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I do not know how well it is written, but it is Kondraky's theory, as it is called, or that is an observation of the state of the economy in the western world.

And this is indeed known, and I think it is fundamental to the state of affairs.

It goes back to the events of the period following Napoleon after the industrial revolution had occurred, and then following the Civil War, then between the two world wars, that is following the First World War, and then when we note this picture we tend to discover that there tend to be periods of time.

I commonly use the term roughly half a century or 50 years, because being an economic pattern is clearly related in some way to the Jubilee in the sense that the Jubilee, or every 50 years when people were to return to their inheritances, must have been a corrective factor for which the present western economy doesn't have.

And so we have the events that do view the impression that by the early 1980s we are inevitably at a point in time where we will face a crisis that normally gives one the impression of a severe downturn or depression.

Now the only difference is that up to this point the powers of government have been almost never used in the economic sphere.

This only began in the 1930s under Herbert Hoover and far greater under Franklin Roosevelt.

So the question now is what the government will do for the simple reason we have one, the evidence that it will be impossible to have a depression like this, because the people will not allow it.

There will be a revolution, there will not be WPA.

The government will have to do something or a revolution in any major western country is inevitable and economists are all too aware of that.

Therefore the crisis that is indicated here might well trigger events in Europe and this is parallel to what we have said regarding 1982 as the close of 2,520 years of time since ancient Babylon fell.

And the interesting thing is you know when that occurred there was this prophecy in Daniel 4 of a tree which was cut down and the tree was not to grow until 2,520 years had passed over.

We never really understood that prophecy in Daniel 4 because we applied the word times of the Gentiles to that period of 2,520 years.

When in fact realistically it was a mistake even if we looked at history for in the last century and this century at least through the Second World War and in a sense till now also it hasn't been the Gentiles who have dominated.

It has been England and France and Holland, the United States, Belgium, all of these with the great colonial powers and not a one with the Gentile states fundamentally.

Only late did you have an attempt to buy Germans, Italians, now Russians and Japanese, but the dominant element was not.

And we never did get that picture straight until we really had to rethink the question over from just a historic perspective.

And it would indicate that Daniel was being told in symbolic terms that a final revival of the Roman Empire would be a kind of rebirth of the ancient Babylon in terms of its monolithic control over the world.

But in this particular case no name was given and when you come to Revelation you have the name given and it is called Babylon.

And in Revelation 18 it's an economic system and in Revelation 18 you have the implication that it's also a very prosperous system which implies that for this kind of system to develop which inevitably has some kind of state control because it is related to such prophecies elsewhere in Revelation that you can't buy or sell without some kind of mark.

We will not interpret that at the moment.

But it implies some kind of control.

And a controlled economy is inevitable only when this kind of crisis is coming and men seek to forestall it's happening.

They don't want it to occur because it couldn't remain in power. There would be a revolution.

So I perceive that this chart is correct in theory but that human governments are going to alter the picture and it isn't going to be the kind of thing that we are familiar with in the sense of the ordinary experiences of the poor or the widows, you know, the problem that we have in our welfare structure today.

It's bound to have major political overtones much due to the fact that the dollar cannot sustain itself as a world economy and at the same time allow us to inflate the currency to pay off past debts more readily.

That's the problem, see? You can't have an unstable currency as the primary medium of exchange.

When Japan buys oil, the Japanese do not pay for the oil by Japanese yen.

They pay either by dollars that they've gotten from us or they change goods.

The Japanese currency is stable and it is not a medium of international trade to any extent.

But the dollar is. If our dollar were stable, that is, we were able to control inflation here, we wouldn't have a problem.

In this sense, no small part of prophecy as it will be worked out would seem to have an economic base in terms of cause and effect.

So I would suggest and I wholly would agree that the principles here are basic to the Bible if we were to look into the book of Leviticus.

That is that if I have a piece of property, mishandled my money, I have to sell it in order to pay off some debt.

You'll get the property. The Bible only gives it to you up to the next jubilee, to you.

In our society, once I sold it, I lost it.

I have no basis to have roots in the soil.

That is to have a home, to have the capacity in part to produce my own food, to feel that I have a place I can sleep without having to pay property tax, for there was none in ancient Israel.

See, all this gives an implication that there are basic roots that cannot be removed.

Now, it's one thing to pay taxes or to agree among ourselves to pay a tax to run a school, to take care of the sewer, whatever we wish, as a group.

But that cannot be on property and actually have ultimate guarantees.

Now, I'm not here speaking for or against Proposition 13. That's not the point.

The point is that the basis for collecting the tax can never be on one's homestead, so to speak.

If we are going to have an economy that will prevent people being uprooted, that will prevent them from being consistently renters when they could be home owners.

And that's one of the big problems that is afflicting the whole Western world.

So this does give a general picture that something goes wrong. Some people get the money, some people lose it.

And finally, this is the consequence of that.

Whereas in the biblical accounts, those who've got the money would have profited in the meantime and then merely return the land to those who lost it. Sorry about the size here.

But the principle you would understand that is you're never going to be deprived.

You have at least normally, if you live 70 years, one chance in a lifetime to start all over again.

Whereas in this society, you have no such guaranteed opportunity.

I would highly recommend that this would be available or, let us say, it appeared on October 20, 1978 in something.

In the San Francisco Chronicle. All right, that was cut away.

Since it's the Chronicle, yes, it says so up front here, Chronicle Foreign Service, we will leave it here.

And I think it would be nice to have. You don't have to read it in one week. You've got till 1982 to read it.

In the meantime, it does seem that you ought to put your house in order to see that your indebtednesses are cut down as much as possible.

Or that the amount you pay out is minimal.

That is that you have every reason to feel that almost any method of earning a living on the part of yourself or other members of the family will more than cover the outgo.

Now, I can say that I did take that decision two years and a quarter ago that the time had come not to risk any further problem.

And we now live in a house. We then had three children with us and we live in a two bedroom house.

