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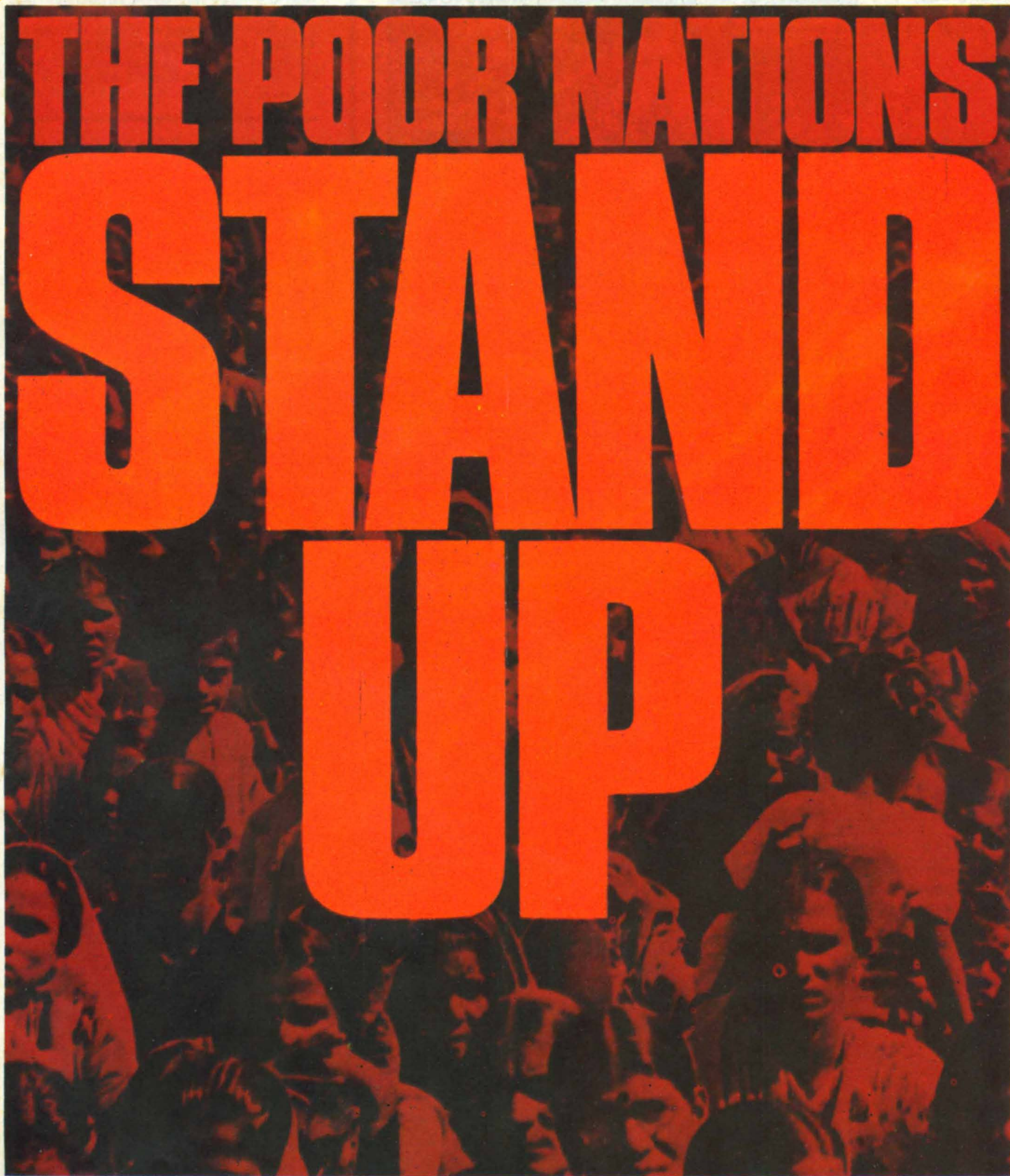
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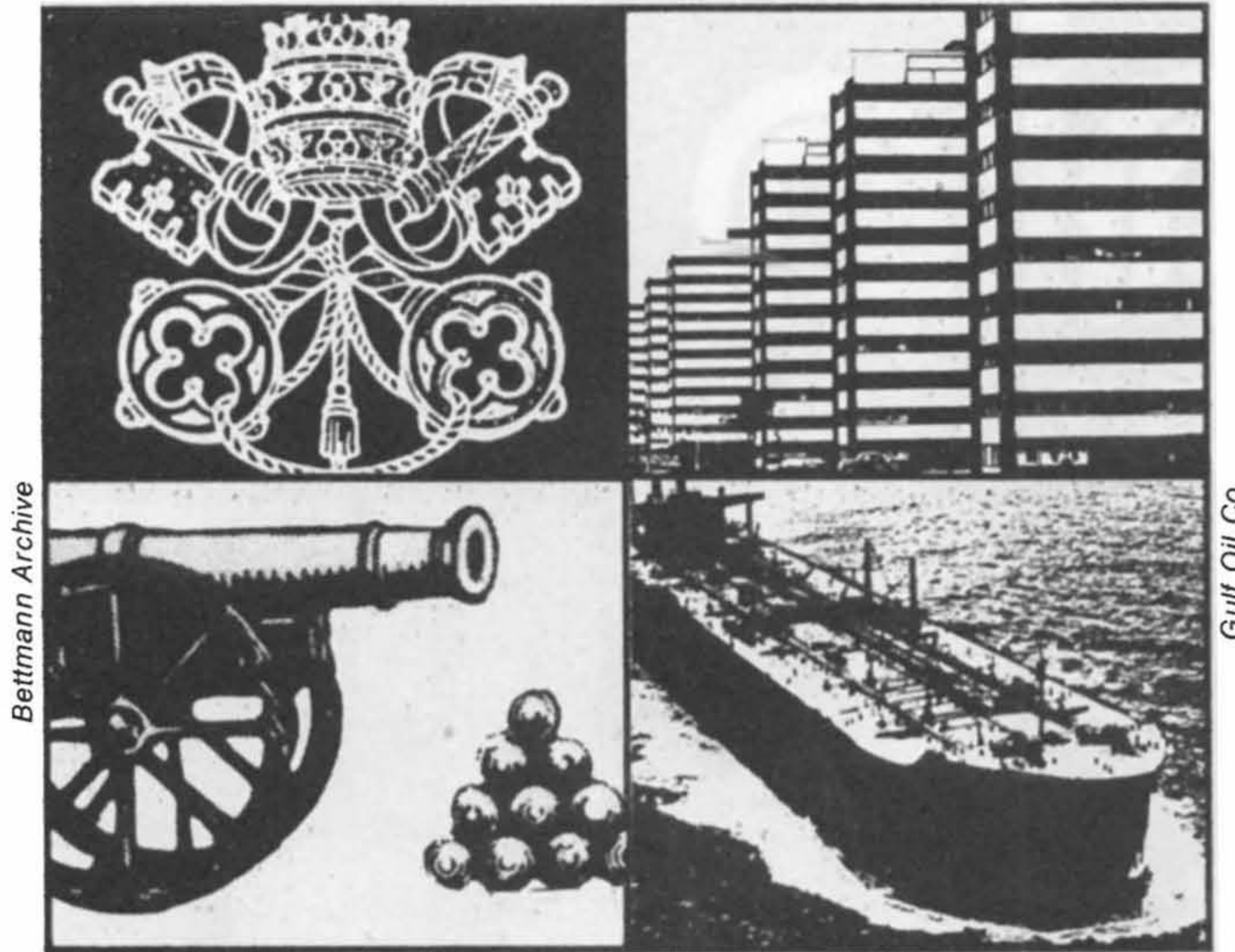
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**M**ajor news headlines recently read: Another government overthrown — this time in Peru, and a new premier and government in riot-torn Portugal.

Governments are being overthrown at the rate of one or more a month. The newspapers reported a bloodless coup overthrowing President Juan Velasco Alvarado of Peru. It was a coup by left-wing military officers. These same officers had staged a previous coup in October 1968, overthrowing the government of President Fernando Belaunde Terry. Apparently the left-wingers felt that President Alvarado was not making fast enough progress toward communism. General Francisco Morales Bermúdez has now taken over as head of state. He has been prime minister since the 1968 government was overthrown.

In riot-torn Portugal, that country has been on the verge of civil war for weeks. Portugal is predominantly Roman Catholic, but communists have been making inroads, just as they have to a greater or lesser degree all over the world. Admiral Pinheiro de Azevedo in fact replaced the pro-communist Gen. Gonçalves, but he faced great problems forming a new government which in turn has little strength. Strife in Portugal has not ended, and we shall probably hear of more government changes or even civil war.

Incidentally, this communist-socialist struggle in Portugal could possibly trigger the prophesied United States of Europe if forces at Rome feel that the time is right. That's certainly an outside possibility.

The former Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia also died recently. He was just eight days older than I. His government was overthrown by a military coup approximately a year ago. One of the last things he

Personal from...



## ANOTHER GOVERNMENT OVERTHROWN

did before the military took him was to send me a letter of congratulation on my 82nd birthday. Many asked me after his imprisonment what had happened to the noted emperor. But I didn't know. Nobody except a few military officers in Ethiopia knew.

President Kenyatta of Kenya is also the same age. He told me that he and Haile Selassie were very close friends — closer than brothers, he said. But at that time he had no knowledge as to the emperor's fate.

It is significant that some mysterious invisible force seems to be stirring up strife within nations all over the world, as well as strife BETWEEN nations.

True, Henry Kissinger has recently succeeded in bringing about an interim peace accord between Israel and Egypt. But the peace there will not last. Jerusalem is destined to be the news center of the world in the months and immediate years just ahead. No human effort can bring permanent peace to that center of civilization. It is commendable to try, but it will take a higher power to bring permanent peace there.

A few weeks back I was guest of honor at a dinner party at the resi-

dence of the Israeli ambassador to Japan. Eighteen were present, including the ambassador and his wife, who was a gracious hostess; a former Israeli ambassador to an African nation; and some of my "Japanese sons," members of the Japanese Diet. Nine of the 18 had also been present at an outstanding banquet hosted by the Japanese embassy in Jerusalem just four weeks previously.

Some of my "Japanese sons" were also there, along with a few Japanese archaeologists working on the Japanese archaeological project at Tel Zeror, between Tel Aviv and Haifa. At that banquet were the largest number of Israeli leaders that have been present at any such affair in some time. I am personally grateful that I have been in a position to bring about a warm and peaceful relationship between many leaders in Japan and Israel, and also between Japan and Egypt, but it will take a greater POWER than human to bring PERMANENT PEACE between Israel and the Arab world. Yet that PERMANENT PEACE will come IN OUR TIME. You can read of it in the book of Zechariah, the 14th chapter. □

COVER STORY

# THE POOR NATIONS STAND UP

by Jeff Galkins

The rising chorus of demands on the part of the world's poorest nations may soon become the major diplomatic problem confronting the industrialized nations of the West and Japan.

A recent series of international conferences has allowed the numerous have-not nations to renew their call for a "new world economic order," whereby much of the wealth of the industrial powers would be transferred to the "developing nations" of Asia, Africa, and Latin America.

Meetings of the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank, a group of 82 "non-aligned" nations, and the United Nations Special Assembly have all provided convenient forums for the Third World to air its belief that industrial nations should reduce their standard of living so the poor can raise theirs.

To paraphrase the prophet Joel, the weak are now saying, "I am strong."

Through colonialism, the rich nations, it is charged, ruthlessly exploited the poor ones.

Upon this belief, and upon the assertion that the rich nations have bought raw materials from the poor at low prices and sold them back manufactured goods at high prices rests the Third World's case.

But the history of colonialism is by no means undisputed. Author Erik von Kuehnelt-Leddihn points out that, contrary to popular belief, European colonies were rarely paying propositions. For the most part, he states, European countries poured more money into their colonies than they got out of them. Furthermore, noncolonized areas such as Nepal, Bhutan, Afghanistan, or Ethiopia haven't done any better economically than their colonized brethren.

The other half of the Third World argument, that the rich have bought low and sold high, is much less disputed. To this day there remain any number of trade barriers to Third World goods which the rich countries have erected to protect their own domestic industries. The United States, for example, has a number of restrictions on food imports from Latin America. The elimination of trade barriers against Third World goods, one of the key demands made at various conferences, carries much promise of helping the poor countries to earn the foreign exchange they need to bolster their economies.

Ironically, many developing nations now find themselves in desperate economic straits precisely because of the violation of free trade. The tremendous success of the OPEC oil cartel in fixing the price of oil has hurt the non-oil producing poor nations more than anyone else. U.S. Treasury figures show that higher oil prices cost poor nations \$11,000 m. last year, more than the total amount of aid they

have received thus far in 1975.

