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### "GIBBON'S 'DECLINE AND FALL' POINTS TO ROUTE U.S. IS TAKING"

"Nearly 50 nations have joined with us in a co-operative effort to protect freedom..." said the President of the United States recently. 'For every soldier we have under arms our free world allies have five.'

"The introduction of the barbarians into the Roman armies,' wrote Edward Gibbon in The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire, 'became every day more universal, more necessary and more fatal.' The Eisenhower-Gibbon parallel passages, I'm afraid, tell stories that may become parallel reading in times to come. Why do we maintain some four dozen allies and send out money to hire foreign soldiers?... By this hour of history all of us ought to know that you cannot buy loyalty, which is never for sale. In times to come readers of history will need a score card to tell which countries were allies, and which enemies, in the middle decades of this 20th century" (By Holmes Alexander, LOS ANGELES TIMES, March 29, 1959).

### WORLD NEWS AND TRENDS

#### \$287 MILLION FAILS TO HOLD LAOS

"The United States is learning again in Laos that American aid dollars do not automatically make a country strongly anti-Communist and a firm ally. In the last six years, the U.S. has poured 287 million dollars into Laos -- more aid per capita than it has given any other country in the world. Yet a pro-American, anti-Communist Government has recently been overthrown in Laos.... The 'coup d'etat' that overthrew the pro-American Government was engineered by a segment of the American-paid and American-equipped Laotian Army....The situation is so delicately balanced that Laos could go either way: Toward a civil war that might involve the U.S. in the fighting (or) toward a political settlement that would provide peace for a time....

"American aid was never expected to make Laos a strong ally. The U.S. was simply buying time and space with which to make safer three bordering countries -- South Vietnam, Cambodia and Thailand. All those countries have long and indefensible borders with Laos. A Red-controlled Laos would be a perfect springboard for Communist infiltration and subversion of the larger and more stable areas of Southeast Asia, stretching as far as Malaya and Indonesia....

"After six years of American support, Laos is still unproductive.... Like many Asians...Kong Le, who led the recent 'coup d'etat,' is

irritated by his country's dependence upon one country -- the U.S. This shows up in every speech he has made. And he shows no faintest realization that Laos will collapse if U.S. aid is withdrawn -- unless the Chinese Communists fill the vacuum. This, in effect, would be replacing dependence on one power with dependence on another....

"One thing about the recent revolt should be kept clearly in mind: The Laotians did not turn against the U.S. The majority of people in this country do not know what the U.S. is or what it stands for. They are neither for nor against Communism or democracy. These are almost meaningless terms here" (The country is 85% illiterate). (U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, September 5, 1960)

#### MANY CURRENTS OF ANTI-AMERICANISM AWORK IN MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, September 3, 1960 (UPI) -- "U.S. businessmen here believe anti-American sentiment in Mexico is at its lowest ebb, despite anti-American gestures during recent street demonstrations and a strong pro-Cuba current here.... Like programs of the U.S. Embassy and other groups, the" U.S. pro-Mexico committee's "work is a day-to-day antidote to hate-U.S. poison spread by Communists, Nazis, Fascists, radical Mexican Nationalists, Arab Nationalists, and an assortment of representatives of countries competing for Mexican foreign trade.

"The Mexican Communists are quite frank and outspoken about their feelings toward the United States.... Bedfellows in some of the more subtle and clandestine propaganda activities against the United States are Germans formed into Neo-Nazi groups, collaborating with Arab Nationalist supporters, and Spanish Falangists. The former two follow anti-Israel lines, which become generalized into anti-Jewish, and by the peculiar warped mental processes inherited from Adolf Hitler, these become anti-U.S. since the hocus-pocus is to make 'Jew' and 'American' synonymous. Mexico has officially frowned on anti-Semitism.

