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Was Roosevelt's Fourth Term Necessary to Fulfil PROPHECY?

EVERAL years ago a student of biblical prophecy remarked, "Franklin D. Roosevelt will be the LAST PRESIDENT THE UNITED STATES WILL EVER HAVE." No one, of course, took the remark seriously, then.

Was This Our Last Election?

Another prophetic writer, four years ago, 1940, issued a pamphlet in which he wrote: "The prophetic indications are that President Roosevelt will be reelected in 1944, for the second world war will still be in progress and will be approaching its climax. The 1944 election may be the LAST ONE OUR NATION WILL HAVE UNDER OUR PRESENT POLITICAL SET-UP." And this writer went on to say that he believed prophecy indicated that by 1948 a Theocratic form of government will be established over America and Great Britain.

How many realize the tremendous SIGNIFICANCE of the presidental election—just WHY it had to go the way it did go, because there is a certain DESTINY to be fulfilled by this nation and the world? It simply HAD to go that way in the progress of the PLAN that is being worked out here below—a PLAN pre-ordained and worked out and even revealed thousands of years ago!

The writer quoted a moment ago, Frederick Haberman, made another very interesting statement in a book written in 1932, just before Mr. Roosevelt's election the FIRST time. He then pointed out that President Hoover was the 30th president of the United States, and thus completes a DEFINITE CYCLE in American history.

The number 30, he said, in Scriptural

ILL The New Deal, in its fourth term, bring world peace?

What is the fundamental DIFFERENCE between New Deal economic philosophy and that of the Republicans—do you know?

Was this our last election? Will Roosevelt become a Dictator—a world ruler? What does prophecy reveal?

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chronology is a complete unit—the "Golden cycle," or "cycle of Renewal," as he termed it. And, as 31 begins a NEW cycle, he concluded (before Mr. Roosevelt's FIRST election) that if he were elected he would, as the 31st president, start SOMETHING NEW in American history, and assume dictatorial powers.

In another book published in June, 1940—just BEFORE the third-term election four years ago—this same writer brought out THIS very interesting prophetic observation: "Therefore any political party that is aiming to BALANCE THE BUDGET and to curtail Federal help to the helpless; that is aiming to let private industry employ more men; that is aiming to return to private interests the development of the nation's water power and natural resources; that is aiming to return to the GOLD STANDARD—is DOOMED TO DEFEAT in the next election and forever after."

Roosevelt Man of Destiny?

Well, was it pre-ordained that Mr. Roosevelt was to break all precedent and go back to the White-House for a third, and now for a FOURTH term, because he has a definite MISSION TO FULFIL—a mission very few see, or understand, or even DREAM OF now—a mission connected with the prophecied DESTINY OF THIS NATION, and of the WHOLE WORLD?

NATION, and of the WHOLE WORLD?

Listen! Isn't it time we just STOP a moment in this mad, nervous, HURRY of everything today, and look down deep under the surface and TRY TO UNDERSTAND what is HAPPENING to this nation, and to this world in which we live?

Here is this world, now, engaged in TOTAL WAR! Every BIG power in the

world is at war, and most of the little ones.

Now the prophesied destiny of this world is that we shall swing from TOTAL WAR clear to the opposite extreme of TOTAL PEACE—yes, but HOW? Are Mr. Roosevelt's fourth-term efforts going to help set up a world ORGANIZATION that will bring, and maintain, permanent and TOTAL PEACE? No, prophecy indicates JUST THE OPPOSITE. All efforts of MEN and of world politicians will FAIL—fail UTTERLY.

Listen to PROPHECY:

"ASSOCIATE YOURSELVES, O ye people, and ye shall be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and ye shall be broken in pieces . . . Take counsel together, and it shall come to naught. . . . Say ye not 'A Confederacy,' to all them to whom this people shall say 'A Confederacy!' " (Isa. 8:9-12).

Well, the nations plan now to ASSOCI-ATE THEMSELVES into a United Nations organization—to take counsel, lay plans, formulate a confederacy. Prophecy says it

will come to naught.

Now THAT doesn't need to discourage the thousands who naturally HOPE for world peace. We shall HAVE world peace—TOTAL peace—but not THAT WAY! We shall have it GOD'S way, and in GOD'S TIME, according to the PLAN BEING WORKED OUT HERE BELOW—and not in any other way. And the quicker we come to REALIZE that sober and certain truth, and quit placing our trust in FALSE HOPES foredoomed to failure, the better.

Just what then, does all this MEAN? If Mr. Roosevelt is a man of DESTINY—if it is TRUE he started a NEW CYCLE in the history of the United States, according to the divine PLAN being worked out here below—if he is merely fulfilling the mission of directing this nation in the way it HAS to go to fulfill biblical PROPHECY, even tho that is not the way a lot of good Americans have WANTED to see it go—just what is the ANSWER—the TRUE EXPLANATION of this mysterious riddle?

The Real Significance

When Jesus Christ came to earth 1900 years ago, He came as a Messenger, bearing a MESSAGE from Almighty God—a Message this world will do well to heed!

He came proclaiming a NEW ORDER—a new kind of GOVERNMENT—a WORLD government—the THEOCRATIC form of government. Now the OLD Testament teaching, recorded in the "Law and the Prophets," was UNTIL JOHN, but, as we read in Luke 16:16, "SINCE THAT TIME—since John—the KINGDOM OF GOD is preached." And so, as we read in Mark 1:14-15:

"Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gopel of the KINGDOM OF GOD, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the Gospel.'"