So what we did, of course, was to have two girls in one bedroom. My wife and I in another.

And our son throws down a pallet every day in front of the fireplace between the two sofas we have.

So the living room is his bedroom. And as he said, it's far better to do this than to have the property paid for.

Then it is, you know, to have 10, 15,000 hanging over your head or 20 or 30,000 and have enough bedrooms later to discover that you have neither bedroom nor house because you can't afford to keep it.

That is a principle. I don't say that we all have to do this. Hopefully none of you do. You can solve it some other way.

But we found that that was the only way for us to do it. And it puts me in the enviable position, happily, that I only pay property tax.

I owe nothing more on it. It was, I can say, a \$29,000 place, which is a reasonable bargain even on Crenshaw, I presume.

It happened to be in an area that people don't know about. See? And because it didn't know about it, the price was down here.

But it is a delightful way to live. I feel better about it.

I don't owe the bank. I don't share anything with the bank that way.

But we can all do it, and most of you could never get started if you're in your 60s or 50s. Let's write that off.

All we do there is to pray for one another and to help each other.

But the principle you have in my estimation, probably three to three and a half years at most, on the implications of this, to be sure that things go well.

Now, what happens after that and how long it will be before a new Europe that takes shape will go in some terrible direction.

Remains yet to be seen. In other words, if 2,520 years witnesses a significant economic and political re-evaluation in Europe, which I want to address this evening, then you would say that still does not prove that when this system gets started, the first thing it does is create a tribulation or religious persecution.

It doesn't prove that. It may, but it does not prove that it might.

It doesn't say how long afterward before there is the crisis pertaining to religion. That remains to be seen.

Pope John Paul II says, Associated Press helped Jews escape Nazi persecution in Poland during World War II.

I assisting them find shelter and false farion that is non-Jewish.

Identification papers, a Jewish leader said Thursday.

There have been reports also that he worked in a chemical factory that supplied gas for Auschwitz and Treblinka.

However, that remains yet to be demonstrated. I have mentioned it and there is some pretty strong evidence.

But after all, you might be forced to work under circumstances to even have money to live and not everything that was done was of an evil nature in any chemical factory.

In the Jewish community, with its Rome representative, Lichten said that Charles WojtyÅ,a, with all that is his prepayment name, was also active in an underground collaborating with the Christian Democratic Organization, which had a record of helping Jews.

The Nazis blacklisted WojtyÅ,a, Lichten said in his statement, and he was hidden in the cellar of the Polish Cardinals' palace to avoid arrest, remaining there until the Nazis left the Polish city of Krakow.

It is of interest that the Cardinals knew Jews as a child, as a young man and as an adult.

He studied with them from the time he was six years old and his closest friend and former schoolmate, Jerry Kruger, is a Jew.

It is our belief, this is the Jewish community in Rome speaking, that Pope John Paul II is one of the most distinguished sons of Poland, a country which for centuries has had to struggle for its security and independence understands, that is, the Pope understands the same aims of the Jewish people and of the state of Israel.

Now, what this says, and I have read it so that you have at least a very positive view, is that without any question, the role of the church is bound to lead into the direction of some kind of relationship with Israel, much like Antiochus Epiphanes, in Daniel chapter 11, also had a relationship with then the state of Judah.

That is, Judah is now called Israel.

And in the period of time around 170 BC, when Antiochus Epiphanes, who was the Greek ruler of Syria, following the death of Alexander and number of generations in between, this man was very favorable to Jews who were favorable to Grecian ideas.

One may draw therefore a conclusion that there can be an interest on the part of the present papacy, toward Jews who looked with some favor on the role of Christianity as an intermediary between Judaism and Islam.

You get the picture, especially with the holy places in Jerusalem, which to you and me are probably little different than visiting if I may be so bold as to say the San Diego Zoo.

You know, it's a nice place to see, but we wouldn't go to war over it with Mexico.

But there are nations who will go to war over holy places in Jerusalem.

The Israelis will never leave it. They will go to war to keep it.

The Arabs will never stay out, though they will go to war to get it back.

And the Christians will let it fall into neater hands permanently.

That is why we have the Crusades.

It was the wars fought over the holy places in the Middle East.

With that in mind, I think we have at least 10 aspects of it.

Now, what I would like to do today, I don't normally read in a Bible study, but sometimes it seems important when something is well written, and I hope that this room here carries my voice reasonably well.

I am in possession of a publication that came from Switzerland.

It is published in Ireland, printed in England, a member received it in Switzerland, sent it to the French department and passed to me.

I want you to know what it is.

It is published by the Kilbritton Newspapers Limited, K-I-L-B-R-I-T-T-A-I-N, Newspapers Limited, 34 Upper Fitzwilliam Street in Dublin, Ireland, printed in England.

It is called a Special Office Brief.

Issue number 139 of the new series, which publication originated in 1935.

The reason I am reading this is that it is the first time, as someone living in California, like we are, like myself, to have heard of the effect on Eastern Europe and the election of the Pope, who was a pole.

Now with this in mind, I would draw your attention to the fact that a number of things that I will read you should have understood.

I would have understood, but the picture itself, because of the impact of the Pope, did not become clear until I read this, which is a significant in-depth report about the background and effect.

In my estimation, this 26th of October 1978 issue, and I have written to publishers to find out what the nature of their general publications are, and how different issues may be.

What the major subject is, maybe it is on Ireland, maybe England, maybe the Middle East, maybe Europe, maybe the Vatican, all these things.

I have never seen a copy before.

This is the most significant statement that has been in print since the time in 1922, when the Germans made an agreement with them fledgling Soviet Russia to allow the Germans to practice all the military maneuvers, training in airplanes inside the Soviet Union, because it was prohibited to do so in Germany, without the knowledge of the rest of the Western world.

This was the secret part of the Rapal agreement.

This now is as significant in terms of the future of Europe.

Subtitle, first one, Crisis in Moscow.

Three matters now make a severe crisis in Moscow, where the boss is in for help.

That's Brezhnev.