"Motives are often more than ideological. They may stem from business ambitions. The long-time favored position of the United States with respect to Mexico's economy has been under assault by competitors from Germany, Italy, France, England, Belgium, Japan and other countries. Legitimate trade enterprise sometimes takes on the appearance of being anti-American since it cuts into U.S. sales, but in other cases the competitors make direct appeals to latent anti-U.S. prejudices, carryovers from historical conflicts of the last 100 years or more....

"The Cuban crisis has created a tough problem for Mexicans friendly to the United States.... But that is one of the dilemmas of Mexico in its double-pronged relationships with the United States on one hand and its fellow Latin American countries on the other" (UPI Release, September 3, 1960).

#### U.S.-FOLLOWING BY LATIN AMERICA AT LOWEST EBB

"Bishop W. Angie Smith, Oklahoma's Methodist bishop, said Wednesday he found both criticism and warm feelings toward the United

States in his recent four-week visit to Latin America. 'The warm feelings,' Bishop Smith said, 'came during the two-week tour of earthquake-stricken Chile while in other parts of Latin America the people felt the United States has neglected them.'...

"In other parts of Latin America, the bishop found 'a greater spirit of criticism toward the United States.' 'I found this especially true in student groups and political agitators,' he reported. 'I find it necessary for us to face the fact that the attitude toward the United States and the willingness to follow our leadership is at the lowest ebb in Latin America that I have ever known it. America's friends seem to feel that we have taken Latin America for granted while giving our assistance in other parts of the world" (THE DAILY OKLAHOMAN, August 11, 1960).

#### U.S. CAR SALES DIP IN SOUTH AFRICA

CAPE TOWN -- "Sales of United States autos in South Africa have dropped during the last three years, from 12,684 in 1957 to 8388 last year. Meanwhile sales of German cars rose from 16,850 to 28,745, French cars from 4908 to 7982, and Italian cars from 2261 to 3511" (PITTSBURGH PRESS, August 9, 1960).

#### U.S. HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR SPREAD OF COMMUNISM

PARIS, August 27, 1960 -- "The Russians' progress with their Cuban and Congo bridgeheads this week has at last aroused widespread cries of alarm throughout Europe; that the hour of Communist envelopment is close at hand. The United States is being blamed, on both sides of the English Channel, for an 'irresolute' foreign policy which already has lost much of Asia and Africa to the Sino-Soviet bloc.

"Latin America will suffer the same fate, say the European prophets, unless the United States takes positive action against Fidel Castro. Secretary of State Herter's denunciation of Castro at San Jose yesterday has failed to appease our European critics.... Catastrophe is at the West's doorstep, say the Europeans, but the only remedy they propose is braver reaction by the United States, in ousting the Russians not only from Cuba, but also from Africa....

"The Europeans' sudden awakening to these perils is described by the distinguished French scholar, Thierry Maulnier, in today's Le Figaro of Paris. 'At the first sign of western protest (against these Soviet intrusions),' says M. Maulnier, 'Moscow brandishes its rockets and spreads its protecting wing over the territory of its new ally. Whoever refuses to accept this 'fait accompli' is an aggressor.... This great peril, the Europeans insist, has grown under the subservience of a deluded United States. We Americans have suffered half of Asia to pass under Soviet domination since 1945, while the Suez crisis, 'which the United States practically aided, has brought communist conquest of Africa under full way'" (By Waldo Drake, L.A. TIMES, 8/28/60).

#### CHINESE-INDIAN BORDER CRISIS INTENSIFIES

NEW DELHI, August 30, 1960 -- "All along the blue-green Himalayan foothills, which the Red Chinese are trying to grab from India, the

Indian Communists have stepped up their subversive activities. They are attempting to obstruct military preparations aimed at meeting the Chinese threat. Efforts are also being made to drum up popular support for Chinese claims to the region....

"Members of the CPI (Communist Party of India) are roaming about in the border areas carrying on a campaign against India," Prime Minister Nehru "angrily charged in the Parliament. 'This is not only unpatriotic but most anti-national.'... The Chinese have forcibly occupied 12,000 square miles of Kashmir, India's northernmost state. They have also laid claim to 39,000 square miles of Indian territory elsewhere along the Himalayas.

