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There is no question I am asked more often, it seems, than "What is the secret of your long life, youthful vitality, energy and drive?"

"No one secret," I usually reply. "I suppose many things enter into it."

Recently I asked a man I had never seen before, who knew something of what is being done and accomplished, but had never heard of my age, if he would guess my age.

"Well," he said thoughtfully, "I suppose in mid or late fifties — perhaps near sixty." He wouldn't believe it when I told him I will be 83 in less than two months.

Many know that I frequently say jestingly, but significantly nevertheless, that I am now 37 going on 36. For a long time I went along with Jack Benny, claiming age 39. But after he admitted to a much older age, I decided to throw away a year every year.

Seriously, however, I doubt if many men of 50 or 55 could stand up under the rigorous ordeal of constant global travel, writing, radio and TV interviews, public speaking, the responsibility of major decisions in worldwide enterprises, and devoting 14 hours a day to vigorous, driving work.

Yet this very constant activity, I'm sure, is part of the "secret." I have just finished writing another article, in which some of this activity was mentioned, and that triggered the idea to devote this *Personal* to the same subject and carry the subject further. I think, at this point, it might be as interesting and helpful to readers as anything I could write.

Ever since I was twenty-one years old, I have been interested in this question of youthful longevity. This life-long interest was sparked by a lecture I heard in 1913. The speaker had been physician and physical trainer to President Howard Taft, whose term in office expired March

Personal from...



WHAT ARE THE SECRETS OF MY YOUTHFUL VITALITY, ENERGY, DRIVE, AND LONG LIFE?

4, 1913. This doctor-physiotherapist had interviewed every person in the United States of 100 years or older. He had questioned every one as to the reason for such a long life.

Various ones gave various reasons. Some said it was because they never used tobacco, but others had used tobacco all their lives. Some gave credit to being teetotalers, but others used wine, especially in their old age and even gave that credit. And so it went.

Just one thing *every* centenarian did, yet *none* gave it any credit. Every one had taken a daily rub-down, either with a bath towel after a daily bath or with a massaging brush of some sort.

I was impressed by that. I have followed the daily rubdowns after a daily shower with near-perfect regularity ever since.

But I give that only *partial* credit.

I think my "SEVEN LAWS OF SUCCESS" might be applicable here.

Law number one is having the **RIGHT GOAL**. It seems most people have no goal in life at all. They simply drift aimlessly — going nowhere in life. I started my adult life with a definite goal. I had chosen the profession of advertising and journalism. But forty-eight years

ago that was changed. I learned then that it had *prepared me* for the **RIGHT** goal, which became my **LIFE GOAL**. It is a very great Commission, and it is even yet far from **FINISHED**. I think there is no other "secret" that has had more to do with preserving youthful vitality and zeal and keeping me alive and active thirteen years past the supposed "allotted life span."

That life-GOAL keeps me always looking **FORWARD**, in anticipation, not backward, living in the past. It impels me to observe carefully many of the other laws of success — the **DRIVE**, the resourcefulness, the endurance — sticking to it with perseverance, when many others would have given up, retired, and decided they were too old to stay on the job.

Goal number 2 is proper education to achieve the goal. Part of this education blends into the third law — maintaining **GOOD HEALTH**. Without good health one can accomplish little. I made it part of my education to study the factors that maintain good health. I learned that we humans are just what we eat. We came out of the ground. We are maintained by food that grows out of the ground. I learned that some

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INFLATION— NEARING POINT OF NO RETURN

by David Price

LONDON: After the precipitous skid of the pound on the foreign exchange, the government has been forced to announce the urgent measure of the imposition of a ten percent ceiling on wages and dividends for the next twelve months. The underlying cause for this action, hyperinflation, has been generated in part by wage increases, some up to 33 percent in a year.

Behind the shock measures is the realization by both the government and their international creditors alike that if inflation cannot be brought under control now, it may result in the disintegration and destruction of our society.

The slide of the pound is warning that the inexorable path of inflation is moving out from the first phase of public irritation and worry. The second phase could lead to the total destruction of the public's faith in money, thrift and saving, and the impoverishment of the middle classes. Social and political revolution would be sure to follow.

Earning 7% While Losing 25%

Inflation, which has averaged a rate of 25 percent over the last year, has in recent months increased to the equivalent of more than 50 percent. The public reaction so far has been typically reserved. There has as yet been very little panic. There have been no riots. There are no soup lines for the hungry. Unemployment, although it has reached a high level, is far lower comparatively than the U.S. or most other European countries. And there has been the amazing and illogical reaction of the public in regard to savings.

Any economist — in fact anybody who gives it a moment's thought — will tell you that the last place to put your money during periods of high inflation is in the bank. It makes no sense to earn seven percent interest

on capital when the price of goods is increasing at the rate of anything between 25-50 percent. All it means is that in real terms, the value of any savings is losing in purchasing power hand over fist. Yet both banks and building societies have been embarrassed with the high level of the deposits (and it takes a lot to embarrass a banker about having too much money). Over recent months loan rates have fallen to attract borrowers in an effort to reduce deposits.

The property market is also reacting in an unusual way. Property has always been one of the safest, most secure investments. But the property market is still in the doldrums. Prices have hardly shifted in the lower end of the market — small semi's, flats, etc. — in spite of vastly increased building costs. At the upper end prices have slumped from the highs of two or three years ago and large properties are going for perhaps tens of thousands of pounds less than they were bought for.

What should be expected in periods of high inflation — a frantic buying of any material asset that could be exchanged for increasingly worthless money — is not very apparent in Britain today. Icelanders, who have a longer experience of acute inflation, know that the only way to live with inflation is to mortgage oneself up to the eyebrows and sink as deeply into debt as possible. Debts nominated in currency terms decline in real value as the money standard withers and shrinks.

We are still suffering from the first stages of inflation shock and haven't yet reacted logically — which hardly seems the right word for it — to the rigours of inflation. Experience in other countries and at other periods — for example the Weimar period of Germany in the 1920s — shows that there is an initial

phase where the public react unrealistically to the monetary pressure they are undergoing. The more financially experienced and shrewd are quicker to react to declining currency values. Foreigners who have less emotional attachment for another country's currency, often make a more realistic assessment than the country's inhabitants.

The pound has already plunged dramatically on the money markets as the more sophisticated money managers realize the nature of the problem. In the last twelve months the pound sterling lost a fifth of its value against the French franc and even 13 percent against the Italian lira. The recent drop of the last weeks has been more rapid still. The process is bound to continue and could likely even accelerate unless the rate of inflation is brought under control.

If we follow on to the second phase of a hyper-inflation free-for-all where there is a flight from money to the extent that business is conducted in foreign currency or the "real values" of barter, the future is black indeed. This dangerous and destructive stage will result in more than monetary upset. The annihilation of savings and pensions as the currency atrophies, will leave large sections of the middle class poor and without any security. In short it is the path to reversals of the class structure and perhaps class war of a type that Britain least of all is able to bear. That is why foreign creditors have given the government notice that urgent and decisive measures must be taken to reverse the trend of hyperinflation.

"Inflation is not an act of God," say William Guttman and Patricia Meehan in their book *The Great Inflation*. "Unlike natural disasters, such as floods, drought, earthquakes and crop failures, which can change economic conditions of nations, inflation is man-made and can be started, prevented, regulated and stopped by human action." The next few months will judge whether the government and the public have the will and the means to control this monetary cancer. □

"EUROPE OF THE TEN" BY 1978?

Greece Bids for Common Market Membership



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GREEK PRIME MINISTER Caramanlis (right) and West German Chancellor Schmidt review honor guard in Bonn.

It's now official. The Republic of Greece has formally applied for membership in the European Community as its tenth member.

The decision by the Athens government of Constantine Caramanlis, however, has presented Common Market officials with a dilemma. On the one hand, they can't say no to a European country to which democracy has just returned and needs to be shored up by economic help. Yet they are not anxious to absorb another weak economy while some present members — most notably Britain and Italy — are in the economic doldrums. Moreover, Greece's economy competes directly with Italy's, specializing in many of the same agricultural products.

Assuming Athens' bid is successful, the blue and white Greek flag won't immediately be run up the empty tenth flagpole in front of EEC headquarters. Now begins a process of complex negotiations while participants work out exactly how to integrate Greece's economy with the other nine. Any one member of the Community could veto the process, but assuming this does not happen, the best guess for full membership is 1978 or 1979.

Clearly Premier Caramanlis feels that potential hazards to Greece's

economy posed by hasty entry are less important than the need to anchor post-junta Greece firmly in Europe. As he said, "Greece is politically, economically and culturally a part of Europe." It is interesting to note that he also listed "external security" as a reason to join the EEC — since he had ended Greek military participation in NATO.

The significance of the move by Greece — not widely reported in the world press — is this: Bible prophecies foretell a coming ten-nation revival of the Roman Empire at the close of this age (see Rev. 17:12).

The Common Market may or may not be a forerunner or predecessor of this system. But it is noteworthy that nine nations are presently linked together economically with developing political and military bonds. Now Greece, once part of the old Roman Empire, has asked to join.

It is also significant that if the people of Norway had not rejected their government's application for Community membership in the fall of 1972, there would already be a "Europe of the Ten." But that area of northwestern Europe had never been a part of the old Roman Empire or its revivals. □

Japan Debates Defense Posture

In the wake of communist victories in Indochina, the prospect of an eventual withdrawal of U.S. forces from Korea, and a general uncertainty about the American commitment in Asia, Japanese officials are being forced to come to grips with their nation's military defense posture.

The director general of Japan's Defense Agency, Michita Sakata, stressing that "now is the time we should review Japan's security," has ordered his staff to prepare an in-depth white paper on defense to take a broad look at where things currently stand.

Well aware of the widespread ramifications should Japan rearm, American and European diplomats are carefully following the current discussions.

Robert S. Ingersoll, Deputy U.S. Secretary of State and a former Ambassador to Tokyo, expressed his personal apprehensions to Congress last year:

"If ever Japan were judged to be returning to an earlier militarism, tensions would rise throughout Asia, countries would arm and China in particular would react strongly. The situation would be thrown into even more serious relief were Japan to acquire a nuclear capability."

It is believed that Japan, with its vast financial and technological capacities, could detonate a nuclear device similar to India's within two to six months of a decision to do so. And that option remains open to Japan. The nuclear non-proliferation treaty, currently before the Japanese Diet, has not, as yet, been ratified.

"Self-Defense Forces" Couldn't Hold Out Long

For the time being, however, there appears to be little cause for alarm over a reemergent militarism. The ultra-nationalistic and militaristic spirit of the 30s and 40s is vir-

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tually nonexistent today, except for a small right-wing fringe. At present, support is overwhelming on the part of politicians, strategic thinkers, and the general public for the nation's "no-war" constitution.

Possibly the best measure of the overall national attitude is the current state of Japan's armed forces, called "self-defense forces" since Japan is prohibited by its constitution from having formal armies.

Japan's yearly defense budget of \$3.8 billion is proportionately one of the smallest in the world, representing less than 1% of the nation's GNP. This compares to 8% in the United States and 3% to 5% in the nations of Western Europe. The defense budget represents only \$33 per Japanese citizen per year — far below the United States' \$404 per person and West Germany's \$183 per person.

Consequently, the Self-Defense Force — currently numbering only 233,000 troops — is a far cry from Japan's formidable Imperial Army of 5 million men at the outset of World War II.

The small Japanese air force consists of only 386 aircraft, which military analysts estimate could hold out only four hours in the face of a Soviet attack. The navy numbers 127 vessels, with 110 combat aircraft. Against the Russians, the Japanese fleet would last about four days. The army could survive somewhat longer — between two weeks to a month.

It is acutely clear, therefore, that under the present circumstances Japan's defense must rest primarily on its 1951 mutual security treaty with the United States — meaning the U.S. 7th Fleet, 5th Air Force, and the U.S. nuclear umbrella.

But now, with uncertainty over America's reliability as an ally following the collapse of Indochina, we should not be too surprised if some changes become apparent in the Japanese attitude as their reassessment focuses in on present-day political and military realities. □

"Collective Madness" Grips Humanity

by Norman Cousins

MOSCOW: From the moment the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, the main question before the world was whether the human race was intelligent enough to survive.

Here in Moscow, where Americans and Russians have been discussing ways of bringing the atomic arms race under control, a positive answer to that question seems more remote than ever.

The talks here have had little difficulty in reaching agreement about the dangers of the arms race. But this concurrence is not likely to be connected to any specific program for cutting back on military spending or for reducing the saturation stockpiles of nuclear weapons.

At least seven nations are at the present producing nuclear weapons, and at least a dozen more know how to make them.

Some bombs now exist that are as much more powerful than the first atomic bomb as an anti-aircraft rocket is more powerful than a shot-gun blast.

The nightmare that was feared thirty years ago has now become a reality. What has been happening is that the ability of nations to fashion devastating new weapons has far outraced their ability to maintain control over them or even to understand the full peril they represent to life on earth.

Here in Moscow, I have been listening to the exchanges of the weapons specialists. They have a Strangelovian vocabulary all their own. They talk about throw-weight, megatonnage, graduated deterrence, first- and second-strike capability, retained retaliatory options, MIRVs and MARVs.

The danger of this jargon, of course, is that it becomes an acceptable way of discussing the murder

of hundreds of millions of human beings. For the jargon obscures the most hideous fact of all about nuclear warfare; namely, that the nations using these weapons have not confined the death they produce to the enemy population. The main identifying characteristic of the new warfare is random annihilation — radioactivity is no respecter of orders.

Let there be no mistake about it. What is now pending is no longer a war by one nation against another but a man-made holocaust that will consume human beings and their civilizations far outside the boundaries of the warring powers.

The new warfare will put a torch to the global village that is now the world.

The first thing that is needed is to de-mystify the language of the new warfare and to call things by their right names.

The word "security" is the first word that has to be rescued from the new lexicon of double-think. Supposedly, the arms race is a way of pursuing "security." Yet the result of the arms race so far is not greater security but greater insecurity.

The United States and the Soviet Union are staggering under the weight of a mammoth surplus of nuclear explosives. Yet the manufacture and stockpiling of these weapons goes on at prodigious cost to both societies, with less "security" than when the stockpiling began.

The conclusion is inescapable that the major governments are now in the grip of a reciprocal insanity. For behind all the ornamentation of language and the apparent facade of scientific intelligence is the terrifying fact that the human race today is at the mercy of a collective madness.

If we are to retain any respect for the preciousness of life or for the delicate fabric of civilization, some way will have to be found to restore sanity to the behavior of nations and to their idea of how to achieve security.

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Worldwatch

by Gene H. Hogberg

The Nuclear Genie Is Out

The world, according to harried disarmament experts, has entered its "second nuclear age."

They define the "first nuclear age" as the period when the United States and the Soviet Union monopolized nuclear weapons in their "balance of terror" standoff. The second nuclear age, now picking up momentum with the rapid spread of nuclear technology worldwide, could result in upwards of twenty nations having their own atomic weapons by 1985 — only ten years from now. Within the same coming decade, forty countries will have "peaceful" nuclear power facilities generating electricity — thus possessing the first necessary ingredient to exercising the "nuclear option."

Until recently the United States hoped that the spread of nuclear weapons could be checked via international agreements, such as the 1968 Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty. Under its terms three nuclear powers — Britain, the U.S. and the Soviet Union, — pledged not to help nonnuclear nations acquire atomic weapons. At the same time the three promised to work toward disarmament to discourage the desire on the part of the others to "go nuclear."

The nonnuclear nations who agreed to the NPT in turn pledged to forego developing their own atomic arsenals. They also agreed to open up their own peaceful nuclear generating facilities to inspection by teams of inspectors from the U.N. International Atomic Energy Agency. The IAEA technicians were to make sure fissionable by-products from the reactors were all totally accounted for, not "lost" or diverted into *sub rosa* weapons manufacture.

But all is not well with the NPT — for several good reasons:

- Half of the present six members of the nuclear club — France, China and India — have never agreed to the accord.

- While 86 nations have ratified the treaty, over 50 countries have either ignored or signed it but failed to ratify it. Israel, Egypt, Pakistan and Spain are among those who have not signed and show no intention of doing so. Japan has signed the treaty, but once again a controversy in the Diet has prevented its ratification.

- Even countries that are party to the treaty retain the option to "go nuclear" at any future date since the text of the treaty provides that any signatory can withdraw on three months' notice.

- The supposed big impetus behind the pact in the first place — that the big powers would diligently work toward disarmament — simply is not coming off. Almost every week there are announcements of monstrous new missiles and warheads being tested or deployed by the Soviets or breakthroughs in nuclear technology on the part of the United States.

- The rapid expansion in commercial sales of whole "peaceful" nuclear plant complexes is threatening to overwhelm international inspection controls. According to one estimate, even if all safeguards are 99.9 percent effective by 1980, enough plutonium could be diverted without detection to produce nuclear weapons at the rate of one per week.

"Peaceful" technology is now the biggest danger of all, in the aftermath of India's explosion of her "nuclear device" last year. It was the first time that a reactor — installed ostensibly for peaceful purposes — had been employed in providing fissionable material for a bomb. As Fred C. Ikle, Director of the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency warns: "Now it is the peaceful technology that provides not only the means, but the cover, in all cases where we fear that a new weapons program might be on the way."

