn quest for understanding the universe shall finally be satisfied.

But back to the present. We have to live in today’s world. We have to learn to cope with this present time. It is not always easy. Fortunately the apostle Paul was not unaware of our plight. He continues: “But we see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for every one” (verse 9). Jesus is our forerunner—the “firstborn of many brethren”—the “author and finisher of our salvation.”

How are filthy humans—and we speak spiritually—to be cleaned up? How do they become fit to rule in the world tomorrow? Who cleans them up—and helps them on the way?

Why, Jesus Christ of course!

We human beings tend to see things in bits and pieces. That’s our trouble. We often lack the total picture. We don’t possess an overall view.

But all these concepts do finally fit together into a perfect picture. Man’s present plight—his sense of lack of self-worth—God’s plan to clean him up—his rulership in the world tomorrow. Each aspect is essential to a grand master plan.

How Precious Is Human Life!

When British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher narrowly escaped serious injury, and even death, her view of life changed. Just being alive was more precious than before. Temporary discomforts suddenly became unimportant. Life now had deeper meaning. She resolved to live more fully—more dynamically—more gratefully. Life—in a word—became *priceless*!

What about you? Are you living up to your human potential? Have you grasped why God had you born? Do you realize your ultimate worth?

If you think your life was just an accident, you need to request our free booklet titled *Why Were You Born?* It will open your eyes! □

Coping As A Single Parent

REARING a child is never easy, but for one person to function as both mother and father is the toughest job of all.

Yet it is increasingly common today for a parent to find himself or herself in this double role.

Those who have enjoyed the companionship of marriage understandably find readjustment to single life difficult. Loneliness and frustration often creep in. The responsibilities of shouldering the roles of both mother and father can be physically and emotionally draining.

Consequently, many parents in this situation find themselves overworked, tired and, as a result, more easily upset and irritable. Others may still be recovering from the trauma of a divorce or the death of a mate.

Children may suffer in a single-parent home. They may have difficulty being fully understood by a parent of the opposite sex. A son, for example, may find his mother failing

to appreciate his interests. Similarly, a daughter may learn that her father has difficulty understanding some of her feminine needs.

The problem of adjusting can be just as traumatic for a child having a single parent of the same sex, since the care of both parents was designed by God to fulfill the emotional needs of the child.

Often children with only one parent have more difficulty at school. A study showed that single-parent children require more help and attention from school than they receive.

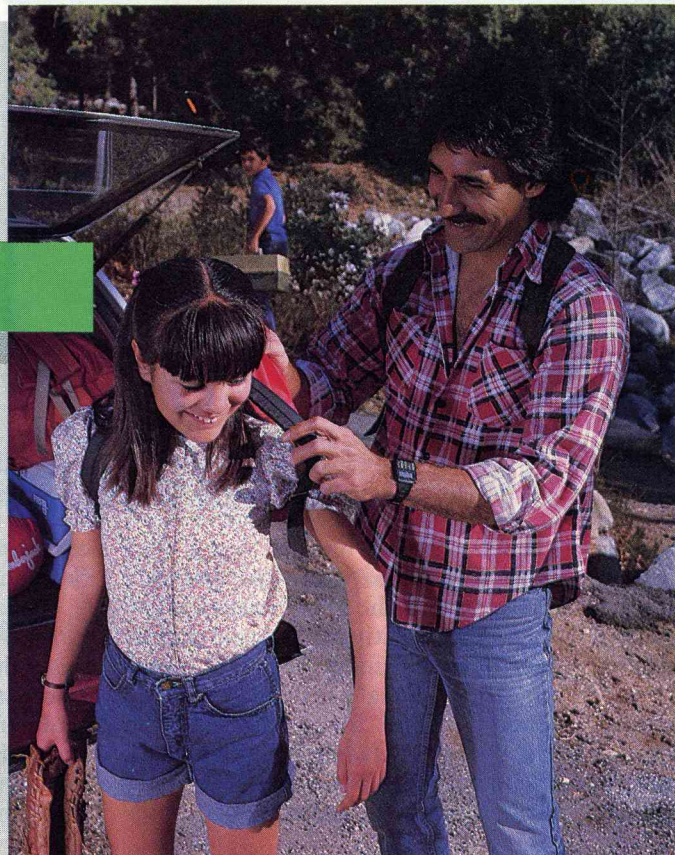
Some women may have been so dependent on their former husbands that they lack the right kind of confidence to make decisions for themselves and their families. Often those with older children must go out and find employment. And after many years at home, they may be out of touch with the work environment or their skills may be rusty or outdated.

Here are some practical suggestions to help you as a single parent boldly face your responsibilities.

Organize Your Life

Life sometimes may seem hopeless and bewildering

Spend time with your children. Take a drive in the country, go on a hike, spend a few hours at the beach, visit a museum or have lunch in a park.



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for single parents. They are pulled in a dozen directions, all at the same time, with many roles to fulfill—homemaker, breadwinner, bookkeeper, nurse. By organizing, you will be more effective in fulfilling all your responsibility.