"A feverish Red Chinese military build-up is now under way in Tibet, which adjoins the disputed territory. There are fears in India that Peiping might be preparing for a showdown on the quarrel. The Indians are therefore bolstering their border defenses. Roads and airfields are being hastily built and many divisions of crack troops have been moved to forward positions. The Reds have been striving to whip up popular opposition to these preparations.... People in the border areas are told that the Chinese territorial claims are legitimate. Communist propagandists portray China as a nation that is 'incapable of aggression.' The facts of last year's border clashes are turned topsy-turvy to tally with this claim" (L.A. TIMES, 8/31/60).

#### U.S. NEWS AND TRENDS

##### WITHIN 15 YEARS -- THE U.S. A "HAVE-NOT" NATION

"The overriding need of the American economy will be to find a supply of raw materials to keep our industrial machine going. And a rapidly increasing amount of these raw materials will have to come from abroad. Our own cupboard -- once bountifully stuffed with raw materials -- already has been emptied much more than most of us realize. The Mesabi iron range, once the world's greatest source of ore, is almost gone; and we are shipping in ore to feed our steel mills from Canada, South America and Africa. Crude oil, which we used to export in floods, now has to be imported in increasing amounts. Other raw materials which are indispensable for our defense and our daily living -- bauxite for aluminum, manganese, nickel, wood pulp, chrome and a dozen others -- all come largely from outside our borders. Within 15 or 20 years, we may well be the major 'have-not' country in the world" (Taken from THE AMERICAN PEOPLE'S ENCYCLOPEDIA YEARBOOK, 1960, page 39).

##### BAXTER -- INDEBTEDNESS TRENDS FOLLOW THAT OF ROME'S

"This whole generation has been living far beyond its means... If you divide the debt, public and private outstanding, it comes to about \$24,000 for each one of (the) 50,400,000 homes. In essence then, the average family in the United States owes about 5 years complete gross earning power, when you consider the total public and private debt of this country....

"At the present time, there are about 8,400 'money lenders' operating on a big scale throughout the United States. Believe it or not, two of them have a capital that exceeds \$1 billion. It is almost the same as the days before the decline of the Roman Empire, when the majority of the population lived in the cities, where they were fed and housed by the Roman government and were in the hands of 'money lenders.'... Let us remember that, during the life of the American republic, we have had a financial panic about every 7 years. The history of civilization is, first, that the older a country gets, the greater is the severity of its panics. Second, it is a proven fact that, when you get 67 to 69% of a population living in the cities, you are in trouble of a 'cancerous' nature. We are dealing in billions and trillions of make-believe 'credit' money.... This is not the first time that we have had high consumer prices. Every time we have had high prices the public buys less and a crash follows....

"All through American financial history you can practically say one thing -- that whenever people talk about being in a 'new era' -- watch out, the rug is pulled right out from under them. We started this bear market in 1956 and 1957 and we have had our first rally in the bear market. It's the very height of stupidity to say there cannot be another 1929. Our business world, our commodity price structure and the stock market never entered a new year in American history in which they were more vulnerable" (BAXTER INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RESEARCH BUREAU, January 1, 1960).

#### BOSTON TRANSIT ROUTES THROTTLED BY ONE MAN!

BOSTON, August 23, 1960 (UPI) -- "A sudden transit strike caused by suspension of an employee who refused to work two minutes overtime today threatened the worst traffic jam in the city's history.... Edward L. Burns, of Westford, refused to work two minutes overtime after his normal shift ended, according to the MTA" (UPI Release, August 23, '60).

#### DIRT PUT IN VALVES TO PROLONG JOBS AT MISSILE BASES

"The Air Force has found instances of dirt's being deliberately put into fuel tanks and valves of equipment at Atlas-missile bases. The source: workers who want to prolong their jobs" (U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, September 5, 1960).