Subtitle, the new Pope.

So we're going to look for three crises that are affecting the Soviet Union.

Some you will know, but I've never seen it put together like this, because I never grasped that by reading here, you didn't hear it on the radio, I haven't seen it in the newspaper, the effect of the election of the Pope on the people of Eastern Europe.

The election of the Pope is more significant than if Western Europe were to arm.

However careful the new Pope may be, the fact of his election, just the fact of the election, has caused a crisis in Moscow.

It put the Roman Catholic Church at the top of world news headlines, and the current will remain relevant so long as John Paul II lives.

A Pope from Poland of all places gravely disturbed the Kremlin, because the Catholic Church can make an anti-Soviet revolution in Poland, Hungary, and Czechoslovakia at the drop of a hat.

Furthermore, in the event of war, a Polish Pope could sponsor resistance all over Eastern Europe of enormous magnitude.

We did say that the next two Popes would face a vast crisis.

Certainly this will be so.

Moscow plans to use its utmost power to crush the great danger to its entire military strategy, which a Polish Pope however prudent poses.

Even great papal prudence will not offset the tremendous new religious enthusiasm which has everywhere suddenly increased in Eastern Europe.

The West is making money.

If you want to know where the Catholic Church is alive, don't go to France.

Certainly don't go to Italy.

Don't bother with Holland or Belgium, not even Ireland.

If you want to know where the Catholic Church is really alive, you want to go to Eastern Europe, and especially Poland, then Hungary.

Let's go Czechoslovakia.

For those who are coming in, I am reading.

You can get the picture as we go along near the beginning of the presentation.

We are not here anticipating what this author says is always one of the possibilities that is a war.

What our author is saying that in the event of war, to have a Catholic Pope influencing the peoples of Eastern Europe religiously is a terrible threat far beyond merely the arming of Western Europe and the United States in the confrontation with the Soviet Union because it means that the whole religious fabric of the peoples of Eastern Europe would supersede many of their economic and political convictions, which have been imposed anyway by communism.

Remember, the communist parties in these countries are a tiny minority in power because of the army and the nearness to the Soviet Union.

Moscow is extremely worried about the election of this new Polish Pope because not all the military weapons conceivable can match a religious mass movement of such peoples as Poles in particular.

Hungarians are not significantly less robust.

The Czechs are perhaps somewhat more cautious, but not greatly so.

What we all see in Pope John Paul II, a sign of great moment.

In other words, a sign may take place long before the event, but they see in this that the church is no longer in the Italian peninsula oriented to Italy.

The church is now oriented to the needs of the people behind the Iron Curtain.

That's a very important thing to note.

You may say the Russians have this vast military power.

Well, the West has significant power too.

But can you imagine if practically the whole country were to rise up and bridges were to be destroyed, public buildings destroyed, the means of communication destroyed so that airfields would be shut, the railways knocked out, the roadways destroyed wherever possible at critical junctures, the radio stations, if the whole population were to rise, there's nothing the Soviet army could do if there were a struggle between West and East.

Now, if it were only a struggle in the East and the West did nothing, then it would probably end like it did in Hungary in 1956.

The Russians waited a week to see whether we would do anything.

When they found that we said but did nothing, then they finally moved in.

But it would be one of the greatest threats to the security of the countries behind the Iron Curtain.

Now, you probably know the next one of the three that I'm reading about.

I read you the first one.

The three things, the three matters which make for a severe crisis in Moscow.

One, the election of a Polish pope.

Two, the Germans in Zaire.

Now, you know that Zaire is the modern name for the Congo.

This was the Belgian Congo.

That's part of Africa lying on the equator.

I think you have heard something about this.

I can ask later whether you really have.

Moscow is deeply concerned about the really astonishing German project in Zaire named after the initials of a business, O-T-R-A-G.

You don't have to remember it.

It is a German project, O-T-R-A-G.

Those are abbreviation letters like WPA, you know, during the Depression, Work Progress Administration.

This German firm controls absolutely in the Congo or Zaire.

A territory the size of East Germany.

This is a West German business firm.

Absolutely controls the territory, I will tell you, it's on a 99-year lease.

They have absolute control of it, the size of the whole country, East Germany.

And it is in the Chava province.

The company is supposed to be making rockets on a commercial basis.

The resources are vast.

And Russia does not believe the project is only commercial.

Next sentence, nor is it.

Moscow thinks that within 10 years, this base is allied to South Africa and the Germans are interested in South Africa as the allies, the West Germans.

But this base can devise and install electronics, which will be able to control all Africa.

In fact, this is so.

South Africa has organized a really astounding central strategic base in the heart of Africa, which is presently in deep sympathy with South Africa.

That is even this part of Africa, the Congolese, are in sympathy with South Africa in contrast to the other countries in which the Cuban troops are.

South Africa and is run and controlled, that is this German strategic base, by a group of extremely able men of iron determination.

Not clay, but iron.

Not gold or silver or brass or any such thing.

Not able to risk any challenge to Russia in Europe.

West Germany has created a deadly threat to Russian world plans in the center of the world's strategic heartbeat.

Not the heartbeat of Europe, which is Germany, because the rest of the Europeans wouldn't allow the Germans to do this in Europe.

But the Germans are doing this in Africa, which is a critical area because it lies between the Indian Ocean and the Atlantic.

And it's from the Indian Ocean to the Atlantic that world trade has to go if anything happens to the Suez.

The Russians tried to control this area by progression through the local Communist parties of Mozambique and Angola, the old Portuguese colonies.

Now, nobody gave a thought as to how to stop it, except the Germans, who saw that if you came into the Congo, you were at the back of both Angola and Mozambique potentially, militarily, so that it would be impossible for the Soviets to build an absolute strategic base in those other areas in order to cut off Western trade around South Africa, see? This is a means whereby the Soviet world plans can be put in jeopardy.

That it has been possible for the Germans to do this is really astounding and has caused extreme anxiety in Russia.