And the thing that the great mass of people, our people who voted in this election do not realize at all, is that this KINGDOM OF GOD is now—now, in OUR time—in THIS generation—in THIS year of 1945—VERY CLOSE AT HAND!

The millions of people in this nation do not realize that the *end of the age is here!* And that means the END of this entire old order we have been living under all these wears!

The NEW order—the world-ruling KINGDOM OF GOD, which is soon to rule over Germany—over Japan—over Russia, and over the BRITISH and the AMERICAN people as well—over ALL nations—cunnot be ushered in until the OLD order is DESTROYED!

And so WHAT ARE WE SEEING TODAY, before our very eyes? WHAT DOES ALL THIS MEAN?

The masses of the people just DON'T SEE it— they fail utterly to GRASP the real SIGNIFICANCE of what is taking place. NEVER before has the WHOLE WORLD been going up in flames as it is now! NEVER before has there been total WORLD WAR—with EVERY major power in the world engaged in war TO THE DEATH—war being fought on far-flung battle-fronts CLEAR AROUND THE WHOLE WORLD!

And what is taking place today is WORLD REVOLUTION! The old order—the *civilization*, as we have known it, of this world, is now BEING DESTROYED!

What the Candidates Didn't Tell You!

Let's take a clearer LOOK at just what is taking place. You didn't hear it in any of the POLITICAL speeches appealing for your VOTES! But if you're not afraid of the PLAIN TRUTH, then LISTEN!

This world is ORGANIZED on the selfish, getting, COMPETITIVE principle. This organization was started thousands of years ago by a man named Nimrod. He originated the principle of human ORGAN-IZATION, of REGIMENTATION. He originated this present principle of human GOVERNMENT, the MONEY or PROF-IT-SYSTEM of ECONOMICS; the social and even the religious system in effect to this day. This system is APPLIED, and CARRIED OUT in different adaptions in different nations and forms of GOVERN-MENT—but the system is always the same in its basic principles as a way of liferightly named after the city where it all STARTED,—BABYLON—the babylonish SYSTEM.

This system is a way of organized life and society diametrically CONTRARY to the revealed laws of GOD—contrary to God's SPIRITUAL law—His civil laws, His economic laws, His social laws.

600 years before Christ, this whole SYSTEM became CENTRALIZED in a world-ruling power—the old Chaldean Empire of King Nebuchadnezzar. It was called

"BABYLON," after the name of it's capital city. And at that time the Eternal God TOOK AWAY from His people Israel and Judah the divine right to world dominion, and turned over to this Nebuchadnezzar and his successors a period of 2520 years—known prophetically as the TIMES OF THE GENTILES—in which it should be DEMONSTRATED, once for all, that this Babylonish SYSTEM could NOT bring universal prosperity to the people—could NOT bring PEACE to the nations—could NOT estblish SOCIAL JUSTICE upon earth—could NOT bring spiritual salvation to the people!

It was this same King Nebuchadnezzar, at the very start of this 2520-year period of the prophetic TIMES OF THE GENTILES, who started the monetary system that has prevailed in the world ever since—the GOLD STANDARD. You read of the GOLDEN IMAGE Nebuchadnezzar set up in the 3rd chapter of DANIEL'S prophecy.

The Machine Age

And so it has developed, on down to OUR time and generation, finally developing logically into the very complex modern machine age of OUR time.

The use of MACHINES enables mankind to produce very much more than ever before — far MORE than a luxurious PLENTY for every man, woman and child in the world. And yet machine-age production has not proved a blessing, as it ought, but a CURSE—a TWO-fold curse.

First, because this money or PROFITsystem, based as it has been, on the gold standard up until our generation, makes it IMPOSSIBLE for the great MASSES of the people to obtain, possess, or enjoy the fruits of all this machine production.

Secondly, because inventive genius and and machine-age production has been turned into constantly more and more DEADLY WEAPONS OF WAR-FARE AND DESTRUCTION, instead of instruments of PEACE and of PRODUCTION, that the people might have material prosperity.

Can't you SEE, that something is WRONG, somewhere? Yet millions go to the polls and vote, and other millions go to the far-flung BATTLEFIELDS and risk their LIVES, in an effort to SAVE, and to PRESERVE this very SYSTEM that has brought upon the world nothing but a CURSE!

Well, the GOLD STANDARD set up by old King Nebuchadnezzar, has RUN ITS COURSE, and so now THAT'S GONE—never to return! That's part of the divine PLAN being worked out here below, and men, and politicians CAN'T CHANGE IT!

Now for a brief moment, let's UNDER-STAND Mr. Roosevelt's so-called NEW DEAL,—and why Mr. Dewey and the Republicans were simply going against

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Why YOU Are Alive

A Heart to Heart Talk with the Editor.

WHY are you alive? For what purpose did God put you here on this earth? Do you know?

This is the greatest, most important question your mind can contemplate just now—the most vital question of life, yet the one most people think about the least.

If, as some believe, God's purpose in our being alive is to get us "saved"—and if, as so many believe, all there is to getting "saved" is accepting Christ as Saviour, then WHY is it that God does not instantly take each one to his reward as soon as he accepts Christ—away from all the continuous trials, heart-aches, and sufferings of this life?

The answer, briefly stated, is that God created the human family for a very great PURPOSE—a purpose I'm afraid most professing Christians, and even most ministers, have missed entirely.

Almighty God is the Supreme Artist you see His artistry in magnificent sunsets, beautiful landscapes, awe-inspiring mountains, in the star-studded sky. God's work of artistry is CREATION. He is the supreme, Almighty, Creator of all.