If you have not already done so, begin to set realistic goals in your life—and teach your children to do the same. Don't allow each day to just happen, without experiencing any progress or growth.

Make a daily list of things you need to accomplish and set priorities. But be flexible—never allow yourself to become obsessed with a schedule that's impossible to complete. Your schedule is only a guide to help you be more organized.

Have a calendar where the activities of every person in the family can be noted. This gives the family direction, goals and structure.

Create and maintain an efficient filing system for

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important papers, letters, bills and other documents.

Let the children take an active part in domestic duties such as cooking, cleaning or laundry. This will help them feel needed and useful and they will learn responsibility. In addition, you will be able to devote more energy to other areas.

Don't let clutter collect around the house. Often this happens because the house is too small to store all the family belongings. Give

away, sell or throw out what is not needed. Have a place for everything. Put things away when you're finished with them and teach your children to do the same.

Build a Close Family

One of the best ways to offset the handicaps of a single-parent family is by building closeness and teamwork. Spending time with the children is the most essential, though perhaps the most difficult, task of a single parent.

Empathize with your children. The lack of one parent and the subsequent feelings of rejection and insecurity can make them crave the single parent's attention more than they normally would. A strongly united household will enable each family member to give and receive the emotional and moral support

Be open and honest with your children and allow them the freedom to be open with you. Let your children share with you the things that interest them, be it science, home-making or sports. Guide them to align their interests with God's law.

Always set an example of care, concern and thoughtfulness. This will further build a warm, happy home for your children, providing them with needed support.

Try to avert school problems by taking time to help with your children's studies. Also, take a personal interest in school activities.

Set aside one or two evenings each week to spend as a family. Plan these evenings in advance, perhaps including a special dessert, so that everyone will be home. Often anticipation is half the fun.

During the week, when opportunities arise, teach your children about God, point out blessings your family receives or how God has helped each family member that day. The Sabbath can be ideal for family Bible study.

Sundays can be spent as family time. Take a drive in the country, go on a hike, spend a few hours at the beach, visit a museum or have lunch in a park. Other Sundays can be spent working together around the home, shopping, preparing for the next week or simply relaxing together. These activities need not consume the whole day, only a few hours of it, so that personal goals can also be accomplished.

Obtain input from your children on what they would like to do, and ask their opinions on suggested activities. Try to

ensure that whatever you plan will be enjoyed by the whole family.

Sharing Worries

A single parent can get very lonely. There are heavy responsibilities to be borne and sometimes the pressures will get you down. You need someone to talk to—someone to share the burden. Not having a mate,



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needed. When one is down, the others will be able to provide strength and encouragement.

It is imperative for single-parent families to share regular meals together. Meal settings provide security, time for communication and unity. This is also an ideal time for sharing thoughts, feelings, ideas, dreams and concerns.

it's easy to turn to the older children. After all, you think, they're big enough to understand. Well, maybe they are! But your timing and approach are all-important.

Sharing the load through hardships can bind the family together. Can help you understand each other. But you, the parent, must realize that a young child is not mature enough to handle problems that seem to have no solution. Those should be taken to God in prayer.

That doesn't mean you should shield your children from reality. Ask God in prayer for discernment about which subjects to discuss with the children. Teenagers, especially, need to learn how to cope with situations that require courage and sacrifice. They need to understand what it takes to run a home. That adult living isn't just peaches and cream.

Select items that you think are within their tolerance and *take them into your confidence*. Construct a plan to resolve the problem together. They will appreciate your honesty and your respect for their ability to help. But don't let your children become your crying towel and soak up an attitude of hopelessness and despair.

Growing Up Too Fast

Sharing too much of the load with the children can have negative consequences. Many single parents worry about forcing their teenagers to grow up too fast. Others may hurry them along to adult independence in an effort to ease the stress in the home. The old adage that "kids should be kids" is true.

The apostle Paul said, "When I was a child I thought as a child, but when I became a man I put away childish things." It takes time, training and discipline to bring a child to adulthood.

So even in your special circumstances you should avoid forcing your children to grow up too fast. Even though they can and should carry more responsibility than most parents require of them, too much too soon can give them a negative outlook on life. They need time to be children. Otherwise, they may always feel that they missed out on childhood and this in turn prevents their becoming truly mature adults.

Be sure you give them time to play. Time to cultivate friendships with others their own age. Time to burn off a little of the foolishness of youth and release the pent-up pressure of extra responsibility. Remember, they have the same handicap you do—lack of another parent in the home.

Parental Models

A God-intended major function of a father and a mother is that of parental models for the children. In a complete family unit with father and mother present this is a natural and almost unnoticed process. Generally speaking, because of biological and psychological traits boys will emulate their fathers and girls will emulate their mothers, while taking on certain characteristics of both parents. Good parents will encourage this practice!

But if you are single and have children of the opposite sex living with you, you are faced with a special problem. Where will the child learn his role? Should you try to be both father and mother?