Because remember, the United States saw to it that Lumumba was assassinated, let's be plain, the CIA does things like this.

To keep the Russians out of the Congo, but it never occurred to the West, thereafter, to keep the Germans out of the Congo.

I have flown over this region in 1957 with Dr. C. Paul Meredith, Roderick Meredith's uncle, Toe Open Forest.

My wife asked me, well, look, if it's that open, why don't people live there? The answer is, it's not fit for agriculture in general, except for grazing.

But since the tech supplies in the area, you can't graze the animals, so in a sense, it is hardly inhabited.

There's a large region that is basically uninhabited, and so the Germans brought this up on a 99-year lease, and they have so controlled its borders that it is impossible to penetrate.

It's like a state within a state.

That it has been possible is really astounding.

That space could prove fatal to the Soviets in their intent to control the world.

I would draw the conclusion that that statement is absolutely true, on the premise that if God were not to intervene, Babylon would never fall.

I think that's the implication. God has to bring it down.

Third development, the China card.

The third development, which has caused great anxiety in Moscow is China.

However reserved the West may have been, it is obvious that China is hard at work to enlist the West.

Russia is appalled at the implications.

Consequently, the Kremlin Hawks shout louder and louder for a total decision before the three adverse factors, Polish, Pope, Germans and Zaire, the Chinese link with the West.

Above mentioned reaches states beyond which Russia cannot recover.

Therefore, vast efforts are being made to harvest Iran and Pakistan and to mobilize radical Arabs against Israel.

I have said in the last few weeks, which many could know if they were to read, that now the most critical area in the world is not Rhodesia and Southwest Africa in terms of Soviet penetration.

The most critical area in which the Russians have to do what they can as fast as they can is in Iran itself with the hope to topple the Shah, to have civil strife in the country and to dismember Iran from the West and ultimately to take it over from within.

This is now the basis of the problem because you have the three factions, the extreme Muslim on the right, the Communists on the left and the peoples in the center, and they're all at odds with each other.

I think that Iran is in the most critical situation of any country at the moment, unless it be Nicaragua, which is not that critical in the total picture, but Nicaragua is very important because it's the next place in the world that you build a canal from the Atlantic.

You see what the Russians are doing. They're far-sighted.

They're not spiritual. They're at least far-sighted.

But why mobilize radical Arabs against Israel? Why Israel? Because wrapped up in extreme secrecy is a military factor, giving Israel an enormous potential.

You know what that is? The atomic bomb.

The Israelis have said they would never build the bombs.

What they've also said, they would never allow themselves to perish with their backs against the wall.

You know what that means politically? We will never build a bomb unless we have to.

And I think there's reason to believe that the implications were true, that the Israelis built up to 13 bombs within a matter of about 72 hours.

In the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

And if the tide had not turned, if the Arabs had not made some fatal mistakes in judgment, after they were winning, the Israelis would have unleashed the atomic bomb in every major Arab city where the countries were involved in war against Israel.

In other words, the world crisis was just that close to happening.

And it was only Arab foolishness, militarily speaking, that prevented such a struggle, developing into an atomic war which inevitably would have brought in the United States and the Soviet Union.

I don't think there was any way to stop it.

And that's why everyone is concerned.

Because look, if Israel uses it, the Russians wouldn't allow the Arabs to be smashed.

And if the Russians wouldn't, we wouldn't allow the Russians in.

And if we'd step in, the Russians wouldn't.

The die would be cast.

That's just the problem that political leaders see in the Middle East.

The reason the Arabs lost is very simple.

Their greatest success was their undoing.

Having believed that the Israelis were armed to the teeth and were ready to strike, they attacked on the day of atonement when the Jews were fasting and never thought anything would happen.

And so the Syrians poured down over the Golan Heights, came into the Galilee, and the Jews were so frightened, I may say so, that they decided that they only had about three days to build the bombs to turn the tide.

But within the three days, they'd gained sufficient victory to know they didn't have to use it.

However, why did the Arabs not gain the victory in those three days? The answer is, having come down into the Galilee, they didn't find any Jewish tanks and they didn't find anybody really there to fight them.

Now, logically, a good general would have perceived that he had caught the enemy off guard and would have marched straight through to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv.

But the Arabs have one secret enemy, and that's the Arab.

The Arab mind thought that when they didn't see any Jews, it must be a trap, and they were hiding.

And they were afraid to go any further, lest they'd be surrounded.

It's hard to believe, but this is in fact what happened in the northern quarter.

If they really looked at it militarily, instead of superstitiously, we might not be here today.

I mean, a new decision in the world seen or in heaven would have been made in a hurry.

But of course, God knows much more militarily.

Now, this extreme secrecy about a military factor giving Israel enormous potential means that if China, Western Europe and Germany and Southern Africa and South Africa, Israel in the Middle East and the United States and Japan linked with China, that if these nations hung together, that they would present a terrible threat to Soviet expansion.

That's all there is to it.

The Soviets couldn't do anything in the Middle East with an atomic power on the other side.

What can they do in Asia if Japan and China are supported by the U.S.? What can they do in Europe if the U.S. supports Europe? What can they do in Africa if the Germans have, shall we say, a sword in symbolic terms at the back of the very two areas where they thought they could use ports to strangle Western trade? Russia will not risk a combination of Israel, a German base in Zaire, South Africa and China, all working together in concert.

The military and political weakness of Western Europe, which now exists, would no longer be an advantage to the Soviet Union except for a brief period.

While the U.S. would be compelled into the Israel, South Africa, Zaire, Chinese combination, because we're not about to link up with the Soviet Union, that's for sure.

And Russia well knows what American technology and production can achieve, and if it were in conjunction with these countries, of course, they could risk such a new structure, not the old CETO and NATO alone, but a whole new restructuring of the world scene in which South Africa, and I can tell you that it is just like the Israelis.

The South Africans have said they would never make the bomb.

The South Africans said we have no place to go but into the sea if we were to be pushed out.