The simple fact is that signatures, pledges, and solemn agreements mean next to nothing to either an irresponsible government or any nation fearful of what a nuclear-armed adversary might be capable of doing to it.

Thus, after being capped for nearly three decades, the Nuclear Genie is at last out of the bottle. There is simply no way nuclear proliferation — and mass destruction as a result of it — is going to be stopped now short of the intervention of God Almighty himself. "And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved" (Matt. 24:22). □



MARCOS TRIP TO CHINA

“Facing Reality” in East Asia



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MAO TSE-TUNG welcomes Philippine President Marcos (right) on his arrival in Peking.

MANILA: The recent visit to China by Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos was perhaps the most dramatic affirmation of his intention to establish contacts with the communist world.

During the four-day visit to China in early June, President Marcos had one long meeting with Chairman Mao, two meetings with Premier Chou En-lai and three meetings with Vice Premier Teng Hsiao-ping.

The capstone of the trip was the signing between Marcos and Premier Chou En-lai of a joint communiqué which provided for the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two governments. In the communiqué the Philippine government acknowledged that the People's Republic of China is the sole legal government of China. The Philippines bound itself to break off all ties with Taiwan.

The Philippines, long a strongly anti-communist country and Ameri-

can ally, but one that is now questioning the value of American military bases on her soil, thus becomes the second member of Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) to recognize Peking as the sole representative of the Chinese people.

Malaysia did so about a year ago. Thailand, another long-time American ally, which is now seeking to normalize relations with both North Vietnam and the new communist government in the south, is said to be considering the same move. The two other ASEAN states are Singapore and Malaysia.

Commenting on the background leading up to the historic visit, the *Philippine Daily Express* in its June 3 issue attempted to play down the impact of America's misfortunes in Asia as a reason for the change in Manila's foreign policy. "This event is not a haphazard move," it told its readers. "Filipino-Chinese relations have been on the proverbial cards

for quite some time now, with the normalization process traceable to May 1972 when the Philippine government issued an order allowing economic intercourse with socialist countries. Then two years later, China became the biggest Philippine trade partner in the Socialist bloc."

It is important to note that the Philippines is geographically close to China (four hours by jet to Peking) and both countries had trade relations centuries before Spain and America ever set foot on Philippine soil. Mr. Marcos, in his opening remarks at a state dinner in Peking, recalled the land bridges that connected the Philippines to the mainland but which the ice age flooded and the "tides of colonialism" washed away. He also said, "I have journeyed to China on a mission for the 42 million Filipinos of our Republic to assure ourselves that the bridges . . . will not again be washed away."

Upon his arrival home from his unusually warm reception in Peking, Mr. Marcos mentioned that the new China connection does not prejudice old alliances and relations with other nations — an obvious reference to the United States. The President came home also with the assurance of China's leaders that they will not strengthen the Communist Party of the Philippines nor support any subversive activity directed against the Philippine government.

President Marcos is facing the reality of the times, as are other nations in Southeast Asia. It could mean that in the future Communist China will become the leader of a third world power bloc where not all countries are necessarily communist. While in Peking, President Marcos stated that China is the "natural leader of the third world."

— Colin Adair



In Brief

by Stanley R. Rader

The World in Transition

BANGKOK, June 9: Less than two months ago we flew over Saigon en route from Manila to Cairo. As foreseen at that time, it has proved to be the last time for our U.S.-registered aircraft to overfly Vietnam unless relations should be normalized in the future. Tomorrow we shall be forced to fly south in order to go east and north, adding an hour and one-half and 740 statute miles on our flight from Bangkok to Hong Kong.

But this is not the only change that has occurred in Southeast Asia during the past two months. Today's newspaper in Bangkok, for example, *announces* a July 4 anti-American demonstration. The prime minister, meanwhile, has stepped up his demands for withdrawal of U.S. forces and has begun his country's *rapprochement* with Peking. Thailand's foreign minister is scheduled to visit Peking later this month.

President Marcos of the Philippines, completing his five-day visit to Peking, has announced the normalization of relations between the Philippines and China. Meanwhile, Washington is worried about the effect of this rapid change in Philippine foreign policy on the U.S. bases on the island.

In Korea tension mounts as both North and South Korea accuse the other of provocative acts and preparations for war. Malaysia has already received the Chinese ambassador, President Lee of Singapore has sent his foreign minister to Peking, and only President Suharto of Indonesia seems to still remember the communist-inspired difficulties of some ten years ago.

Hanoi dominating Southeast Asia with its trained and battle-tested army of one million men, backed with the latest Russian, and even American, equipment (acquired after the collapse of South Vietnam), causes one to wonder whether Hanoi will seek independently to dominate the entire area comprised of Cambodia and Laos, as well as Thailand, with its long common border. Will it tie itself more closely with Russia, thus granting to Russia hegemony in the area (there is already a strong possibility that Russia will obtain former U.S. naval bases in what was South Vietnam); or will Hanoi establish closer ties with China?

The world is truly passing through a time of transition, as relationships that have developed since the

end of World War II are literally shaken by events in every part of the globe. The nexus between Europe and the United States is threatened. NATO is at a crossroads, despite the efforts of President Ford to shore it up. Turkey and Greece, two members of NATO, have actually waged war over Cyprus. Portugal, after decades of rightist dictatorship, is leaning toward communism. Italy may soon have the Communist Party joining the government.

In Africa, Ethiopia, having deposed its emperor, is still confronted with a civil war, and even Kenya, heretofore stable under the leadership of President Kenyatta, is troubled internally with dissidents, undoubtedly aided by agents from abroad. And just yesterday U.S. Secretary of Defense Schlesinger confirmed that the Soviet Union has constructed a very substantial military base in Somalia. Installation of missiles there could threaten the military balance in the western India Ocean.

Mr. Schlesinger pointed to the critical need of the noncommunist world on the Indian Ocean for oil shipments. He was appearing before the Senate Armed Services Committee, urging approval for additional funds for American facilities on the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia.

Despite the policy of *détente* between the superpowers, the arms race continues between them, and many other nations are eager to join in the competition.

Only in the Middle East do there seem to be some promising signs. Perhaps the momentum toward peace may be a reality. The Suez Canal has been reopened, the Israelis have voluntarily thinned out their forces along the canal, the Salzburg talks between President Ford and Sadat were reasonably successful, and the recent meeting between President Ford and Prime Minister Rabin of Israel may further ease the tension in the area. Declarations from Saudi Arabia about Israel's right to exist are also promising, as is Syria's seemingly more flexible attitude. Should the PLO also recognize Israel's right to exist, meaningful dialogue would follow.

This state of the world and what is prophesied for it was once again part of Mr. Armstrong's powerful message delivered to thousands during his two-week visit to Nairobi. Asked, as an ambassador for world peace, how *he* intends to bring about peace in such an unsettled world, he has answered steadfastly that he is not commissioned to bring about peace, but he points the *way to peace*, as he has for more than forty years — the way to which many people and many world leaders grant only lip service. □

Marxism in Mozambique

When Vasco da Gama landed at Mozambique in 1497 on his way to India from Portugal, the history of Portuguese Africa began. Today the history of Portugal in Africa is coming to a close. The Portuguese empire is being finally dismantled. One by one its colonies are becoming independent — and taken over by Marxist or communist rulership.

After almost 500 years under Portuguese colonial rule, Mozambique became independent on June 25. Its significance was pointed out by Christopher Munnion of the *Sunday Telegraph*: "History will probably judge Mozambique's independence last Wednesday as one of the most significant events of the century in Africa. It has placed cheek by jowl the most conservative white-ruled nation alongside the most revolutionary."

After World War II and the conquest of Eastern Europe, the communists turned their attention to Africa. Communist agents infiltrated European colonies and began a concentrated effort to undermine British and Portuguese colonialism. Demands for independence swept through Africa. But "liberation" gave opportunities for Marxists to gain control. We now see Portuguese Africa falling to the Communists.

Marxism in Mozambique

The new government in Mozambique has been formed by FRELIMO — the Front for the Liberation of Mozambique which waged guerilla war against the Portuguese. Its policies will be based on Marxist ideology that is closer to Maoist thought than to other forms of "African socialism." Both Russian and Chinese aid helped FRELIMO through its early days in exile.

Samora Machal, leader of FRELIMO, was installed as president of

the new republic. He strongly believes in the military theories of Mao and Che Guevara. The Vice-President, Dr. Marcelino dos Santos, is a pro-Soviet Communist. They will set up what one party spokesman described as being a "people's democracy under the discipline of FRELIMO."

Machal himself made his party's doctrine quite clear. "We are anti-imperialist, anti-colonialist," he told *Africa* magazine. "We are against the exploitation of man by man and against capitalism."

That means state control of production and distribution will eventually replace private enterprise. Those Portuguese farmers and businessmen who have seen the handwriting on the wall are leaving Mozambique. But returning to Portugal may prove to be the proverbial "jumping from the frying pan into the fire." Both Portugal and Mozambique will not be pleasant places to live during this crisis period.

Mozambique's attitude toward Rhodesia and South Africa could be a source of future trouble. But because Mozambique is bankrupt and needs foreign currency, trade relations with South Africa will have to be maintained for the present. South Africa employs over 100,000 Mozambique mine workers, supplies large amounts of trade for the ports of Lourenço Marques (now called Can Phumo) and Beira and is the only possible consumer of the

power from the Cabora Bassa hydroelectric project.

Relations with Rhodesia will be another matter. Sanctions will be used. Rhodesian rail traffic across Mozambique to the Indian Ocean could be cut off. But Rhodesia is only another stepping stone to the ultimate objective in communist strategy — the conquest of South Africa.

A Communist Super-Government

Both the Chinese and Russians fully realise the strategic value of southern Africa, including South West Africa with its extensive mineral wealth. Some observers say the communist plan is to set up a super-government over this southern portion of the continent that will integrate the economies of Angola, Zaïre (the Congo), Zambia, Rhodesia, South West Africa, Mozambique and the Republic of South Africa.

If that is the communist plan in Africa, the Red Chinese may soon try to merge Mozambique with Tanzania, grab Malawi and complete the takeover in Zambia. They are already strongly entrenched in Angola and Zaïre. But the prime target will be the anti-communist stronghold of South Africa, which will not succumb without a fight.

Five centuries of white domination in southern Africa are eventually destined to end in more horrible suffering and bloodshed. □

A-PLANT SALE GOES ON

OTTAWA, June 5, Reuter: Canada today refused to rule out further sales of its Candu nuclear reactor even though the plutonium processed by the reactor could be used for nonpeaceful purposes.

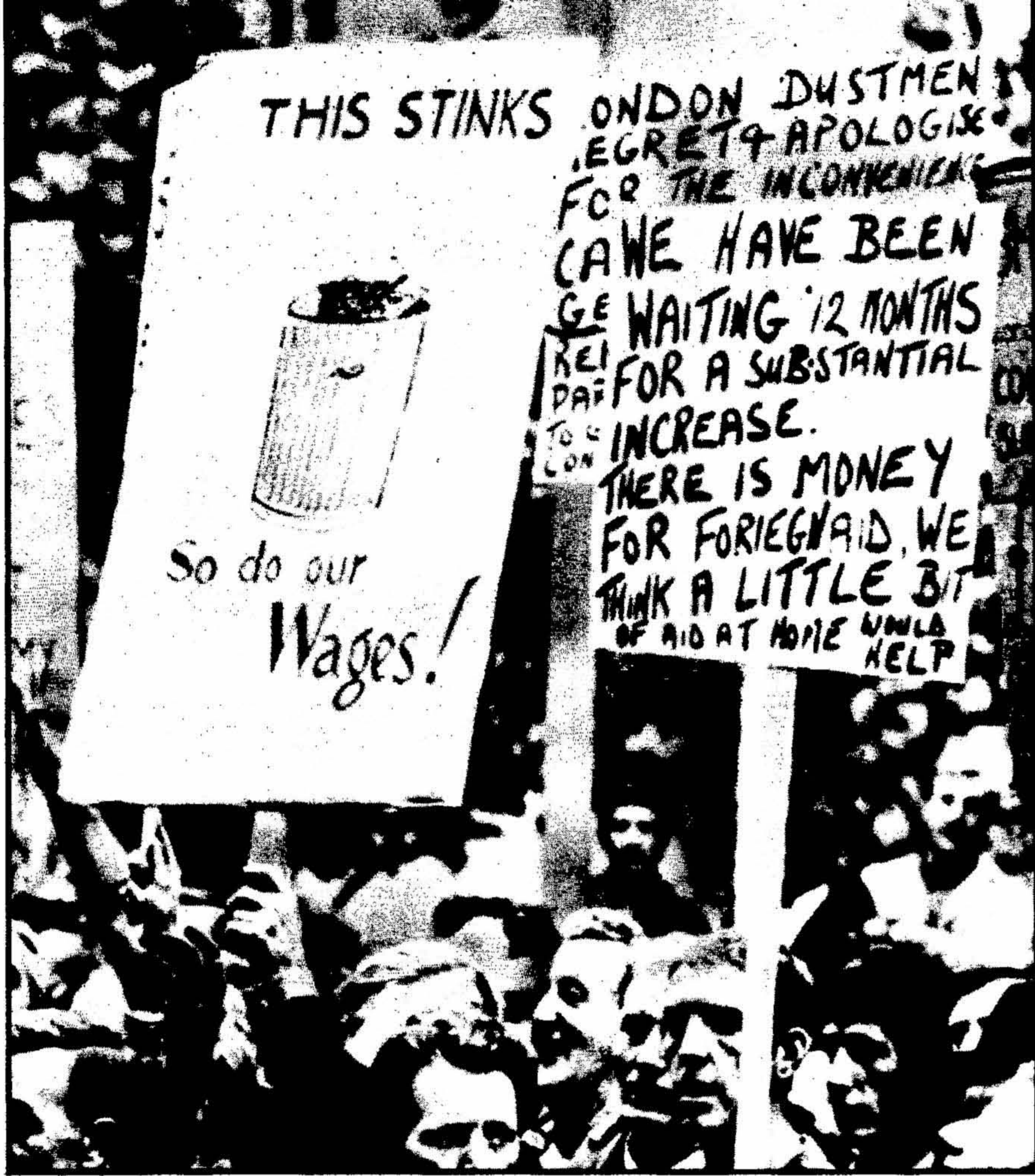
Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen defined the government's position in the House of Commons today after Conservative opposition leader Robert Stanfield

called for suspension of a planned sale of a Candu reactor to South Korea.

Mr. Stanfield had charged that there was no way Canada could prevent plutonium from one of the Canadian reactors being used for nonpeaceful purposes.

Mr. Stanfield asked that the government suspend the sale of a reactor to South Korea in view of possible conflict between North Korea and South Korea.

Mr. MacEachen refused and said South Korea had ratified the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. □



Wide World

CRISIS '75 - ARE THE UNIONS TO BLAME?

by Peter Butler

Britain is toiling under a burden of economic woe. It is not a burden which concerns only the leaders of the nation. It is one which we all bear — husbands working to feed their families, wives seeking to eke out the housekeeping money and old age pensioners struggling to maintain already restricted life styles.

Crisis '75 is the title of a paper issued early this year by the Institute of Economic Affairs. The summary to this publication asked: "Will there be an economic crisis in 1975? What form will it take — a run on sterling? hyper-inflation? mass unemployment? shortages of food?"

The events of the past few weeks have shown that we have come too close for comfort to each one of those conjectures. Enough of us are out of work or have friends or rela-

tives on the dole to realise that although unemployment may not yet have reached mass proportions, it is heading that way. All of us have been daily stunned, maybe by now even *numbed*, at the continuing collapse of the pound. All of us have watched our money virtually "shrink" as we hand it over the counter in payment of our bills. And some of us have even seen our families go short of food, with reports of malnutrition becoming increasingly prevalent as the poor have found it more and more impossible to keep up with soaring prices.

Such is Britain's misery in 1975 — the worst economic crisis the nation has ever inflicted upon itself. A crisis which the government is struggling desperately to bring under control. And at the centre of the controversy which rages over its causes are the trade unions.

A Formula for National Misery?

The role which the unions have played figured prominently in the Institute's special paper. In asking what are the *immediate* and *ultimate* causes for the nation's predicament, the summary included the questions: "... trade union pressure? ... trade union monopoly?" It asked what are the remedies, and postulated: "Should the unions be persuaded to restrain their bargaining power by incomes policies, or be deprived of their monopoly power by law? — or should trade unionists suffer financial penalties if they extract 'excessive' pay?"

Certainly the trade unions have brought massive pressure to bear on the government in demanding seemingly exorbitant pay increases for their members in the last twelve months. Thirty per cent settlements became a norm. The vaunted 'social contract' was ripped to shreds. And we can be sure that every conceivable effort will be made to breach the recently imposed 10 per cent limit on pay increases.

Paul Johnson, writing in the *socialist* weekly, *New Statesman*, on May 16, claimed: "British trade unionism has become a formula for national misery."

We can, quite correctly, ascribe the root cause of our current crisis to the human foibles of *greed* and *extravagance*. Union members *are* motivated by the urge to get ahead and stay ahead of their workmates — to take a larger slice of the national cake. But in all fairness, we ought also to realise that trade union rank and file members do not have a corner on human nature. All sections of the community are of course fired with the same desires.

Action Breeds Reaction

It is the evils of the 1800s — wretched working conditions, pitiable child-labour sweatshops and near-slave wages — which gave root to the original trade union movement.