Obviously certain responsibilities may devolve upon you. You may be breadwinner, cook, housekeeper, mechanic, nurse and disciplinarian. But you can't completely fulfill both masculine and feminine roles as an example to your child. The best advice is to be the best you can possibly be in your rightful role as either mother or father. Then build associations with stable families that can provide the example of masculinity or femininity missing in your home. Spend time together with families, and occasionally let your child visit them alone for short periods.

Look for good models among the child's normal contacts and encourage communication with them. Teachers, coaches, grandparents, ministers and wives will often prove ideal examples for your child to follow.


Historical figures and biblical personalities may also be used to define the proper duties of both sexes.

Teenagers

For any household there can be special pressures in working with teenagers. But there is no reason for any

Christian parent to approach this time in *fear*! We all know that teens are undergoing major changes in their bodies and minds. This is a vital and wonderful process that every human being must go through. Understanding it and planning for it can help you and your child make the best of it.

Communication must be the life-



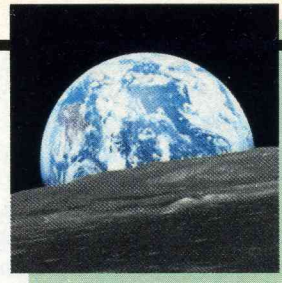
Communication must be the lifeblood of your parent-child relationship. You must be able to listen to and empathize with your child.

blood of your parent-child relationship. You must be able to listen to and empathize with your adolescent. Talk with him or her. You must be mature enough to give advice and guidance, but let the teenager make decisions. You can't prevent him or her from making some mistakes, so stay close enough to help your teenager learn from them. But as with younger children, you must always strive to set a right example and never compromise with God's word or your own.

Seek to provide a broad range of social, athletic and educational-academic experiences for your teenager. Make your home a hospitable and predictable environment for your children's friends. This will allow you to know who your children's friends are and if they're acceptable.

Being a single parent is not easy. But none is more important than your God-given role in child rearing. For you, no physical endeavor can be more challenging or rewarding.

The final installment will cover the controversial subject of day-care centers. □



Understanding World Events and Trends



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Agreement May Rock Gibraltar

Last November Britain and Spain reached a breakthrough agreement concerning the future of Gibraltar.

In the short run, both sides benefit. But the agreement creates ominous potentials for the future of this region.

Spain agreed to lift the blockade on Gibraltar that the late General Francisco Franco imposed 15 years ago. Since February 15, there has been free movement of people and traffic across the narrow strip of flatland that connects Gibraltar to the Spanish mainland.

To a great degree, Spain, a fledgling democracy, had no choice but to lift the blockade. Madrid hopes to enter the European Community January 1, 1986. Gibraltar is British territory, and EC law requires that all member countries have open borders with one another.

In return, the British negotiators, for the first time, agreed that the tricky question of sovereignty will be open for discussion in future negotiations. At the same time, the British stressed that "the wishes of the people of Gibraltar" will be respected. About 30,000 British subjects live on Gibraltar. They are overwhelmingly against becoming Spanish citizens.

"For us, this really opens a process of decolonizing

the Rock," a Spanish Foreign Ministry spokesman said. Spain's state radio and television added it was "the first time since 1713, the end of the War of the Spanish Succession, when Spain lost the Rock, that the British government had ever agreed to tackle sovereignty."

Some of the Spanish outspokenness was dismissed as being merely for home consumption. Spanish officials privately admit they do not expect a rapid return of the colony. Admitted one: "We know we are not going to get Gibraltar back tomorrow. It is much rather a case of a generation."

Nevertheless, Spanish officials are concerned whether a slow reversion process will really work. They may not be able to control public pressure demanding quicker results.

British and other NATO military officials are also queasy. Gibraltar is an important strategic base. Spain is a member of NATO, but a reluctant one. A majority of Spaniards want Spain to pull out.

What if Spain leaves NATO and politically turns further left? The Soviets, even now frequent visitors to the Rock, would love to see a Spain in sympathy with them, and in possession of such a potential choke point to the entire Mediterranean. ■

Where U.S., Soviets Work Together

There is a spot on earth where the Soviets and the United States cooperate in a political-social venture: Ethiopia.

Ethiopia, a staunch Moscow ally, is suffering from a massive, 10-year drought. Millions of its people are victims not only of drought, but of internal political upheavals that have brought on poverty, starvation and now death.

In the drive to rescue some of these Ethiopians, the United States and the Soviets—and many other nations, too—are working together to carry food and other relief supplies to the starving. Soviet aircraft transport supplies with fuel paid for by the United States.