Therefore, if we have to perish, it is just what the Israelis said.

We will perish and bring the world down with us.

The Russians spotted, without a doubt, that they were preparing atomic tests somewhere in the Kalahari Desert, the greater Kalahari area.

And the South Africans denied it.

It's obvious that you couldn't prove anything, but I think what the Russians saw also convinced the United States that South Africa has the capacity, and anybody who knows them would know also that any country with their brains, where the first heart transplant was done, remember, that wasn't done in the United States, human heart transplant, that they don't have to build a bomb, you just assemble the parts.

Because, you know, right now it's possible for an able nation in three days to build enough bombs to destroy every neighboring country.

But you have to prepare.

And don't think South Africa hasn't been preparing.

All the old mines no longer in use.

Diamond, gold, you know, whatever.

From before the Second World War till now, and ever since the Second World War, South Africa has been selling gold and storing oil in these mines.

They've been pumping it into the ground.

So they will have no way where another nation can absolutely threaten them and cut off their oil supply.

They just had to think this way because they don't have oil as a resort.

Thus Russia has become deeply worried after a long spell of belief that she held all the cards in her hand and the U.S. was just getting weaker and weaker and the rest of the powers were crumbling.

It's not realized the potentiality of South Africa, Germany, Israel and China getting together to protect themselves as individuals.

Now even though China is not linked with South Africa, it doesn't matter.

China is linked with Western Europe.

And if Western Europe is linked with South Africa and South Africa is linked with Israel, it's the same thing.

It was the election of a Polish pope which quite suddenly aroused the Politburo in Moscow to add up all these separate factors because if there was nobody to disturb the situation in Eastern Europe and only another Italian pope, then the Russians at least had domination over Western Europe and the role of Germany just didn't click the role of China's concern in South Africa and Israel.

It didn't gel.

But when you added this extra factor, the Russians suddenly, as they are, very capable, long-range thinking, not hasty people, put it all together and realized that a new scene was about to emerge.

Of them all, perhaps the German activity in Zaire is the most astonishing because it was set up contrary to all present trends, almost without public knowledge.

It is just old-fashioned, full-blooded strategic calculation and German at that.

Yet the whole vast project slipped by without leftist sabotage until it was too late to stop.

How many of you have heard about the German project in Zaire? I was sure you had in some way or another.

How many had not really been conscious of it? Let me put it that way.

All right.

That's why I think when you see the big picture, now it's laid out here, it becomes important.

France is a country of conservative common sense.

New heading, France and Germany.

She knows that in both world wars, she, France, was beaten militarily and saved only by the Allies.

The French would dispute this for the first world war, but the fact remains if it hadn't been for the British there, it still would have been true.

She knows now that Germany has experienced a miraculous recovery and is economic mistress of Western Europe.

France is not very pleased about it, even though she has herself greatly revived as compared to pre-World War II, 1936, when she was in the shocking state.

However, France is a great deal more worried about Germany than her politicians let on.

She knows that if Russia makes a mistake or flips, makes a strategic mistake and is beaten by the West, if Russia goes too far somewhere and Russia is beaten by the West, and we don't anticipate this at all prophetically, that it will be in large measure due to Germany's extraordinary adventure in Central Africa, which would make such a Western victory possible, and which, if it comes off, will give Germany absolute technical, that is, electronic and nuclear control of all Africa and beyond.

This is a new and remarkable factor.

No one foresaw it.

Now, we foresaw the role of Germany, but we had no way of guessing, and undoubtedly the Germans for a long time didn't know.

You know, they were interested in Brazil, interested in Argentina.

It doesn't mean they're still not, but they found in the Congo something that they didn't expect it was available.

It occurred by stealth and alters everything for France and others.

If Germany can pull it off and develop her base, and if Russia makes a mistake, no one will be able to move hand or foot without Germany's permission, because she will have not only her role in Europe, but she will have a country in Zaire, let's call it a country, the size of East Germany with the potential in rocketry, electronics and nuclear power.

Backed by South Africa further south, that no nation, you see, would be able to make any move in Africa without the Germans permission.

And if you control that, you surely would be able to control the South Atlantic and the Western Indian Ocean.

Consequently, President Giscard played about, pardon me, plays about with the old idea of an understanding with Russia to outbalance Germany.

This presents great problems, because France cannot risk a Russian victory.

If the Russians were to lose, France would lose.

And now, of course, if the Russians...

Sorry, let me correct that.

If the Russians were to win, France would lose.

And if the Russians were to win, Germany would win, and France would also lose, for the simple reason that Germany would come out a far greater power and France would be secondary.

That's the situation.

France wants to balance the power, and no more.

Russia, being highly technical and very French, tends to work out a theory and convince himself that it is correct.

He does not like counter-arguments.

His present theory is that Russia can be persuaded to counterbalance Germany without becoming involved in war.

Giscard does not know the younger Russian generals.

He only knows an elderly sick Brezhnev.

It is somewhat like having known Hindenburg in Germany and thinking that he represented the future German policy.

In fact, it did not.

Giscard detests the idea of reliance on America.

He does not believe England can do much.

He relies on a theory which whatever its present force will collapse when Brezhnev leaves the scene.

This is not to say that Brezhnev is a man of peace.

It is to say rather that he is tired, sick, and a man who wants to avoid any great strain, and I believe that is a correct analysis.

I don't think Brezhnev is prepared to enter into the strains of leadership, such as you would have to undergo as Stalin did in the Second World War.

The issue for France is very severe.

If Russia makes a mistake and Germany pulls off her scheme in Central Africa, France will retain little independent force in Europe.

Whether this evolution of affairs could have been avoided, it is impossible to say.

Probably not.

Probably the events of the last 60 years were inevitable.

Certainly the way things are going at present is at variance with the plans of almost every influential group which has tried to devise a world system since 1918.

That's the League of Nations and the UN.

And you don't have the UN doing this.

It's separate nations doing their own thing, you see.

The whole trend is contrary to White House streams and Downing Street, that's London, cannot figure out what to do.