To make matters worse, the higher oil prices paid by the rich nations were partly borne by the poor in the form of higher prices in the goods they imported from the rich.

Among the specific demands of the Third World are:

- At least one percent of the GNP of rich nations to go for foreign aid.

- More power to expropriate (without paying market prices for compensation) multinational corporations.

- The suspension or cancellation of the debt Third World nations owe developed nations.

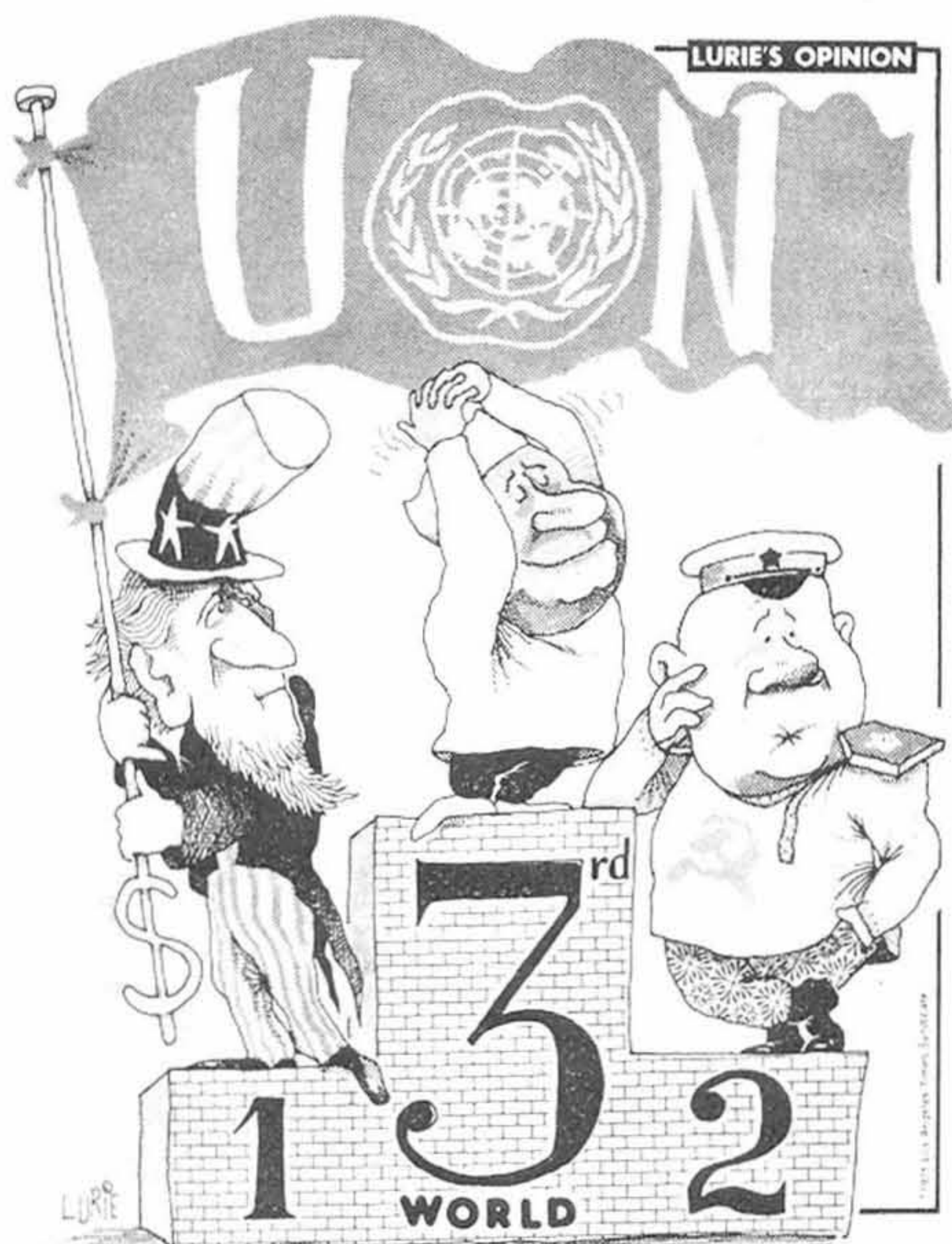
The *Wall Street Journal* notes that such proposals amount to setting up an international welfare system - a "soup-kitchen" approach to helping poor nations.

In such a system, handouts take the form of development grants, low interest loans, fiat creation of international exchange, as well as direct aid. What the Third World really needs, the *Journal* points out, is also what the rich nations need: free trade, job opportunities, capital formation, and noninflationary growth.

The economic success of such Third World states as Taiwan, Singapore, and South Korea demonstrates what can be done in such favorable circumstances. Poverty is not forever, necessarily. These conspicuous Third World economic successes owe their relative prosperity in large part to providing a hospitable climate for foreign capital.

The free flow of foreign investment, increased trade among nations, and the elimination of trade barriers provide the foundation upon which the poor nations could lift themselves out of poverty.

Yet the very real danger exists that the world will fragment into mutually hostile blocs of have and have-not nations. In such circumstances, leaders could descend into international bickering and lose sight of the fact that there are ways of dealing with international poverty which would benefit all nations. □



## “SHIPPING CHAOS” PROSPECT FANNED BY INFLATION

Double digit inflation is now causing concern among free world shipping operators. It's not so much the runaway inflation *they* are suffering as the *lack* of it in communist bloc nations.

Since most shipping lines belong to rate-agreement cartels that fix prices at uniform rates for given routes, inflation has hitherto had little real effect on competition, one ship against another, because a new 'gentlemen's agreement' increased *everyone's* prices periodically. Shippers operating in countries not experiencing double digit inflation went along with price rises because this increased their profits.

All has changed because of — at least in part — the lesser rate of inflation in the communist world.

Iron Curtain shipping authorities refuse to join free world price-controlling associations whilst operating their own, so that, without runaway domestic inflation and the same commercial profit-making pressures as free world shipping, their rates have remained relatively stable. Effectively this means that they are now seriously undercutting other shipping line rates and, pursuing a policy of exploiting Western shipping problems, are capturing a growing share of world cargo movements.

Shippers accuse the communists of using 'vulgar and unethical trading practices' (*Fairplay International Shipping Weekly*, 14th August, 1975), but whether totally true or not, the results of their success worry free-world shipping.

The communist success has come at the worst possible moment. Ship owners are reeling under three financial hammer blows — the collapse of the supertanker market, a spectacular increase in ship-engine-oil-bunkerage charges, and the downturn on cargo rates in general due to slack world trade.

"We are not afraid of competition. We only ask: Let us play

by the same set of rules", said the president of Sea-Land Service, a major American shipping corporation. His comment was echoed in similar statements by other companies around the world (*Norwegian Shipping News*, No. 17, 1975).

The same magazine in its previous issue quotes Mr. Bolton, president of the General Council of British Shipping, as saying that certain Soviet cargo rates are as much as 50% down on established rates, and on certain routes run an average of 20 to 30% lower than the tariffs fixed for British carriers.

The British government, however, admits a 26% domestic inflation rate for this year alone, which, plus the inflation of past years, should be taken into consideration when comparing prices.

"Rate dumping" is undoubtedly going on. But it's a traditional method used by shipping owners to break into otherwise closed trading areas, and is not solely the answer to the Soviet success.

Whatever the reasons, Mr. Bolton feels pessimistic as to the long-term effects.

The collapse of rate-fixing conferences due to shipping lines pulling out to be free to undercut each other's prices and compete with the Soviets, could result, he thinks, in a chaotic price free-for-all.

Short term this might seem good — the effect is to lower cargo rates and passenger fares — but history teaches that the next step is for nations to take protective reprisals, insisting that domestic cargos be carried in nationally-owned ships or country-of-origin ships and ultimately, to a greater or lesser extent, this could lead to trade restrictions and a form of trade war.

Senator Daniel Inouye has a draft law along these lines before the U.S. Congress, and the E.E.C. potentially the third largest shipping 'nation', is trying to find a unified course of action to meet the problem.

## ART BUCHWALD

### Down the Drain... (continued)

LONDON: No self-respecting American newspaperman can visit London without doing a "Is Britain going down the drain?" column. The English pound is being attacked, the miners are in revolt, the Labour government has lost control and the papers (when they are printed) scream "crisis," "shock," "strike," "protest."

The real problem for me is that I have been visiting Britain for 26 years, and every time I come here it's "going down the drain."

The headlines are always the same, and if you believe them the entire country will be under water in two months.

An English friend of long standing with whom I was sharing some strawberries at Wimbledon told me, "You know, we are going down the drain."

"You told me that 20 years ago," I reminded him.

"Oh, yes, but this time it's serious. We've lost the will to work, inflation is at an all-time high and there is going to be a very bad mango crop this year."

"But the restaurants are crowded, the hotels are full of tourists, the streets are packed with cars. How do you explain that?"

"All of you have come over here to watch us go down the drain."

"That's not true," I said defensively. "If there is one thing we don't want, it's for England to go

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The events of the past month, that all but two or three major shipping lines have pulled out of the Trans-Pacific Freight Conference and are operating a "free-for-all" indicates that Mr. Bolton unfortunately knows what he's talking about.

— John D. Stettaford.

down the drain. Where would our public television get its BBC documentaries if you went down the tube?"

"The drain — not the tube," he cautioned me. "You must take my word for it. It's hopeless. Even Prime Minister Harold Wilson can't save us."

"I can't believe that. Wilson seems to have the situation in hand. And don't forget you now have oil in the North Sea."

"But we can't get it out in time. Our major fear is that as we sink down we'll meet the oil coming up and we'll drown in our own petrol."

"Yet if what you say is true, why are there so many Arab sheiks in London now?"

"They're here to take out their money just before we go down the drain. Every time things get bad they come here to sell their pounds, and that weakens our money which makes it easier for us to go down the you-know-where. Besides, they can do other things in London that they can't do at home."

"Like what?" I asked him.

"Watch the British Open Golf Tournament on television."

"I forgot about that. I notice that for the first time the British are not blaming the Americans for going down the drain. Why is that?"

"We've got the Common Market to blame now. It's much more fun to blame the French for our troubles than the Yanks. But we are very upset with your Eric Sevareid."

"Why is that?" I said.

"He did a broadcast in America in which he said England was sleepwalking toward oblivion. He compared us to the Titanic, drinking and laughing as we were heading toward the iceberg. I don't think that was very nice — do you?"

"But you more or less have just told me the same thing."

"I know. It's one thing for the British to say we're going down the drain. But it's an entirely different matter for an American to point it out to the rest of the world. After all, it is our drain."

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# The Coming Papal Sweepstakes

by Keith Stump

The advanced age (78 this month) and failing health of Pope Paul VI — Supreme Pontiff of the 650 million-member Roman Catholic Church — have prompted widespread speculation in Catholic circles about the coming papal succession.

Vatican specialists acknowledge that the next pope-electing conclave will be the most important and encounter perhaps the most difficulty of any conclave in the last 400 years. Its decision will affect both Catholics and non-Catholics alike.

Pope Paul — now in his 13th year as pontiff — is said to be suffering from arthritis, pernicious anemia, and possibly even leukemia, though no one outside his closest circle knows the exact state of his health.

Rumors of his possible resignation persist, though some observers feel he would not step down unless completely incapacitated. The only pontiff in history to voluntarily resign was Pope Celestine V in 1294. Nevertheless, Vatican officials privately admit that the Chair of Peter may soon become vacant, one way or another.

## Electing the New Pope

Upon the death or resignation of a pope, the dean of the College of Cardinals publicly announces the vacancy. Cardinals and other designated electors from all areas of the globe are summoned to Rome to participate, along with cardinals resident in Rome, in a solemn conclave to elect the new Bishop of Rome.

Those voting the next conclave may number in excess of 140. Pope Paul has enlarged the membership of the electoral body to include — in addition to cardinals under 80 years of age — the patriarchs of the East-

ern Rite churches and 15 or so elected representatives of the world's bishops.

The secret conclave is held in a sealed-off portion of the Vatican Palace, with electors remaining in seclusion until a choice is made. By church law, the conclave may begin on the 15th day after the pope's death or resignation and must begin no later than the 18th day.