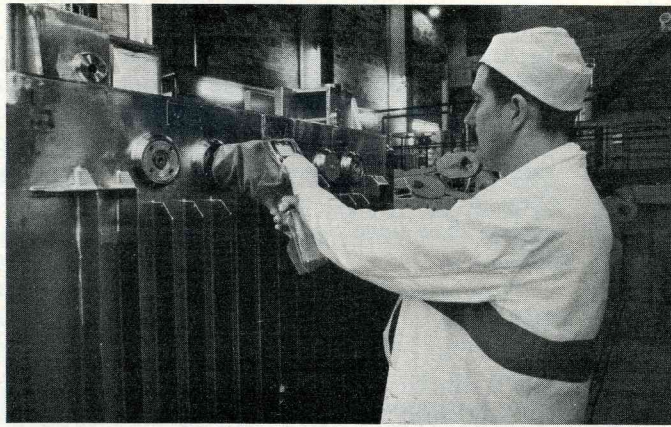
Reporters have seen 100-pound sacks of wheat being loaded onto Soviet MI-8 helicopters at Kembolcha, Ethiopia. The sacks were stamped "Furnished by the People of the United States of America."

This microcosm of cooperation demonstrates what is possible when nations put aside, even partially, mutual distrust and their basic antagonisms in order to solve human problems. ■

Dilemma Over Nuclear Wastes

By the year 2000 France will be obliged to find graveyards for more than 2.8 million cubic feet of radioactive waste.

According to the Atomic Industrial Forum, France generates a higher percentage of its electricity by nuclear power than any other country. In 1983 the figure was 37 percent. Some say it may rise as high as 70 percent by 1990.



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At France's La Hague: What about nuclear wastes?

Since France's only nuclear waste dump, at La

Hague in Normandy, will reach its maximum capacity

Combating Sex Abuse

To combat the increasing incidence of child sex abuse, programs are being developed worldwide to inform the public.

One such program has been developed by Dr. Beatrice Rasof, assistant

clinical professor of psychiatry at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, California.

Dr. Rasof involves teachers, parents and children in a multilingual program that explains how to recognize sex abuse and what to do about it.

Children are taught concepts of respect, privacy and safety in a three-day

program that utilizes puppets and felt figures to tell stories. The children then produce drawings of people they feel they can trust, if explaining that someone else has taken advantage of them.

Drawing is an excellent medium for children.

"Children," says Dr. Rasof, "often express themselves more effectively through play, fantasy and art than the spoken language."

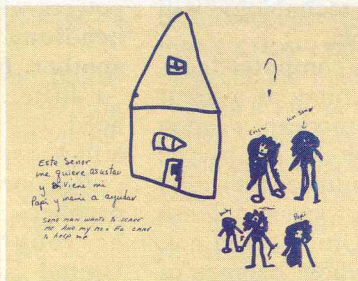
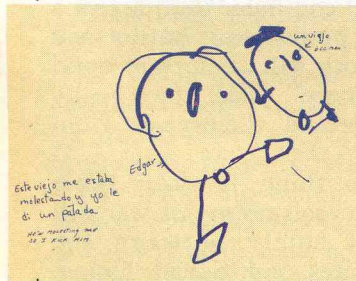
According to Dr. Rasof, her program now reaches almost 10,000 preschool children through Head Start agencies and school districts under the Los Angeles County Office of Education. ■

by the end of this decade, additional nuclear waste storage sites must be selected immediately.

One potential disposal site is the area of Le Plan de Lom, near the village of Saint-Jean-de-la-Blaquiere in southern France. But Mayor Jean Brusque is not happy at the prospect of having his fine wine-producing area declared a nuclear dump.

Said the mayor: "I'm not a geologist, but I read that water is the No. 1 enemy of nuclear wastes. It is capable of contaminating everything in the case of a leak . . . now what do you find on Le Plan de Lom? The wells of Rabieux, which provide drinking water for the region. We are perhaps peasants," said Mayor Brusque, "but don't take us for suckers."

The disposal site proposed for Le Plan de Lom would be for moderately radioactive by-products of nuclear processing. These by-products—used filters, resins and contaminated clothing—have a radioactive life of less than 30 years. Still remaining is the far more complicated problem of storing nuclear wastes of high radioactivity lasting millions of years. ■



Allergic to the 20th Century?

A new disease has emerged in North America. Doctors call it "environmental illness" or "20th-century disease." The condition produces violent reactions to synthetic materials, common chemicals, car exhaust and other by-products of 20th-century technology.

Essentially, the disease is a malfunction in the immune system. Dr. Irvine Korman, a

specialist in environmental medicine, describes the illness as "the flip side of AIDS . . . these people's immune systems hyperact, whereas AIDS patients' underreact."

Victims become highly sensitive to chlorinated tap water, food additives, detergents, hair spray, toothpaste and other man-made products. Symptoms include headaches, fatigue, muscle pains, depression and fainting. The victim's body is unable to cleanse itself of the chemical buildup.

Authorities attribute these

environmental allergies to the rising amount of toxins in air, water and food. Although the human body normally adapts

to a moderate level of contaminants, illness results if individual tolerance levels are exceeded. ■



Rule Space?

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To be effective, a laser or particle beam weapon need not disintegrate its victim. A laser or particle beam only needs to destroy or disrupt one or more on-board computer circuits to render a missile or satellite useless.

Many readers themselves know that a cracked or broken distributor on their car renders it inoperative—even though all other parts might work. Destruction of certain parts of the electronic circuits of a spacecraft may blind it—or destroy its ability to navigate to its ground target.