But the unfortunate factor in the development of the movement was

that it bred on grievances and strife. And grievances and strife are the catalyst of all things *left*. In the early 1800s socialism found its roots in the people's Chartist movement. Marx and Engels were beginning to perpetrate their insidious doctrines of communism and worker revolution using this very country as their base. It is the *left wing*, the militants, the anarchists in the trade union movement today who stir up most of the trouble, for the movement has become the base from which they work.

Unfortunately, many of the grievances still continue to a degree. Only as recently as the last Lord Mayor's banquet in London, Prime Minister Wilson warned that interdependence between government, management, investors and unions "equally means an understanding in the City as well as in industry of what is involved when men, whose families' whole future depend on continuity of employment, find their lives wrecked by decisions taken, seemingly regardless of their future, by the decision of some remote board of directors, or worse, by a multinational corporation 3,000 miles away, or by a group of whiz-kids intent on asset-stripping."

Management is still very much at fault.

Coolies of the Western World

But the greatest tragedy in our day, now that the unions themselves have grown into monolithic organisations, is perhaps the fact that much of the trouble is caused by *inter-union* strife, and the struggles of one group of workers to keep ahead of another.

Paul Johnson summed up the position we have reached very succinctly, and in a historical context. "Here we come to the heart of the matter. The trade union is a product of 19th century capitalism. It is part of that system. Against powerful, highly-organised capitalist forces, it had an essential, even noble part to play. But when those forces are disarmed; when they are in headlong retreat — indeed howling for mercy

— the union has no function to perform. The trade union movement may be dressed up with economic committees and so forth; but its only real purpose is to bargain for better wages within an all-powerful capitalist system. The British trade union movement has now been taken out of that context and placed in an entirely new one. Yet it is still carrying on doing the only thing it knows how to do — ask for higher wages. As it has beaten all its opponents, as it is for all practical purposes the state, it naturally gets them. A subject government prints the money, and the result is inflation on an unprecedented scale."

Johnson went on to say: "The logic, indeed, is that the most powerful must get the most money all along the line. This is not socialism. It has much more in common with capitalism. It has more in common still with a society in a state of pure savagery, where brute strength is the only criterion of worth."

Still more alarming, this Socialist editor claims: "... British socialism has a devastating case to make out against the post-war union leadership. Men ought to be judged by their record, and their record is contemptible. Smug and self-assured, oblivious of any criticism, they have encouraged British industrial workers in habits and attitudes, in rules and procedures, in illusions and fantasies, which have turned the British working class into the coolies of the Western world, and Britain into a stinking, bankrupt industrial slum."

Hope for the Future?

So now, in these times of desperate economic crisis what can be done to solve Britain's industrial dilemma?

It is often claimed that our industrialists *are* interested in the overall welfare of the nation, and that trade unionists *are* all true patriots. If this is the case it is high time that both sides went all out to adopt a policy of "do unto others as you would have done unto yourself" and strove to make this nation *truly* one, pulling together to bring it out of its present plight.

Industrialists should learn the lessons of the past, and treat the men on their shop floors as *neighbours*, paying a fair wage, providing proper working conditions and giving due deference to the personal needs of their employees. This would be the first step toward putting the militant leftist steward out of a job.

Trade unionists should insist on the adoption of moderate policies, and that every man-jack in their membership *earn* his way in life as his due contribution to his country's welfare. The big and powerful battalions should stop striving to gain the advantage over the smaller, weaker groupings; should have due regard to the less fortunate, the retired and those living on fixed incomes; and perhaps above all, should remember what the term "*brother*" really means.

Given a new attitude, a new approach, a new spirit of cooperation, a willingness to see those who really are living close to the breadline benefiting most from future pay awards, a willingness on the part of management and workers to put up with a little hardship for a while and put their backs to the wheel, this country can yet pull through.

The alternative for 1975 and beyond is either total economic collapse and social catastrophe beyond conception, or, as Alan Day put it in the *Sunday Observer* recently, "a rapid slide towards a rigidly-controlled Socialist economy."

And, alarmingly, the next step on from either of these alternatives is a descent into communism — unless a frightening reactionary swing to fascism and dictatorship gets in its way!

If today's industrialists are in the business simply for what they can get out of it for themselves and the devil take the hindmost, if the unions are in business to get the most possible for their members, and heaven help the country, then the swansong of Marx in the 1800s could turn into the victory paean of the Ramelons and the McGaheys of the 1970s. □



"A HOUSEHOLD divided against itself cannot stand"

Hennig — Plain Truth

CAN DEMOCRACY SURVIVE?

Speech by Herr Walter Scheel, the President of West Germany, before a Joint Session of the U.S. Congress, Washington, D.C., 17 June 1975

Mr. President,
Mr. Speaker,

You have invited me to address you. I appreciate this special gesture. I respond by expressing the deep respect which every democrat owes to this outstanding assembly before me.

I am glad of this opportunity to express some thoughts on questions that are of concern to all people in the free world. The world is fraught with unrest and problems and I am grateful to be able to discuss them with you.

Today all governments with a

sense of responsibility unavoidably find themselves competing to save mankind from misery and anarchy. The leaders in that contest are not automatically the powerful ones but rather those who can come up with convincing answers to the problems of modern society.

We have had to learn that not only the individual is mortal but the whole of mankind: it can perish in a few days through arms of destruction, or it can perish in a few generations through environmental pollution and the wasteful exploitation of its natural resources.

The words of Saint Matthew still hold true for the whole of mankind: "A household divided against itself cannot stand."

A community in this situation has nothing *more* to fear than the passions of egotism. It needs nothing *more* than the voice of reason which reconciles the different elements and forges them into a whole. That voice has often been raised on this side of the Atlantic.

When Europe began to break up the old feudal systems with new, democratic ideas, the American Revolution turned the theory of de-

mocracy into practice. When the nations of Europe picked themselves up from the debris in 1945, it was the United States who, through its inspired leadership, galvanized the forces of the old continent into a coordinated recovery operation.

That action was perhaps the most generous in the history of mankind. It will be associated forever with the name of Secretary of State John Marshall. My country was included in it as early as 1947. Indeed, in 1946 already a great American statesman, Secretary of State James Byrnes, in his historic speech in Stuttgart, held out a hand to the former enemy.

The tests and dangers we have withstood together let this understanding grow into a well-tryed political partnership. That partnership has rendered us capable of great achievements; it has made our Ostpolitik possible and has enabled us to defuse the complex and dangerous Berlin problem. But the freedom of Berlin is not based on international agreements alone. Berlin remained free by virtue of deeds ever since American citizens risked, indeed sacrificed, their lives during the airlift. It remained free by virtue of the words by which President Kennedy called himself a Berliner. That city remains a decisive hinge of east-west relations in Europe. Here the strength of any policy of détente and our Alliance are put to the test day by day.

It is true, I speak to you as the representative of a divided nation. We have not succeeded in overcoming the artificial, unnatural division of Germany by peaceful means. Other than peaceful means have never been thought of, nor will they be. No one will understand better than you, Senators and Congressmen, that a nation can never forego its unity as a political goal. The first essential is this: if a rational and sincere policy of détente is to have any meaning for us it must surely be to make it easier for the people in divided Germany to live together.

After the darkest years in our history the United States gave us gen-

erous support. But let me also say that nothing of what you have done for us since, has been in vain. You have gained a good ally who makes its full contribution towards the defence capability of the Alliance — a contribution that is second to none but that of the United States. An ally for democracy, a partner for the efforts which Europe and America will have to make together in order to enable all people to live in conditions worthy of man.

But the partners of the Atlantic Alliance, who include the oldest democracies on earth, must not shirk the question: can our democratic way of life survive? Has it not already been overtaken by the accelerating rate of change in the world? Do we still have the moral strength to find for ourselves and others the way through the uncertain? These questions lead us back to the ideas from which our democracies were born. I am convinced that they will stand scrutiny, they make us alive to the reliable, the constant elements of our policy: the Atlantic Alliance on which our freedom and our freedom of action rest, and the common values in which our partnership is rooted. The meeting of the NATO Council in Brussels and the prominent role which President Ford played there have confirmed that these are joint beliefs and vital links.

The political responsibility of the world-power America extends beyond the Atlantic area. Wherever world peace is threatened this country places its enormous weight on the scales of peace. And at this present time as well, the world hopes that the courage and perseverance of its political leaders will give them the strength to forge peace in the Middle East bit by bit. For what use are the dignity and freedom of man if they lack the ground of peace in which to grow?

Belief in these very values, the dignity and freedom of man, has inspired our best political minds for over two centuries.

When my own generation entered upon the political scene, we considered the model offered by America as proof that the concept of western

democracy was a fitting basis from which to cope with the problems of this, the most difficult of all worlds.

I realize that for twelve years those ideals were treated with shocking contempt in Germany, and yet freedom ultimately prevailed. Exactly 22 years ago today, on 17 June 1953, it showed its elemental strength, when East Berlin workers, heedless of the risks to life and limb, hoisted the black, red and gold flag on the Brandenburg Gate. Totalitarianism may use arbitrary means, yet in the end freedom will triumph.

Nevertheless, freedom can preserve its strength only if each generation anew makes it its own. In the European Community, democratic forces openly vie with one another and with the communists. But we have learned that our idea of freedom will be cogent only as long as it is the motive force of social change. If this is not so it remains a hollow word.

The catchword of our time is détente. It is a fundamental objective of our foreign policy. It is a great hope of our nation. But the peaceful existence side by side of East and West knows of no cease-fire on the ideological front. And the fronts in this ideological battle run right through the German nation which has been divided for decades. We shall be the losers in that struggle unless we see why communist ideologies are effective in Europe or in the Third World. We see communism succeed where injustice and misery predominate. And we have to sharpen our conscience.

It is my belief that political freedom cannot prevail where the social conscience remains silent. In our two countries we have been able to humanize working conditions without revolution and bloodshed. Our political leaders have rated human dignity and freedom higher than the rights of the powerful on the free market. They know that political freedom becomes a farce unless the individual has the material means of self-realization.

Freedom and social justice go together. Social peace is the pre-

requisite for a nation's inner strength. Without that inner strength it has no strength internationally. Our Constitution upholds the concept of ownership as the basis of a free economic order. But at the same time it postulates the social obligation inherent in ownership. That is what our Constitution, the basic law of the Federal Republic of Germany prescribes. And this has been the approach of all governments of the Federal Republic of Germany. Ten million refugees from the lost regions of Eastern Germany found a new homeland in the destroyed and overpopulated western part of our country. Generous legislation and the sacrifices made by the people gave those expellees equal opportunities. My country is proud of that achievement.

Today we are trying to achieve a balance of interests and opportunities on a much larger scale. The entire world economic order must be given the chance to develop further. But in the process nothing should be given up that has proved its value.

We are called upon to share responsibility for answering vital questions from five continents: tomorrow's grain and rice deficit, the interplay of population pressure and economic development, the mounting cost of military security, the starving in many parts of the world still needing our help. Young nations who hoped to achieve industrial prosperity overnight with the aid of our capital and technology are disappointed and put the blame on us. The industrialized countries can only meet these challenges if their economic constitution is sound.

This means for our countries: We must continue along the path we have taken in fighting unemployment and worldwide recession. Our economic policies must give sufficient impulses to domestic demands.

One thing is certain: only through close cooperation between North America and Europe, and by harmonizing interests, have we any

prospect of mastering such tasks. It is certain that our combined energies will not provide the solution without the contributions of other nations. And it is also certain that we would be betraying the old fundamental ideals of democracy if we were always to be found on the side of those who defend property and privilege against social demands — demands born of hunger and distress. It is our task to find evolutionary solutions.

But that is no easy matter. The welfare of our peoples, which we have to guard, did not come to us overnight. We owe it to the hard work and privations of whole generations. It would be politically meaningless and economically impossible just to transfer our assets and our social achievements to others, as some developing countries would like it.

Our aim is not to maintain the status quo, but to seek harmonization of interests. The readiness to accept change is the prerequisite for the pursuit of happiness. And in that context it is the spirit we adopt in our relations with the partners from other camps that will be decisive. Our diplomatic tools shall not include threats and intimidation. In a spirit of partnership without mental reservation it is possible to reconcile even sharply conflicting interests. In everything we do we must start from the fact that in the decades ahead there is only one rational course open to us: that of cooperation.

The nine European states have with much goodwill worked out an overall modus of economic cooperation with the nations of Africa, Asia and the Caribbean. In protracted negotiations sharply differing points of view and interests of many sovereign partners have been harmonized.

Here we have a promising example of multilateral cooperation with the Third World. It also shows that the European Community can have a stabilizing influence on the world economy.

At the same time it becomes clear that the European Community is

capable of helping to ease the burden of the United States once it finds its way to joint action. European union, to which we have committed ourselves, has not yet been completed, and to be frank, in this respect we are still a long way behind our hopes and promises. But Europe is needed. And we shall build it.

And in so doing we need the understanding of the United States. We need long-term European-American cooperation. It must be based on mutual trust. It must be candid. It must not again make the mistake of emphasizing divergent secondary interests at the expense of primary common interests. We need not only the "will-power and the technical capability" of the United States which President Ford referred to in Brussels, but also, to quote him again, its "spiritual drive and steadiness of purpose."

Recent developments have not loosened the ties of European-American solidarity, as some may have feared and others may have hoped. On the contrary, more energies have been set free for the Alliance which will be concentrated on its tasks. The awareness of our interdependence is deeper than ever.

It has above all become clear to us that it is the common fundamental democratic beliefs which distinguish the Alliance from others and which nourish its strength in each member state.

I believe in a Europe committed to the human rights that were embodied for the first time in the Constitution of Massachusetts, a Europe which fills these principles with the sense of social justice of our generation. Only with a deeper understanding of our spiritual heritage will the democracies on either side of the North Atlantic be able to assert themselves and thus effectively serve the cause of world peace. Together with you we shall recall the concepts and ideals of the American Revolution. May our age find us as resolved, as realistic, but also as idealistic as those men and women who made this great country. □

INFLATION AND THE RELEVANCE OF GOLD

In times of soaring inflation, national currencies are shunned in the rush to seek protection against their falling values.

If inflation is local, hitting chiefly one nation, individuals in that nation will switch their reserves and savings to another currency. But in times of worldwide inflation there is usually a "gold rush" as people seek to convert their savings into gold or some other equally secure commodity.

This kind of "gold rush" occurred in Britain just recently, when, for example, Krueger Rands became much sought after. To prevent the flight from sterling into gold, and help prop up the ailing pound, the Chancellor had to bring in measures in his spring budget prohibiting the import of gold into the country by private citizens.

The following is an interview given to *Plain Truth* by Mr. J. A. Spall, a director of Sharps Pixley, one of the world's top bullion dealers.

Q. *Why in your opinion are Europeans more gold conscious than Americans?*

A. I think the answer to that is that, unlike the United Kingdom or the United States, Europe has been overrun by invading armies and therefore they have seen their currencies become utterly worthless at times. Gold, however, is always liable to have some sort of value and they are, therefore, extremely conscious of the role that gold can play. As far as the Americans are con-

cerned, I am not quite sure what the answer will be to gold. I believe that because many Americans are, let's say third generation middle Europeans, there may very well be a context in which gold ownership could flourish.

It is also a fact that the Americans are very conscious of futures markets because of indigenous commodities there, and it is therefore probable that they will become very interested in a gold futures market should there ever be a situation where such a market is allowed. Their participation in the silver market seems to underline this intention to own commodities as anti-inflation hedges and I think gold would be a very active market should there be one.

Q. *What role would gold play in an E.E.C. currency?*

A. I feel it doubtful that there will ever be a gold-backed E.E.C. currency but it seems quite probable that gold will be used in some way for settlements between members of the E.E.C.

Q. *What is meant by the term 'paper gold' SDRs?*

A. Because of the lack of world liquidity caused by the limitations of supplies of gold and the relatively low official price, SDRs were created to provide a form of currency which could be distributed to those nations in need. These SDRs have a national relevance to gold and have thus been referred to as 'paper gold.'

Q. *What are the chances of the central banks selling gold as the price of gold goes up?*

A. I would think it unlikely that the central banks are going to sell gold to any extent. They might feel that at some time that it would be necessary to sell a little in order to maintain an orderly market but other than that purely policemanlike role, I really do not see them entering the market in any big way.

Q. *Who are the greatest buyers of gold — hoarders?*

A. I think it must be accepted that the big interest in gold recently has come from those who are seeking a hedge against inflation and deval-

uations of their own particular currency.

Q. *Will gold become legal tender in the U.S.A.?*

A. I do not think gold necessarily will ever become legal tender because I do not think this particular philosophy means very much in the present situation.

Q. *Why is gold used as the standard of value rather than silver?*

A. As gold is not an industrial metal in quite the same way as silver, gold has assumed this more important monetary context. Many years ago gold was reckoned as a value of 16 times that of silver and in recent times has been as high as 40 times and just recently has gone down to 25 times.

Q. *Do you consider gold production is increasing or decreasing?*

A. One must assume that, as with any other material, the increase in price must make the production increase in the longer term, although in many cases, particularly in South Africa, the price increase is being used to implement the mining of lower bearing ores.

Q. *How do you feel the Europeans viewed the August 15th, 1974, cut-off declaring the dollar irredeemable in gold?*

A. This set the stage for the subsequent rise in the gold price although the immediate influence was not apparent at that particular time. Its largest contribution was to one of cynicism as it produced a price at which one could neither buy nor sell gold.