#### AERIAL CAMERA SPOTS TENNIS BALLS 500 MILES AWAY

WASHINGTON, July 18, 1960 (UPI) -- "The United States can take aerial intelligence photographs that can spot tennis balls nearly 500 miles away, according to Sen. Alexander Wiley.... 'Taken from a point about 100 miles north of Boston,' he said, 'one set of aerial pictures reveals minute details of the naval base at Norfolk, Va., nearly 500 miles away. So accurate are the photographic details that tennis balls on the courts of the Norfolk Officers' Club are easily distinguishable'" (UPI Release, July 18, 1960).

U.S. HEALTH TRENDS

HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS UP 80% IN 20 YEARS

"The rate of admissions to general hospitals in the United States has risen by almost 80% in the last 20 years, the Health Information Foundation reports" (STAR-NEWS, Dec. 28, 1959).

"The blunt fact is that there is no way to cure a virus infection. Once it's established, all medicine can do is make the patient comfortable, treat a few symptoms and hope the body cures itself. And that means that there is no real treatment for an estimated STAGGERING TOTAL OF 700,000,000 INFECTIONS, major and minor, in the U.S. every year" (NEW YORK POST, April 15, 1960).

EMOTIONAL DISORDERS PLAGUE 1 OF 2 PATIENTS

"One out of every two patients going to a medical doctor is suffering from an illness which is tied up with mental or emotional disorder. The same is true for one out of 3 patients who go to general hospitals" (12 FACTS ABOUT MENTAL ILLNESS, New Jersey Association for Mental Health).

L.A. VD DOUBLES IN TWO YEARS

LOS ANGELES -- (CNS) -- "The venereal disease rate in Los Angeles has almost doubled in the last two years, a federal medical officer reported yesterday" (PASADENA INDEPENDENT, August 6, 1960).

VITAMINS CAN BE HARMFUL

"Too many vitamins can be harmful, says the 'Journal' of the American Medical Association. In an editorial, the 'Journal' reports that overdoses of vitamins can lead to loss of appetite, irritability, skin eruptions, liver enlargement, intestinal disorders" (U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, August 29, 1960).

LUNG CANCER UP 500% IN 20 YEARS

NEW YORK -- "Lung cancer, the chief cause of cancer deaths in men, killed 30,000 men and 5,000 women in the United States last year -- five times as many as 20 years ago" (SACRAMENTO BEE, June 19, 1960).

U.S. RACIAL CRIME AND VIOLENCE

WAVE OF RACIAL VIOLENCE IN JACKSONVILLE

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., August 30, 1960 (AP) -- "The first death was recorded today in Jacksonville's wave of racial violence and the city's ministerial alliance called for a secret meeting of white and Negro leaders to deal with the troubled situation. Edward Davis, 27-year-old Negro with a lengthy criminal record, fired shots into a filling station, then was shot in the head while fleeing from police in a car....

"Fire bombings of three business houses in the Negro district also were reported in the early morning hours as the racial strife went

into its fourth day. A cross was burned in a suburban white neighborhood where a Negro sleeps in a garage behind his employer's house.... Fighting and vandalism broke out in Jacksonville Saturday after 10 days of sit-in demonstrations by Negroes at department store and variety store lunch counters" (L.A. TIMES, August 31, 1960).

HARPERSVILLE, Ala. July 31 (AP) -- "The police said today that six white men kidnaped two young Negro brothers last night and flogged one of them because they said they did not want Negroes working in service stations in the area" (N.Y. TIMES, August 1, 1960).

#### OTHER CRIME AND VIOLENCE

##### U.N. REPORT ADVISES AGAINST SPANKING

"A U.N. report said today that spanking and whipping do not stop juvenile delinquency and should never be used. The report -- 'New Forms of Juvenile Delinquency: Their Origin, Prevention and Treatment' -- was prepared by the U.N. Department of Economic and Social Affairs. It said that corporal punishment 'should be excluded in any form' and 'has practically no effect as a deterrent, especially for those juveniles who have already undergone it.'