But now in MAN, God has set His hand to produce the crowning pinnacle of His own works of creation, yes, even higher than the angels. In man He is creating perfect, righteous, holy CHARACTER! And that is the highest, most lofty achievement that even the Supreme Almighty Creator can accomplish!

God's PURPOSE in having brought you into this world—in permitting you to live and breathe—is to create in and thru you His own supreme MASTERPIECE of creation!

Is that important?

Oh, but you say—"Why, I'm not important—I'm not of much consequence—how could the Great Omnipotent God be specially concerned about me?"

It's true, you, as you are now, certainly are not very important—certainly of very little consequence—so far as your own inherent ability and capacity is concerned. God made you a little lower than the angels. He made man a little higher than dumb animals, but on his own power and initiative, man has sunken down to depths lower than any animal would be capable of reaching.

Man has sinned—yes, YOU have sinned! You are full of faults, weaknesses, short-comings. You have bad habits. You probably have some "secret sin" you have not yet mastered and overcome, which no one knows anything about except just you—and GOD!

Then can you realize the sobering TRUTH that it is the purpose of the Everliving God to make out of you—sinful and anworthy and incapable tho you have been

—an immortal, spiritual and holy CHARAC-TER so pure, and noble, and righteous that ultimately the Eternal God Himself can look upon you with loving pride as the SUPREME product of all His creative power thruout eternity?

Can your mind grasp the awful greatness—the solemn IMMENSITY of that truth? And it is a truth. Of course, there will be many others on the same lofty high plane—just as holy and righteous characters as you. But you are a human being, and that is God's PURPOSE in human existence!

It ought to fill you with awe—with WONDER! Impossible? Not at all! It would, of course, be ridiculously, utterly impossible for you, of yourself, to transform yourself into such a creation. But with God ALL THINGS are possible, and this is the zenith of all things. Remember God is ALL-powerful—He is the ALL-mighty. His power is not limited.

And that's exactly why you were born—why you are alive, and reading these very lines this minute! GOD HAS A PURPOSE FOR YOU! A great, mighty, SUPREME purpose! Does it make you feel rather humble—lowly, insignificant, unworthy? It should!

But you see, you, yourself, do not have to do this. It is GOD who is the Creator. And His purpose—His supreme purpose of all eternity—is to create in YOU, as one precious member of the human family, this very pinnacle of CHARACTER. God Himself will do this creating. HE will do the work. HE is the Divine Sculptor. You are only a piece of human clay in His Hands.

But this character will not be created in you unless and until you, yourself, make the DECISION—unless and until you simply hunger and thirst for the pure, holy character of God to be built within you-unless and until you crucify this mortal flesh and its cravings and desires and tempersunless you REPENT bitterly and deeply of SIN, and will exert your utmost effort to put it down and hold it under, crying out earnestly to God with broken, contrite heart conttinuously, believingly, TRUSTING Him to forgive you and to fill you with His LOVE, His understanding and wisdom, His faith, His power, to simply take you into HIS capable Hands and to make of you what He purposes, and what you are utterly unable to make of yourself. Yes, you have your part in it-but it is GOD who will impart to you HIS righteousness-His very own Holy and righteous CHARACTER!

If you'll REPENT, and come to God thru Jesus Christ as Saviour, trusting in His precious shed blood for the remission of every sin you ever committed, trusting the risen, Ever-Living Christ as High Priest to come literally inside you, thru His Holy Spirit, and to mould, fashion, shape your character—then you'll see that the Creator is STILL CREATING, in you, the very highest work of all His entire works of creation!

Yes, Christians are being "CREATED in Christ Jesus unto good works" (Eph. 2:10),—"CREATED in righteousness and

true holiness" (Eph. 4:24).

For this tremendous purpose, you were made of mortal clay—made a little lower than the angels. Yes, made subject to pride, vanity, passions and tempers, the lusts and desires of the flesh. Character is something which cannot be instantaneously created. It grows, and is developed thru EXPERIENCES—and experiences require TIME.

It requires the human life-time, during which one must suffer temptations, encounter obstacles, endure tribulations, overcome self. But you have GOD'S POWER to draw on. It isn't really you doing it—it's God. Your part is to repent, surrender fully, wholly, unreservedly into His Hands—seek Him, cry out to Him, TRUST Him. You have your part in it, of course—else there would be no character!

And all this is WHY "it is thru much TRIBULATION we must enter the Kingdom of God,"—and "MANY are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Eternal delivers him out of them all,"—and "all who will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."

Are you persecuted, opposed, for your belief and Christian life? If not, you'd better fall to your knees quickly, and RE-PENT, and ask God to show you WHY you ar not living godly in Christ Jesus! If you are, REJOICE!—and read Matthew 5:10. But don't deliberately bring on persecution thru lack of wisdom or misdirected zeal!

Jesus Himself is our example. If they persecuted Him, so shall we be persecuted if we truly are His followers! Jesus SUF-PERED! But it is recorded, "Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered; and being MADE perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him." (Heb. 5:8-9).

Again, "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; . . . for it became Him . . . to make the captain of their salvation PERFECT thru sufferings." (Heb. 2:9-10).

Jesus became perfect! He was born human, and He was not born perfect. He

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was made perfect, THRU SUFFERING— He learned by the things which He suffered! And so we suffer. We LEARN thru

suffering. It develops character. If we suffer with Him, we shall reign with Him!

Do circumstances come up in your life adverse circumstances which may first bring fright, consternation, worry, but which drive you to your knees seeking deliverance from God—circumstances which you later see were actually sent from God to punish youto teach you a lesson—to bring you closer to Him? God says He chastens every son whom He loves! So don't grumble, gripe and growl, REJOICE!