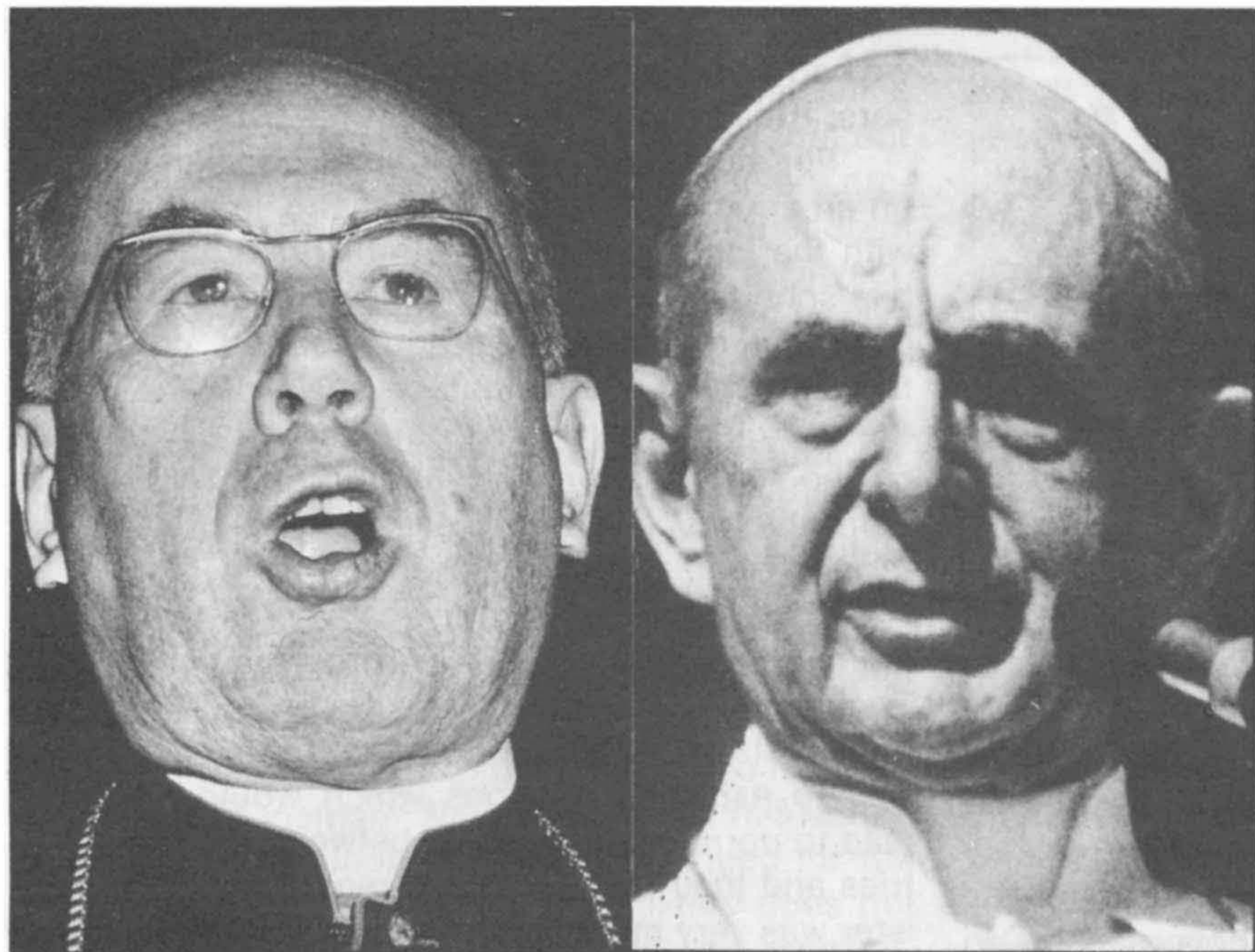
Voting takes place in the historic Sistine Chapel. Four secret ballots are cast each day — 2 in the morning and 2 in the afternoon. The voting continues until one of the candidates receives the required two-thirds majority. The duration of past conclaves has varied greatly. Cardinal Montini — now Pope Paul VI — was elected on only four ballots in June 1963. But six hundred years ago, John XXII assumed the Chair of Peter after *two years* of deadlocked balloting.

During the daily routine balloting, ballots not resulting in the required majority are burned in the Sistine Chapel fireplace with damp straw, producing black smoke. This signals to those outside that a decision on the pope's successor has not yet been reached.

When the election is finally achieved, the ballots are burned without straw, producing white smoke. Public announcement of the new pope's name is made shortly afterward from the main balcony of the Vatican.

## The Candidates

Who, then, will be the 265th pontiff? In theory, any male Catholic of any country or race may be elected even one who is not a priest. Should a layman be chosen, he would have to be ordained to the priesthood and



**THE AILING** Pope Paul may soon give way to a stronger voice in both the Catholic church and the world. UPI Wide World

consecrated as a bishop before assuming the papal crown.

The pope is usually chosen, however, from among the cardinals. At present there is no heir apparent waiting in the wings. The election of a surprise candidate is always possible, but behind-the-scenes speculation is centering on a few specific names, including:

- Cardinal *Franz Koenig*, Archbishop of Vienna;
- Cardinal *Jean Villot*, Papal Secretary of State;
- Cardinal *Sebastino Baggio*, Secretary of the Congregation of Bishops;
- Cardinal *Sergio Pignedoli*, head of the Secretariat for Non-Christians;
- Cardinal *Bernard Jan Alfrink*, Archbishop of Utrecht;
- Cardinal *Leo Josef Suenens*, Archbishop of Mechelen-Brussels;
- Cardinal *Jan Willebrands*, head of the Secretariat for Christian Unity;
- Cardinal *Alfred Bengsch*, Archbishop of Berlin;
- Cardinal *Leon-Etienne Duval*, Archbishop of Algiers.

Despite the lower proportion of

Italian electors in the now-expanded papal conclave, it is still believed there is a good chance that an Italian candidate will be elected. But observers also feel that the possibility of a *non-Italian* being chosen — for the first time since 1522 — is significantly greater than ever before. It is believed, however, that the new pontiff will probably still be a European, rather than an Asian, African, or American.

Of all the non-Italian candidates, Austrian Cardinal Franz Koenig — an ideal 70 years old — is believed by many to be the most suited to be pope. A brilliant diplomat, Koenig — which means “king” — enjoys excellent relations with the Roman Curia, where he heads the Secretariat for Non-Believers (distinct from the Secretariat for Non-Christians, the post held by Cardinal Pignedoli). His stature has grown in recent years, and the fact that he is from a small neutral country is in his favor. And should it become a priority for the future, it is thought that Cardinal Koenig is possibly the best equipped to effect a rapprochement between the Vatican and the communist world.

### Healing the Breach

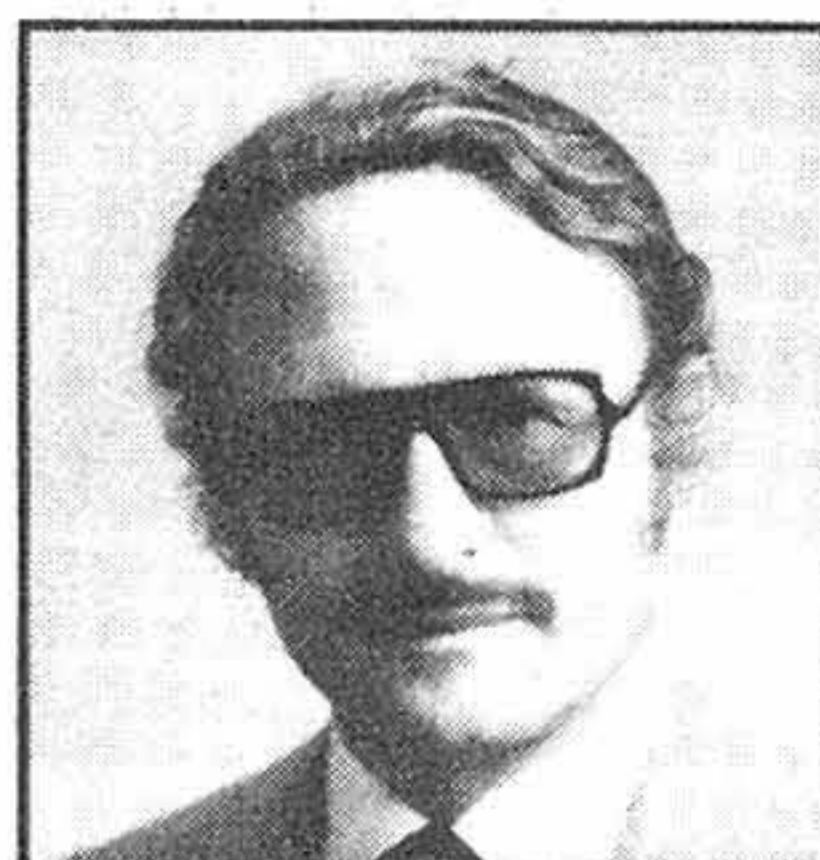
In any case, whoever eventually mounts the throne of Peter will face a formidable task. Since the close of the Second Vatican Council in 1965, the Roman Catholic Church has been rocked with internal criticism, dissension, and in some cases open revolt. The issues of contraception, abortion, divorce, celibacy, papal infallibility, women in the priesthood, and distribution of ecclesiastical power have split the church. Papal authority itself has been vigorously contested.

Many Vaticanologists feel that if the papacy and the Catholic Church are to survive in their traditional form, the next pope cannot be a compromiser who straddles the rift running throughout the troubled church. Strong, decisive leadership, they say, will be needed to quell the continuing storm of protest, neutralize the acid of division, and close the rifts of the fragmented body.

### Aiding a Larger Cause — European Unity

Some observers believe that the only way to inspire unity and bring new life to the church will be to plunge it into a cause larger than itself. That cause, it is believed, could be the *unification of Europe*. A unified Europe is reportedly a major item in the thinking of high Vatican officials. Historically, the Catholic Church has exercised a cohesive effect on Europe and bound the differing nationalities and cultures by the tie of a common religion. With the European Community faltering in its attempts to bring about political unity, it would seem that the Vatican and Europe are in a position to mutually assist each other in solving their problems.

In any event, the next pope will undoubtedly be forced by circumstances to take a more active role in European and world politics than his predecessors. By any standard, the next Supreme Pontiff will probably preside over one of the most momentous periods in church history since the Protestant Reformation. □



## In Brief

by Stanley R. Rader

### A Time of Transition in Thailand

BANGKOK: For some six months now Thai Prime Minister Kukrit Pramoj has managed by a rare skill for compromise and his own popularity to keep a shaky coalition government together as Thailand struggles to keep democracy alive after 40 years of military dictatorship.

Some two years ago, the Thai people, led by young university students, overthrew the military dictatorship of Prime Minister Kittikachorn. For the next 18 months the country was governed by an interim cabinet and the king's personal appointee, Prime Minister Sanya, a nonpolitical figure and former rector of the university.

In January 1975, after the adoption of a new constitution, the first elections were finally held. It was Prime Minister Kukrit's brother who emerged as the first coalition choice for prime minister, but unfortunately he was able to hold the coalition government together for only a few days. At that point Kukrit himself came to the fore despite his party's having only 18 seats out of 269. With a coalition government of 140 seats and with 22 parties actually represented in the parliament, one can see just how fragile this first democratic Thai government really is.

Since the end of military rule, however, much has occurred in Southeast Asia to make an already unstable area even more unstable. The worldwide economic recession, the collapse of the South Vietnamese government, the limited U.S. military presence in the area, and threats from communist neighbors, as well as the continued conflict among the various splintered political groups, have greatly increased the task that the new prime minister and his fragile government faces. Just a few weeks ago, for example, the prime minister's personal residence was ransacked by a mob of policemen.

The prime minister received Mr. Armstrong and myself, as well as Mr. Michael Ravid, the former Israeli Consul General to Los Angeles. This was our first meeting with the new prime minister, although

we had had several meetings with his two predecessors, Kittikachorn and Sanya.

For more than five years we have been carrying on an educational effort in Thailand, in cooperation with the king, to educate the hill-tribe people. Mobile schools have been established, and Ambassador College students, graduates and professors have served on a volunteer basis. In the future these projects, as well as others, will be carried on by the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, which received the blessing of the prime minister and his pledge to cooperate with it.

Prime Minister Kukrit was very much of the opinion that a strong cultural program between his Thai people and the people of the neighboring communist states would be perhaps the most effective way to establish relations which would ultimately lead to normal relationships between the two countries and their people. In this regard the prime minister was very much impressed by the AICF concert series and the AICF's ambitious plans for the future, which will include a worldwide effort to use music and culture to bring about world peace and promote better understanding between peoples everywhere.