Q. *How is inflation related to the removal of a discipline such as a gold or silver backing?*

A. The more the people become disenchanted with their own currency, the more they are going to look for some place to put their money which they believe will be relatively safe, and give them a hedge against the kind of inflation the whole world has been experiencing over the last two or three years.

Unfortunately, as the discipline breaks down and governments print more paper (money), ownership of such metals as silver or gold becomes desirable in itself. □

AND NOW... Homosexuals Allowed to Wed

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Give them an inch, and they'll take a mile," is only too true, when the "inch" is in the wrong direction.

After World War I, morals in this world began to deteriorate. After World War II, they called this moral deterioration the "NEW MORALITY." That, of course, was a play on words for the world to "kid itself" that gross immorality was perfectly acceptable morally.

You may call a leopard a house cat, but it still hasn't changed its spots. Since the catch phrase "new morality" caught on, gross immorality has won public acceptance as being *right!*

In the book of Genesis the incident of the "forbidden fruit" is recorded. Of course that's the point at which humanity jumped the track of sanity and embarked on the way that has brought on this world all its woes and evils. Right there humanity took to itself the decision — that is, the KNOWLEDGE — of what is GOOD and what is EVIL. Professing themselves to be wise, humans have made themselves fools.

So, in this end-time 20th century we keep going from bad to worse.

Homosexuality today has its champions. They have worked hard to justify this evil and win public acceptance in a deceived world, bringing on itself frightful evils.

In Los Angeles a "church" for homosexuals has been established. And recently, in Boulder, Colorado, two male homosexuals from Colorado Springs obtained a license to wed. And there was no fanfare. This set off a succession of similar marriage license applicants. There was a well-publicized homosexual marriage in a Denver church!

All this set off a furor. A legal debate was started that might lead to the U.S. Supreme Court. These so-called gay people have launched a national drive for legal "rights."

At least four male couples and

two female couples obtained marriage licenses at the Boulder County Clerk's office before the attorney general's office stopped it.

The details of such marriages are too revolting to describe here.

In 1964 I published a book titled *God Speaks Out on the New Morality*. And now, eleven years later I think it's time for the living God to speak out again.

"Yet ye have not hearkened unto me, saith the Lord, that ye might provoke me to anger with the works of your hands *to your own hurt.*" If such a perversion as homosexuality were good for its participants, God would approve it. He CONDEMNNS it because it DESTROYS, it perverts!

From Romans 1, "The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold [back] the truth in unrighteousness Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: who changed the truth of God into a lie For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature [lesbians] and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one to another, men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet [fitting].

"And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient [right], being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication [all sexual immorality], wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness . . . without natural affection."

Of course, *GOD SPEAKS OUT* loudest against homosexuality, now becoming accepted by TODAY'S society, in the case of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Through Jude, speaking first of angels that sinned, that is, turned from God's government and WAY OF LIFE, "Even as Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication [sexual perversion — homosexuality], and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire" (Jude 7).

Apparently homosexuality had spread in the day of Lot, nephew of Abraham, until it gained complete acceptance by society in those cities.

God had promised Abraham that even if there were TEN righteous people in those two cities, he would spare the cities and not destroy them for the sake of that ten.

This simply has to mean, either that homosexuality and lesbianism were practiced by all, with the exception probably of Lot and his family, or else that it had the same "acceptance" that modern society is beginning to give this same perversion today. This is given in the Bible as "an example" to WARN even those today who give this extreme evil their "acceptance" — as if it were perfectly respectful.

God labeled this degenerate perversion a *very grievous sin*.

WHY is it so grievous a sin? Because it perverts the MIND! Some may believe homosexuality is transmitted by birth. It is not! But once one gives his mind to accept it, his mental perspective regarding proper use of sex soon becomes perverted — changed — unnatural. A man soon cares nothing for the husband-wife relationship. I have known of a few cases where such men were married and had families, but they were exceptions, and their real "love" — that is, LUST — was for other men. The mind becomes CHANGED — PERVERTED — and no longer normal.

God says such shall NOT enter the kingdom of God (Gal. 5:19-21; I Cor. 6:9-10). □

Indian Ocean Base Focal Point for U.S. Communications Build-up

Despite some opposition from Congress and concern publicly expressed by India and Iran, the United States — in association with Britain — is pushing ahead with its plans to develop a sophisticated communications facility on the tiny British island of Diego Garcia.

Located a thousand miles southwest of India, Diego Garcia is a mere speck in the vastness of the Indian Ocean. However, the island's physical size hardly does justice to its importance to America's global strategy.

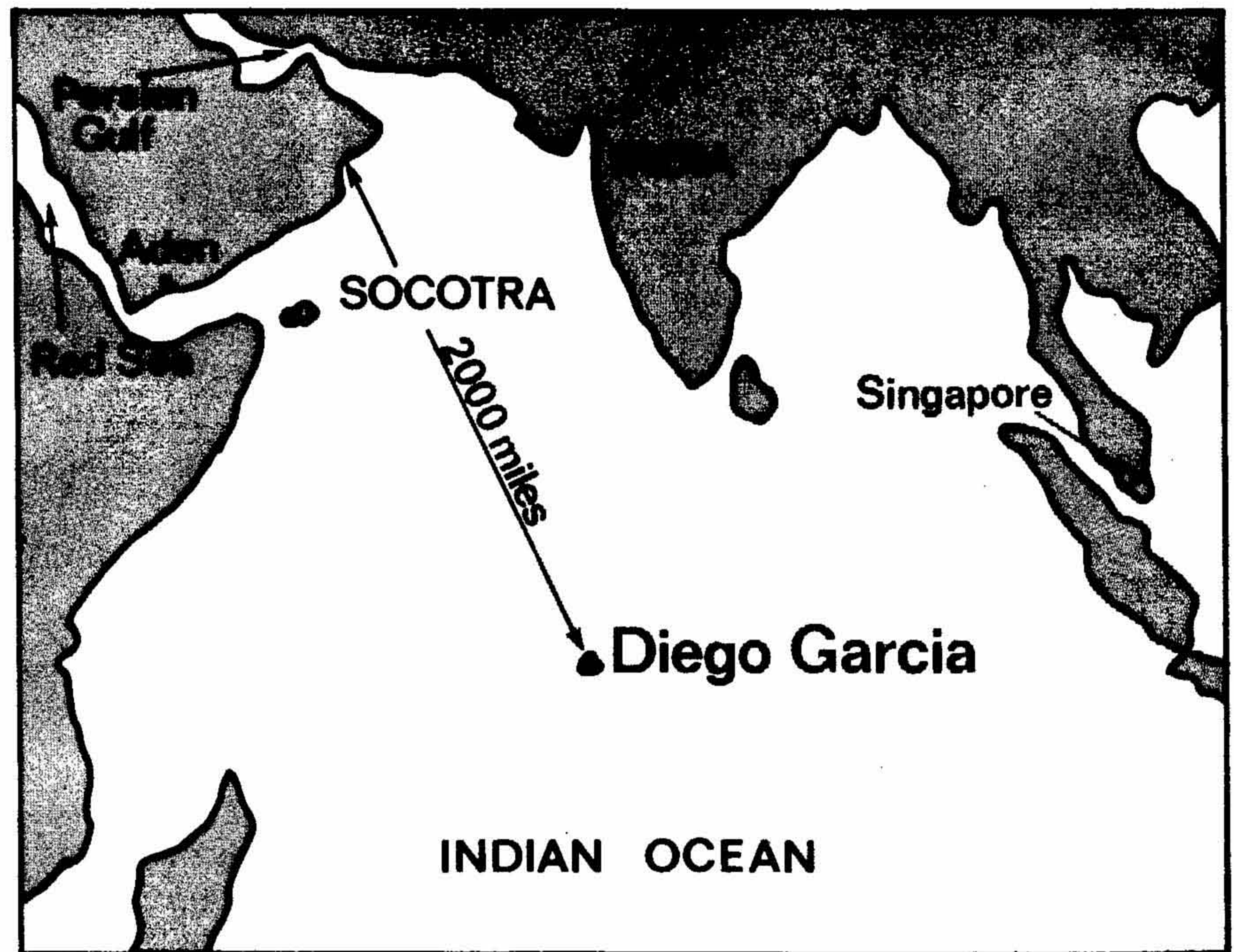
To understand the strategic implications, the development must be viewed in the light of a number of important factors:

- The growing strength of the Soviet Union's Indian Ocean naval units. The Russian presence has become more marked during the last few years — a cause for increasing concern in the U.S. Defence Department. It now numbers about 30 ships. Diego Garcia will enable America to better monitor the movements of the Russian fleet.

- The opening this month of the Suez Canal which will give the Soviet navy quicker access to the Indian Ocean — about 2,200 miles compared to 11,000 miles via the Cape of Good Hope or 9,000 miles from Vladivostock. The base on Diego Garcia will assume greater importance as a result.

- The Soviet Navy's growing global capability. Its recently completed manoeuvres — Exercise Ocean 1975 — involving more than 220 of the Soviet's most powerful surface ships and perhaps half that many submarines heralds a new era for Russia's navy.

According to the Secretary of the United States Navy, Mr. J.



William Middendorf, the Soviets used the occasion — the largest sea and air exercise they have ever staged — to evaluate their command and control of world-wide naval forces, ocean surveillance, anti-carrier, anti-submarine and anti-convoy warfare operations and weapons and electronic systems.

"In my view," he said, "this Soviet naval exercise clearly demonstrates . . . that the Soviet Navy is capable of operating effectively in all the oceans of the world."

- The possibility of a future armed conflict between China and Russia. A possibility that could increase following the death of either Mao Tse-tung or Chou En-lai — especially if the two nations fail to resolve their border differences. In this case, China's southern areas would be vulnerable to missile attacks from the Indian Ocean and Diego Garcia could help monitor such a conflict.

- Britain's possible withdrawal from its South African Simonstown naval base. Mr. Harold

Wilson's Labour Government has been under considerable pressure from within the Labour Party to withdraw from Simonstown. Although there is a chance in such an event that France or even America itself would replace Britain at Simonstown, it is difficult in these uncertain times to say what the world situation would be at that time. Other African nations could make it impossible. Diego Garcia would make a good back-up base in such a case because it could be developed into a naval and air force facility.

Diego Garcia will be of immediate strategic value to the United States. It is located only 2,500 miles south of the busy Strait of Hormuz which connects the Persian Gulf — where the world's richest oilfields are located — to the Arabian Sea and the world's sea lanes. The Soviet Union's important naval bases and landing fields in Somalia, Yemen and on the island of Socotra are only 2,000 to 2,500 miles to the northwest. So is the Gulf of Aden, southern approach to and outlet from the Suez Canal.

It may have been fear of a possible superpower confrontation that led the Indian and Iranian Governments to ask the superpowers to withdraw from the Indian Ocean, and to suggest that it be declared a zone of peace or possibly a neutral zone.

However, trends in the Middle East and Southeast Asia since the

four-fold rise in oil prices — including America's threatened military intervention in the Middle East, the possibility of another Arab-Israeli conflict, India's nuclear explosion and America's withdrawal from Indochina — make the prospects for peace in the region somewhat less than encouraging.

It is highly unlikely, in the absence of a superpower peace agreement covering the Indian Ocean between the United States, the Soviets and China, that America will agree to abandon its present plans for Diego Garcia.

— Don Abraham

PROBLEM PARENTS — Good Intentions Aren't Enough

by Dr. Lyn Barrow

Few parents indeed would deliberately plan to make life more difficult for their children. Yet at times in doing what they honestly perceive as best, parents handicap rather than help.

This may happen during a child's early years if a mother or father shows a relentless concern for the child. Eating, sleeping, toileting, walking, and talking become a constant preoccupation. The child is coddled and suppressed by "smother love" rather than allowed to grow in a calm, consistent, and reassuring environment.

When looked at prospectively the overprotected child is in a way "underprotected". For he misses those necessary opportunities for working through fears, aggressions, and frustrations and, as a result is not developing the inner strength to handle adversity.

His thinking is done for him and as he grows his maturity lags behind his age. In this way he becomes a handicapped child.

First Days at School

I wonder if you've ever visited a large infants' school during the first weeks of a school year. If you have, you're bound to have seen at least some mothers dabbing their eyes and saying "Goodbye" with all of the elements of a great parting.

This unwarranted behaviour is something that makes things worse for both mother and child.

Let's look briefly at this matter of "separation", an area in which children may be disadvantaged by well-meaning parents.

A toddler reaches the stage when he needs to leave his mother's apron strings, when he needs the company and experience of others. Most

mothers perceive the need for this experience. They arrange for their children to be "separated" from them, for short periods at first with these becoming progressively longer.

On the other hand some mothers appear to be expressing a genuine concern when they say: "He's really only a baby and too young to leave yet" or "I couldn't leave him; he's never been without me." But hidden behind this apparent concern may be a fear of what the separation will mean to the mother. She may not be able to face this realistically.

Yet to deprive a child of separation practice is to do him a disservice. For how else will he learn to cope when school begins or when there are other situations in which separation from mother becomes inevitable?

Build a Positive Attitude

Children can be handicapped in other ways during school-preparation days. One example is when a parent has a negative attitude towards school and allows this to rub off onto the child.

Attitudes are often formed in early childhood and may develop from experiences beyond our control. And early school days are a case in point. But we must guard against passing on these negative feelings to our children. This is doing them a mischief.

School should be portrayed as an exciting place with lots of things to do and to learn and with lots of friends. Unless this is done the child will be starting behind scratch.

Parents have to be very much on guard against the chance remark. Recently I overheard a woman say to her neighbour: "Let him have as much fun as he can now. The poor kid will be starting school next

year." I hope that "the poor kid" wasn't within earshot!

Casual remarks to neighbours and friends have formed the bases for many a child's negative attitude — to dentists, doctors, and police, as well as to places like the hospital.

At age 4 or 5 lack of understanding plus imagination can enlarge and distort something and change it into an object of fear.

Encourage Independence

What do I really want for my child? This is a question that most of us ask ourselves. And it's certain that in the vast majority of answers there would be some notion of the child becoming happy, stable, and independent.

We want our children to achieve these aims; and yet at times we use policies that militate against them.

A good example is when parents obstruct their children's move towards independence.

Almost every week I talk to a parent who is upset because her son or daughter appears to have "moved away" from her emotionally. Of course the child has "moved away" but usually as an experiment in independence.

We want our children to eventually function successfully independently. So we should accept with good grace their excursions into independence even before they are fully ready for this. And calm and realistic consideration of their actions will soon make clear that rarely do these excursions indicate a lessening in love or in family ties generally.

These are just some of the parents whose "best intentions" sometimes make life more difficult for their children. The things that I've been describing are human frailties and as such can hardly be condemned. *But they should be avoided.*

The simple point is this. In so many instances "meaning well" is not good enough. Good intentions succeed only in combination with awareness and knowledge.



avoided hair-splitting definitions. He invented no creeds, or dogmas, or doctrines. They've all been the result, I believe, of the development

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of organised Christianity over two thousand years. And I think the great need today is for us to get back to these essential, simple teachings. Therefore, when it becomes a question of areas of divergence, I would argue that the divergence is on the part of the Church. Heresy, if we hold to the words of Jesus about loving God and loving man — amounts to failure to act. It's not a matter of failing to be obedient to certain creeds, doctrines, and so on, but it is failure to act in terms of loving God and loving man. I claim that the Church itself is heretical in this sense.

Q: You seem to be describing what might be called seven day a week Christianity versus attending church one day a week. Is this so?

A: Absolutely, absolutely. In fact, it must infiltrate downwards and it's bound up with life — not with religion. Jesus was not concerned about religion. He by-passed it. His concern was, as you said, with life, the totality of life. He was concerned with every aspect of life. It was about people coming alive, and one has to say that in all of our work at the Wayside Chapel, we've seen that this

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basic concept works. I've spent twenty years of my ministry in a church preaching doctrines, pushing this theology up hill and down dale. It never gets anywhere.

Q: Do you think the time will come when Churches will practice tolerance toward others?

A: No. Organised religion, in order to survive, will have to develop

TED NOFFS TALKS ON PROBLEMS FACING THE CHURCH

The following interview with Ted Noffs was recorded in mid-March. Days later, the Methodist Church's Committee of Discipline acquitted Mr. Noffs of a charge of heresy that had been brought against him by another Methodist minister, the Reverend J.D. Hall. Mr. Noffs spoke to Don Abraham about the heresy trial, and about his views on the future of organised Christianity. The interview took place at the Wayside Chapel, Kings Cross, Sydney.

Plain Truth? How does a heresy trial strike you, Ted, in this 20th century?

Ted Noffs: Well, it is absolutely staggering that in an age of freedom of expression and freedom of thought the Church, which has always claimed to be on the frontier of dealing with human problems, should be the last place in the world where one would find these freedoms. In any scientific field, in any academic field, in the field of economics, in the field of history, in

any field whatsoever, the idea of diversity of opinion and diversity of thought is welcomed because on the basis of those differences of ideas, we're able to get nearer to the truth.

Q: Were you given any prior warning that charges were being prepared?

A: No. That was the most painful part of this experience. Apparently the person involved had been collecting material since 1968. He had been getting the charge ready since October or November of 1974. Church officials knew that this was happening, but no action was taken to inform me. The first knowledge I had of it was when the formal document landed on my desk.