"Corrective agencies, the report said, 'should endeavor to develop in the juvenile a sense of moral and social responsibility, through his participation in a world where adults and juveniles live together.' It recommended that young offenders be given as much freedom as possible through the use of open and semi-open institutions" (AP Release, June 27, 1960).

##### 95% OF SEX CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN UNREPORTED

"A new British movie, due here within a few months, will shock Americans into discussing a subject nobody talks about: Sex crimes against children. The film, called 'Never Take Candy From a Stranger,' stresses the frightening fact that, while the child molester is certain to repeat his crime, police are almost helpless to stop him. Reason: Nine in ten of his victims' families will never report the incident. In England, where this frank and moving film has just opened, reported sex crimes against children have quadrupled since 1940. Police sources in the U.S. point out that even this kind of statistic tells only a fraction of the story. Unofficial estimate: 95% of such offenses are unreported" (THE INSIDER'S NEWSLETTER, March 21, 1960).

##### "COP-BAITING" NEW YOUTH CRIME

"A game of 'cop-baiting' (has become) popular in recent months with teen-age gangs in the Brooklyn Bedford-Stuyvesant area.... Police said the game of throwing bottles and even paving stones from roofs had been going on with increasing frequency in recent months. The purpose, they said, was to draw police and pepper them with missiles.... The gangs scatter over adjacent rooftops before police can reach them" (NEW YORK HERALD-TRIBUNE, August 22, 1960).

6 GIRLS STOMP POLICEMAN

"Six young women beat up an off-duty policeman in the Jamaica Bay Summer resort area of Queens last night. The six -- aged 18 to 22 -- knocked the cop down and kicked him while he was on the ground.... The young women were making a noise outside the stand, and one of the policeman's children stared at them. One of them uttered obscenities at the child, and the father reproached her. The six young women then jumped on Follar" (NEW YORK JOURNAL-AMERICAN, August 22, 1960).

PREGNANT WOMEN RAPED REPEATEDLY

CHICAGO (AP) -- "Officials took swift action Wednesday within hours after a gang of hoodlums (Negroes) pounced out of the darkness of Lincoln Park, beat down two young husbands (whites) with baseball bats and repeatedly raped their pregnant wives" (DAILY OKLAHOMAN, July 28, 1960).

CANADA -- VIOLENT CRIMES MOST FREQUENT

VICTORIA (CP) -- "The crime rate in Canada is increasing 'seriously' and crimes of violence are more frequent than any other, Commissioner C. E. Harvison of the RCMP (Royal Canadian Mounted Police) said here Wednesday night" (WINNIPEG TRIBUNE, August 25, 1960).

WHITE-COLLAR EMPLOYEES MOST SUCCESSFUL CROOKS

"In the last decade, the white collar employee 'has become America's most resourceful and successful crook.'... 'According to insurance company figures, white collar employees, rank and file, supervisory and executive, are stealing about \$4 million in cash and property from their employers each working day,' the authors claim. 'And let me repeat: \$4 million a day! 'By the end of 1960,' they continue, 'such thefts will reach the astronomical figure of more than \$1 billion per year. Compared to the white collar crook, the professional criminal is an amateur. The FBI reports that the nation's burglars, pickpockets, armed robbers and auto thieves managed to steal \$479 million in 1957. This is considerably less than half the amount stolen by the country's white collar embezzlers'" (From the book The Thief in the White Collar, L.A. TIMES, February 23, 1960).

\$1,000 IN FORGERY CHECKS PER MINUTE

CHICAGO (UPI) -- "Check forging has become a multi-million-dollar business.... Forgery is so lucrative that bad check artists are stealing at a staggering rate of \$1,000 per minute. The thefts add up to nearly \$1.5 million a day, more than \$500 million a year" (UPI Release, June 27, 1960).

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"Children today know so little Bible that a young boy thought the Sermon on the Mount meant a lecture while riding a horse."