The prime minister, an Oxford graduate, is clearly both a scholar and an intellectual, as well as a writer and a long-time parliamentarian. He has also been editor and publisher of one of the leading newspapers in Thailand. A practicing Buddhist, he believes very firmly that the primary duty of the government is to preserve peace rather than to react to violence with more violence and repression of the civil liberties so long denied the Thai people.

The prime minister has called for forgiveness and charity, cool-headedness, patience, and tolerance. He is very optimistic that democracy will be able to survive in Thailand.

The prime minister also stressed that much must be done within the country to close the gap between the rich and the poor. For more than 40 years he stressed that the military government, despite its efforts to industrialize the nation, had neglected the agricultural areas, where more than 80% of the Thai people live.

Already plans are being made to increase the budget for the new year by 30% and to channel much of the budget into welfare and housing in every district of the country. Vast changes have been made in the taxation system, and just recently the king donated another 25,000 acres of his own personal land for the poor.



Just before our meeting began with the prime minister, one of his closest advisors stated that our presence in Thailand at this moment was very propitious. He said that it is time for the true friends of the Thai people to show their friendship by investing in his country. Now is the time, he said, to give us economic aid without the strings of military bases.

Although there is always a chance that the military would seek to regain control, there is less danger of this, it would appear, since U.S. military presence has been so vastly diminished in the entire Southeast Asian area. During the military regime the government was actually supported and propped up by the United States, particularly because of the U.S. needs to use Thai bases for waging the war in Vietnam. Now that the war has ended and the U.S. no longer has the same need for the military bases, it is clear that the military does not have the continued support of the U.S. government,

and it never really had the support of the Thai people.

And yet, it is very obvious that the entire situation in Thailand continues to be fraught with danger from outside as well as from within. The menace of communism continues, and there is every reason to believe that much of the political activity, particularly among the students, is now being fomented by communists.

Let us hope that democracy will survive in Thailand. Let us hope that the clamors from some people for a return to a military dictatorship to get things accomplished will fall on deaf ears. Let us hope that Thailand does not become another India, where Mrs. Gandhi has seized dictatorial powers because of what she considered to be a plot by her political opposition to turn her out of office and to prevent her from carrying on her "manifest destiny". Any time democracy fails any place in the world, it also diminishes us in the West.

**PRIME MINISTER** Kukrit Pramoj examines the concert brochure of the Ambassador International Cultural Foundation, as Messrs. Herbert Armstrong (left) and Stanley Rader (right) look on.



# THE NEW “WAR BETWEEN THE STATES”

*The poor nations are standing up for their rights (see cover), and the 30th parallel may become the Mason-Dixon line for a worldwide reenactment of the “war between the states.” The two antagonists are, roughly speaking, the northern developed world and the southern underdeveloped world. And the issue once again is slavery.*

by Ron Horswell

**G**et ready for another North-vs.-South “war between the states,” fought over slavery. This time the battles won’t be fought at Gettysburg, Vicksburg, or Bull Run. The new skirmishes may be fought anywhere from Saskatoon to Singapore, and the arsenal of potential weapons may range from prices in your supermarket to nuclear weapons.

The two antagonists are, generally speaking, the North (the developed world) and the South (the underdeveloped world). This classic square-up may eventually heat up enough to displace the current East-West matching as the predominant ideological, political, and military confrontation on earth.

In somewhat of a role reversal, it’s the southerners who are trying to free the slaves, which they consider to be *themselves*. “Down South” is where the world’s misery and agony lie concentrated. In the richer, northern nations, problems may ebb and flow, but in the poorer, southern nations, we find a permanent backwater where virtually all major problems are present all the time.

Large percentages of the population in the South are always unemployed or underemployed. Inflation perennially hovers at levels we would call spiraling, rampant, or runaway. Many millions of people living below the 30th parallel suffer continual malnourishment; many millions more are starving.

What is more significant is the southern conviction that the responsibility for alleviating their plight rests squarely on northern shoulders. “We are poor,” goes the southern dogma, “because we have been exploited as slaves by the rich.”

## **Redistribution of World Wealth**

What the southerners want is no different than what the northerners already have. Every developed nation has some means for redistributing wealth. The United States has welfare, while Britain and Sweden have achieved the status of “welfare state.” Most southerners would like to go one step further. They would

generally like to see a "welfare world."

As would be expected, the North objects on several counts. One is the purely theoretical reservation that redistribution will not solve the basic poverty problem of the world. If the world's wealth were equally divided, we would *all* be poor. The North could also cite several examples to support their contention that excessive emphasis on redistribution would retard production of new capital, which is what the poor world needs most.

On the other side of the coin, it should be mentioned that the most fervent northern attacks on redistribution have overtones of the slaveholder's refrain: "Dear slaves — please accept our God-ordained economic theories," which means, accept our God-given lot as your superiors and your God-given lot as poor slaves.

Thus the essence of the argument rages between the rich man's wallet and the poor man's belly. The North is arguing (or merely remaining smugly silent) from its position of power, while the South is arguing with two main weapons: rhetoric in the U.N.'s key conventions and the introduction of "producer's associations."

Rhetoric will be discussed later.

### "Producer's Associations"

Producer's associations, or resource cartels, are, if their defenders can be believed, the greatest force for economic good to emerge since Keynes discovered that nations could spend more than they earn. Their value, according to one U.N. document, is in "assisting in promotion of sustained growth of world economy and accelerating development of developing countries."

Producer's associations exist for two basic reasons. One is to stabilize the often wildly fluctuating prices of commodities. The other reason is to use collective clout, of one form or another, to raise the market price of the commodity. In essence, this channels wealth from the rich commodity buyer to the relatively poor commodity seller.

The North takes a dimmer view of such "producer's associations," usually calling them cartels. The northerner would argue, and rightfully so, that the immense financial strain placed on many poor nations is far greater than the effect that such cartels have on the rich nations.

In other words, Bangladesh suffered far more than the United States because of the oil cartel's irresponsible tripling of petroleum prices in 1973.

Far from sustaining world economic growth, such cartels bear a good deal of the blame for the worldwide recession.

At present, there are producers' associations, of varying degrees of cohesion, for petroleum, bauxite, phosphate, copper, tin, chromium, coffee, rubber, and bananas. Many are weak and inexperienced. Effectiveness ranges from the very successful Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries to the temporary failures experienced by would-be banana and coffee cartels.

### The New Economic Order

Exponents of producers' associations view the cartels as the cornerstone of a new world economic order, which they have set out to erect. It is a southern tenet of faith that the present world economic system, devised and maintained by northern exploiters, is responsible for global miseries. The "new international economic order" will be built on a foundation of resource cartels.

For months the Third World has insisted upon discussing all world problems in the context of this hypothetical "new international economic order." The developed world has resisted such proposals, thus hamstringing numerous international conferences. Some observers fear that the inability to come to basic agreement on even how to go about discussing the issues may render useless all international forums, including the United Nations, thus contributing to heightened world tensions.

The exact goals of the "new inter-

national economic order" are impossible to precisely discern, but its primary goal, no doubt, is the redistribution of wealth worldwide. It is this redistributionist philosophy that legitimizes producers' associations, as well as the acts of nationalization and expropriation. Under this philosophy, these acts are defined as nothing more than righteously moving toward greater equality and properly claiming "reparations" for northern "imperialism."

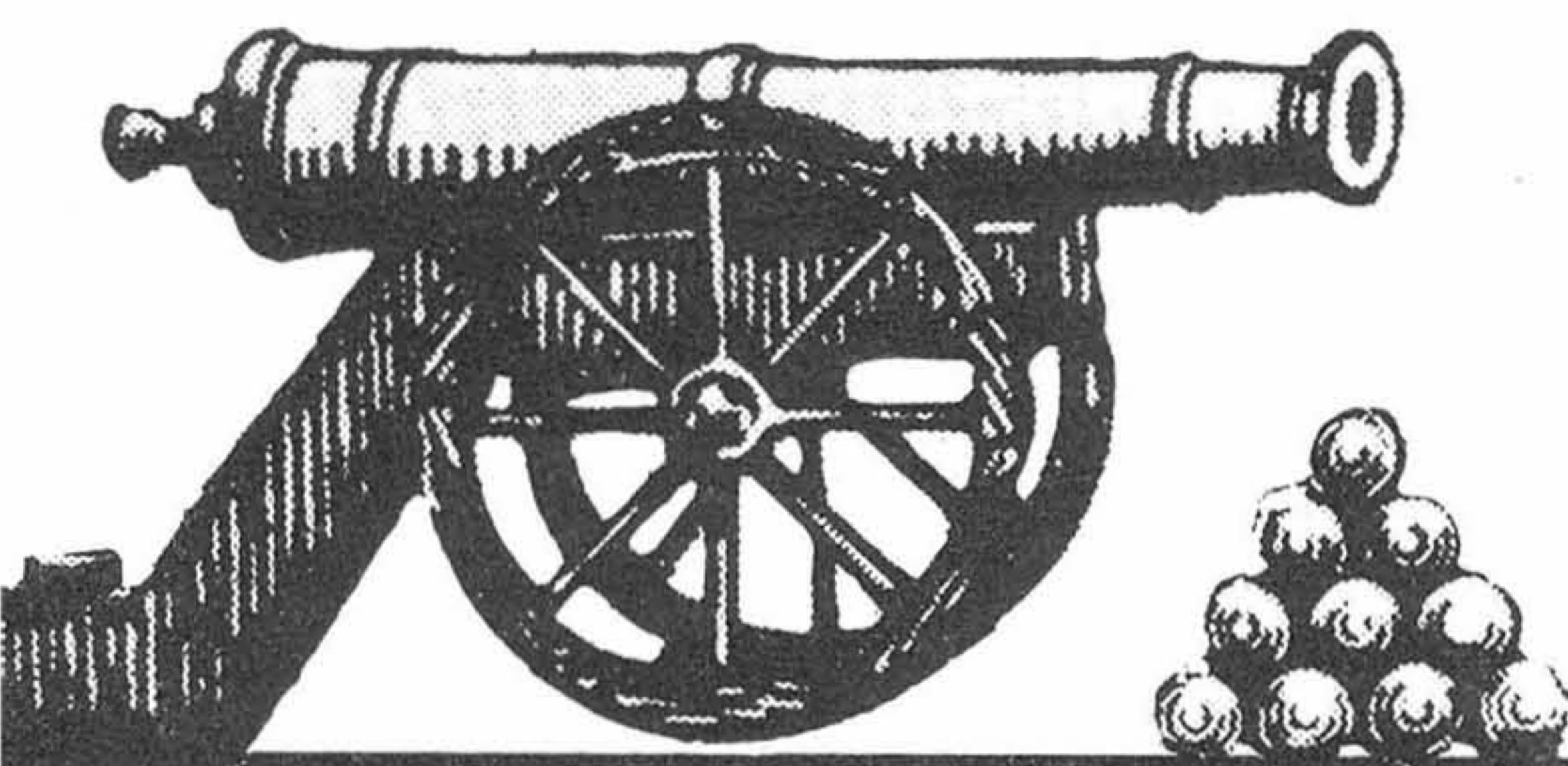
In addition, the South perceives that the economic intelligentsia of Western capitalism has failed, after two decades of trying, to come up with an adequate theory to explain how it would be possible for some of the more disadvantaged nations to achieve any significant growth. From such a posture, some nations feel their plight can only be bettered if they lay claim to the wealth of others.

### The World Fabian Society

Daniel Moynihan, newly appointed U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, claims there is yet another largely unrecognized reason for the emergence of the redistribution movement. Writing in a recent issue of *Commentary* magazine, Mr. Moynihan states that the world is feeling the results of the "British revolution." The Third World, according to Moynihan, has ideologically fallen into neither the capitalist nor the communist camp, but rather into the camp of the British Fabian Society.

The Fabian Society is dedicated to the advancement of socialism via parliamentary rather than revolutionary means. Its influence throughout the empire (areas of which now constitute a considerable portion of the Third World) was so great that the sun never sets on the London School of Economics.

In light of that, the rich northerners might have foreseen the day when Third World missionaries would arrive on the shores of the developed world preaching their doctrines of equality, redistribution, and reparations. According to Third World theology, any inequality of



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such magnitude is not only evil, but is also a moral sin marring the moral slate of the wealthy.

Southern theological eloquence reaches its peak in the "Declaration on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order," pushed through the United Nations General Assembly last year by the Third World bloc. Virtually every paragraph reveals an idealistic infatuation with "equality."

The "new international economic order," states the document, "shall correct inequalities and redress existing injustices, make it possible to eliminate the widening gap between the developed and the developing countries and ensure steadily accelerating economic and social development in peace and justice for present and future generations."