Q: Where are you out of step with the doctrines of your Church?

A: Well, let me just state I consider myself to be perfectly orthodox. Orthodoxy for me is bound up with the simple words of Jesus, love God and love man. It seems to me that Jesus Himself

religion

degrees of tolerance. But I don't think we'll ever reach a time — this age being what it is — when we'll rid the world of those people who are antagonistic and aggressive by nature toward any person who has a different viewpoint to their own . . . The important thing to remember in this is that *the survival of life on this planet is at stake*. The danger spots in the world are all religious in their overtones. Northern Ireland, the Middle East, even Indochina. When we look at these danger spots we realise that it is the encultured, entrophied forms of religion that lead to hatreds and prejudices so that religion, instead of being a binding force in the world, in fact threatens and divides. So the question of religious tolerance and of unity is not a peripheral one — it is a highly important question. If Henry Kissinger tries to solve the Middle East problem politically, he won't stand a chance because he's dealing with a religious question. If they send a special minister from Britain to solve the problems of Northern Ireland by political means — they will fail. It's a religious question. Now, therefore, the family of man becomes a more and more urgent issue. I'll go a step further and say that the concept of the family of man is to be found in the teachings of Jesus.

Q: We're so far removed today from the basic teachings of Christ. Yet they're all recorded for us in the

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Bible. How did we go astray?

A: When the Roman Empire fell the Church felt a vacuum. The Holy Roman Empire took the place of the secular Roman Empire and I think that immediately it developed political overtones. I think that over the years this idea of a division between people — a political idea — entered

in, and then kings became involved in conflicts with popes. I believe that now is the moment in history when in regard to great social institutions, people are realising that big is not beautiful — that small is beautiful. Small is a handful of people by the side of the road. It was a spiritual swagman, as it were, wandering the backwoods of Galilee — and yet He gave the world 2000 years of hope. But the people who I believe are the destroyers of Christianity are, in fact, those who are pretending to be its saviours, those who are prepared to stand still, to not grow, not develop. As Paul said, "When I was a child I spoke as a child, I thought as a child, I understood as a child, but when I became a man I put away childish things" — that is what has to happen to the Church. We act in the churches as if people are children from the moment they begin Sunday School until the time they reach old age. There's no development of their thought, there's no awareness that they may want, when they are fifty or sixty years of age, something else on a Sunday morning than an exposition of John 3:16. Or they may want to hear it but with other dimensions that assume there has been growth and development. But this doesn't happen and we are still providing milk to people who should be receiving meat.

Q: What is the future of organised religion? Does it have a future?

A: Well, in my opinion it has no future unless it is able dramatically to change. I doubt whether it can. I believe that the clergy and the laity have a vested interest in its survival. Once a man turns about 40 years of age and he is a minister of religion, he's got too much to lose. If he goes out on a limb and risks his neck to say what he knows to be true, to say, "look, what I've been saying in terms of this creed or that creed, or that dogma for so long is, in fact, a pack of lies, or sheer nonsense," he loses his job. That means he is unemployed so he is prepared to compromise his beliefs in order to survive. The same applies to people for whom the Church is largely a cultural centre — a kind of comfortable club. Why upset the rules and regulations? People get by — let's accept it. Therefore I don't think that there's going to be a change in the Church. I

think that the Churches are largely going to die.

Q: Australians are generally thought of as being irreligious, to have an apathetic attitude towards everything except beer, gambling and football, yet you're getting crowds at the Wayside Chapel. This suggests that Australians are responsive, if the message is the right one?

A: I believe that basically Australian people are in essence just as spiritual as any people in the world. But the religious organisation turns them off and it turns them off because of its unimaginativeness, because of its sheer dullness. I

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believe that people make a very clear distinction between the teachings of organised religion and the teachings of Jesus, and that all we're actually picking up and finding an enthusiastic response to, is the essential, very simple teachings of Jesus. Our task is to separate in people's minds what Jesus taught from, what to them is an unmistakably ugly institution which is called the Christian Church. At the turn of the century, the *Bulletin* conducted a competition to discover what Australia's favourite proverb was, and the proverb that won was simply this: "If your neighbour goes to church, brand your cattle early." I think it is that kind of thing that is still with us. A feeling that you don't trust another person who is in the Church, and the Church can argue as long as it likes that we don't deserve to have that particular proverb apply to us, that's the image it's created. I don't mind the Church having that image itself as long as you separate it from Jesus.

Q: It's not the Australian that's at fault, then, but the religious organisation itself?

A: Yes, I believe it is. They'll say that's unfair. But one has to state the facts, and it makes no difference how much the Church raves and rationalises about it.

Plain Truth: Thank you very much, Ted Noffs.

WHO DISCOVERED AMERICA FIRST



New evidence is increasingly coming to light proving that Columbus was a relative late-comer to the New World. Others reached the shores of the Americas thousands of years before Columbus was born. Who were they? Here is the intriguing story.

by William F. Dankenbring

Dr. Alexander von Wuthenau, a white-haired patriarch with a redoubtable intellect, resides in Mexico City. After living in Latin America for 36 years, von Wuthenau has devoted his life to studying the mysteries of pre-Columbian art and is without peer in his field.

I interviewed the learned professor for many hours in his home recently, and we discussed some of the most controversial and astonishing archaeological findings in recent decades.

According to Dr. von Wuthenau, there is significant evidence of Mediterranean and African influences on the "new continent" at a very early time!

Several years ago Dr. von Wuthenau observed a "Star of David" design engraved on a six-foot stela in the national museum of Mexico. The same Mayan figure has a hat which is very similar to the papyrus craft Thor Heyerdahl piloted across the Atlantic, patterned after the reed boats of ancient Egypt. Intrigued, von Wuthenau investigated reproductions of rock drawings in the Jewish necropolis of Beit-Shearim. Here he was surprised to find a very similar drawing, with an interlaced six-pointed "Star of David" and an authentic ancient reed boat.

Even more remarkable, a phylactery — a cord wound on a Hebrew youth's weakest arm at the time of his Bar Mitzvah — has been found etched on the right arm of an eight-foot figure in Veracruz, Mexico, the Tapatlaxco Stela. This evidence strongly suggested that the "isolationist" school of thought which assumes that the cultures of the Americas evolved independently from the Old World is in need of total rethinking.

This, however, was just the beginning. With the advent of America's bicentennial year, the whole question of who discovered America has been thrown up in the air for a completely new evaluation.

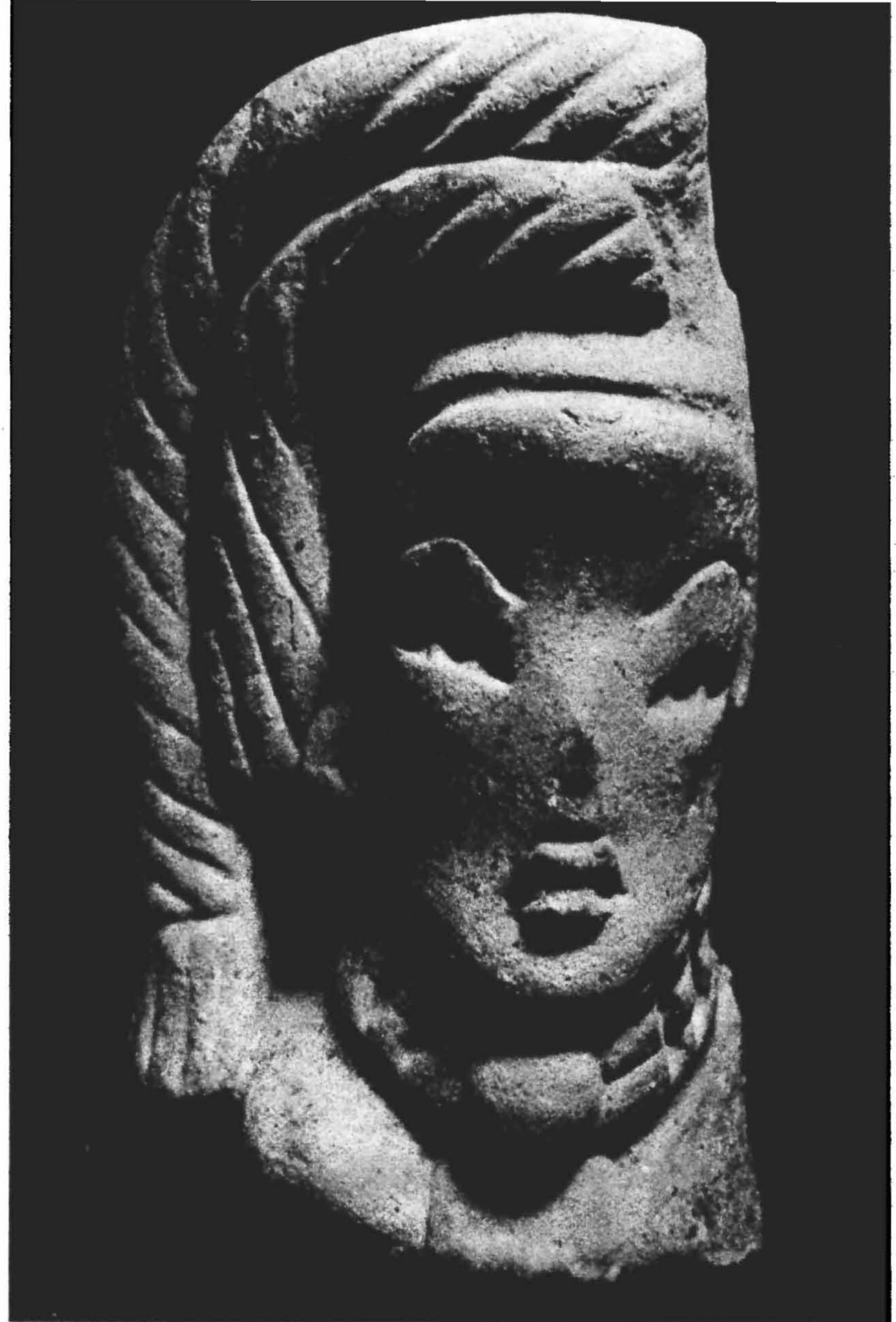
The Paraíba Stone

In 1966, Jules Piccus, professor of Romance languages at the Univer-

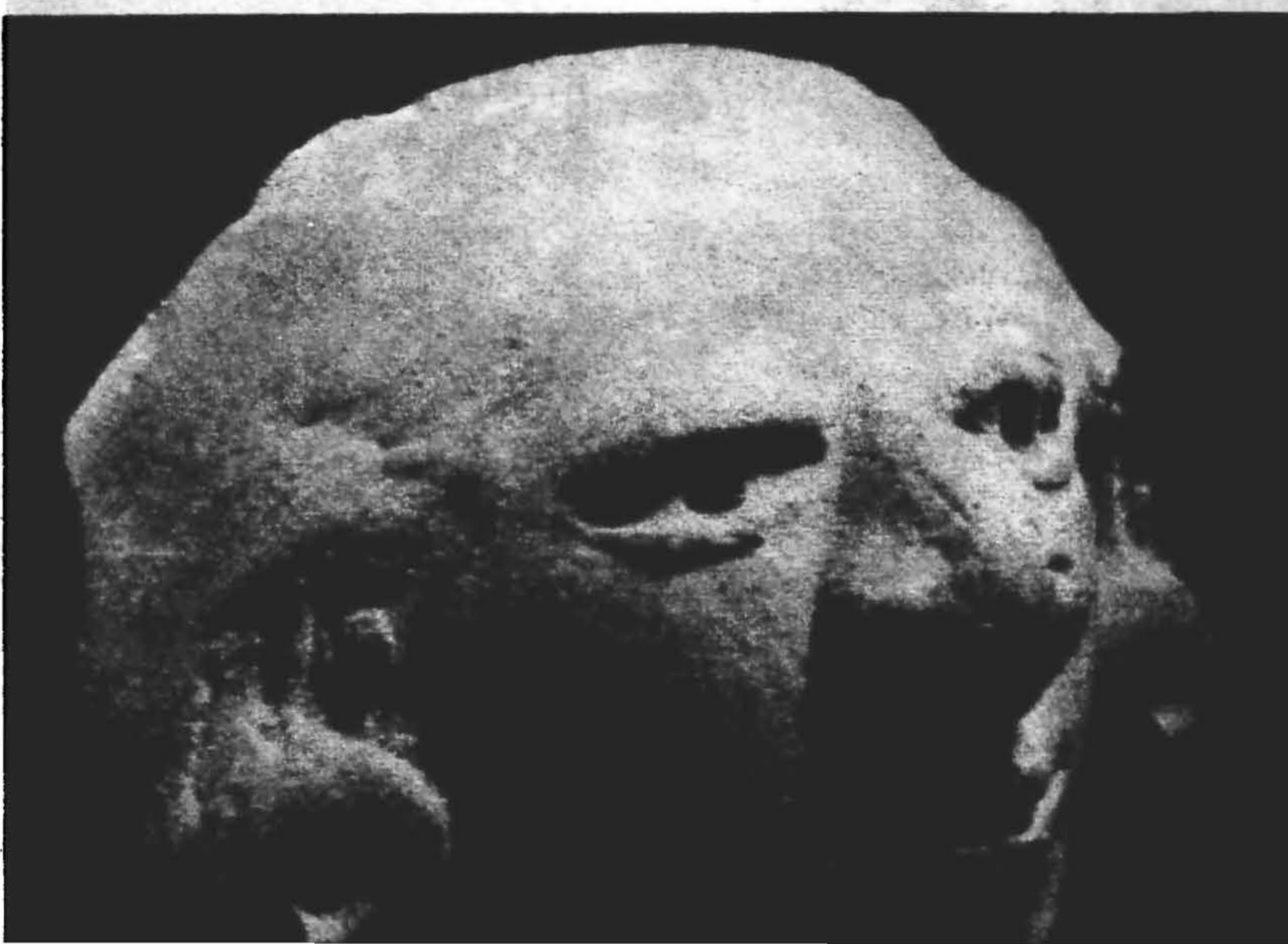
sity of Massachusetts, bought an old scrapbook containing a transcription of mysterious stone markings found in 1872 by a slave in the tropical rain forest of Paraíba state, Brazil. Intrigued, Dr. Piccus brought the material to the attention of Professor Cyrus H. Gordon of the Department of Mediterranean Studies at Brandeis University, Massachusetts. Dr. Gordon, a scholar of the first rank and author of some thirteen books, is an expert in ancient Semitic languages.

I talked to Dr. Gordon in his home in a suburb of Boston, Massachusetts about two years ago. He related how he compared the Paraíba inscription with the latest work on Phoenician writings: "I noticed that the peculiarities of this text found in Brazil and written in a language very closely related to Hebrew and Phoenician referred to events between 534 and 531 B.C.," Dr. Gordon related. "I realized this had to be genuine because it contained words, grammatical forms and expressions that were not known in the 19th century, but were only authenticated in the 20th century. This is important, because if one of these inscriptions turned up in 1973, there would be no way of knowing if it were genuine or fake. The reason is a forger can know everything I do, or anyone else. But a forger cannot know what's going to be discovered in the next century."

Gordon translated the script as follows: "We are Sidonian Canaanites from the city of the Mercantile King. We were cast up on this distant shore, a land of mountains. We sacrificed a youth to the celestial gods and goddesses in the nineteenth year of our mighty King Hiram and embarked from Eziongeber into the Red Sea. We voyaged with ten ships and were at sea to-



ABOVE: Head of a girl (Egyptian style), discovered by Alexander von Wuthenau in Xochipala, Guerrero, Mexico, dating from the early pre-classic period (1500 to 1000 B.C.).
BELOW: Negroid head discovered near Veracruz, Mexico, in the Classic period (300 to 900 A.D.).



gether for two years around Africa. Then we were separated by the hand of Baal and were no longer with our companions. So we have come here, twelve men and three women, into New Shore. Am I, the Admiral, a man who would flee? Nay! May the celestial gods and goddesses favor us well!"

The Bat Creek Stone

In 1885 Smithsonian Institution archaeologists found an inscribed stone tablet in an undisturbed tomb near Bat Creek, Tennessee. The finders believed it was a Cherokee tablet, and in 1894 published it — upside down. Until 1970, the stone was ignored, lying unnoticed at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Joseph Mahan happened to see a photograph of the stone and became interested. He copied the inscription and sent it to Cyrus Gordon. To Gordon, the message on the stone was immediately clear. He related, "It turned out to be straight Hebrew, of the Roman period, roughly 100 A.D." Five letters on the stone, says Gordon, clearly mean "for Judah."

The stone is about four and one half inches long and two inches wide, and composed of brownish ironstone with beautifully carved letters. The tomb from which it came was 28 feet across and held nine skeletons. Says Gordon, "Neither I, nor anyone else, can say that it was possibly a forgery."

In addition to the Bat Creek stone, more recently coins of the Bar Kokhba rebellion in Judea (A.D. 132-135) were found by farmers near Louisville, Hopkinsville, and Clay City, Kentucky.

The Metcalf Stone

In 1968 at the U.S. military reservation at Fort Benning, Georgia,

THREE EXAMPLES of Caucasian-style clay sculptures found in Ecuador. ABOVE: Pacific coast of Ecuador, preclassic. MIDDLE: Fragment of head (Narigon), late preclassic. BELOW: Head of white man, Ecuador, late preclassic. (All from the collection of A. von Wuthenau).