Do you have enemies? Can you see that the Devil is literally after you, perhaps using deceived people under his sway, even tho they pose as Christians? Well, RE-JOICE! If Satan is angry with you, then you must be one of God's elect! Read Revelation 12:12-17. But you don't need to fight back against your enemies. God will fight your battles for you, if you'll just TRUST Him! Pray for your enemies and be sure it's not a prayer against them. If their works are evil, do not fellowship them-avoid them, but never be unkind to them. Everyone whom God is using, and who is accomplishing anything for Christ will have enemies. But keep sweet, keep your heart filled with the LOVE of God, your mind filled with His FAITH, and TRUST HIM!

Of course, you do have one enemy whom you, yourself must fight-continuously, relentlessly. That enemy is your own SELF! You are your own worst enemy. If you, with God's help, overcome him, you shall sit with Christ on His throne, ruling over the nations!

God is the great Master Sculptor. We are His clay. If we submit into His hands, He will shape, fashion, and mould out of our lives a beautiful, holy, and perfect character that shall one day, when finished, become His crowning MASTERPIECE!

It is for that purpose that you were born, and are alive. Don't let another day-not another hour, or minute, pass by while you neglect or overlook that great PURPOSE! Yield yourself fully to God—rededicate your life—re-consecrate your-self. utterly and wholly, and do it NOW!

Fourth Term in Prophecy

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WHY THE NEW DEAL?

DESTINY when they tried to RESTORE a system or regime which would attempt to balance the budget, restore the rule of money, and restore employment thru the profit-system of private industry.

WHAT HAD HAPPENED, by the time of Roosevelt's FIRST campaign, in 1932? As an aftermath of the first world war, 40 other nations took a tail-spin into economic bankruptcy and chaos, before this world-sweeping economic tornado struck US. So, partly, it was a WORLD-condition. Political revolution had started in Europe. Communism had started in Russia, Fascism in Italy, and Nazism was ready to take over in Germany.

Now, meantime, the MACHINE-age had developed. Machine-production meant a great deal MORE was being PRO-DUCED.

But something was WRONG-and it was the manipulation of the money, or the PROFIT-system. Mass production has to be production FOR the masses, because bigbusiness can't go on PRODUCING in mass quantities without a mass-MARKET.

But, in their greed to pile up BIGGER PROFITS, capital and management overlooked that little fact, and the fact that their OWN EMPLOYEES had to provide the BULK of that market. There was, due to machine production, a great deal MORE of everything for EVERYBODY—only EVERYBODY was unable to BUY it, because of UNJUST and UNEQUAL distribution of the vastly-increased PROCEEDS that accrued from mass machine production.

Where did the rapidly-increasing PRO-CEEDS of this increasing production GO? Not in higher WAGES—that is, not in REAL wages. A week's wages STILL bought but little more than it had before! No, those at the TOP of this profit-system,

skimmed off all the cream.

The increasing PROCEEDS of machineage production went out in VASTLY-IN-CREASED CORPORATION DIVIDENDS, to the STOCKHOLDERS! Rich men became RICHER, Soon we had many times MORE MILLIONAIRES than the world had ever known. Collosal fortunes were piled up. Now WHO was to BUY all this increased production? No one, except the rich men at the top, had enough MONEY to buy any more than before.

And so by 1932 we had OVERPRO-DUCTION! Then, when the world eco-nomic collapse that had wrecked 40 other nations hit us, with the Stock-market crash in 1929, industry SLOWED DOWN, capitalists withdrew their capital, millions were

thrown out of work!

Difference Between Philosophies

THAT was the general picture when Roosevelt came to power in 1933. Mr. Roosevelt probably SAW a great deal of the REAL CAUSE of the trouble, but he only had a PARTIAL cure.

Now, just in a brief nut-shell, let's try impartially to make CLEAR the real DIF-FERENCE between Roosevelt's so-called NEW DEAL philosophy, and that of the

Republican party.

Always up until 1933, the method used to provide JOBS, and produce prosperity, was for private CAPITALISTS to pour money in AT THE TOP. That is, invest capital in NEW ENTERPRISES which would then EMPLOY MORE MEN, and thus put money into circulation, and keep

the wheels of industry turning.

Mr. Roosevelt wanted to try the OPPOSITE system—pouring GOVERNmoney-yes, even government-BORROWED money—in at the BOTTOM. Instead of starting new industries with this money-industries which would employ more men, the New Deal philosophy was just the opposite—GIVE this money to those at the economic bottom-TO THE UNEM-PLOYED! Just turn it over to those who HAVE NOTHING, and when they begin to SPEND IT, they automatically create a MARKET, and this newly-created MAR-KET, Mr. Roosevelt reasoned, would just as automatically coax CAPITAL out of hid-

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RUSSIA Moves Toward GOAL

Here's the Plain Truth About the Uprising in Greece.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

ONSIDER Three strange episodes on the world scene—separate, yet ominously connected.

Episode I d the Reds Halt at

Why Did the Reds Halt at German Frontier?

Months ago the Red Army had rolled along, one Saturday night, within four to six hours of invading actual German soil in East Prussia. This was weeks before the allied channel-crossing on "D"-Day.

Next morning, up until broadcast time, I was anxiously scanning teletype bulletins hoping to "break" the news of Russian invasion of actual German soil. Already it was late afternoon over on the Eastern front.

But the news didn't break. For months thereafter I continued to raise the question in the broadcasts: Would the Russians actually invade German soil at all—or would they wait for Britain and America to do the invading while they established themselves securely before German defeat in that territory they wish to control after that defeat—the Balkans to the south, and the Baltic to the north?