Experts envision a *laser-equipped* satellite shooting a bolt of light at a rising missile or at another satellite. The laser beam—moving at the speed of light—hits its victim, burning a hole in the protective skin or heating it beyond workable temperature. This renders it useless or completely destroys it.

A *particle beam-equipped* satellite shoots a beam of hydrogen atoms. This beam, traveling at 60,000 miles a second, penetrates the metal skin, disrupting completely or destroying the electronic brain. It would be as effective as the laser in destroying its target.

Some seers envision a fleet of 100 or so such weapons encircling the earth. Upon detection of a missile launch, they activate. Some claim these defensive weapons would destroy more than 80 percent of attacking missiles. The remaining 20 percent would be attacked by “smart missiles” maneuvering into the path of the incoming warhead, destroying it on impact, something like the American ASAT already described. Some experts say this layered defense system would be 95 percent effective.

Electromagnetic railgun satellites fire projectiles. These projectiles traveling at speeds more than 100 kilometers a second easily penetrate the skin of other satellites or ballistic missiles.

Continuing research includes chemical, free-electron lasers and X-ray laser weapons powered by nuclear explosions.

Fateful Decision

In the détente years of the late 1960s and early 1970s, the Soviet leadership made a decision. Soviet leaders decided to legally buy from the West the computer technology they needed, for the most part, rather than developing it for themselves.

Now with détente all but ceased, and with it the flow of Western technology, the Soviets find themselves in a dilemma. New-generation weapons rely on high-tech computers, for which the Soviet Union must depend upon the West.

The West takes computers pretty much for granted. Its societies—and increasingly many non-Western ones—are anchored to the computer. Scientists and engineers tell us we are at the dawn of the age of supercomputers with artificial intelligence—computers that think for themselves.

But the Soviets can only look on and watch the West develop these machines. Their system is about eight to 10 years behind. If nothing is done, Soviet experts warn, the East-West gap in technology will become unbridgeable.

The Soviet lag in computer technology puts the country at a great disadvantage with modern weapon technologies. The West, led by the United States, could conceivably develop some sort of space defense shield. The Soviet Union could not. This changes the whole balance of power situation.

The Turning Point

Until recently, most space weaponry remained in the imagination of science fiction.

The year the U.S. space shuttle became operational, 1982, marked the beginning of easy access to space. As previous shuttle flights demonstrated, the shuttle can launch, retrieve and make repairs to orbiting satellites. Soon shuttle crews will refuel and repair orbiting space systems on a routine basis.

Military men view the shuttle as a necessity. They want it to launch, repair and refuel their military satellites, and possibly even steal other nations' orbiting satellites! The

shuttle already carries into orbit military cargoes.

The Soviets view the U.S. shuttle as a military vehicle. They are now scrambling to catch up and develop their own. A small-scale version is being tested.

The Soviet leadership is very aware of U.S. technology. They see U.S. advances in space technology as a great threat to their nation's political hegemony. Even if space defense ultimately proves inadequate, the Soviets fear it nonetheless. They see U.S. debates, funding and testing as advance proof that space weapons could work.

It seems unbelievable the Soviet leadership would just sit back and watch the United States deploy any of 100 or more satellites composing a defensive shield capable of destroying the Soviets' nuclear-tipped missiles. Soviet commentators warn that the Soviet Union will take steps that would render any U.S. antimissile system ineffective.

Will the United States or will the Soviet Union begin a hot World War III in space?

Make no mistake. The Cold War power struggle between the superpowers will continue. Both are in a headlong pursuit to outdo one another. Both will attempt to build “a little more” than they really need to defend themselves from attack.

But one thing is sure: Bible prophecy reveals no *major* war will be fought solely between the United States and Soviet Union. This is not to say the United States and Soviets will not be involved in some brushfire war. But World War III will not be fought between these superpowers.

Yet world war is coming, triggered from a totally unexpected series of events involving the Mideast and a new Europe. You can read about it in the last few verses of Daniel 11.

Preparing for the Ultimate War

To what incredible use the blossoming space technology can be put is limited solely by human will. History teaches that if man seriously sets out to do something, he will do it unless God intervenes to stop him!

This was made evident in events

more than 42 centuries ago. At the tower of Babel humanity pooled its resources and tried for the first time on record to reach into the heavens. Humankind started with a tower. Humans would have equaled today's technology long ago had God not slowed them down by dividing them, confusing their language and scattering them over the face of the earth (Gen. 11:1-8).

God said at that time: "Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is only the beginning of what they will do; and *nothing that they propose to do will now be impossible for them*" (verse 6, Revised Standard Version).

That is a remarkable statement concerning what humans working together can accomplish. This attitude pervades human thinking. Nothing, it seems, is impossible for man. If given the chance, time, money and resources, he can do anything.

If given the chance, man will use space for weapons. Man now has that chance. One can only

wonder what part yet undreamed-of space warfare technology and weapons will play in some of the end-time cataclysms described in the Bible.