Manfred Metcalf was looking for slabs to build a barbecue pit. Several strange-looking flat stones caught his eye. Metcalf picked up a large flat piece of sandstone about nine inches long and while brushing it off noticed odd markings. He gave the stone to Joseph B. Mahan, Jr., Director of Education and Research at the nearby Columbus Museum of Arts and Crafts at Columbus, Georgia.

Dr. Mahan is an expert on American Indian ethnology and archaeology. He is a specialist on the Yuchis, a tribe that once inhabited the area and had been resettled in Oklahoma in 1836.

Interestingly, Mahan had noticed that one of the Yuchi agricultural festivals had too many resemblances to the Hebrew Feast of Booths or Tabernacles described in the biblical book of Leviticus to be merely "accidental" or sheer coincidence. For examples, the Yuchis celebrate (1) an eight-day festival (2) that starts on the fifteenth day or full moon of the holy harvest month (3) and live in "booths" throughout the festival (4) at the religious center for the tribe (5) and nurture a sacred fire.

To this very day, some Jews observe the first three of these same features, although they have given up the fourth and fifth points since their dispersal from Jerusalem in A.D. 70 when the Temple was destroyed by the armies of Titus.

Neither Mahan nor Gordon believe the Yuchis to be one of the so-called lost ten tribes of Israel. However, they both believe that the evidence shows that both the Yuchis and Hebrews share certain cultural features rooted in the ancient East and Mediterranean of the Bronze Age.

Mahan sent a copy of the stone discovered by Metcalf to Cyrus Gordon in May 1968. Gordon published an article on the stone in *Manuscripts*, a quarterly of the Manuscript Society, in the summer of 1969. Gordon reported: "After studying the inscription, it was apparent to me that the affinities of the

script were with the Aegean syllabary, whose two best known forms are Minoan Linear A and Mycenaean Linear B. The double-axe in the lower left corner is, of course, reminiscent of Minoan civilization...."

Concludes Gordon, "We therefore have American inscriptional contacts with the Aegean of the Bronze Age, near the south, west, and north shores of the Gulf of Mexico. This can hardly be accidental; ancient Aegean writing near three different sectors of the Gulf reflects Bronze Age transatlantic communication between the Mediterranean and the New World around the middle of the second millennium B.C." (*Manuscripts*, summer 1969).

In fact, Gordon offers the intriguing suggestion that "the Aegean analogues to Mayan writing, to the Aztec glyphs, and to the Metcalf Stone inspire the hope that the deciphered scripts of the Mediterranean may provide keys for unlocking the forgotten systems of writing in the New World. A generation capable of landing men on the moon may also be able to place pre-Columbian America within the framework of world history" (*ibid.*, p. 166).

Earliest Americans NOT Indians?

The conclusion that peoples from the Mediterranean reached the New World during the middle of the second millennium before Christ (or about 3,000 years before Columbus) is shocking enough — and not all scholars are prepared to accept it — but even more startling discoveries are upsetting a number of cherished theories about the early history of the New World. More and more, those who believe the inhabitants of the New World developed their cultures in virtual isolation, cut off from the developing societies of the Middle East, are having to face new evidence which is weakening their theory.

In excavations throughout Central and South America, Dr. von Wuthenau has found hundreds of thousands of sculptures often show-

ing human types, most of them of clay. Naturally, a person would assume that such clay objects would show distinctive "Indian" features — that is, the objects would look like the typical Aztec, Maya or other similar Indian type. In his book *The Art of Terra Cotta Pottery in Pre-Columbian Central and South America*, von Wuthenau published scores of photographs of these art objects. He relates his astonishment when he observed that of the early human figures in the early, lower levels of each excavation, not a single "Indian" head was to be found. Instead he encountered heads with Mongolian, Chinese and Japanese features, as well as those of Tartars, Negroes and "all kinds of white people, especially semitic types with and without beards."

Asserts von Wuthenau, "I personally have not been able to discover among these distinguished personages a single 'real Indian.'" A terra cotta head from Guerro, Mexico, was remarkably similar to the Egyptian god Bes, and similar images of this peculiar deity are found at almost all Phoenician excavation sites around the Mediterranean. In the Guerro district terra cotta heads of *Urweisse* or "ancient Whites" have also been discovered. Around Acapulco von Wuthenau found evidence that Mediterranean peoples dwelt together in considerable numbers. Female figurines from the area are markedly Caucasian, with delicate eyebrows, small mouths, opulent coiffures, etc.

In the region of Mexico City, von Wuthenau found art objects with narrow faces and long curved noses and beards (the Indians had no beards). The female objects had delicate profiles, fine straight noses, sometimes with a slight upturn common in the White race. The first true Indian types appear in significant numbers about A.D. 300, declares Cyrus Gordon, who has studied von Wuthenau's discoveries.

Evidence From the Old World

As remarkable as the unfolding story of the early Western Hemisphere may be, there is a corre-

sponding line of hard evidence in the Eastern Hemisphere. The evidence has been read time and time again by scholars and students of classical literature, but it has never been fully comprehended.

Scholars for many years have been aware of cultural parallels between Central America and the Middle East. The Mixtec Indians squeezed royal purple dye out of the snail *Purpura patula* of the Pacific Ocean; the Phoenicians performed the same feat with the snails *Murex truncatus* and *Murex brandaris* found in the Mediterranean. Reed rafts were used by the ancient Egyptians; "Indians" used similar ones from the Pacific coast of California to Chile.

Like the peoples of the Middle East, the early peoples of the Americas worshipped the sun, built giant stone statues, wrote in hieroglyphs, performed cranial surgery, and mummified the dead. Were all these traits developed independently and in isolation?

"There are a number of cultural elements so strikingly alike in the two hemispheres that the possibility of their transoceanic spread to America must be seriously considered" (Steward and Faron, *Native Peoples of South America*, p. 41).

But aside from the cultural similarities, what are we to do with statements in ancient literature?

In the fourth century B.C., a Greek writer named Theopompus mentioned an enormous "continent" outside the Old World, inhabited by peoples with strange lifestyles.

Diodorus of Sicily, who lived in the first century B.C., wrote: "For there lies out in the deep off Libya [Africa] an island of considerable size, and situated as it is in the ocean it is distant from Libya a voyage of a number of days to the west. Its land is fruitful, much of it being mountainous and not a little being a level plain of surpassing beauty. Through it flow navigable rivers..." (5. 19 1-5). There is no island with these attributes unless Diodorus was referring to the West Indies or the Western Hemisphere!

In Book 20, Diodorus explained, "In ancient times this island remained undiscovered because of its distance from the entire inhabited world." He then describes Phoenician voyages beyond the Pillars of Hercules (the straits of Gibraltar) and how they "were driven by strong winds a great distance out into the ocean. And after being storm-tossed for many days they were carried ashore on the island we mentioned above..." (20. 1-4).

This historical note is remarkable in view of the fact that Phoenician inscriptions have been found in Brazil.

Similar noteworthy statements were made by Plato, who lived about 400 B.C. In *Timaeus*, Plato wrote of an earlier time: "In those days the Atlantic was navigable; and there was an island situated in front of the straits which you call the columns of Hercules; the island was larger than Libya and Asia put together, and was the way to other islands, and from the islands you might pass to the whole of the OPPOSITE CONTINENT which surrounded the true ocean..."

Further evidence of early voyages is found in the book of Chronicles in the Hebrew Old Testament. Hiram, king of Tyre, and Solomon, king of Israel, sent a joint navy on lengthy voyages that required three years to complete. These trips began at Ezion-geber on the shore of the Red Sea. It is interesting that these voyages required three years. (The hardly more advanced sixteenth-century sailing vessels also took three years to circumnavigate the world.)

In light of the excavations in the New World and the incredible cultural similarities which existed, these enigmatic classical statements take on much more meaning to modern scholars.

Quetzalcoatl, god of the Mayas, for instance, is depicted in Mayapan myths as being unusually blonde. The Spanish *conquistadores* commented on Montezuma's unusually light skin.

It is significant that the pre-Inca tradition for the creation of the

world and of the primitive happy state of men, their corruption by sin, the destruction of the earth, and its regeneration is "a distinct analogy to the Mosaic chronicle of the earliest epoch of the history of the human race" (Riverox and von Tschudi, *Peruvian Antiquities*, p. 149).

Ancient Maps

Perhaps the most remarkable evidence of all is found in the ancient maps of the world. Recent studies of the *Piri Re'is* map of A.D. 1513 strongly indicate that the original mapmaker must have found the correct relative longitude across Africa and the Atlantic to Brazil, for this map gives an amazingly accurate profile of the coast of South America to the Amazon and provides an accurate profile of the Yucatan Peninsula. Incredibly, this map shows a section of the coast of Antarctica, although that continent was supposedly not discovered until 1818.

The Reinel Chart of 1510, a Portuguese map of the Indian Ocean, seems to show the coast of Australia, as well as some of the Caroline Islands of the Pacific. The evidence indicates that ancient seafarers must have journeyed over these parts of the world and constructed reliable maps, of which fragments and copies survived into the Middle Ages and were copied again, although their significance had been long lost to most scholars.

The growing mountain of evidence — ranging from the Paraíba stone, the Bat Creek stone, the Metcalf stone, ancient Indian rituals, and pre-Columbian terra cotta pottery, to the cultural parallels, the literature of the classical world, and ancient maps — points convincingly to the conclusion that ancient mariners of the Middle East and the Orient navigated the oceans many times, establishing contact with the New World millennia before Christopher Columbus did so in 1492. Indeed, who in the face of the amazing new evidence coming to light can deny that in actual fact Columbus was a relative late-comer to the New World? □

THE ROOTS OF AMERICAN SUCCESS

by Jeff Calkins

With the passing of America's 199th birthday and with preparations being made for the coming bicentennial celebrations, one largely overlooked fact is that the United States is the world's oldest surviving republic and is also one of this planet's oldest continuing governments.

Even more remarkable than the political stability of the American republic is its unprecedented economic success. Americans enjoy, on a mass scale, material well-being undreamed of even by the royalty of bygone days.

Obviously, something, somewhere, went right.

British intellectuals in the nineteenth century often debated the causes of the American success. Liberals argued that the American experiment had succeeded because of its democratic structure of government. Conservatives countered that the American success was due to an accident of geography and natural resources, which they called "propitious circumstances."

Two largely overlooked factors — both found in the Bible — indicate that both sides were right.

I. Propitious Circumstances

Geography and natural resources have played an immense part in America's success story. The U.S. has been politically buffered by two oceans and has hence been free from the threat of any great nation's

army poised within easy marching distance of its borders.

American farmland is among the richest in the world, and the climate favors raising crops on a mass basis.

"We... find ourselves in the peaceful possession of the fairest portion of the earth, as regards fertility of soil, extent of territory and salubrity of climate..." noted Abraham Lincoln, but this "fairest portion of the earth" was not the result of "propitious circumstances," but rather divine providence.

Essentially, the majority of the American people are descendants from the ancient Hebrew nation of Israel. The bountiful land of the United States was inherited as a result of the promises God made to the patriarch Abraham. (A fuller explanation can be found in the Ambassador College booklet, *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*.)

Interestingly, Americans have historically compared themselves with the ancient Israelites. One side of Thomas Jefferson's proposed seal for the United States pictured the children of Israel in the wilderness, led by a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. In 1789, Yale President Ezra Stiles called the newly formed United States "God's American Israel."

The early Puritans, of course, saw themselves as Israelites coming into the Promised Land, with the Atlantic Ocean being the Red Sea. Governor John Winthrop saw the New England colonies as a "city set on a hill," and Winthrop himself was later, in a eulogy compared to Moses.

The relationship between the ancient Israelites and the Americans is more than metaphorical. It is ancestral. The American people are not blessed for their own righteousness, but for Abraham's. The geographic and natural factors in the equation were God's doing.

II. Checking Human Nature

But external surroundings do not explain the whole of the American success. Trees, minerals, even good farm land, aren't necessarily valu-

able in themselves. They must be developed. To the degree that the American structure of government encouraged that development, it is responsible.

The success of America's political structure lies in the Constitution's acceptance of the biblical view of human nature. The founding fathers' perception of the nature of man seems to come right out of Jeremiah: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9.)

The designers of the U.S. Constitution took a most distrustful view of human nature. They believed that institutions must check men's selfish impulses. The genius of the document is that it takes human nature into account and seeks to harness it.

"The fiery and destructive passions of war reign in the human heart with much more powerful sway than the mild and beneficent sentiments of peace; and to model our political systems upon speculations of lasting tranquility is to calculate on the weaker springs of the human character," wrote Alexander Hamilton in Federalist Paper Number 34.

The condemnation of human nature is even stronger in Federalist Paper Number 51. "*Ambition must be made to counteract ambition...* It may be a reflection on human nature that such devices should be necessary to control the abuses of government. But what is government itself but the greatest of all reflections on human nature. If men were angels no government would be necessary."

Men, of course, aren't angels. The longevity of the American government derives largely from the series of checks and balances which stem from a realization of this fact.

The result has not only been political stability, but also the maintenance of the civil and economic liberties which have allowed the transformation of abundant natural resources into the highest degree of mass material prosperity the world has ever known. □

The INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL...

The Missing Dimension in Knowledge

by Herbert W. Armstrong

Why did God create man on the earth? Was humanity actually put on this planet for a PURPOSE? What is that purpose?

Part V

SOMETHING CAUSED the Creator God to decide to create MAN on this planet. Few indeed know what it was and what is the PURPOSE for humanity's presence here. WHERE are we going, and what is *the way*?

These are the most vital questions. Yet science cannot give the answers. No religion has the explanation. No university teaches this most important of all knowledge.

Earth Not Originally Populated by MAN

It came as an eye-opening surprise to many readers to learn in PART IV that originally this earth was populated by angels — not by MAN.

In PART IV, I took you back into pre-history. I covered a most important, little-understood phase of the "missing dimension in knowledge" — the super-colossal earth-wide cataclysm that led to the creation of MAN!

From pre-history, as revealed in the Biblical record, I covered the original creation of the vast heavens and this earth, in perfection and glorious beauty.

Angels were in existence before the creation of the earth. It could have been many millions of years ago. The earth was created at first to be the habitation of angels. Angels are individually created spirit beings, created immortal and holy, superior to and more powerful than man. However, the human potential, when attained, will elevate man much higher than angels.

Most people know almost nothing about God. To understand our-

selves, WHY we are, where we are going, and how, we need to know more about our Creator.

Our present life is like going on a journey. Suppose you had just won a prize — an all-expense-paid trip to some other country. Wouldn't you want to know *where* you are going, how to get there, and as many things as possible about this trip? Should we not, then, be even more excited with eager anticipation to know as much as possible about this one *great* trip of life? And to know that, you need to know some things about the God who is sending you and providing the way.

It is vital at this point, then, to know this — as revealed in the Bible. The Eternal God not only is Creator of all that is, but is also RULER over all he creates and also EDUCATOR. He *reveals* knowledge basic and vital to know — knowledge otherwise inaccessible to man. Yet mankind — generally — has rejected revelation as a source of basic knowledge.

What God creates he *maintains*. What he creates he creates for a PURPOSE. He intends it to be put to *use* — a *right* use that *preserves and improves*. This use, maintenance and improvement is controlled by the GOVERNMENT OF GOD.

This earth, originally, was intended to be the abode of a third of all the angels. The angels, beholding the earth at its creation, found it so beautiful and perfect they shouted spontaneously for JOY! (Job 38:4-7.) It was to provide a glorious opportunity for them. They were to work it, produce from it, and preserve and increase its beauty.

And whether or not it had been revealed to the angels, it was a supreme TRIAL AND TEST. It was to be the PROVING GROUND of obedience to GOD'S GOVERNMENT and their fitness to take over and develop the millions of other planets in the vast universe. For apparently God had created the entire PHYSICAL universe at the same time he created the earth. The seventh word in Genesis 1:1 should be translated "heavens."

Radioactive elements and the law of radioactivity prove that there was a time when MATTER did not exist. GOD is a spirit. God is composed of spirit. God was before ALL ELSE — the CREATOR of all. Angels were created prior to the earth. There is strong probability that matter had never existed before the original creation of the earth — that the entire *physical* universe was brought into being at that time.

So the angel potential was to take over the entire universe — to produce, build, and improve the billions of physical planets surrounding the uncountable stars, many of which are SUNS. Our sun in our solar system is merely an average-size sun. Some which we see as stars are actually many, many times larger than our sun. Our solar system, vast beyond the imagination of most minds, is only a *part* of our galaxy, and there are many galaxies! In other words, the physical UNIVERSE which the mighty God created is *vast beyond imagination!* How GREAT is the GREAT GOD!

But God may not have yet fully revealed this awesome potential to the angels, for one third of them set

out to take it from him by force, without first qualifying.

For this far-reaching purpose, God established his GOVERNMENT on earth over them. Administration of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD over this globe was delegated to the super archangel — the great cherub Lucifer. His very name means “shining star of the dawn” or “bringer of light.”

Lucifer was the supreme masterpiece it was possible for even the great God to create as an individually created being. The Bible reveals the existence of just two others of the same rank — Michael and Gabriel.

Bear in mind that even the holy angels and archangels — including this super cherub Lucifer — of necessity were endowed with ability to think, to reason, to form attitudes, and to make choices and decisions.