You know, of course, what actually did happen. The massive Red Armies, which undoubtedly could have crashed on into Germany many months ago and conceivably could have ended the war before winter, halted dead at the German frontier, while they proceeded to occupy those countries where they wish to be in control when Hitler is defeated. And it was troops of General Patton's Third American Army which first set foot on German soil—on the Western front.

Episode II While "Big Three" Meeting II is Delayed

By early November considerable mystery was surrounding the cause for continued delay in the urgently-necessary second meeting of the "Big Three"—Roosevelt-Churchill-Stalin. London was growing especially

Meanwhile the Russians had occupied and taken over, permanently, Latvia, Esthonia and Lithuania on the Baltic. They had announced they would take over Eastern Poland. They were gradually taking over the Balkans.

No plebiscite was held. There was no self-determination. The people in these countries were not asked nor permitted to

ERE, without mincing words, is the PLAIN TRUTH about why the Russians halted when they reached German soil—the startling facts of the new Stalin-created Balkan State—and the cause of the strife in Greece.

Here is a sobering article. The handwriting is on the wall. Will we heed it, and learn the way to PEACE, or must the world be plunged still deeper into chaos?

make this decision at the polls. The decision was made for them, and announced in Moscow. The Red armies were in possession. No one questioned these Russian decisions. There were no loud State Department protests emanating from Washington about Russia interfering in the internal affairs of liberated nations.

But when the Russians, plowing steadily thru the Balkans, threatened to drive clear south into Greece, Britain's very life-line and special sphere of influence was threatened. The British sprang to action and occupied Greece before the Russians arrived.

The New Balkan State Is Announced

Meanwhile, Tito twice had flown to Moscow and conferred with Stalin. Finally a plan was completed for the formation of a NEW BALKAN STATE—federated Yugoslavia! There was no "Big Three" meeting to discuss and decide this issue. That was still being mysteriously postponed. When the plan for the new Balkan state was perfected, the Yugoslav prime Minister, British-supported Dr. Subasich, with the plan in his pocket, flew for an OK, not to London, but to Moscow. Stalin approved. It was officially announced the last week in November, from Moscow.

This is called a DEMOCRATIC, federated Yugoslavia. You'll read of it in the newspapers as a "democratic" state. But is it? Promptly, Marshall Tito ordered 2,000 industrial and commercial enterprises, several banks, 30,000 farms, NATIONALIZED! That is, gobled up by the new Communist state, thus dispensing with pri-

vate industry and free enterprise!

Scarcely a month had passed since the Red Army had entered Belgrade. Now huge pictures of Stalin and Tito, side by side, were hung in every shop window. Banners emblazoned forth with the new Yugoslavia's Red Star, and Russia's hammer and sickle. Red Army troops rolled on thru the streets toward the Hungarian front in U. S. Lend-Lease trucks.

You probably didn't read much about this new Moscow-controlled Balkan state in the newspapers. And you didn't read much, either, about any administration or State Department protests against Stalin interfering in Yugoslav domestic affairs or violating the Atlantic Charter. WHY?

Suppose Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill do not approve of this new federated Yugoslavia? Is there anything they can do about it?

Episode III

What Really Happened in Greece

Then the world began to hear of fighting in Athens, between British soldiers and GREEKS whom the allies had liberated from the Germans!

The important fact most people seem to have overlooked is that this trouble—and also that in Belgium and in Italy—occured in territory where the Germans stand defeated—where the United Nations are having their first test in establishing and maintaining post-war PEACE!

Americans were fed conflicting and confusing news.

On the one hand, the first act of the Secretary of State, Mr. Stettinius, was interpreted as a rebuke to the British for their intervention in the domestic affairs of Greece. Writers in Washington said the British had killed the Atlantic Charter. The State Department, speaking out against the British action in Greece, said a lot about standing firmly for SELF DETERMINATION within liberated European countries. A wave of popular indignation against Britain swept America.

On the other hand, Mr. Churchill charged, in a fighting speech on the floor of Commons, that left-wing (Communist) elements were plotting the overthrow of the constituted governments in Greece and Belgium. He denounced these attempts as lawless uprisings to seize power and establish a Communist reign of terror. And Britain, he said emphatically, was standing squarely on the principle of self-determination.

What's the PLAIN TRUTH about this

unfortunate situation? Were the British interfering in local domestic affairs in Greece? Were they violating the principles of self-determination, nullifying the Atlantic Charter?

The simple facts are these: When the Russians were driving southward thru the Balkans, while they marked time at the German East-Prussian frontier, and Britain's life-line thru the Mediterranean was threatened in Greece, the British rushed troops into Greece, before the Russians could reach it. There was a constituted government, British-approved and backed, of course, just as there is in Southern Italy and territory occupied by American soldiers.

Meanwhile COMMUNISM was stalking all Europe, in the wake of war, famine and pestilence. Liberated Europe—those portions where the Nazis actually have been defeated and driven out—suddenly had become a babylon of unrest and internal dissention. Spentaneously in Belgium, in France, Italy, Greece—even in Spain—Communist uprisings flared forth. One might question whether all these conflicts would have started in so many countries so spontaneously unless they were all systematically timed and directed from one central Communist headquarters?

In Greece, Communists took up arms and by physical violence attempted to overthrow the government. The British resisted, defending with the few soldiers stationed there the established, constituted government.