Space warfare could account for some of the mysterious terms with which the final crisis at the close of this world's civilization is described in Revelation 9.

World Peace Coming from Outer Space

There is hope. Humankind is not doomed to self-destruction. "If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive," Jesus Christ said 1,900 years ago, "but for the sake of the elect those days will be shortened" (Matt. 24:22, New International Version).

God will intervene in human affairs by sending his Son Jesus Christ to forcibly stop humanity at the last possible moment from destroying life on earth. Jesus will return with power and glory to reestablish the very government of God over all nations and peoples (Dan. 2:44-45).

He will descend from heaven through the very outer space men are trying selfishly to conquer. Wrapped in the clouds, he will come to punish the nations that have dared to use their scientific arsenals for war (Matt. 24:27, 29-31; Rev. 1:7).

All weapons building or deployment—including those space based—will no longer be permitted and those that exist will be destroyed or reworked into implementations of peace (Isa. 2:2-4).

Finally, the world tomorrow—that utopian paradise that humans long for—will be ushered in. For a description of the thrilling changes God will bring about in this world after he intervenes in human affairs, write for our free booklets *The Middle East in Prophecy* and *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like*.

Then indeed he who actually rules space will rule the earth. Jesus will open to man's understanding how to be happy and have the abundant life. □

PERSONAL

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fund-raising campaigns—no political conventions. No politics, pulling the wool over the eyes of the people in the struggle for POWER!

No wars. No crime. No more broken families. No hospitals, for people will be divinely healed.

Why the BIG DIFFERENCE, THEN?

The present world, though the world of humans doesn't realize it, is actually swayed and RULED by the invisible Satan—the former Lucifer who originally sat on the THRONE of the whole earth.

Backtrack a second, to the original Adam and Eve. In the Garden of Eden were the two symbolic trees—one the "tree of LIFE" symbolizing the Holy Spirit of God and gift of eternal life. The other, the tree of "the knowledge of good and evil," and this knowledge they—for all humanity—took to *themselves*.

Just one super-significant thing was wrong with that. They did not realize—and mankind does not know today—that man was made with a "human" spirit inside him. This spirit, not present in animals or any other

physical life form, imparts the power of intellect to the human brain. But man's KNOWLEDGE is confined to the physical and material.

Man's PROBLEMS, troubles, evils, are all SPIRITUAL in nature. Man was made to NEED a SECOND SPIRIT—the HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD. This was freely offered that first Adam. But he rejected it—rejected GOD'S GOVERNMENT and God's revealed spiritual knowledge. All humans have been born with only a human spirit, limiting human knowledge to the physical and material. Man, without the Holy Spirit of God, is NOT MENTALLY COMPLETE—actually "NOT ALL THERE." Human consciousness is limited to the physical and material, yet all his problems are SPIRITUAL and beyond his comprehension!

NOT ONLY THIS!

Satan the devil is REAL—he exists—he is SUPER POWERFUL—and he is "the PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR" (Eph. 2:2). HE BROADCASTS! He surcharges the air with HIS ATTITUDE of selfishness, vanity, lust for power and greed, envy and jealousy, competition and strife, rebellion against GOD!

It is not only that mankind—our

human LEADERS—are only "HALF THERE" mentally—Satan has been injecting into every human from infancy his SELF-CENTERED ATTITUDE! All we humans grow up saturated with it. It has become HUMAN NATURE!

So it is not only a matter of what ISN'T IN OUR HUMAN MINDS (spiritual comprehension!), it is a matter of WHAT IS IN HUMAN MINDS—what from infancy Satan has been injecting there—the SELF-CENTERED ATTITUDE—that of competition, getting the best of others, "GETTING" instead of "GIVING"—TAKING FROM OTHERS!

How different in the world tomorrow. Satan will be gone! Jesus Christ will be ruling! Ruling with, but under him, will be truly converted saints then made IMMORTAL—filled with GOD'S Spirit of "LOVE"—immortal GOD BEINGS with no SELF-interest of coveting, but outflowing LOVE for the good, happiness, welfare and eternal salvation of all others!

Jesus taught us to pray, "THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN!"

We'd better be PRAYING! □

Prophesied!

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advance, almost every detail of today's rapidly worsening conditions.

Humanity WILL SURVIVE! There will be a happy WORLD TOMORROW. Mortal humans do have a stern lesson to learn first. Human bungling will bring accelerated world trouble before God-ignoring humanity will be willing to learn. But WE SHALL LEARN!

Few realize that 90 percent of biblical prophecy pertains to OUR TIME, and the time immediately ahead. And approximately a third

of the Bible is prophecy! It has been neglected utterly. It has been terribly misunderstood, misrepresented. It is tremendously important! Especially now!

Earlier in this article I said Jesus of Nazareth was the world's greatest NEWSCASTER. Many, deceiving and being deceived, have represented his teaching as a sentimental religious teaching having no relation whatever to this life, this world, its nations, its governments, its society. THAT CONCEPT IS FALSE!