The British, if Callahan, who is the British leader, seriously believes the German Chancellor, who's a socialist, to be an authentic democratic socialist, he is in for a surprise.

He is German and nothing else.

It's formidably so.

That's Helmut Schmidt.

The West thinks you know that if you're on the right, like, let's say, Franz Josef Strauss, then you might be a dangerous person.

But if you're one of the social democrats like Helmut Schmidt, you must be nice, because that's what a social democrat is.

And I think the British has sized it up correctly.

He's a social democrat, but he's a German.

And when you're a German, that precedes being a social democrat.

In this kind of man who is a formidable personality.

Now onto the new Pope, back again.

Pope John Paul II believes that the church has a life of her own, which cannot be and is not part of any political system conservative or Marxist.

At first you might not agree.

I think that this man is correct.

The church has a life of her own, like a woman riding a political beast.

She's not a part of the beast.

She's honest, but has her own life.

The beast may be Marxist, the beast may be conservative.

Remember, Naziism is national socialism.

Socialism was Marx's idea.

It just happens to be one brand of Marxist philosophy.

The Pope is prepared to make a working agreement, listen carefully, with any secular power, provided that power leaves the church.

Sorry, it leaves the life of the church to the church.

The church must have the right to make its own decisions for its future and to direct the people in such a political country.

She is not to become an intricate part of a political structure to perish with it.

She is above and beyond and separate.

That's why the woman rides the beast.

It rose out in the book of Daniel, chapter 7.

It is pictured as coming politically out as it did in the centuries, let's say after 476 AD.

Now, however, we are clearly dealing with a situation in which the church is above this kind of relationship where it loses its identity.

It is a church which must have its right to be its independent self.

Included within that life are very important matters with which Marxist systems wish to interfere in Eastern Europe.

Against such interference, the new Pope will be active.

He is nevertheless perplexed at this time about what the church should do.

About military and class military occurrences, that is partial military occurrences, launched by secular powers in the name of sundry into ideologies, whether it be in Spain or in Italy, whether it be in Eastern Europe.

He is very perplexed.

This is an interesting writer, there is no doubt about it.

You see, what can the Pope do, what is it that he should do that would electrify all Eastern Europe or the whole world? We need some miracles that would astound the world.

The Pope very strongly supports Vatican II, but repeatedly adds that he still has deeply to think about present-day theology.

He goes only so far to say, he goes only so far as to say that he cannot and will not budge on the doctrine of papal authority.

That means the Protestants have to compromise or there will be no relationship.

It means that all the authority conferred upon St. Peter pass to all subsequent bishops of Rome and that other bishops possess no authority, save as delegated by the bishop at Rome by way, first of consecration and secondly, as may administratively be convenient.

That is, they are ordained and then they are allowed to administer, so that Rome has the absolute authority.

The bishop at Rome regard the Archbishop of Canterbury in England ahead of the Anglican church as a layman with state affairs, sorry, with state offices, but not authentic Catholic office.

Thus not only would recognition of the Anglican church involve a great change in the entire dogma of Rome, it would involve a degree of compromise with secular power undermining the pope's view of the church's separate life because the Anglican church is related to the state.

It's a state church and the head of that church is not the Archbishop, it is the Queen of England.

Now, I will skip some of this because of the time element.

It is not critical.

It is evaluating the relationship of the Church of England with the Anglican church, which is not our main concern at the moment.

His statement, however, is very clear that there is no way to link it up.

Now, there are fundamental differences in theology.

The most important is about Holy Communion, you know, the Mass.

It's not as many things because the Roman view about transubstantiation, that means the water, sorry, the blood, let me correct this, the wine becomes the blood of Christ, the bread becomes his body under the symbol of wine and bread.

That is, you're really eating the flesh and the blood of Christ, but it still tastes like wine and bread.

That's transubstantiation.

It's not because the Roman view about transubstantiation so much as because Protestants believe Holy Communion is a memorial.

I didn't read that correctly.

Not as many think because of the Roman view about transubstantiation so much as because Protestants view it as a memorial of the crucifixion.

The Roman difference is that they strongly object to it as a memorial of the crucifixion, which is really what the Passover is, you know.

The Roman Catholics believe that the Mass is not a memorial, see, but a reenactment, the sacrifice of the Mass.

Christ dies again on the altar.

Remember that.

And this is an event necessary to appease God, that Christ must die continually in the Mass to appease God, whose wrath is so great against the sins of humanity that one death alone was insufficient.

And that Christ voluntarily offers his life again and again when every Mass is set.

This is a broad statement.

Surely there must be some qualification for those rare, you know, in the Catholic world they would touch it up a bit, but that is the concept that is facing.

The entire structure of the Roman religion is based upon the belief and indeed the saying of Masses, both of the living and dead is a principal source of life in the Roman Catholic Church.

I wanted to read that paragraph just to give you a view as to why he feels that England can never be a part of this structure that is being formed in Europe where you would have a significant role played by the Bishop of Rome.

Now, more important, there are two further considerations of which to be mindful.

The Pope commands almost 90% of the entire people, the Poland, Hungary, excuse me, and Slovakia.

In certain circumstances that great Mass can wreck Russia with notwithstanding the Soviet Union's military resources.

This is under certain circumstances.

That is in a war between the two.

It's like having everybody on your side become your enemy.

That's in a war. That's the circumstance.

And the Soviet Union and the US want to avoid it, so the problem is how can the Pope use his authority to really influence this area and have these people gain a certain freedom without being stomped on in a time of peace should they revolt.

The world's secular governments persist in assessing Vatican policy on a materialistic basis.

This is wrong.

The Vatican essentially believes in the supernatural.

And even if there are worldly trends among some Vatican officials, the fundamental Catholic position is based on supernatural beliefs.

This man is absolutely right.

Not just craft materialism.

It is only occasionally whispered, but the truth is, that the Pope believes in a supernatural outcome of world affairs.

And he calculates accordingly.