As to self-determination, no one knew the popular will in Greece—or, for that matter, in Belgium or Italy where there is also trouble. But best information is that the Communistst, attempting to overthrow the government in Greece by armed violence, represented less than 10% of the population. Greece is one nation which is not communistically inclined.

But, Communist sympathizers ask, if no vote had been taken in Greece, WHY NOT? The British reply that no just and satisfactory plebiscite could be held until order is restored—and they give assurances the government will be determined by the people when that is accomplished. We might do well to remember no such plebiscites had been held in any of the liberated nations occupied by the United States, nor in any of those occupied or literally taken over by Russia.

But the crux of the matter is the fact that the very LIFE-LINE of the British Empire was threatened. If the Communists had taken over the government in Greece, adding it to the other Balkan states recently taken over by Russia, the British Empire might be cut in two in a mortal blow that would end that Empire!

What This All Means

In part of Europe—these liberated countries—Germany stands already defeated. In that territory the war is over. There the

United Nations are facing the test of their ability to establish and maintain post-war PEACE! Yet in these countries there is anything BUT peace!

Why?

It seems difficult for Americans to understand. That is because we do not look upon this war as the British and Russians do. For us, our one major objective is to win this military war. Beyond that, we look only to an altruistic and rather vague peace which we trustingly believe will be achieved by some international ORGANIZATION composed of what we like to term the "peace-loving" United Nations. We believe this will bring the blessings of DEMOCRACY and PEACE to Europe and the world. And then we expect to live happily ever after.

But winning the war is not necessarily the major objective with the Russians or the British. They both have long-range PRO-GRAMS which carry far beyond this present war. It is merely the preliminary and immediate incidental, playing its part in the over-all ultimate program. The British have a world Empire to protect. They intend to see it still intact when the war ends. The Russians have a program—the communization of the world—tho many trusting Americans serenely believe they have given up this goal. But then, not many of us understand Communism, or its methods.

We understand only one kind of warmilitary, or physical warfare. But the Communist's principal method of warfare is not physical. It is mind propaganda first, working internally in various countries, organizing labor unions and numerous other ostensibly patriotic organizations often headed by men of high standing who are known non-Communists, yet so adroitly maneuvered by the Communist planners that they can manipulate its activities to accomplish their purposes. Their plan is to take time to gain enough popular support—even from an active minority-and enough organizational strength to attempt a REVOLUTION from within, instead of armed invasion from without. It's just a different kind of aggression. And with this kind of warfare Communists have been at war against the government of the United States for years—yet we seem to know it not!

Can United Nations Bring PEACE?

The delegates at the Dumbarton Oaks conference admitted frankly that all efforts toward world peace by a world organization of United Nations will stand or fall solely upon ability of the "Big Three"—the United States, Britain, Russia— to remain united and in perfect harmony.

But with Russia moving into the territory she considers her "sphere of influence," and Britain defending her "sphere of influence" in armed conflict against Communists in Greece — with competitive "spheres of influence,"—with competitive plans for world dominance—with the Russians halting and marking time at the German frontier in order to get their troops

and their government established in countries they wish to control before the war ends—with the spectacle of armed uprisings, chaos, fighting between members of the United Nations in liberated territory where the Germans are defeated and driven off—CAN WE HOPE FOR A REACE produced by the United Nations?

Perhaps it is better that we become dis-

illusioned here and now!

This all raises the question as to whether Russia and Great Britain are to proceed independently and competitively in the old pattern of POWER POLITICS—Russia with the Communist objective of conquering the world thru propaganda, internal class-distinction organizations, and ultimate internal revolutions—Britain with a world-spanning Empire to protect, or whether they can bring themselves into a peace-loving CO-OPERATION so trustingly envisioned by so many wishful thinkers in America.

The PLAIN TRUTH is that the United Nations never will be able to give the world any permanent world peace! Of course we want peace. But we want it our way—and our way simply isn't the WAY to peace!

What is prophesied? Does prophecy indicate the nations will get together and bring about PEACE? Most certainly not—just the contrary!

What is Prophecied

Listen to the voice of PROPHECY! "Thus saith the Lord of hosts, . . . To whom shall I speak, and give WARNING, that they may hear? behold their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of the Eternal is unto them a reproach, they have no delight in it. . . . for from the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. They have healed also the hurt of my people slightly, sayings, PEACE, PEACE; when there is no peace! . . . Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the GOOD WAY, and walk therein. . . Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet. But they said, we will not hearken, Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them. Hear, O Earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it." (Jer. 6:10-19).

Yes, the people will not heed God's WARNING! His warning of WORLD WAR, and not of peace! His warning of a coming, and imminent invasion and captivity and DEFEAT of Britain and America, not of dominance in a world of peace! But whether people wish to listen or not, THAT IS GOD'S WARNING—that is the SURE word of PROPHECY! God says we can't have peace because we have not listened to His words, NOR TO HIS LAW, but re-

jected it! Mark that well!

Is it, then, because we altogether ignore God, and never pray to Him, that we are not having peace? No, because we are not altogether ignoring God, and our people—even up to our President—do pray.

But, as God says of our British-American people of this present remnant generation (Hosea 7:14, Moffatt translation,) "THEY NEVER PUT THEIR HEART INTO THEIR PRAYERS!"

Why United Nations Will Fail

As God says thru Isaiah: "Hear ye this, O House of Jacob (British-America), . . . which swear by the name of the Eternal, and make mention of the God of Israel, BUT NOT IN TRUTH, NOR IN UPRIGHTNESS. . . . Thus saith the Eternal, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the Eeternal thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. O THAT THOU HADST HEARKENED TO MY COMMANDMENTS! THEN HAD THY PEACE BEEN AS THE RIVER." (Isaiah 48:1. 17-18).