Jesus' "gospel" (and remember *gospel* means "good news") was actually his ADVANCE NEWS

REPORT of the KINGDOM—the GOVERNMENT—of GOD, soon now to bring us world PEACE. The KINGDOM of GOD is, simply the world-ruling GOVERNMENT of God. It is absolutely *not* a sentimental, ethereal, imaginary something "set up in the hearts of men." It is something REAL! It is SOON COMING!

And Jesus Christ was born to be the KING of that WORLD GOVERNMENT (Luke 1:30-33; John 18:36-37; Rev. 11:15; 19:11-16). As Jesus so promised his disciples that he would return—so, now soon he *will* return to RULE THE WHOLE EARTH and bring us peace at last! □

Long Enough

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Encounter, a British current affairs publication, U.S. foreign affairs analyst Irving Kristol wrote:

"America's European allies are fast approaching a moment of decision. The United States is not going to remain committed to the defence of Western Europe, at the risk of nuclear annihilation, if Western Europe is not equally committed to the defence of America's interests. In the debate over Central America, the very existence of NATO itself is at stake. . . .

"A major clash between the United States and Europe over Central America could soon lead to overwhelming pressures in the United States for a redefinition of its role in NATO—even to the point of the withdrawal of U.S. forces from the European continent. This prospect is something Europeans should ponder most seriously."

In the summer of 1984, the U.S. Senate narrowly defeated the so-called Nunn Amendment that called for a rapid reduction of up to one third of U.S. forces in Europe. The amendment was offered as a result of alleged foot-dragging on the part of the European allies as to their defense spending plans. A U.S.-Europe rift over Central America would certainly result in far greater Senate action on reduction of U.S. forces in Europe.

End of Postwar Harmony

We have reached the end of 40 years of relative harmony in the

Western world. The worldwide postwar policy of communist "containment" erected by the United States is breaking down all around.

In the South Pacific, the ANZUS alliance has been shaken by New Zealand's concern over extending port privileges to nuclear-armed and nuclear-powered U.S. warships. Small nations throughout the Pacific, which have viewed the smooth operations of ANZUS as a force for stability, are deeply concerned.

And in Europe itself, the NATO alliance will be faced over the next two to three years with its greatest crisis ever, not along the "front line" in Europe, but over differences concerning the escalation of warfare in the Western Hemisphere.

Moscow, it should be noted, will have every incentive to keep the pressure on in Central America—in order to obtain one of its key objectives: the removal of U.S. forces from Europe.

Only when that occurs would the Kremlin consider loosening its grip over Eastern Europe, perhaps restructuring the region into what Jonathan Steele calls a form of "Yugoslavization." He asks: "Could neutrality emerge in such a way that the regimes maintained an essentially Communist system with a leading party and tight control of the media?"

A united—or perhaps better expressed, *confederated*—Europe is coming, with greater cooperation between East and West. Bible

prophecy reveals that an end-time revival of the ancient Roman Empire will once again arise in the heart of Europe. It will be composed of 10 nations, with perhaps five from Western Europe, and five from East-Central Europe. This system is depicted in the second chapter of the book of Daniel as a human image standing on *two legs*—indicating perhaps the incomplete fusion of East and West.

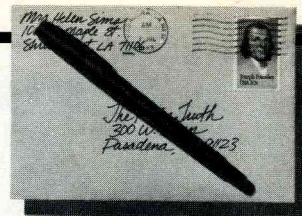
Religion will play a major role in providing the imperfect adhesion of the two halves of the coming Europe. Mr. Brzezinski also draws attention to the special appeal of Pope John Paul II "whose vision of Europe's spiritual unity," he says, "has obvious political implications."

It appears increasingly that only when America's direct presence from Europe is removed and the Soviets relax their grip on the East will this new Europe arise in the partial political vacuum created.

A new, more united Europe, observed Hedley Bull, writing in the Spring 1983 issue of *Atlantic Quarterly*, "is likely to disappoint some of the expectations that Americans commonly have about it. It would be less willing to follow the American lead, more capable of working against American policies should it wish to do so, and more of a risk as an ally of the United States than one America is able to control."

The new Europe, moreover, may come a lot sooner than experts predict. Europe will not witness another 40 years of division. □

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



It All Happened So Fast!

Thanks so much for the timely article on accidents or rather "crashes." You couldn't have said it more succinctly when you wrote, "You only have to meet a windshield headfirst once to become acutely aware of the absolute need for safety precautions." This I know, too, I even hit my windshield with my seat belt fastened (that was before shoulder straps)! Unfortunately, most people have to experience an accident before buckling up (as you know). Some don't get a second chance.

Polly Edington
Thief River Falls,
Minnesota

New Subscribers

Finally, after twenty years or more, I have received my personal copy of *The Plain Truth*.

I have been *searching* for this magazine practically all of my life. I say that because I have been searching for understanding ever since I was old enough to think for myself.

In the early sixties, fresh out of college, driving at night in southeastern New Mexico, I used to tune in to the *World Tomorrow* radio program. I liked what I heard then and I love what I am reading now.