Whether he is right or wrong is neither here nor there.

The relevant fact is what is believed and therefore what fashions Catholic policy.

The Vatican well understands that it could not survive as a social institution, doing good works, just only that.

It knows it must rely upon a claim to supernatural authority or pack up and get out.

In other words, the only reason people tolerate the church to put it another way is that it claims such supernatural authority that the people are afraid to go against it.

If it merely said that it was the social organization and had only a social purpose, it would long since have been replaced.

Quite clear.

So this is the best that I've ever read.

That's why I'm taking the time.

We're going to develop it in the magazine further because this man doesn't know the direction of things yet, but he's laid the foundation in perception because I would say this publication clearly has access to confidential secret information.

That's what these men are all about.

This is not a cynical calculation.

It is a real conviction.

The Vatican deeply believes in such occurrences as the visions at Fajima in Portugal.

You've all heard of that.

Anybody who hasn't? The visions of Fajima occurred, I believe, in 1917 in Portugal.

That's many years ago.

Two out of the three revelations have been made known, and the third is still a Vatican secret.

The primary one that was made known for general consumption was that the Catholic Church is promised that if they do their part, Russia will be converted.

They have never published the whole of what it is believed was their stated, but the Fajima visions deeply influence the inner councils of the Roman Catholic Church because at a certain time the third message was opened and at the time it was to be revealed, which was in the 1960s, the Church said the time had not come to do so, so they know the message.

That Church will certainly slow the weight of her enormous influence in Eastern Europe in accordance with her views of the prophecies of Fajima, for example.

This office, asked, that is the publishing house here, asked a Roman Catholic authority about a matter connected with this.

He replied that the Vatican has no plans or policy for any period beyond the date relevant to Fajima.

Thus, if secular governments want to know how Rome must cast her influence, she should investigate what Rome has hidden away about the Fajima vision.

That is now directing the whole thing.

It's as if it is a message to the Church by divinity as to the steps to be taken.

It is very strange that where the month ago the Vatican seemed irrelevant in great world affairs, it is now suddenly one of the most powerful of all factors because one single man can cause millions of people inside the Russian Empire to revolt.

An Italian pope could not have done so, nor could a pope of any nationality other than Polish and Hungarian or Czech would not have done.

A pope can do it if he so determines and Moscow knows it only too well.

Because of it an appalling responsibility rests upon that one man and indeed he is now the target of Russia's profound alarm.

That has to be kept in mind.

But even if he were struck down and the consequences of there having been a Polish pope, sorry, even if he were struck down, the consequences of there having been a Polish pope cannot be eradicated.

The idea, the sign that there was one is sufficient.

It has rid of fire all over Eastern Europe which will not easily be extinguished and most probably can never be in terms of this man's prophetic understanding.

It has been taken as a supernatural sign by millions whose loathing of Marxist Russia is fanatical.

Once great masses are convinced they have been given a sign and one which goes beyond this planet, not merely a chemical phenomenon, but something that is supernaturally signed.

In this case not some miracle yet except the miracle of even being elected.

You have a situation that not all the forces of the KGB, that's the Soviet secret police, could manage.

So now we have two powerful forces which rely upon and believe in the supernatural.

The Roman Catholics in Eastern Europe and the Zionists in Palestine.

And he points out that's why these two powers one a church and the other a state are so tenacious because they rely more than on ordinary convictions.

It is imperative to capture the central control of Russia intact.

This is what another section points up.

And so what Western Europe, what the Germans are interested in, what the church is interested in is if they could capture in some way internally the Soviet control of its atomic military power.

You know, like if we could capture by infiltration the United States, that is, if Western Europe could capture by infiltration the officers that determine who pushes what button in this country, we could prevent retaliation.

That's what they want to do.

It will never happen.

But that's part of the total planning.

This is what is going on.

This office thinks something enormously significant has happened which will be one of the factors determining the course of history even if Pope John Paul should himself be struck down.

Add to that Germany's surprise in Central Africa, China's evolution.

And you have one of the most dramatic pictures conceivable.

And so suddenly.

Of course, all three occurrences had been induced by the Russian military threat over a long period of time.

That is what sent the Germans into Africa, changed China and procured the election of a Polish pope.

Then he adds up the figures, so many million, Poles, Czechs, Hungarians, 70 million.

There's nothing that the KGB can do if 60 to 70 million people suddenly revolt.

There's just nothing you can do.

The only thing you can do is slaughter the whole mass.

And that's something that the rest of the world wouldn't stand for unless the rest of the world chooses to do nothing.

And therefore the church cannot take a chance on the rest of the world doing nothing.

It would have to be a collaboration.

Now, do not assume Russia hadn't thought of this.

Because if the West, that is Western Europe is, so are the Soviets.

Therefore, it is very possible that if the Soviets proceed the threat becomes too serious they're likely to do exactly what Zarnikolas did with respect to Napoleon, what Stalin did with respect to Hitler, that is to come to an agreement.

We've said this for years.

And now I would like to point out something.

We have not addressed it, and I do not know how it could be fulfilled yet.

We've never thought about it publicly, but we need to.

I know that Mr. Armstrong must have thought about it more than once, but he's not known what to think.

Nor have I, until at least this opens our minds.

You know, we've talked about the revival of the Roman Empire, haven't we? And we mentioned that it was revived in the days of the Rome-Berlin actions under Hitler and Mussolini.

What most people, what most of us have never thought about.

In the time of the 1930s through to 1943 to 45 there were two Roman Empires in Europe.

One was Hitler's Third Reich.

The other was Mussolini's, or Emperor Victor Emmanuel, his Roman Empire.

One was a Mediterranean Empire which included Libya, Somaliland and Eritrea and Ethiopia, and included Albania and the Balkan Sphere.

This was the Roman Empire that Mussolini established.

On the other side of the Alps was the Third Reich.

That's the Third Roman Empire of the German Nation.

We've never sat down to reflect on the fact that in Daniel chapter 2 the Roman world had a right leg and a left.