God started this Lucifer out with everything going for him. He sealed up the sum of wisdom, beauty and perfection. He was PERFECT in all his ways from the instant he was created UNTIL (Ezekiel 28:15) INIQUITY — rebellion, lawlessness — was found in him.

He had been trained and was thoroughly experienced in administration of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD at the very throne of the endless UNIVERSE! He was one of the two cherubs whose wings covered the throne of God the MOST high (Ezek. 28:14, Ex. 25:20).

He was created gloriously beautiful — *perfect* in beauty, but he allowed vanity to seize him. Then he turned to erroneous reasoning. God's LAW — the basis of God's government — is the way of LOVE — outgoing concern for the good and welfare of others, love toward God in obedience, humility, and worship — the way of giving, sharing, helping, cooperating. He reasoned that competition would be better than cooperation. It would be an incentive to excel, to try harder, to accomplish. There would be more pleasure in serving SELF and more enjoyment.

He turned *against* God's law of LOVE. He became jealous of God, envious, and resentful against God.

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He allowed lust and greed to fill him, and he became bitter. This inspired a spirit of *violence!* He deliberately became his Maker's adversary and enemy.

God changed his NAME to what he became, SATAN the DEVIL — which *means* adversary, competitor, enemy.

He directed his supernatural powers henceforth to EVIL. He became bitter not only against God, but against God's LAW. He became subtle and used his subtle wiles of deception to lead the angels under him into disloyalty, rebellion, and revolt against the Creator and finally into a WAR of aggression and violence to attempt to depose God and seize the throne of the UNIVERSE.

As long as Lucifer remained loyal and administered the GOVERNMENT OF GOD faithfully, this earth was filled with wonderful and perfect PEACE. The angels were vigorously HAPPY to the extent of JOY! The LAW of God's government is THE WAY OF LIFE that CAUSES and produces peace, happiness, prosperity, and well-being. Sin is the WAY OF LIFE that has *caused* all existing EVILS.

The penalty of sin by the angels was *not* death — for God had made them immortal spirit beings who cannot die. What God gave them was THIS EARTH as their abode and opportunity to qualify to possess and beautify the entire UNIVERSE. Their penalty (they are still awaiting

final judgment up to now) was disqualification — forfeiture of their grand opportunity, perversion of mind, and a *colossal earthwide CATAclysm* of destruction wreaked upon this earth.

As a result, the earth came to the condition briefly described in Genesis 1:2 — (the Hebrew words “tohu and bohu” here mean waste and empty, chaotic and in extreme confusion) with water covering the whole face of the earth, in deep darkness. Lucifer was created a perfect bringer of LIGHT. Now he became author of DARKNESS, error, confusion, and evil.

So the rebellion of the angels that sinned (II Pet. 2:4-6; Jude 6-7; Isa. 14:12-15; Ezek. 28:12-17) brought this extreme cataclysm to the earth.

And in all probability it did more! Whatever God creates is created in perfect condition. I am unable to believe that the other planets were created as dead hulks of waste and empty DECAY — like our moon. We do not yet know too much about the other planets, but every evidence so far indicates this same state of decay.

We have already covered, in this series, the awesome, incredible POTENTIAL OF MAN. Originally, this potential of being put over the UNIVERSE was the potential of the angels. But they became disqualified.

I cannot believe God created our moon and the planets in this state of waste and decay. I believe the evidence of what God does reveal strongly indicates that the entire material universe was created when the earth was still perfect and beautiful. As just stated, God is NOT the author of waste, decay, and destruction, but Satan is. It seems, therefore, based on what *is* revealed, that a similar cataclysm of destruction most likely happened to the surface of our moon and the planets at the time it happened to this earth! And all this was caused by the rebellion of Lucifer and his angels! But notice what God did next.

In Psalm 104:30, “Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.”

Back, now to Genesis 1:2, "And the earth was [became] without form and void [Heb. *tohu* and *bohu* — chaotic, in confusion, waste and empty]; And darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

God now RENEWED the face of the earth, preparing it to become the abode of *MAN!*

But *WHY?*

What *caused* God to decide to create the HUMAN species and put it on this earth?

Why God Created Man!

Here is a truth perhaps never before understood by man!

Here is *AWESOME TRUTH!*

Look, now, at the situation as God must have seen and considered it. God has given us minds *like* the mind of God — only inferior and limited. God made us in his image, after his likeness (form and shape), only composed of matter instead of spirit. But God says to us "Let this MIND be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5). We can learn to think his thoughts after him. If we have his spirit, we can learn to think, to some degree, even as HE THINKS!

How must God have looked at this situation after the colossal debacle of Lucifer and the angels that sinned?

This LUCIFER was the supreme MASTERPIECE of God's creative power as a single, separately created spirit being! He was created the most perfect in beauty, mind, knowledge, power, intellect and wisdom within the almighty power of God to create in a being with power to think, reason, make choices and decisions on his own. God knew that no higher, more perfect being could be created.

Yet this superior being, trained and experienced at the very throne of the GOVERNMENT OF GOD over the universe, had resorted to wrong reasoning and made a diabolical decision. He worked on the angels under him until he turned their minds to rebellion also. This, incidentally, might have taken Lucifer millions of

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years. In all probability he had to begin perverting the minds of his angels one at a time, at first. He had to make them feel dissatisfied, wronged by God, and inject resentment and bitterness into them.

When Lucifer allowed thoughts of vanity, jealousy, envy, lust and greed, then resentment and rebellion, to enter and occupy his mind, SOMETHING HAPPENED TO HIS MIND! *His mind became perverted, distorted, twisted!* His thinking became warped. God gave him and the angels control over their own minds. They can never straighten them out — never again think rationally, honestly, rightly.

I have had a number of personal experiences with demons through a few demon-possessed people. I have cast out a few through the name of Christ and power of the holy spirit. Some demons are silly, like spoiled children. Some are crafty, sharp, shrewd, subtle. Some are belligerent, some are sassy, some are sullen and morose. But all are perverted, warped, twisted.

Look, now again at God's overall supreme *PURPOSE*. It is to develop the ENTIRE LIMITLESS PHYSICAL UNIVERSE and to DEVELOP GODLY, PERFECT CHARACTER IN THE MILLIONS OF SPIRIT BEINGS WHO SHALL DO THIS DEVELOPING!

That is THE AWESOME PURPOSE!

For this *PURPOSE*, God created millions of angels — spirit beings composed of spirit — holy angels.

Then he created the PHYSICAL UNIVERSE and this earth, and he put angels here to develop this earth, ruled by THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.

But the king he set as ruler — LUCIFER — rebelled, revolted, misled a third of all the angels, and THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD no longer governed the earth.

God already had created the highest, most perfect super angel. Lucifer was the supreme masterpiece. If Lucifer and his angels went wrong, there was no assurance the other two thirds would not.

As God surveyed this tragic cataclysm, he must have realized it left HIMSELF as the *ONLY BEING* who will not *and CANNOT SIN!* The only possible ASSURANCE of accomplishing his great *PURPOSE* was for him now *to reproduce himself!*

But let us answer another question before proceeding:

WHY is it IMPOSSIBLE for God to sin? No greater Power exists that will prevent him — but God has simply by his own power — supreme and above all power — set himself that he *will not!*

What God saw was this. *No being less than God* could be *certainly* relied upon NEVER to sin, that is, NEVER to turn against God's LAW. To fulfil his *PURPOSE* for the entire UNIVERSE, God saw that nothing less than HIMSELF could be *absolutely relied upon* to carry out his SUPREME *PURPOSE* throughout the entire, vast, endless UNIVERSE!

The question might be raised; Could not God have known, in advance, what Lucifer and the angels under him would do? Doesn't God know EVERYTHING? The answer is NO. If God were to have known in advance what choice they would make, he would have had to FORCE them to make it — taken away from them power to think, to reason, to have a choice, to make decisions. God does not CHOOSE to know, in advance, what YOU or I will be thinking, reasoning, deciding tomorrow or in the future. He gave these spirit beings, as he gives us HUMAN beings, the power to think for ourselves, to choose, to make decisions. Otherwise we should be nothing more than automatons, doing what

we are made to do. He simply did not *choose* to know. His PURPOSE includes the development of CHARACTER in his created beings.

All that had happened caused God to now CREATE THE MOST STUPENDOUS CREATION OF ALL — by **REPRODUCING HIMSELF!**

Reproducing HIMSELF??

Now came the **CROWNING PINNACLE** of even God's unmatched creating POWER! Now

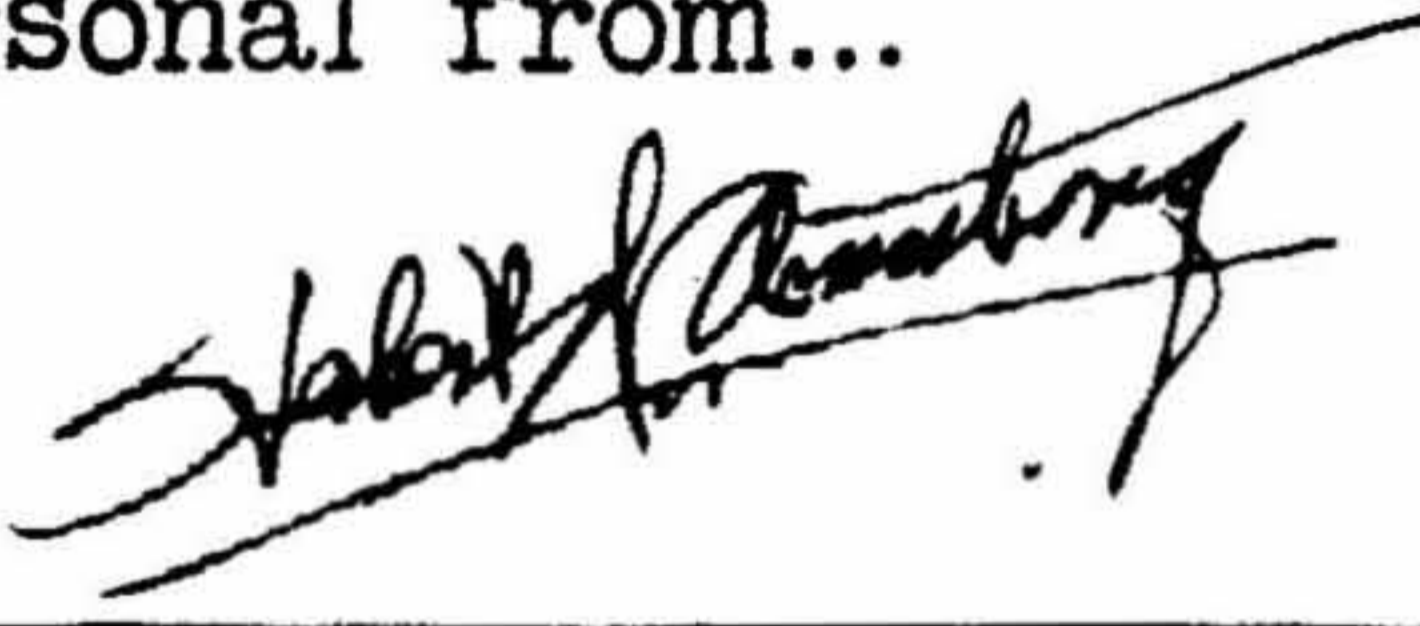
came the very zenith of all divine accomplishment! Now came a project so *incredulously transcendently* AWESOME it is hard for the human mind to really grasp.

How could *the great GOD* — self-existent, *before* all else, CREATOR of all else, reproduce HIMSELF into multiplied *millions* of others JUST LIKE HIMSELF — divine, supreme in power, perfect in character — each by his own choice *perfectly* like-minded with the Father, each hav-

ing so set himself that he CANNOT SIN?

PART VI of this series will reveal HOW God planned to carry out this incredibly AWESOME feat of *reproducing himself*. In this PART V, I have shown *WHY* God decided to create HUMANS and put the human family here on earth. PART VI will explain what few, indeed, have ever understood — *HOW* God planned to REPRODUCE HIMSELF. □

Personal from...



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famous doctors say that approximately 90% of sicknesses and diseases are caused by faulty diet. So I studied, many years ago, to learn about nutrition and diet. I try to avoid excesses of starches and the carbohydrates. I learned that different people are of different chemical composition, and that is why "one man's meat is another man's poison." I learned that I am a combination of chemical constituencies, but that calcium seems to dominate. Therefore I have tried to always consume a reasonable amount of milk, cheese, butter and other milk products, because they are strong in calcium. Could that be the reason I have not had to see a dentist in the last 48 years — although I did, prior to learning this point of health?

I haven't followed a PERFECT regimen of diet, but I'm sure I have been more careful about the food I eat than most people. Traveling almost constantly these days, I am careful to eat only in the best hotels and restaurants, and I do not sample the strange foods of other nations, but stay on the plain and simple diet I've accustomed myself to these 48 years.

Part of my education about

health has been to try to get the right amount of sleep and exercise (although I haven't been getting in as much of that as I need recently), and to get plenty of fresh air and water. In traveling in faraway parts of the world, I stick pretty close to bottled drinking water.

Education is something one must pursue lifelong, if one expects to maintain efficiency, youth, and longevity. I have always, therefore, kept my MIND ACTIVE. And *that* undoubtedly has contributed GREATLY to still being spry and active at 83 (calendar age).

This GOAL has served to prod me constantly in the 4th law of success — *drive!* I've kept a determined prod on myself all my life, to drive, *drive, DRIVE* myself on. "Aren't you going to wear yourself out and shorten your life doing that?" one might ask.

NEVER! A person can RUST out and into an early death, but, as long as I get sufficient rest and sleep and necessary short periods of relaxation, I shall never WEAR myself out. Along with this goes DETERMINATION. Often, when I feel like letting down, I have to use determination and FORCE myself to keep DRIVING on!

The combination of all these things has helped me to practice the fifth law, *resourcefulness*.

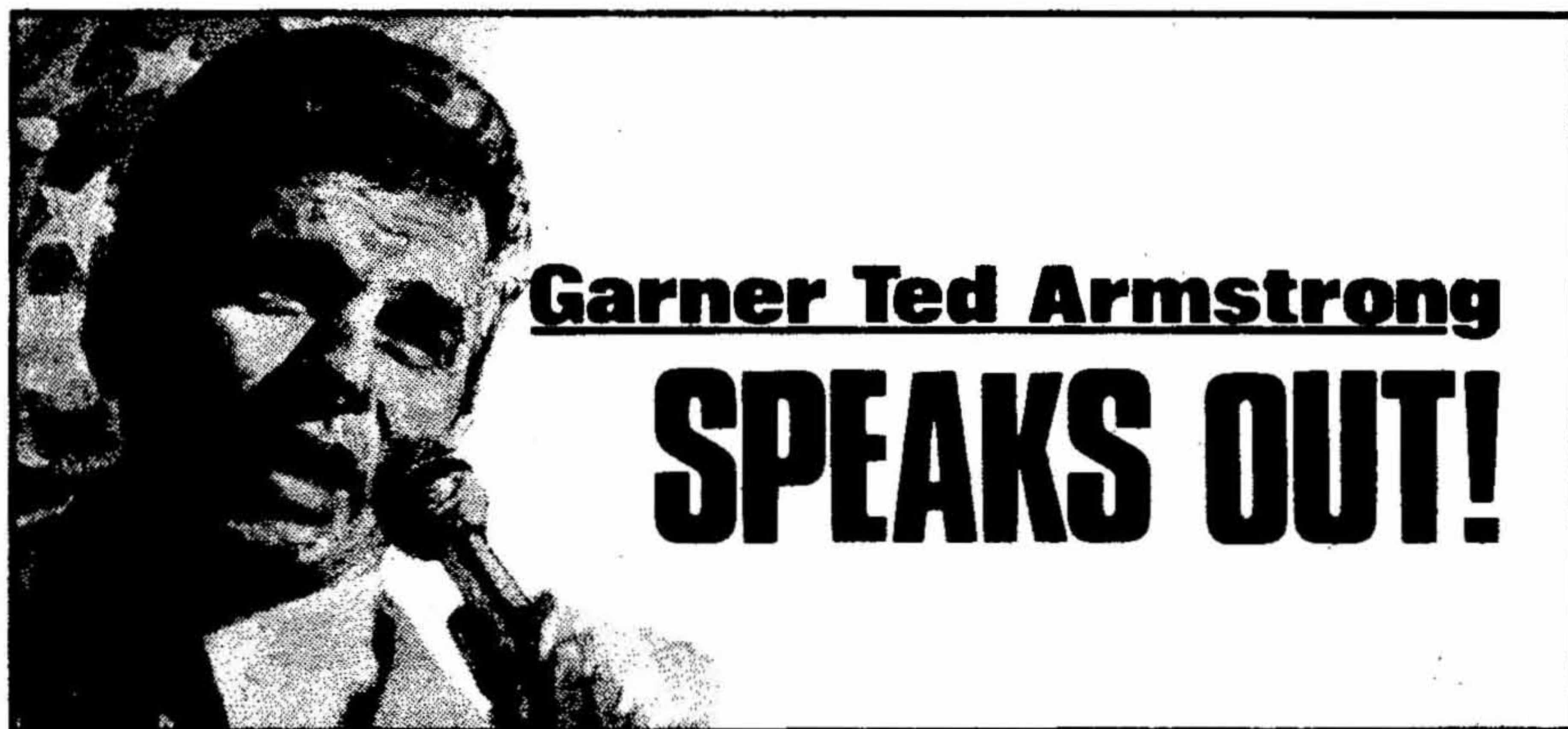
The 6th law is PERSEVERANCE — "stick-to-it-iveness." Never give up, never just lie down and quit! Many

a time I've felt like it. Sometimes I have given up and quit at bedtime, but after a night's sleep it's all a NEW BALL GAME, and next morning I'm plunging into it with renewed vigor and enthusiasm!