### Conference-Busting

Turning now to the South's second major weapon, rhetoric, the Third World bloc, with communist help, has begun putting bizarre new twists on global problems through a series of famous world conferences.

The first was the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, held in 1972 at Stockholm. Rather than participating in a meaningful discussion on ecological and environmental problems, the Third World tested a new dogma: the developed world had gotten rich by polluting the environment, and now the rich polluters wanted to freeze the rich-poor inequality into a status quo, using "concern over ecology" as an excuse to prevent development in the poor South.

Next came the United Nations World Population Conference held in 1974 at Bucharest. Here the doctrine was promulgated that the developed world was attempting to foist off population control on the developing nations as a means of keeping them in a subservient position. The term "population problem" was a sinister misnomer for what was really a policy of genocide, made necessary by excessive consumption of resources in the developed world.

Shortly thereafter the World Food Conference, held in 1974 at Rome, reached the conclusion that the world food problem was the creation and responsibility of the rich. As such, the rich were duty-bound to take all necessary steps to alleviate it. The 1975 conference on the International Women's Year, in Mexico City, made the same accusations.

The United Nations too has evolved into a sounding board for the Third World bloc. The developing nations hold a solid majority in the 138-member organization.

### The North's Counterweaponry

Marching into the teeth of producers' associations and political rhetoric, what weapons does the developed world have with which to defend itself? Indeed, should it even bother to muster a defense?

The responsible developed nations must indeed consider how much validity there is to the Third World contentions. Though some argue otherwise, the developed world cannot morally ignore the plight of the painfully impoverished nations. That, however, is merely an argument for foreign aid. But that brings up the questions: How much aid? What form should it take? Whom should it be given to? What strings should be attached? Those are all complex questions to be answered by our economic and political experts.

At present, there is a forceful anti-foreign-aid wave washing through both the U.S. public and the Congress (America being by far the main contributor to the Third World's varied needs). In part this is a response to the harsh accusations from the Third World. In part it reflects the ineffectiveness of most foreign aid. But, if the U.S. were to be honest, she would probably have to admit that she hasn't tried very hard to make her aid effective. Most of it has been military in nature. Much of it has been directed to locations where it would be most politically effective rather than most misery-alleviating. Finally, her hesitancy to extend more assistance is probably due, as much as anything, to the effect inflation and recession have had in making her uncertain about her own economic future.

There is much more, however, that should be done. A certain amount of redistribution may be morally imperative, but the creed of redistribution as religiously preached by the Third World is not the power of salvation for our planet.

### Needed: A Feared Spokesman for the West

For most of history, man has lived under systems — monarchies, theocracies, oligopolies, dictatorships — where "might makes right." Systems where truth has been defined, and enforced, by the powers that be.

And more and more, the Third World bloc seems to think it can

become one of (if not the *only*) “mighty.” That if it can acquire the necessary political and economic muscle — then it can define what is “true” and “good” almost at whim.

John Scali, former U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. decried the “tyranny of the majority.” And when the majority says, for example, there’s no food and population crisis (only a crime of over-consumption in the developed world), the “might makes right” syndrome rears its ugly head once more.

The developed world has not yet resisted that tendency with the force and eloquence it must. In world opinion, the view of the rich is a *minority*. That necessitates, as U.N. Ambassador Daniel Moynihan put it, that the West go “into opposition” and vigorously defend its position. “It is time,” writes Moynihan in *Commentary*, “that a Western spokesman came to be feared in international forums for the truths he might tell.”

What sort of truths? Truths such as the fact that the most glaring disparities of wealth lie not between the developed and developing worlds but between and within certain developing nations — for example, oil-rich Arab states (some with per capita incomes more than that of the U.S.) are infinitely richer than the Indian subcontinent.

This spokesman could expose truths such as that in the past 15 years, the United Nations’ record of moral judgment has been virtually nonexistent. In 1973, for instance, the Arabs militarily attacked Israel on Judaism’s holiest day. Eleven of the fifteen Security Council members voted to condemn Israel as the aggressor. The U.N., however, failed to condemn terrorist skyjackings, kidnappings, letter bombs, mass murder of civilians, or the massacre at the 1972 Olympics.

Third World representatives can condemn South Africa and apartheid on the General Assembly floor, while in the Third World civil wars and massacres take place seemingly unnoticed, and thousands of political prisoners rot in their cells. As another example, the Third World

bloc staged a virtual celebration on the U.N. floor when Taiwan was kicked out of the international body, even though the U.N. supposedly is open to all governments who are in clear control of their territory.

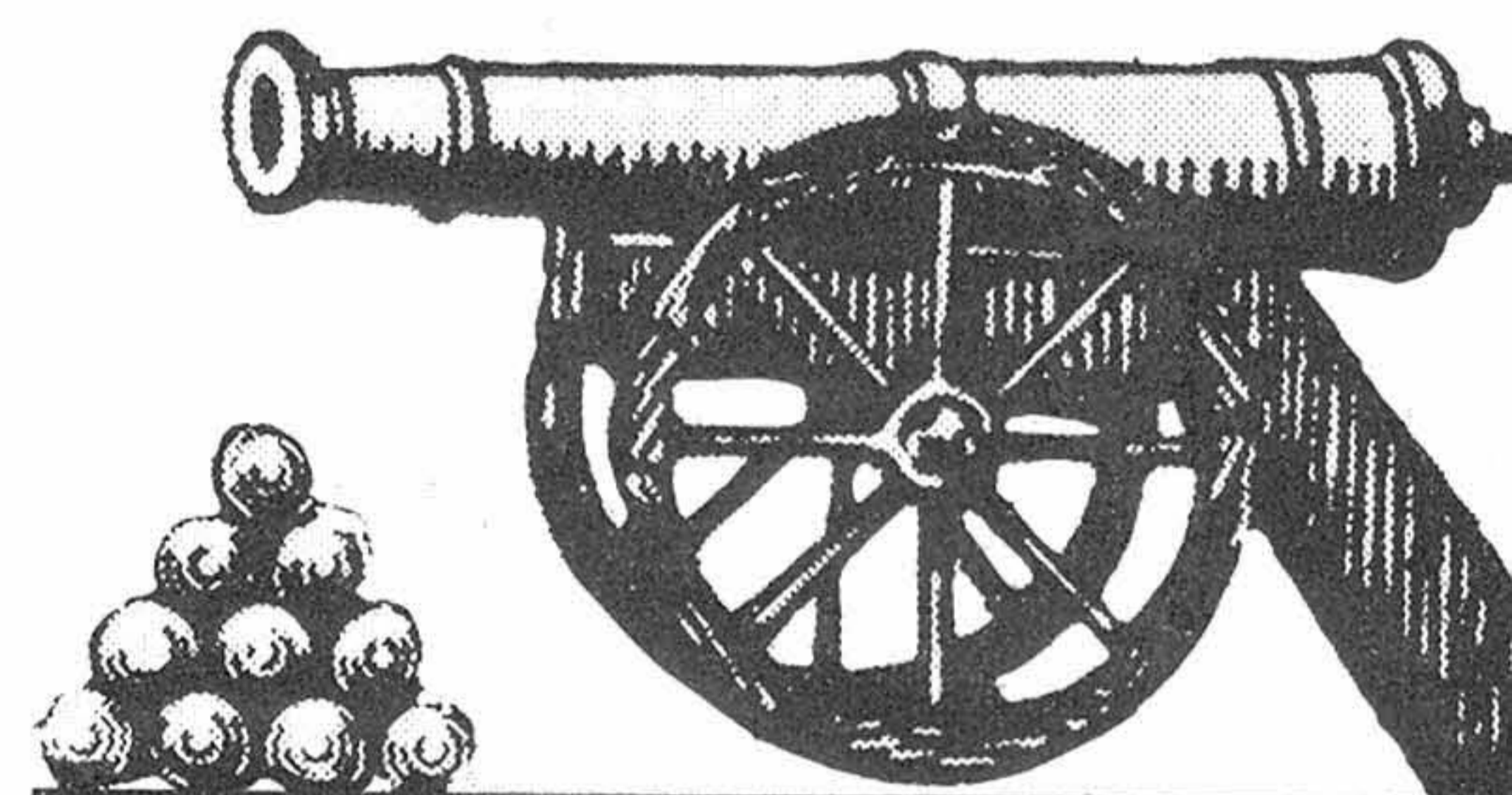
A Western spokesman should find numerous opportunities for pointing out the copious amounts of Orwellian double-think implicit in the Third World call for the “sovereignty of every state over its natural resources and all economic activities.” In actual fact, the Third World only wants their own states to have total sovereignty over their resources. It expects other states (i.e., the developed world) to give up partial sovereignty over their resources and to share them with all.

Furthermore, the fervent cry for resource sovereignty often comes from those who know that such sovereignty would help them maintain tight control of their national economies, thus helping to hold together their quite disunited and perhaps oppressive regimes.

This representative should state that socialism has proven to be a comparatively poor means of producing new wealth and a quite ineffective way of redistributing it. The West’s case should be presented that just as there is a great deal of truth in the statement that an individual is responsible for his economic circumstances, so also is there considerable truth in stating that individual nations are responsible for their own national circumstances.

This commentator should point out the inconsistency of the Third World call for sustained world economic growth, accelerating development, and greater international cooperation, on the one hand, and their “what’s mine is mine and what’s yours is mine” rhetoric on the other.

Certainly there is great merit in compassion and the extension of aid, as opposed to ignoring the sufferings of others. To the degree that the central issues of the debate involve those motives, we should respond. But the heart of this particular debate lies elsewhere. The

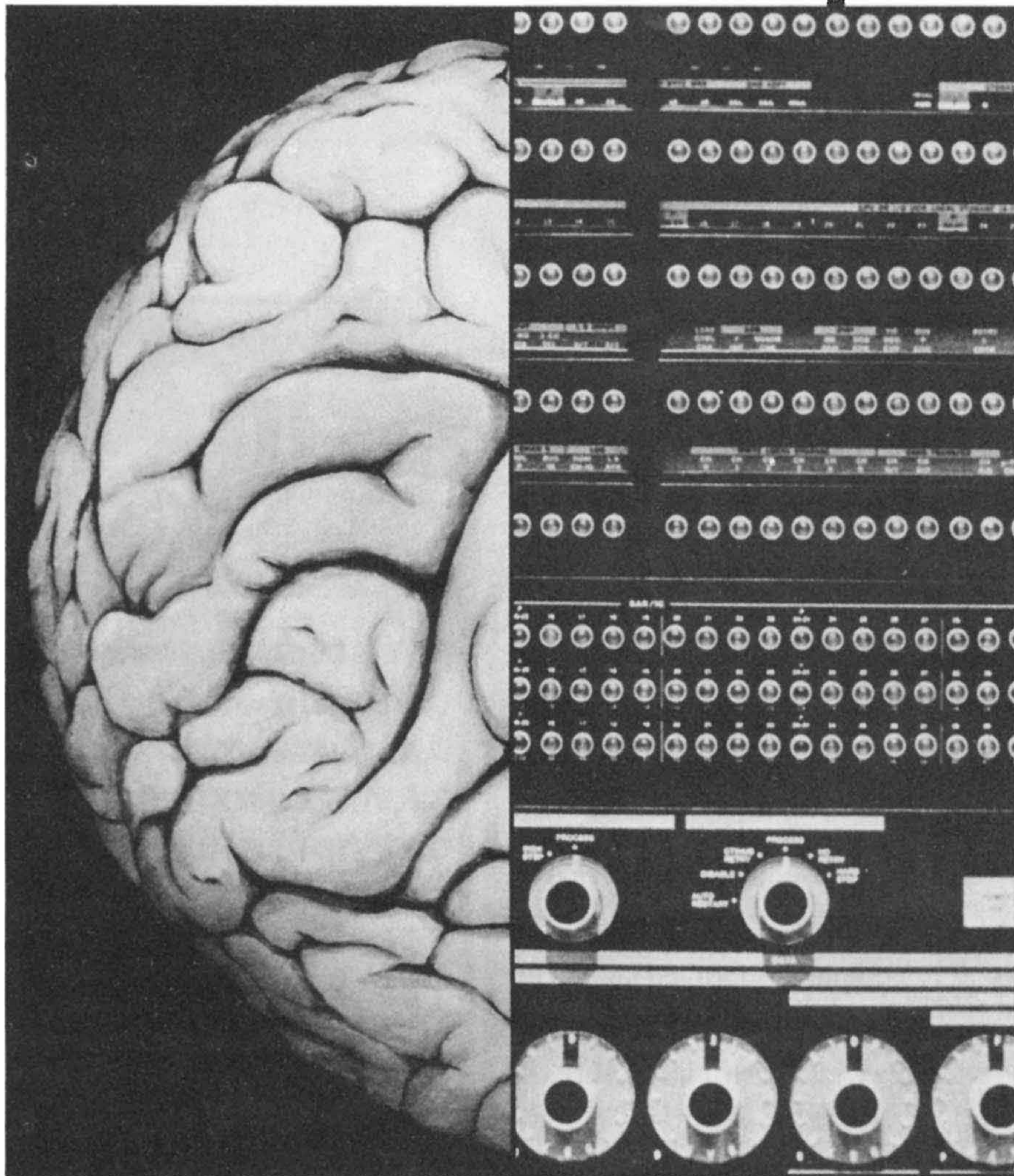


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essential question is: Will we insist that world problems be defined as they really are, or, when it comes to such things, will we surrender the right of definition to any bloc with the political might to enforce their viewpoint? If we do the latter, we’ll contribute little or nothing to the alleviation of world suffering, but we’ll have taken a big step toward surrendering the world to the enslavement of irrationalism.