Had we listened to Almighty God—had we kept His Commandments, lived by His laws, followed His paths, put our hearts into our prayers, then we should have had PEACE. We think it is ARMIES who bring peace. But armies merely wage war! It is GOD who brings peace—and only to those who surrender to Him, keep His commandments, put their faith and trust wholly in HIM! It isn't that God is deaf and can't hear, when we pray! But there's a REASON why our prayers are DOING NO GOOD—rising no higher than the ceiling of the room! Here it is:

"Behold, the Eternal's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither His ear heavy that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that HE WILL NOT HEAR!
... None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. . . . Their feet run to do evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths. THE WAY OF PEACE THEY KNOW NOT." (Isa. 59:1, 4, 7-8).

The Way to Peace

We do not have peace now, and we shall never bring about permanent peace with and thru Gentile allies, because the WAY of peace WE KNOW NOT!

What, then, is the way of Peace? God says if we had kept His commandments, we should have had peace. Sin is the transgression of God's LAW (I John 3:4). Our sins have separated between us and God, so He will NOT HEAR. Our prayers are often stiff, formal, yet beautifully-couched phrases, which God does not hear or answer—because our sins stand between us—because we are not sincere—because we do not put

our HEARTS into our prayers—because we are not in earnest, nor honest with God!

What is the WAY of Peace? God Almighty, not armies, or alliances with Stalin, or world organizations, is the AUTHOR of Peace (I Cor. 14:33). Christ is the PRINCE of Peace. His Gospel is the GOSPEL of Peace (Eph. 6:15).

Jesus CHRIST is the WAY of Peace! And in His Gospel, He preached: "If thou wilt enter into life, KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS." (Matt. 19:17). He preached, "LOVE YOUR ENEMIES," (Matt. 5:44), and "I say unto you, That ye resist not him that is evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." (Matt. 5:39). Oh, but, —we say,—that wouldn't be practical! We'd never have peace THAT way!

Well, we do seem to think Jesus was a sort of impractical idealist who didn't know what He was talking about, and we think we know a better way. And we cortainly do not follow His way. BUT IF THE PROOF OF THE PUDDING IS IN THE EATING, THEN WHY CAN'T WE SEE THAT OUR COURSE HAS NOT BROUGHT PEACE, AND HOLDS NO PROMISE OF IT?

Jesus taught "It is more blessed to GIVE than to receive." If that is the way to peace, then the United Nations will never produce peace. Deliberately halting at the German frontier while they get set in the territory they wish to be in possession of when the war ends—making shrewd behind-the-scenes chessboard moves DURING the war to be set in competitive spheres of influence after the war—strife, and choas and bloodshed in territory where Germany already is conquered, where United Nations are fighting, not Germans, but against themselves,—all this is not the way to peace, and instead of promising peace, it ought to make it CERTAIN in any thinking and OPEN mind that mankind of itself CANNOT BRING ANY REAL OR LASTING PEACE!

By the very nature of things, there are forces in action in this world which the politicians and statesmen of the world can't and WON'T stop—forces which, by their very nature, make the utopian peace of our dreams an utter impossibility!

The World Tomorrow!

No, we shall not have world peace until the Almighty steps in and intervenes—until He sends Jesus Christ once again to earth in supernatural power as the KING of kings, to rule all nations forcibly by GOD'S LAWS—until He straightens out this sorry mess we have produced.

The coming of Christ and the KING-DOM OF GOD is the world's only hope of PFACE!

"In the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Eternal (Kingdom of God) shall be established in the top of the mountains (nations), . . . and many nations shall come, and say,

Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Eternal (Kingdom of God), . . . and He will teach us His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for the LAW SHALL GO FORTH OF ZION, and the Word of the Eternal from Jerusalem." (Micah 4:1-2)

Yes, then the people of the world—of

Yes, then the people of the world—of all nations—will learn God's laws, walk in His paths. Then men will love their neighbors as themselves. They will love even their enemies. They will turn the other cheek. People today may think it very impractical—but they will be doing it. They will realize a greater blessing comes from GIV-ING—doing good to others—than from GETTING. The preachers won't be telling you any longer that "God's Law is done away." People will be actually living by it! And then what will be the result?

"And He (Christ) shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Yerse 3). PEACE, at last!

But you, as an individual,—you can have peace, in your heart and mind and soul, here and now! . . . that is, IF you will acknowledge the WAY of peace, and follow it in your own personal private life from here on—if you'll REPENT of sin, accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour, let Him fill you with His Spirit, and then live a Spirit-led, Spirit-filled life, living by every Word of God! Not only will you have PEACE in your soul, you'll have divine PROTECTION thru the still more terrible times prophecied to come, between now and the coming of Christ,—and you'll inherit ETERNAL LIFE!

The handwriting is on the wall! Can you see it? The nations won't heed—but will YOU, as an individual, heed it, and DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT?

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ing, and induce private capitalists to start new industries to produce commodities to BE SOLD to these millions of unemployed who now had government-doled MONEY in their pockets to spend.

In other words, it was a sort of "PUMP-PRIMING" idea. But, when you prime a PUMP, you mustn't prevent the WATER IN THE WELL you are trying to coax on up the pump, from coming up. Otherwise, all you'll ever pump back is just the PRIMING WATER you pour in!

But the REAL trouble, lies FAR DEEP-ER than the mere difficulties between Republican and New-Deal philosophies of economics! The REAL TROUBLE is this WHOLE BABYLONISH SYSTEM the world has been entangled in!