Then comes the most important of all, the 7th law, which is the guidance of, and faith in and reliance on God the Creator. I'm in constant contact with him all the day long — EVERY DAY! I seek his guidance, constantly. I seek and rely on his HELP, his DELIVERANCE from troubles, his PROTECTION from physical harm. Things have happened I can ascribe only to the presence of an invisible angel. But perhaps the greatest "secret" of all is that I rely on Isaiah 40, the last 4 verses. They constitute a PROMISE from God, and I apply them and RELY on God to keep them! Many times when people ask me, "How do you DO IT?" or "What's your SECRET of such youthful vigor and such long life?" I just tell them, "Read the last 4 verses of Isaiah 40. You'll find it there!"

Of course God expects us to do our own part. He does for us what we *can't* do for ourselves! But when you put BOTH together — *your own best* and add what GOD can do that's beyond what you can do — you've got a combination that PAYS OFF!

Those are my "secrets." If they have helped some of my readers, I'm very happy indeed! □



Garner Ted Armstrong

SPEAKS OUT!

For Peaceful Purposes Only?

Get ready to live in a nuclear world — with 10, 20, 40 or more nations armed with nuclear weapons. No matter what the SALT talk delegates may be currently debating, we are seeing right now a veritable explosion of nuclear power plant construction, with the "have" nuclear nations inadvertently lifting the "have-not" nuclear nations into the once-select atomic club.

It was recently revealed by U.S. Senator Abraham Ribicoff that nuclear machinery with the potential for creating destructive weapons was being supplied by France to Pakistan, Taiwan, South Korea, and Argentina. As a matter of fact, West Germany is also supplying nuclear power plants to South American countries, including Brazil.

This trend was further dramatized by the spectacle of Prime Minister Miki of Japan recently being struck to the ground by an ultra-rightist Japanese nationalist, who beat him in the face with his fists, while screaming slogans about how Japan should *not* ratify the nuclear non-proliferation treaty. (Japan has signed the treaty, but the Japanese Diet has yet to ratify it.)

I have been saying for years that Japan is the coming super-giant of the Orient and that there are ultra-rightist forces even now operating in Japan that may eventually come to power.

I have also said for years that some kind of configuration, pact, or

alliance would eventually unite ten nations of Europe into a nuclear superpower and that Japan would be the corresponding power of the East.

It seems that despite the giant nuclear stalemate that exists between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R., other lesser nations seem bent on creating their own nuclear stalemate.

Apparently, utopia now represents that not-too-far-distant future when every country from the Central American "banana republics" to the newly emergent Black African nations would have the capacity to instantly obliterate all other countries on earth — many times over! (The theory goes that when all nations have bombs, nobody will use them — for fear of reprisal.)

For instance, it was recently announced that the Soviet Union would be willing, at least in principle, to provide Libya with a nuclear research center, which would include a reactor for "peaceful purposes only." According to the agreement, the Soviet Union would provide details for the project to Libyan authorities no later than November of this year, and the Soviets would also train Libyan officials to *run* that center.

Libya was very proud. Now she can turn to Tunisia, Morocco, Algeria, Egypt, Sudan and say, "Hey! Look at us. We're got our own brand-new, gleaming, Soviet-built nuclear reactor . . . uhhh, for

peaceful purposes only." Then when they explode a bomb in the desert, they will be very careful to call it a "nuclear device," and *not* a bomb. (It seems to me, however, that if it *blows up*, it's a bomb!)

But when these small but hostile have-not nations are provided with nuclear reactors "for peaceful purposes" we're supposed to be reassured. We're supposed to believe that they will use these reactors peacefully, even though they don't use their guns, planes, tanks, and other weapons quite so peacefully.

At the rate of present nuclear-bomb construction, the U.S. and Russia are going to have enough power to kill each other 100 times over within five years. That projection comes from the respected Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, called SIPRI for short. Their 1975 yearbook also asserts that the two major world superpowers have accumulated more than 40,000 of the "smaller" tactical nuclear warheads (which include nuclear artillery shells, torpedoes, etc.) with a combined explosive capacity of over 700,000,000 tons of T.N.T. — the equivalent of 35,000 Hiroshima-style bombs.

And that doesn't include the more powerful strategic nuclear weapons delivered by missiles. Once the deployments allowed by the SALT talks are completed, the two superpowers would possess 17,000 warheads on missiles alone, plus several thousand more nuclear bombs capable of being delivered by strategic bombers.

If such a nuclear holocaust struck, there might be a few Stone Age-level survivors here and there, eking out an existence in Africa, central Australia, in New Guinea or the Andes in South America, but that's no concern of you or me.

The SIPRI yearbook further stated that by 1980, just five years hence, the nuclear powers would have accumulated 770,000 pounds of plutonium, the key ingredient for building nuclear bombs. And even if safeguards would be 99.9% effective by 1980 (which they can't be, won't be, and aren't

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today), enough plutonium could be diverted *without detection* to create new nuclear weapons at the rate of one a week.

And do you know what triggered it all? The excuse is the oil crisis — "we've got to hurry up to produce alternative energy sources." And, of course, that source is *nuclear*. Commitments to build nuclear power plants outside the U.S. are booming by an incredible 34% in just one year!

You can bet they won't all be used for "peaceful purposes only."

In the May 9, 1975, edition of *New Scientist*, Dr. Frank Barnaby, director of SIPRI, cited some shocking statistics, which I would like to pass on to *Plain Truth* readers:

"World expenditure on military research and development has for some time been running close to £9,000m. annually — about five times the money spent worldwide on medical research. Nearly half a million scientists and engineers — roughly half the world's total scientific and technical manpower — are employed on improving existing

weaponry and developing new weapons. An effort of this magnitude cannot fail to produce striking results. But it is tragic that so much of the world's talent is being devoted to developing military rather than civilian products.

"Thirty years ago, only five countries — the U.S., the U.S.S.R., the U.K., Canada, and Sweden — were major weapon producers. In the meantime, the number has steadily increased so that today there are over 30 countries involved in this activity. Others are manufacturing weapons of foreign design under license."

And what is their motivation? Dr. Barnaby goes on to say, "A main motivation for funding military R&D (research and development) is to gain or retain superiority over rivals, actual or perceived. Other factors include prestige, and the desire for independence from outside arms suppliers. Whatever the motivations may be, the effect of military R&D is to fuel arms races."

He concludes by saying, "New weapons systems emerge not be-

cause of a specific military requirement but because of the sheer momentum of the process."

Further reports from SIPRI indicate that in the "utopian" world of the year 2000, 38 nations would be producing from 13% to 85% of their power by nuclear reactors. The U.S. expects to replace current fossil fuel consumption with nuclear energy production shortly after the year 2000.

This brings us to the problems of nuclear wastes.

Since the first atom bomb, the U.S. has amassed over 80,000 gallons of extremely dangerous nuclear radioactive wastes, and the bulk of that is the byproduct from nuclear weapons research programs, dating clear back to the old Manhattan Project. The remainder comes from commercial nuclear power industries. And this poison survives not just for a lifetime or two, but hundreds of thousands of years!

Of course, scientists feel they can hide these poisons — by either thrusting them out into space, or burying them deep under the sea, but what about the time when the whole planet will be run on nuclear power? How will we get rid of that much nuclear waste?

Is it any wonder, then, that when you read Matthew 24:21-22 and find that Jesus predicted a time when all life could be wiped off the earth, you are reading the accurate portrayal of the nuclear-armed twentieth century? Christ said, "Except those days should be shortened, there should *no flesh be saved*" (or "saved alive" as one translation has it).

Maybe you don't *want* to believe in Jesus Christ returning to save a warring planet from destroying itself, but consider the alternative — total destruction of perhaps *all* life on earth.

As I continually say, the gospel of Jesus Christ is *newsworthy*. It's a message about today's and tomorrow's news headlines. Jesus talked about the potential death of our planet, but then he added the *good* news: "for the elect's sake, *those days shall be shortened.*" □

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letters

Thank you very much for your magazine. I find it very interesting and very well informed. I also note that you never hesitate to criticise the American Government or any government for that matter that lacks moral fibre — and of course quite rightly.

I agree with your criticism of the Common Market especially the question of Nationalism. I can't really see someone from Sardinia being Lord Mayor of London, but what disturbs me a little is your criticism of the Catholic Church. Why pick on the Catholic Church? Is it because *Plain Truth* is jealous of the church's worldwide influence? Why not criticise the Mormons or Billy Graham?

I am only a truck driver but I am an avid reader and I find the magazine's attitude to the Middle East is very confusing. You seem to have no end of biblical quotations for this problem. I am beginning to think that you write them yourself.

Please continue to send me your magazine as I still enjoy it.

R.W.,
Maidstone

It is very nice to read your magazine which brings us hope and comfort in spite of the terrible crisis the world is facing at the moment.

It is now about five months since I started having your magazine and I really do enjoy reading it. In fact it is the only magazine which I read from the first to the last page. I admire the way you tackle controversial topics and I must say I am really impressed. *Plain Truth* is helping me to fill the unanswered gaps in my life. I am thankful that at least someone has got courage to state the right point of view.

As everyone else I end saying that you are not selling anything but you have plenty to give. I hope I can repay

you sometimes because you have made me see truth. Thank you.

C.G.M.,
Sale

Please print this letter. I am a student and until I read your article on drug use, I took drugs frequently, as it was "in" with the group with which I mixed. Strange as it may seem your article has encouraged me to stop using heroin, to which I was getting increasingly addicted. I now see everything in a new light, realising why I took drugs, and why I should stop. I now intend to subscribe and spread the word among other students. I cannot say how grateful I am for that article. You've saved my life.

P.S.,
Berkshire

I thank you for your magazine, which you have sent me free for close to two years. I have read it carefully, if not every single word, then at least most articles. I have seen the conclusions you have drawn, and I have compared it to what I knew myself, and what I have read in different newspapers and magazines, I receive from various countries, and to what I have heard and seen on radio and T.V.

I am not a Christian, I don't believe in any gods, I'm not a frustrated, searching teen-ager, I know the truth. I know myself — I've got a purpose for my life, and that's the truth for me, like the Bible is the truth for you. My first purpose for reading is seeking information about what people are doing. My second is to know their points of view, to know why they are doing what they do.

I know your point of view by now. And, sorry to say, I dislike it. I have met a good many Christians, who laid the stress on Jesus and on love. I'm sorry, but I don't think Jesus would have recognised you as his disciple. So please stop sending me your magazine.

E.A.,
Copenhagen

By chance a copy of *Plain Truth* came into my hands. I enjoy the fresh and open approach with which topics are dealt. You provide practical help and steps in solving those problems. You are especially gifted in making the Bible come alive for our world today. In fact your magazine is a genuine, serious attempt to convey to the people in this world the meaning of life, the reason why we are on earth, the significance of why everything is as it is, and the truth about God and the Bible.

Other publications on such subjects have only been spurious and misleading. Your magazine seems to show a clear path to being able to understand such mystic subjects as why there is life, and its purpose. In that respect it enables one to think more coherently about what one's approach to life should be.

C.W.,
Takoradi, Ghana

I've been receiving your valuable magazine *Plain Truth* since 1969, and I have learned a great deal about the world, people and God through it. Unfortunately I was taken into custody during the April insurrection in 1971 and had to stay two years and ten months in various detention camps. It was my own folly that led me into joining a revolutionary party.

During my stay in camps, my father continued sending me *Plain Truth*, which was still arriving at my home address. It was the best thing that happened to me in my life! *Plain Truth* helped me to change my views completely and I'm happy now because I am no more a communist.

Tissa D.A.,
Paiyagala, Sri Lanka

If you care to go on sending the magazine I shall be glad to receive it for its articles of political and topographical interest. However, I regret I cannot give the same religious interest and support. Sorry, I have a dislike of and prejudice against "Bible Christians." From the multitude of sects that have sprung up claiming to be based on the true interpretation of the Bible, it appears to me that almost anything can be made of it. Moreover you are basing your beliefs on the book of the Jews. Now, no misunderstanding please. No one deploras more the cruelty, persecutions and massacres to which they have been subjected. I dislike sneering remarks like

"jewboy". Still, there is surely a world of metaphysics and maybe prophecy outside the book? If the Bible was meant to contain a clear message concerning the destiny of mankind, would not all devout students have come to the same conclusion?

Further, and this is a more fundamental issue, it is difficult or impossible to accept that the angry and jealous God of the O.T. is a true portrait of Deity. Why, one may ask, did the Deity give mankind a free run of evil for nearly 2,000 years? If you see anything wrong which you heartily dislike and have the power to rectify, do you say, "Oh, I'll see about this next year"?

E.R.G.,
London

Your publications have given me a wide view and an appetite for reading more.

I began reading *Modern Dating*. I must admit that much of the contents gave me quite a shock and I was ashamed of myself.

I came to see the whole perspective and the truth — after having been quite annoyed at the definitive way the subject was treated, — but that didn't last long. I can't explain my gratitude — but why do we never hear this in our schools or churches? Now I would like you to send me *The Missing Dimension in Sex* and *Your Marriage Can be Happy*. I want to build a firm view on this fundamental question in life, before it's too late. And it seems as though Ambassador College is the only institution that is willing to reach out a helping hand to young people and married ones — not even the doctors or psychiatrists are able to give us absolute answers — what a situation!

Nina B.,
Bodo, Norway

I'd be most grateful to receive a few more of your wonderful booklets and reprint articles. During the last two years I've been happy to have had the opportunity to receive several very interesting pieces of literature, on different topics. As a student, I must say that again and again I've discovered how valuable your literature is. Of course in many of the booklets on pollution, agriculture, etc., the writers deal with typical U.S. problems, with examples from the U.K. and U.S.A. But this information has given me a view into Norway's problems — let's say 10 to 15 years from

now, because we are about that far behind in the development of cities, pollution and other problems. One more positive thing: your publications are fortunately free from the European image of an American; a person filled with self-pride, patriotism and the "We-are-the-rulers-of-the-world" look in his eyes. Excuse me for saying this, but behaving like that has destroyed very much of the earlier respect for the U.S.A. and Britain.

Björn K.,
Norway

I would like very much to thank you for your free book, *Does God Exist?* Even though I am a Catholic from birth, I now, at the age of 17, find it hard to accept the possibility of God. Now, however, I see from this booklet that there must be a God. But although I now accept God I find it hard to know God. I know the key to this problem is the Bible, but I do not really understand the things that are said in the Bible and for this reason wish to be enrolled in your correspondence course.

James H.,
Co. Meath

I am a Ghanaian seaman aged 20 who completed Middle School in 1970, and started smoking two months after leaving school. Walking on my way from Takoradi Port I came across your book captioned *You Can Quit Smoking*. The book was read on the way home, and in fact from that evening I have not smoked up to the time of writing this letter so I want you to try as much as possible to send me the booklet entitled *The Seven Laws of Success*. It was by the power of the contents of the booklet and the power of God that I have stopped smoking.

Francis G.,
Takoradi, Ghana

I was receiving this magazine from you for some time, but I cancelled it because I had a sort of conscience about not subscribing financially. I have, though, missed your articles concerning life and how to live properly as related to the Bible — which I find difficult to piece together and make plain in the manner you do. I also feel that this knowledge is vitally important considering the sort of world that we are in and the weakness in man.

M.D.,
Essex

Yours is probably the only magazine which can safely be given to children! You are doing a great job in your effort to encourage and promote the idea of a well-knit family unit as the basic requirement of a happy, peace-loving and constructive society.

In India we have a great regard and respect for the family system. In the few so-called modernised or westernised regions of our country, we do find traces of destruction of this system which results in loss of mutual love, respect, affection and warmth within the members of a family. As suggested by you in your various articles, cheap movies, low standard literature and constant reports about the fast deteriorating situation on the moral front, in the West, are having a very bad influence on our younger generation, particularly the youth from wealthy families.

R.V.K.,
Hyderabad, India

Thank you for the booklet *A Theory for the Birds*. I enjoy reading it and love to possess it just for the beautiful way it has been produced and also because it has the best pictures of birds I have ever seen.

The entire discussion was profoundly convincing and leaves no room for doubt or dissent. In the university I was a zoology student and was one who took a deep interest in the theory of evolution. I marvelled at the varied life forms and their amazing habits as a part of nature rather than as designed by God in a specific plan and pattern. After reading your book I realise how hollow the theory of evolution really is and wonder at how most of us have been made to believe in something that is based on such flimsy and inadequate evidence!

What do the scientists gain by this? Surely, many of them do believe in God. Or have they left God confined to the church and forgotten to identify him with what they see around, in day to day living? How truly wonderful life would have become for us, if only these scientists and professors who taught us had looked at and studied things in the right perspective instead of guessing and imagining!

Your book has been a thought provoking one for me. It has made life more colourful and meaningful for me.

A.B.,
Ozar, India



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