Lies which masquerade as truth have served various elites in both North and South — but never the best interests of mankind. It seems well within the realm of possibility for us to combine compassion with truth — working to eliminate poverty of the body while insuring against enslavement of the human spirit. □

# The Brain and the Computer



## COINCIDENCE OR DESIGN?

by Dr. Robert L. Kuhn

**T**he human mind developed the computer — the electronic brain — from a crude idea to an elegant, super-sophisticated masterpiece. Yet random chance supposedly “evolved” the incomprehensibly superior human mind from small organic molecules.

Are we to believe that the computer was *designed* by the human mind, but the human mind itself just

happened by coincidence? Did random chance create rational thinking?

### Origin of the Computer

It is impossible to establish the exact date for the birth of the computer. The Chinese abacus goes back to antiquity, but most scientific historians point to the “difference engine” of Charles Babbage, an English mathematician and eccentric genius

of the early nineteenth century, as the progenitor of the computer.

Nearly a century later, in 1915, the Ford Instrument Company in the U.S. produced a crude “mechanical monster” operating on voltages and rotating gears. Actually it was an early *analog* or “continuously measuring” computer.

Then, in 1939, Dr. Howard Aiken of Harvard University designed a machine which utilized two major breakthroughs: the use of real numbers (digits) rather than analogs, and the self-contained ability to make logical decisions. But Aiken’s digital computer was limited by its electromechanical construction; its moving parts continuously became faulty or worn, and as a result errors were frequently introduced.

The next fundamental advancement in computer technology occurred in 1943 when the U.S. Army substituted electronic circuits for electromechanical moving parts. A new machine, ENIAC (Electrical-Numerical Integrator and Computer) was completed in 1945.

ENIAC was huge. It weighed 30 tons and needed some 15,000 square feet of floor space. A man could literally walk through the “brain” of this early computer. It contained over 19,000 large vacuum tubes.

But other important advances quickly followed ENIAC. Computers began to store instructions as well as data in their memories. And so with instructions already given to the computer in advance, rapid-fire operations could be sustained without having to laboriously rewire the computer circuitry for each successive operation.

### Three Generations of Computers

Finally, in 1951, the U.S. Remington-Rand company produced the first of our present-day business-oriented computers, UNIVAC I, a structure nine feet high, fourteen feet long, eight feet deep and filled with vacuum tubes. UNIVAC I was still a far cry from the computers of the 1970s, but the explosive proliferation of computers had begun. Other corporations quickly entered the field, and “I.B.M.” became a household term.

Enter solid-state electronics. The transistor generated a new breakthrough in computer technology — the second generation had arrived. Just as the jet engine revolutionized the aviation industry, so the transistor revolutionized the computer industry. Gone were the bulky central processing units, which alone were equivalent in volume to a small office. Electrical heat losses and power requirements, formerly a problem with vacuum-tube circuits, were greatly reduced.

That was only the beginning. *Third generation* computers came along with incredibly small and efficient microcircuitry consisting of tiny “chips.” Smaller than transistors, each of these “chip” microcircuits is the equivalent of 5 to 3,000 of the now “cumbersome” transistors, resistors, and diodes.

From vacuum tubes to chips — it’s amazing what a 30-year rationally determined “evolution” can accomplish. A sewing thimble can hold enough semiconductor microcircuits — “chips” — to be the working equivalent of tens or hundreds of thousands of “old” vacuum tubes, and in the volume previously occupied by *one* such vacuum tube, ample room is available for millions of these ultra-efficient electronic components.

### Computer Speed

Another way of appreciating the explosive evolution of computer technology is by comparing the number of arithmetical operations which can be made every second. ILLIAC I, designed and developed at the University of Illinois in 1952, could perform 11,000 operations per second. ILLIAC II, completed in 1963, could perform 500,000. And now, ILLIAC IV, — an extraordinary experimental machine built in cooperation with the Burroughs Corporation of Piola, Pennsylvania — is capable of executing between 100 and 200 million commands per second!

Today, with the advent of ILLIAC IV, a serious obstacle has been encountered — a fundamental barrier that slows down computer operation. Believe it or not, it is the *speed of light*

— over 186,000 miles per second!

The ultimate limitation on the operating speed of a computer is the speed with which a signal can be propagated through an electrical conductor. In practice this is somewhat less than the speed of light, which takes about one nanosecond (one thousand-millionth of a second) to travel one foot.

If we pause to reflect on this for a moment, the impact should be overwhelming. Mankind is approaching the point where the slowest part of his computation systems — the *drag* on the whole system — is the speed of light.

Nor is this the end of the phenomenal evolution of the computer. ILLIAC IV can even *diagnose* its own problems!

And it’s interesting to note that it took a medium-size computer (Burroughs B-5500) working almost full-time for two years to help design the meticulous microcircuitry of the hardware and prepare diagnostic programs for the software (logic), while another computer, the Burroughs B-6500, is wholly devoted to *talking* to ILLIAC IV. “Nobody” else can. This general-purpose computer is responsible for translating the many languages of the computer programmers into the hardware-determined language of the big machine itself.

Computers are now designing new computers. Computers are programming, testing and improving each other. Networks of computers are linked by satellites! It used to be science fiction. Now it’s just science. And very real.

New techniques of memory storage — utilizing laser beams, holography, and cryogenic diodes — give today’s computers the capacity to store more than one billion — 1,000,000,000,000 — “bits” (or the basic pieces) of information in a comparatively small space. One would need about 250,000 standard magnetic tapes to maintain an equivalent amount of data.

This summer, IBM planned to come out with the IBM 3850, a mass storage device with a memory capacity of over 4 thousand billion

(4,000,000,000,000,000) bits of information!

### The Brain Behind the Computer

Of course, these computer memories remember because human brains designed them. Computers compute because human brains developed them. The computer has dramatically “evolved” because human minds *made* it evolve. It did not take millions upon millions of years. About 30 years was quite sufficient.

By comparison, examine the extraordinary human brain. From the eye alone, the optic nerve brings about one thousand million bits or signals of visual information *per second* to the brain. (There are one million nerve fibers — each of which conveys one thousand bits per second.) This doesn’t take into account the billions of other bits of information sent to the brain from the eleven other cranial nerves and the massive fiber columns of the spinal cord.

Consider the activity in the cerebral cortex of the brain, the thin (4 millimeter or 0.16 inch) outermost covering of the brain. Here ten thousand million neurons reside, processing ten billion bits every second. This doesn’t even consider the other massive sections of the brain.

And contemplate this: The volume of the human brain is much less than 1/10th of one cubic foot!

Chance evolution? It is far less likely that the human mind would evolve by random chance than that ILLIAC IV would be found in perfect running condition by the first American Indian to visit Piola, Pennsylvania.

Did the Eternal Creator of heaven and earth need millions of years to “evolve” man from his “anthropoid ancestors” while computer scientists have been able to develop today’s incredibly sophisticated computers in just 30 years?

The “evolution” of a computer is a fascinating story of the creative ability of the human mind. How infinitely more awesome must be the creative genius of the Master Creator who designed the human mind itself. □



# Loneline High-Ris

Text and Photos by Philip Stevens

**T**he slums of London are fast disappearing. Where once stood row upon row of dingy houses in terraces divided only by the occasional draughty alleyway, now soar towering blocks of flats. The draughty alleys have given place to cold bleak staircases and endless landings. Gone are the grimy red bricks and mortar — and there *was* something comfortingly secure about the innumerable sash-windows which looked out on the length and breadth of narrow but lived-in streets. In their place loom these mammoths of modern architecture, with their myriad mirrors which glare vacantly and impassionately out at empty space — or at the next tower block containing homes for a hundred families in twenty isolated stories.

These concrete edifices may at one time have been a monument to the achievement of their designers. But now they represent a mountain of despair to so many of their “in-mates.” Heralded two decades ago as the salvation to our far-reaching housing problems, high-rise projects are now being abandoned by a number of housing authorities who have come to realize that the problems intrinsic to this type of housing can far outweigh the advantages. It is one thing to provide much needed “living quarters.” It is quite another thing to provide people with homes they can live in.



# ss of e Living

## Anticipated Problems Overlooked

Many would argue that at the outset there seemed little alternative to the concept of vertical housing. Post-war slum clearance programmes became a political expediency as well as a humanitarian consideration, with more and more people needing improved housing. Faced with a shortage of building sites, and the need to conserve as far as possible our "green and pleasant land", town planners saw in tower-blocks the answer to their dilemma — particularly within the confines of our cramped cities.

Even then some housing authorities did anticipate the nature of possible problems. In at least one instance a computer was used to assess the advantages and disadvantages of a particular tower-block project. The outcome was a sadly accurate prediction of what lay ahead. But at the time solving very real existing housing problems was the criterion, rather than concern with any possible future "theoretical difficulties."

To those not living in these flats the problems may not seem too obvious. Yet they can range from the simple annoyance of distorted television reception to the more serious implications of nervous disorders and breakdowns. And if not solved they can take their toll in marriage break-ups, emotionally unstable children and even suicide!

## Deprived Children?

Again, to those with little knowledge of high-rise accommodation these problems may appear to be wildly overstated. In a country where a chronic housing situation exists surely anyone who has a decent roof over their heads ought to be grateful? But a mother of two young children living on a sixteenth floor of an East London tower complex might not agree.

Take the mother who explained to me how terrified she was at the prospect of allowing her children to play on the balcony. Yet there was nowhere else for them to play! "One day," she said, "I turned away for a moment and when I looked back my little boy had climbed on his tricycle and was leaning over the top of the parapet."

Another mother who had opted for the dubious alternative of allowing her child to play outside the flat, many feet below, unnerved a visitor when she constantly paced the room and looked out of the windows. Becoming concerned, the visitor asked if anything was wrong. The distraught mother then told how she feared for her child's safety. There were no organized play facilities in this tower block, and apart from the close confines of the flat the children had nowhere to exercise their energies but outside in the street. She was ever fearful that an accident would occur.

But keeping a child cooped up in a small flat is far from ideal either. The isolation from fellow playmates can have detrimental effects as the child grows up. This lack of contact can result in difficulties with social relationships as the young person matures. One small girl living on the fifteenth floor of an apartment building in the Midlands was earlier this year reported to be taking three tranquillizers a day. Her mother commented that the noises heard from other flats were having an effect on her daughter's nerves, and that the little girl found it very difficult to mix with other children. The mother was convinced the flat was the root of the problem.

The absence of *safe, supervised*

play areas is a common complaint. Many housing authorities seem to lack the imagination, incentive, or perhaps the finances to provide adequate amenities. But, to be fair, others do their best to fulfil this need. One complex in Erith, Kent, for example, turned over part of one floor to a nursery facility. A number of mothers agreed to operate a rota, looking after the children. Regrettably, interest waned, other activities took precedence over the women's time and the idea petered out. Lacking supervision, the area became a vandalised wreck. In such a case can the blame be laid at the feet of the powers that be for children playing in the streets, a danger to themselves, and others?

More and more the disadvantages of raising a family in a high rise flat are becoming all too apparent. In 1969, the Chairman of Liverpool's Housing Committee described tower blocks as "a curse, the greatest mistake Liverpool ever made." Richard Siefert, a prominent architect of multi-storey blocks, having realized the effects such homes can have on family life, has gone so far as to state that he now feels that these dwellings should be restricted to non-family use. Although his work has transformed the horizon in a number of our towns, he now believes that tower blocks are "inhuman, oppressive and socially evil" and that their claustrophobic, depressing environment can lead to unhappiness, serious crime and mental disturbance.