THE REAL TROUBLE

NOW, that system MUST GO! It is

DOOMED! And our only HOPE of economic prosperity and equality-of PEACE from war-of HAPPINESS in the human heart, is the hope held out to the ranks of LABOR who have BEEN DEFRAUDED of their rightful proceeds from the increased production made possible by the machine. Here it is: James 5:1-8.

"Come now, you rich men, weep and shriek over your impending miseries!

"You have been storing up treasure in the very last days; your wealth lies rotting, and your clothes are moth-eaten; your gold and silver lie rusted over,"---that is, capital withdrawn from circulation, such as we saw in 1933, becoming rusty from disuse; their wealth not being used, therefore rotting; more clothes and other goods than they could wear, use or consume, and therefore becoming moth-eaten, not worn out by use. ... and their rust will be evidence against you, it will devour your flesh like fire.
"See, the wages of which you have de-

frauded the workmen who mowed your fields (or operated your factories) call out, and the cries of the harvesters (laborers) have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.

"You have revelled the earth and plunged into dissipation: you have fattened yourselves as for the day of slaughter (this present age-end time of world-destruction); you have condemned, you have murdered the righteous—unresisting." (James 5:1-6) Moffatt translation.

There's the prophecy of the injustice of this machine-age - the injustice of unequal division of the proceeds of machine-production — our Twentieth-Century LABOR PROBLEM. But what's God's solution for the Christian? Organize, perhaps under Communist-dominated labor FIGHT for your rights? FORCE capital and management to give labor a square deal? Or organize a federal labor board and bring about justice thru present human government? All those things we've been trying-and none has brought justice or industrial peace—none has succeeded! Listen to GOD'S advice—yes, His command—to the Christian worker:

BE PATIENT, then, brothers, till the arrival of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious crop of the land, biding his time patiently till he gets the autumn

Return in 5 Days The PLAIN TRUTH PRINTED IN THE U.S.A. Box 111 — Eugene, Oregon POSTAGE GUARANTEED and spring rains; have patience yourselves, strengthen your hearts, FOR THE ARRI-VAL OF THE LORD IS AT HAND! Do not murmer against one another, brothers, lest you are judged; look! the Judge is standing at the very door!" (Verses 7-9).

Present Order Doomed

Most people will never turn to GOD until after MAMMON—or MONEY—has forsaken them. People make MONEY their GOD-the LOVE of it is the root of all evil. Almighty God has blessed this nation and the British with the greatest MATER-IAL prosperity ever enjoyed by any people of history. But our people Israel ARE IN BABYLÓN.

This OLD ORDER—this RULE OF MAMMON—this BABYLONISH SYS-TEM, gold standard and all—must CRASH it must be WIPED OUT,—utterly DE-STROYED, before Christ can come and set up the righteous KINGDOM OF GOD **UPON EÄRTH!**

Yes, OF COURSE the New Deal has put our country billions of dollars into debt. But some see, in the light of prophecy, that Providence placed Mr. Roosevelt in the White House for that very purpose! Before GOD'S system can be instituted, under CHRIST, the TOTAL COLLAPSE of the present system thru a colossal and overweighted public debt must take place!

And the old economic order must be torn down!

"Come Out of Babylon"

Most professing Christians seem to think that this civilization into which we have been born is ALL RIGHT—that it apparently has God's approval, and all there is to Christianity is just to go along in and WITH this world's old system—to participate in it, and try to make THIS WORLD a better place in which to live—to devote our time, our thought, our efforts, to making this same old system better, while, just in the back-ground of our minds as it were, we accept Christ as Saviour and profess Him, and go to church once a weekwell, perhaps twice a year, anyway!

Oh, can't you SEE? Such people miss the WHOLE Message of Christ—the WHOLE of true Christianity!

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Jesus Christ called His disciples OUT of this world and its ways and customs, altogether. It is stated of Peter and Andrew that they FORSOOK ALL, and followed

We have to remain IN this world, but we who are Christians are not to be part OF it! We are not to participate in it. Jesus said we must live by EVERY WORD OF GOD—yes, LIVE by it. You have to spend a lot of time studying your BIBLE to be able to literally LIVE BY IT!

You can't serve two masters-two worlds-two modes of civilization-two philosophies of life. Jesus told us to seek FIRST the KINGDOM OF GOD and that is an altogether DIFFERENT way of life, from the bottom up, than the organized system in this world today with all it's babylonish customs and ways. God calls YOU to COME OUT of Babylon—that you be not partakers of her SINS—and sin is the transgression of GOD'S LAWSand that you receive not of HER PLAGUES, now soon to fall!

The CHRISTIAN life is a life of FINDING GOD'S WAYS and then LIV-ING BY THEM! We have to REPENT of sin-which is the transgressing of the laws of God. Christ is a LIVING Saviour, who comes literally WITHIN, and lives His rightcous, holy life according to God's laws IN US!

We live in a TERRIBLY SOLEMN HOUR! The present age will GO-2nd the new age be ushered IN, within YOUR life-time and mine!

This is a TREMENDOUS time in which to live!

And the warning is written ALL ABOUT YOU,-on the front pages of every newspaper-in every radio broadcast-in every world-event newsreel-a crashing, crumbling down of a DOOMED WORLD! It HAS to go, that a BETTER may come.

But unless you FORSAKE it now, you'll go crashing down to destruction WITH IT! The time to desert a sinking ship is BE-FORE it SINKS! And so turn NOW, if you'd be SAVED from the awful fate to come, to ALMIGHTY GOD and HIS LAWS AND WAYS, thru JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD!

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