You remember the story, the Babylon, gold, Persia, silver, Greece, Brass and Rome, and there was an Eastern and a Western structure.

You may look in history and you will discover that the Biblical account of the beast and its horns and heads has to do with the West.

But at the same time the Bible was also pointing up that there was one in the East, the old Eastern Roman Empire.

And finally it centered all in the West with the Austro-Hungarian control, or the Austrian control of the German realm and then Napoleon.

I still have to investigate that to some extent to be sure how we should view it at that period, but all before there isn't any question.

Justinian had an Eastern and Western Roman Empire with a division down the middle.

Charlemagne was in the West, the Frankish, and the Byzantine Empire because the Xantium was the capital, it was the Eastern Roman Empire, there were two.

When the Ahos of the German Holy Roman Empire was established, the Xantium was in the East, 960 and on.

Then the Austrian continuity, the Xantium in the East.

The Xantium was overthrown and you had Austria and France.

You were French linked up with the German Rhineland states.

And then you had that as the Germans and the Italians in the last war.

Is it possible? I don't know.

I'm only imposing a question.

There has to be either Strauss' idea of a transatlantic alliance with North America, South America is an adjunct, that's all, with North America and Europe standing together against the Soviet Union.

And Strauss apparently has suggested this to Brezhnev because he walked and assured Brezhnev and has been quoted in the German papers that the whole thinking of Germany could be changed if the Soviet Union's view of Eastern Europe changed.

Western Europe is the common market.

Eastern Europe is the Comic Con.

What if you had the Russians give up direct control over Eastern Europe and return for which Western Europe separates from NATO? Or stays in NATO but secretly agrees to do something for the Soviet Union? That is, suppose Western Europe under German control, let us say, were to still have hands on our buttons.

And at the same time have created an alliance with Eastern Europe in the sense of the Catholic countries in Eastern Europe.

What if you had on the East, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, let us say, that's three, maybe Romania, maybe not, and you go to Slavia, and I don't know where Austria would fit in this, but probably in the West.

Suppose you had these countries, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Romania, Yugoslavia, or maybe Bulgaria, but I don't think so because that doesn't seem to be logical.

A non-Catholic country, it's Orthodox.

And you had five countries in the West, Italy and Germany and France and Spain and Portugal, or Italy, Germany, France, the Low Countries, linked up as a unit.

I don't know whether there are five toes on one side and five on the other, in the sense that they're going to be five and five.

But all I can say is, if any image has five toes on each foot, if it's normal.

That's just the stature of man. So that's to be expected.

I don't think it proves, but it is possible that we may have not a single ten-nation empire with only one head, but we may, I should say, with only one political structure.

But we'll ultimately have a beast who heads the whole thing.

That appears to be the case, but it may be subdivided into a Western economic union that is based on capitalism with socialism mixed.

And on the other hand, socialism and or a kind of communism, which is very limited.

You don't even have true communism in Russia, you only have socialism.

USSR means a Union of Soviet Socialist Republic, not a Union of Soviet Communist Republic.

Do you know why? Because communism is the ultimate.

It's already bad enough with socialism there.

Communism means that we share everything in common except toothbrushes and underwear.

That's reality. That's the ultimate thing.

That you will all live in common houses and you will hang your clothes on the rack, and you can pick what you want because they're all yours and mine.

And the only thing you'll be left with privately, that's true communism.

They don't have it yet.

I think it is very possible that we should examine whether the Russians will come to some terms.

I don't know if this Pope will ever perform any miracles.

Pope Paul the Sixth wanted to and wasn't allowed to.

He went to Jerusalem to test whether God would permit him, and God did.

But nothing happened.

They're just not yet being allowed.

And I don't think this man is that man.

But he's laying the foundation.

He's a sign in himself.

And it may mean that Europe will stay linked with the West for military reasons.

We'll link up with Eastern Europe, maybe a 5-5, I don't know.

The Protestant countries may have to leave if it's a Catholic Union.

And I would assume that some secret agreement could occur in which the power of the Soviet Union, working with Western Europe, would destroy the English-speaking world.

Linked together, you see.

And then you were left with only the two powers.

And this is Russia's way of safeguarding a critical crisis that could cause all of Western Europe to stick with the United States and China and South Africa and Israel.

And what the Soviet Union would want to do is to split Western Europe away, but yet in such a way that Western Europe still has control of the buttons, along with us.

And that would be critical.

That's why I've said, don't assume that this will be done without treachery.

The Bible speaks to that in the book of Isaiah.

Those who have been treacherous, they will discover others who will be treacherous to them, and in the end the Soviet Union will betray its role just like Stalin ultimately betrayed Hitler, and Hitler decided to invade the Soviet Union.

Now that's, in reality, what happened.

It wasn't that Stalin was naive.

He intended all along to take advantage of time.

He was just slow about it.

And Hitler was fast.

And so Daniel, chapter 11, last verses, show that tidings out of the east will trouble Western Europe.

And this beast will suddenly go to war.

He's prepared and probably could have won, except that God intervenes.

And when God intervenes, he's abandoned.

Nobody helps him.

Thank you for your attention.

I cannot leave this here. It's my only copy.

I do Xerox material.

And if any of you would like to, why, you know, we can do so.

Yes? How does it do least with the fire on the west? That's for another Bible study.

I'll have to leave it there.

I apologize.

What is the reference of the Greek word in the Bible? It's written in England, published in Ireland, a special office brief, an early warning intelligence system, which presumably is the reference either to...

I think it's in reference to the system.

That is, to the publishing house itself.

It's hard to know.

I have no other information than this.

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I would rather not do this for everybody.

I can make a copy available for the local church.

For... I could do that.

That's no problem.

But I should limit it to that, and then we'll try to develop it in the magazine.

And you will at least have a record.

It's on tape, hopefully.

Which has some additions that are not in the text, just a few here and there.

With that, I should thank you.

You're already a little over time, and I appreciate the invitation.