## The Lonely Brigade

One group that would agree with Mr. Siefert's views are non-working housewives. In a block of a hundred flats there are perhaps twenty or thirty such women who either have no children, whose children have grown up and left home, or whose children are away at school for seven or eight hours a day. These are the lonely brigade. Each one feeling isolated, cut off from the world, yet seemingly unable to join with another individual for a few minutes conversation over a cup of tea.

In the grimy streets of neatly painted front doors with their brass knockers, everyone seemed to be involved with everyone else. But in the lonely anonymity of the multi-storey blocks there is no such communal spirit. With several flights of stairs or lift separating the occupants from the street below, once the front door to the flat is shut there is no incentive to venture outside again until it is absolutely necessary. And the cold austerity of the prison-like corridor of firmly closed doors is hardly conducive to popping in to see a neighbour, even on the same floor. Gone too are the opportunities for the chance meeting with "next-door" while hanging out the washing.

Even a journey to the local shop for a single item will be avoided if getting there involves negotiating twenty flights of stairs or combating a temperamental lift. And in the flat, to sit and view the world passing by hundreds of feet below is an unnatural experience that merely adds to the feeling of isolation. And isolation leads to frustration.

One woman, soon to retire, summed up the sense of frustration that such housewives feel when she told me: "I am dreading giving up work. I was off work for six months once through illness and that was bad enough. I just don't know what I'll do."

She and her husband have tried to move out of their multi-storey flat but the council refused their request for a house with a garden. Because they were "good" tenants at this block, regularly paying their rent, they were helping to compensate for the *many* problem tenants who were constantly in arrears. The authority just could not *afford* to transfer them.

Some families have been known to go to the extent of having four or five children for the sole purpose of forcing a housing authority to move them out of the cramped confines of a flat!

### The Elderly Neglected

The same loneliness that affects the housewife plagues many old

people too. Senior citizens tend to be even more confined to their flats, rarely venturing forth. Even the most energetic pensioner might not wish to tackle a mountain of stairs if the lift is out of order. Without the benefit of a "front-room" window, the old person might go for several days without seeing another human being except for the dwarfs far below at ground level, and they are hardly "walking by."

It is a sad fact that relations and neighbours find little enough reason to visit the aged even when they live in *houses* of their own. Elderly tenants of high-rise flats are frequently even more neglected, hardly ever receiving a visit to cheer them and break the monotony of their lonely existence. As one tenant correctly observed: "an old person could lay seriously ill or even dead for weeks before anyone would know about it." And it has happened — too many times!

### Tenants Need a Stake in Their Surroundings

Faced with all of these problems, one might rightly ask why anyone would want to move into a flat? But a family living in hopelessly overcrowded circumstances, either sharing a single room in their parents' home or making do with little more than a bed-sitter, can hardly be blamed for trying to better themselves, and for many there is simply no alternative to high-rise accommodation.

Consequently answers do need to be found to alleviate as far as possible some of the traumas.

As more and more authorities become aware of the situation, they will obviously need to plan high-rise blocks with more discretion if they feel there is simply no alternative to vertical housing in some areas. Maybe the answer would be to ensure that each family has easy access to a plot of ground of its own close by. But this would require so much space that perhaps after all the answer would be to abandon flats and stick to houses — especially as it has been estimated that accommodation in houses is as much as £1000

cheaper than high-rise flats of comparable area.

An NSPCC report entitled "Children in Flats; A Family Study" makes a valid point that: "Housing officers might do well to look again at the service they provide with an eye to improving — not to say humanizing — them. If the needs of young children and their families who are housed in high flats are to be met adequately special attention must be paid to the improvement of the communal and social aspects of apartment dwelling. If it is necessary to house families with young children in high blocks then there is something to be said for concentrating them in purpose-built blocks with special provision for the under-5 age group. Administrative problems and extra expenditure which accrue to local authorities by reason of better, family-directed amenities might well be regarded, by both local and national government, as insurance against social difficulties in the future.

"At present the warden/caretaker/supervisor of the Corporation block is the direct servant of the local authority with only a secondary duty towards tenants. We (the NSPCC) suggest it would be better for him to be envisaged and used primarily as a community worker, acting among and on behalf of the tenants. In Paris such workers exist. The community social worker can play a great part in welding together the 'neighbourhood community'".

In any case authorities should at all costs avoid housing the elderly and families with children above two or three stories. This would restrict the remaining flats to younger couples without children and to young single persons who are out at work for most of the time. And this some authorities are already beginning to do, for it has been found that such people adapt most easily to high-rise living.

However, so many families with children and old people are housed in tower blocks without any hope of a move that some practical sugges-



**BIRMINGHAM** is just one of many cities which has striven to solve its crippling housing problems by the construction of tower block estates.

tions are needed to show them ways to alleviate the hurtful effects.

### How One Family Coped

One family who lived in a flat in the Kings Cross area of North London for 24 years explained to me how they have stuck it out for so long. They admitted they would have preferred a house but were grateful for the flat and decided to adapt their lives accordingly.

The mother used to make it a part of her *daily* routine to take her boys to the local open space to let off steam. When they were old enough they were encouraged to join such organizations as the Cubs and later the Scouts. This enabled them to have an active interest outside the closed environment of the small apartment, and ensured they did not wander unsupervised in the streets or play unattended in unsafe areas. The couple agreed that the mother cannot take the sole responsibility. If she makes time during the day to see that her children are gainfully occupied, the father must not be too hard on his wife if the non-essential housework is missed. And he must also endeavour to

spend time with the children in the evening. The bond of mutual affection that will be built as a result will help develop emotionally balanced children in spite of their surroundings.

The argument arises that this is not possible if the mother is out at work all day. The only solution to this is to stress that every effort should be made to ensure that she either has only to work part-time, or is at least back home in time for her children's return from school. The woman who insists on working while her children are still at pre-school age can expect family problems whether she lives in a high-rise block or not. The fact that many families cannot afford not to have the mother working is one of the curses of our society.

### Apathy Can Defeat Effort

Are there any other ways to help alleviate the drab and lonely conditions that too many high-rise dwellers experience? Well, there are always interests which can be sought outside the home, particularly in the case of the housewife and more active elderly people — it just takes effort and the will to get

involved. But perhaps the most positive action could be taken within the tower block itself. These neighbours could make the effort to overcome the psychological barriers and get to know each other, paying regular visits. This would especially help to lift the gloom for the less active aged tenants.

Maybe the planners made a serious mistake with tower blocks. And few in the community would disagree that living in a high-rise building has unique problems. But given that they are there the reality of the situation must be faced. *Effort* is needed to combat the condition and the sometimes all too evident apathy.

For the future, hopefully the lesson has been learned and short-term expedient solutions such as high-rise dwellings will not be so readily accepted at the expense of long-term happiness. In the meantime it would be far better if more high-rise tenants looked upon their situation as a challenge to find ways to alleviate the problems rather than allow their circumstances to get on top of them and dictate their way of life. □

# THE MISSING DIMENSION IN SEX

## Part V

***In previous installments we have covered the FACTS — as they were from pagan times, as they continued through medieval Christian repression, as they are today under the “new morality.”***

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HISTORY has been *written* — in unhappy, frustrated marriages — in licentious immorality today. But the “new morality” is not solving the problem. Rather, the Western world has leaped from the frying pan into the fire.

The more human leaders have tampered with moral codes, social regulations, forms of government, and international movements for peace, the further they have plunged the world into evils, wars and violence, human misery and suffering. And the farther they have driven humanity from mankind’s transcendent potential.

There is — I repeat again and again — a CAUSE for every effect.

And the cause? The MISSING DIMENSION — the basic, foundational KNOWLEDGE — the true premise for all explanations, philosophies, and guidance in conduct. And the WAY OF LIFE that would CAUSE all good.

Our first parents rejected revelation as the *starting point* in knowledge and human conduct. They rejected the LAW of God. All humanity has continued in that fatal error.

Through six thousand long and painful years the lesson *has been written* in CRUEL EXPERIENCE.

Man is a physical being — but with a *spiritual attribute*. And of the whole man, the MIND, with its spiritual attribute and potential, is the *all-important* factor. The body is merely the mechanism or vehicle that the MIND directs and uses. But how is MIND connected with SEX?

Sex anatomy and sexual functioning is connected directly with the

mind through the system of nerves. There can be no use of sex apart from the mind. Every bodily action is directed, consciously or subconsciously, by the mind.

The human sexual response cannot function unless profound physiological changes occur in the genital areas of both sexes — and these changes are physio-psychologically produced — actually generated in the mind.

And so it is that ATTITUDE is an *all-important* factor of sex and directly associated with its every function.

So there are TWO phases of any use of sex — the one, of first importance, the mental-spiritual phase; the other, physical.

Thus, as in almost every activity of life, ATTITUDE is of prime importance. Direction of mind!

Now let’s UNDERSTAND what is so fatally WRONG with all this modern knowledge of sex. In both the “old morality” and the “new morality” of this world’s teachings and customs, IGNORANCE OF THE CREATOR’S INTENDED PURPOSES and dissemination of evil *moral* teachings has poisoned human minds and injected damage-causing ATTITUDES.

*A mixture of half good food and half potassium cyanide will kill you as surely as the dose of potassium cyanide alone!*

Not all of the purely mental *physical* knowledge published in this modern onslaught of sex books has been correct, by any means. But even if the dissemination of the physical details, of itself, were completely true, it is COMBINED, in every

case — whether *in* such a book or from other sources — with a false and poisonous ATTITUDE OF MIND concerning sex PURPOSES and uses!

It thus becomes DEADLY MORAL AND SPIRITUAL POISON. And today’s world is gulping down the fatal dosage!

Today, knowledge of physical details is abundantly available. Yet even among books disseminating biological information, I have not found a single volume I would want to recommend to our radio listeners and *Plain Truth* readers. And when physical information is combined with a poisonous mental attitude, it emphatically destroys moral purity and character.

### So WHERE NEXT?

So, WHERE *NOW*?

WHERE, for the knowledge of RIGHT PURPOSES and USES?

WHERE, for the supreme AUTHORITY for morals? WHERE for the right *attitude*?

In no field is the fact more positively demonstrated that the WORD OF GOD is the FOUNDATION OF KNOWLEDGE than in this area of sex!

*HOW*, and *from where*, and *when*, did sex originate?

And WHY?

You shall see that there was great PURPOSE — great MEANING behind the origin of sex. There was intelligence, design, and wisdom in its planning. It was CREATED by the all-intelligent, all-powerful, all-HOLY Creator!

The answers are found in the Bible. And the place to begin is at THE BEGINNING!

Here is the beginning:

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 1:1, RSV).

### WHO — WHAT IS God?

I have quoted that passage in the English language. But when God in-

spired Moses to write it, originally, it was written in the Hebrew language. What I quoted is a translation from the Hebrew. And in the Hebrew, the word — or the NAME — translated into the English name “God” was *Elohim*. That is a uniplural noun. It is uniplural, like such words as *group, church, crowd, family, or organization*.

Take, for example, the word *church*. You will read, in I Corinthians 12:20, that the *church* is only ONE CHURCH — the “one body” yet composed of “many members.” Even though it takes many persons to constitute the church, it is not many churches — it is only the ONE CHURCH!

A family is made up of more than one person, yet only the *one* family.

And so, incredible as it may seem to those who do not rightly and fully UNDERSTAND the Bible — and only an infinitesimal minority does — GOD is not merely one person, nor even limited to a “trinity,” but GOD is a FAMILY.

The doctrine of the trinity is false. It was foisted upon the world at the Council of Nicaea. It is the pagan Babylonish trinity of Nimrod, Semiramis and Horus — of father, mother and child — substituting the holy spirit for the mother, Semiramis, and calling it a “person.”

God is a KINGDOM — the supreme divine FAMILY which RULES the universe! The whole GOSPEL Jesus brought to mankind is, merely, the good news of the KINGDOM OF GOD — and that kingdom *is* God. It is a FAMILY — a RULING divine family into which humans may be born!

It is vitally necessary that we UNDERSTAND this truth — *if* we are to understand the MEANING and PURPOSES of sex!

*There is only the ONE GOD!* Because of false teaching — including that of a “trinity” — nearly all of us have been reared from childhood to *assume* that GOD is *one individual person*. It is true that one person — the Father — is *head* of the family, but each person in the God FAMILY is an individual divine person.

*Elohim* is the divine FAMILY — only ONE family, but more than one

divine person. Jesus Christ spoke of His divine father as GOD. Jesus said He was the Son of GOD (as well as the Son of *man*). Jesus is called GOD in Hebrews 1:8 and elsewhere. All the holy angels are commanded to worship Jesus (Heb. 1:6; Psalm 97:7, 1) — and none but GOD may be worshipped!