Somehow, I knew that a magazine or a book existed that would help me gain understanding, but it was not until one evening last fall that my wife brought home a used copy of *The Plain Truth* that my feeling was verified.

Thank you for being born to help us! With your help I am sure that I can help myself solve my problems and as a result I can help others.

Eli Herrera
Taos, New Mexico

Today I had the pleasure of

reading two of your recent publications, the November-December 1984 and January 1985 issues. I was surprised by logic of most of your articles and wondered how I had not perceived these "truths" before. I might add, however, that I have been striving for years to gain a better understanding of the Scriptures and their application to *my* life (past, present and future).

I would also appreciate being enrolled in the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course. I have taken many Bible study courses but feel this one may be very beneficial.

Linda Jackson
Washington, D.C.

Recently at the grocery store, I picked up a copy of your magazine, just out of curiosity. How impressed I was with the article "Depression" in the November-December 1984 issue, as well as the articles on wives and husbands.

In fact, I was so impressed that I sent my copy to a friend in West Germany who is studying to become a pastor. Could you please send me another copy of the November-December 1984 issue as well as the next issue?

It was amazing to me that these two issues dealt with two major problems with which I am now having to deal: depression and putting my semi-invalid mother into a nursing home.

Gwendolyn S. Beck
Jefferson City, Missouri

Must confess I've gotten so many magazines of late that I did not read *The Plain Truth* until two editions back. Immediately I learned how thought-provoking it is. I'll not only read the magazine,

but keep the magazines filed.

Joseph A. Meadows
Greensboro, North Carolina

Homosexuality

I was reading the Letters to the Editor in your 50 years anniversary magazine.

I would like to comment on a letter from a Roger Ford titled "AIDS." I disagree with Mr. Ford. I was not born the way I've been. I had my choice. After years of being ashamed, crying and seeking a crutch, I wanted to change my life. I prayed for God's help. It took over a year. God searched my heart, saw that I myself wanted to change, and now I do not enjoy going to gay bars. In fact, when I went there lately, the surroundings made me somewhat sick. I thought of different guys who were gay, telling me they didn't want to be gay. They chose to be gay as I had. I asked God to change me. He has! But I really wanted to change.

Name withheld on request
Cincinnati, Ohio

Hypertension

... The article did an excellent job of publicizing this silent maimer and killer; it also stated: "It's still easier—and more profitable—to write a drug prescription than to tell an average patient to lose excess weight, stop smoking, quit worrying, exercise more and reduce intake of salt, cholesterol, and heavily refined foods." As a physician I applaud your extolling these virtues, which by the way, have been pushed by physicians for years, but find your insinuation that physicians profit more from writing prescriptions than from giving sound advice quite upsetting.

First, physicians make no money writing a prescription,

the drug company does. Second, physicians have been telling patients to do the above measures for almost as long as hypertension has been recognized. Thirdly, most often it is patient resistance to complying with the above steps that has led to the popularity of medications to treat hypertension. The physician, caught between a patient who refuses to stop smoking, lose twenty pounds, and steer clear of salt and fat-laden foods, and knowing the endstage effects of uncontrolled hypertension, strokes, heart and kidney failure, and blindness, is willing to compromise, and use a medication to make up for a patient's lack of willpower. . . . Although we are certainly not without blame in the present medical milieu, it is the plain truth that a physician can only help a patient as much as that patient allows him.

R.R. Francis, M.D.
Seattle, Washington

• *Your criticism is well taken. Comment about patient resistance is worthy of an entire article.*

Young Readers

Young people (like me) need Christian encouragement. I cannot afford to give a contribution with money, but I can with words.

I think *The Plain Truth* is a quality magazine, and I am glad that I can get it with no obligation or a salesman knocking at my door!

Ruth Ann Burris
Terre Haute, Indiana

Corrections: Photo credit on page 42 of the April issue should read, "All other photos by R. and S. Michaud—Woodfin Camp." In the May issue, under "The First 12 Weeks," text should read "more than 2 inches long."

IN THIS ISSUE:



EUROPE SAYS: “FORTY YEARS IS LONG ENOUGH!”

Peace in Europe has been achieved only at tremendous cost—the division of Europe! What events will now usher in the unity of Europe so many long for?

HOW MUCH IS HUMAN LIFE WORTH?

“Life is infinitely more precious now!” exclaimed Britain’s Margaret Thatcher—after escaping the Brighton bomb. How should we measure the value of human life?

CHILD SEX ABUSE

Societies that thought it couldn’t happen to them are now beset with the problem! What can you do about it?

COPING AS A SINGLE PARENT

Rearing a child is never easy, but for one person to function as both mother and father is the toughest job of all.

WHAT IS NOW PROPHESED!

Will the next 15 years bring human extinction—or the dawn of a new world of peace and incredible achievement? The answer is made clear in Bible prophecy!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN . . . “ARMAGEDDON”?

Few understand the *real* meaning of this much-misused biblical term. Did you know that the phrase “battle of Armageddon” is never mentioned in the Bible?

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