In Genesis 1:26, *Elohim* said, “Let *us* — not me — make man in *our* image.”

So the Eternal FATHER is a person and is GOD. Jesus Christ is a different *person* — and is GOD. They are two separate and individual persons (Rev. 4:2; 5:1, 6-7). The Father is Supreme HEAD of the God family — the Lawgiver. Christ is the WORD — the divine Spokesman.

But when Jesus was begotten within His human mother Mary, He was not, as all other men, begotten of a human father, but of God, by the agency and power of God’s spirit. He became — as a human — the son of God. He called God His FATHER. He prayed to His Father. So we have a *father-and-son* relationship. It is a FAMILY relationship!

But it goes further. Humans, in the *likeness* of God, may receive the gift of God’s HOLY SPIRIT (Acts 2:38-39).

This spirit emanates from the very person — the spirit body of the Father. It begets us with His very life — GOD life — eternal life, on entering into us, precisely as a human ovum is begotten with the *human* father’s life when the sperm-cell from his body impregnates the ovum. But it is not a born human child until nine months later — it is, thus far, only begotten.

Those thus converted become the begotten SONS of God — actually children of God (Rom. 8:14-17).

But it is well at this point to make clear the fact that *none other* is a son of God. The widely believed “Fatherhood-of-God and Brotherhood-of-man” doctrine is, by scriptural authority, FALSE!

The Pharisees had said to Jesus, “. . . we have one Father, even God.” Jesus answered, “If God were your Father, ye would love me. . . . Ye are of your father, the devil, and

the lusts of your father ye will do” (John 8:41-44). In one of His parables, Jesus said, “. . . the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one” — that is, children of the devil. The apostle Paul said to a human sorcerer, “Thou child of the devil. . .” (Acts 13:10). Again, “In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whoever doeth not righteousness is not of God. . .” (I John 3:10). One does not become a son of GOD until begotten of God by receiving God’s holy spirit.

This brings up another significant point and answers the question: Is abortion murder? The human who is begotten of God, but as yet UNBORN, is already a CHILD of God (I John 3:1-2). The begotten but unborn fetus is the CHILD of its parents. To kill it is MURDER! But the human who is born is the child of his human father — but only those begotten of God are children of God.

Those thus *begotten* of God are baptized into (that is, immersed into — *put into*) God’s CHURCH (I Cor. 12:13).

The CHURCH is the affianced BRIDE, to MARRY CHRIST at His glorious return to earth (Eph. 5:25-27; Rev. 19:7). So we have the father-and-son relationship *and also the husband-and-wife relationship!*

The CHURCH of God, now, is the begotten family of God’s children as yet unborn to spirit immortality. But, at Christ’s coming, when the begotten mortal *heirs* become the spirit-composed BORN *inheritors* of the GOD KINGDOM, *then* (and not until) they shall have entered into the KINGDOM OF GOD!

The KINGDOM of God, then, is merely the GOD FAMILY as a RULING GOVERNMENT.

A KINGDOM is a government. God is CREATOR. God is a FAMILY of divine persons. God *rules* His entire vast, limitless creation. GOD IS A KINGDOM!

Jesus preached one gospel — one message — the KINGDOM OF GOD. The world rejected Him because it hated His message. The world ap-

propriated His name, rejected His message, and proclaimed its false gospel — merely *about* Christ, while rejecting His message about the kingdom of God. That is why the world with its churches, wallowing in the moral cesspools of confusion, *does not understand* about either SEX or THE KINGDOM OF GOD!

Now let's UNDERSTAND! Genesis 1:1: In the beginning, ELOHIM — *the* KINGDOM OF GOD — created the heavens and the earth. And ELOHIM — the God FAMILY — said, "let US!" — *not* "let ME!" Did you ever wonder why GOD said: "Let US make man in OUR image"? God is a FAMILY — a ruling KINGDOM.

Notice! Understand! We speak of the mineral kingdom, the plant kingdom, the animal kingdom. Then there is the *human* kingdom — for humans are *not* animals and did not descend from animals. There *is, truly*, a "missing link"! But the "missing link" does not link man to the dumb animals. The "missing link" is JESUS CHRIST — the true link between MAN and GOD — and through whom *we may be born into the GOD kingdom!*

### The First Man and Woman

Now consider the first man.

Adam was *not born*. He was *created*, suddenly, a full-grown adult man. His wife, Eve, was created, suddenly, a full-grown adult woman.

But we must not suppose that they were created with a full storehouse of knowledge implanted automatically in their minds. Perhaps you never thought of it in this light before, but consider:

How did we, the adults of today, come into possession of the knowledge we have? We were not born with it. A newborn babe knows nothing at birth. He is born with a mind capable of absorbing knowledge — a very little at first, but cumulatively additive. Humans must be taught — must learn. That is one of the *vital reasons* why marriage and family life are necessary for humans, unlike animals. Human babies start out very helpless. They need parental care, protection,

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teaching, training, and love. They need the warmth and companionship of family life.

What was the difference between Adam, at the instant of his creation, and a baby at the instant of birth?

Within a portion of a single day, AN ADULT MAN was miraculously created, *suddenly*, out of the dust of the ground! Adam was created with a MIND, *as yet unfilled with knowledge*, but capable of receiving knowledge, reasoning from it, acting on it.

*And it was a mind free from defect or degeneration!*

What, then, was the difference between Adam at the instant of his creation and a baby at birth? He was started off as an adult — his mind had adult capabilities — but he was as much without knowledge, and therefore as helpless, as a newborn babe! He was created with adult *capacity*, but not with adult knowledge!

The *very first need* of the first man and the first woman was to be given essential KNOWLEDGE! That is humanity's *first need* today, but humanity has rejected that essential knowledge.

### The Great Educator

And here enters a basic TRUTH long ago forgotten by the world!

The Almighty is *not only* the Creator! He is also the Great Educator!

The ETERNAL instructed the first man and woman. And He instructed them about SEX! The Great Designer, Creator, and Lawgiver revealed for mankind the basic FOUNDATION OF ALL KNOWLEDGE!

From the time of our first parents that foundation of necessary knowledge — not otherwise discoverable by man — has been accessible. It is available today in the Bible.

Yet our first parents rejected God's revelation of knowledge, rebelled against God and His law for man's welfare! And their children have been rejecting and rebelling ever since!

Think of it! God the Creator is also Ruler of all His vast creation. He is also the Great and Supreme Educator for all mankind. Yet mankind rejects Him as both Ruler and Educator — and most reject Him as Creator!

Now consider! The very last act of God's creation by work, was the creation of MAN. It was on the sixth day of that first week. Earlier that sixth day God had created cattle, the other mammals, the creeping animals. The creation of Adam was the very final act of the *work* of creation. That day, by God's order, ended at sunset.

As that day's sun set and the seventh day of the week arrived, "God ended *his work* which he had made" (Gen. 2:2). Notice what God ended. *Not creating!* He ended *His work* which He had made. God did not end *creating!* Only *His work* — those things made by *work*. Now He created His sabbath by *rest* — *not by work!* He blessed the sabbath day and sanctified it — that is, set it apart from other days as HIS, for holy use and purpose. He established the sabbath as the day for assembly and spiritual instruction.

Just as this first sabbath came on, there was the man Adam — suddenly formed, shaped, created as an adult MAN needing instruction! And there, beside him, was his wife and his Creator, ceasing from the *work* phase of creation! Did the Creator walk off or vanish out of sight leaving the man and woman helpless with empty minds, to stumble and bungle around aimlessly into trouble and harm?

Just as a newborn baby is helpless — needing parents — needing to *be taught* — knowing NOTHING at birth — so this newly created couple were

helpless, needing to be taught — knowing NOTHING at creation.

The record shows that the Eternal God began *speaking* to the man — communicating knowledge — giving instruction.

It was on another sabbath day, some 4,000 years later, that Jesus preached and instructed His followers. God is consistent — never changing (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8). As that first sabbath came on, God set the example — teaching the gospel to the first man — giving that man, so far sinless, HIS FELLOWSHIP on His sabbath day!

The historic record says: “And the ETERNAL God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the ETERNAL God *commanded the man, saying...*” (Gen. 2:15-16). The ETERNAL immediately began *speaking to*, TEACHING, INSTRUCTING, the man.

Understand, now, two points: (1) *Which* person of the God kingdom spoke to man; and (2) the brevity of this record, as the very briefest SUMMARY.

### WHO IS Yahweh?

It has been explained that in Genesis 1:1 the word for “God” in the Hebrew — the language in which it originally was written — is “ELOHIM” — meaning more than one person forming one GOD — the *one* God FAMILY or the God KINGDOM — for GOD *is* a KINGDOM.

But now, when the historic account first begins to record the fact of God — as an INDIVIDUAL — speaking to the man He created, a *new* and different Hebrew name is used. In Genesis 2:15 (and previous verses beginning verse 4) the English words “LORD God” (in the A.V.) are translated from the Hebrew *Yahweh Elohim*. The Hebrew *Elohim* already has been defined as a uniplural. It is the plural of *El*, or *Eloah*, meaning the uniplural GOD, Strength, Might, Deity.

But *Yahweh* is a name meaning *the Everliving*, or the ETERNAL. There is no one word in the English language that translates it exactly. God always NAMES things or people

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*what they are.* Actually *Yahweh* means the Self-Existent, Everliving, Eternally Living Creating One. Personally, in the English, I prefer the name “the ETERNAL” as most nearly translating the Hebrew name into modern idiom.

This is not the place for a long, technical, theological explanation. It would require a long chapter or more on the one subject. But in many places in the New Testament you may find quotations from the Old Testament referring to Jesus Christ, where, on turning to the Old Testament passage from which it is a citation, it speaks of *Yahweh* — translated as “the LORD” (in capital letters) in the King James Version.

In other words — and you may write in for a free article giving proof — the “LORD” (*Yahweh*) of the Old Testament, in nearly every case, is the Jesus Christ of the New — but as He existed prior to His birth as a human of the virgin Mary.

In John 1:1-3, this same personage is spoken of as *the Word* — the Greek word (the New Testament was originally written in Greek) is *Logos*, meaning Word, or Spokesman, or Revelatory Thought. Jesus the Christ (Messiah) is, and always has been, the individual person of the GOD KINGDOM who is the Spokesman. But He said that He had spoken nothing of Himself — the Father which sent Him had instructed and commanded Him what to say.

The FATHER of the God Family is the HEAD — the Lawgiver — the Creator. Yet He created everything *by* Jesus Christ (Eph. 3:9). Christ car-

ried out the Father’s orders, *by speaking*, as the Father had directed. In the creation, “*He spake, and it was done*” (Psalm 33:9; Gen. 1:3). The HOLY SPIRIT is the POWER that produced what He commanded (Gen. 1:2). Thus, in John 1:3: “All things were made by him” — by the *Logos* or Word, who is Jesus Christ (verse 14).

The specific *person* of the Godhead who spoke to Adam, then, was *Yahweh* — the ETERNAL (often falsely translated Jehovah) — *who became Jesus Christ*.

### Genesis Hits High Spots

The second important point I wish to stress at this juncture is the fact that God has not seen fit to give us the full details of all that was said and done in these first few chapters of Genesis. The inspired record, in these chapters, reveals to us *only the briefest* SUMMARY.

Yet this abbreviated account does *summarize* what was said and done. It does tell us that God, in and through the person of Christ, immediately began to teach, instruct and command the first man and woman. It hits the high spots. And even though the record omits the details, *it spans the fields covered*. Much of the detailed instruction, therefore, may be accurately filled in from other parts of the Bible.

What fields, then, did God cover, in teaching our first parents?

He gave them all essential *spiritual truth*. He revealed to them the TRUE GOSPEL. He revealed His spiritual law — His way of LIFE. He revealed man’s transcendent potential — the gift of ETERNAL LIFE. And He also instructed them in all necessary *physical* knowledge — including knowledge of the marriage institution and of SEX.

The two trees in the garden of Eden were SYMBOLS representing vitally important truths. Actual literal trees though they well may have been, they were symbolic, and of tremendous significance.

Notice! One of many trees in the garden was “the TREE OF LIFE also in the midst of the garden” (Gen. 2:9). This tree symbolized God’s GIFT of

the HOLY SPIRIT. Freely God (in the person of Christ) offered this supreme gift. "The ETERNAL God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden *thou mayest freely eat: but . . .*" — excluding the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

In other words, God offered him FREELY His holy spirit!

"But," continued God, "of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die" (verses 16-17).

Here, in briefest condensation, we find the teaching of the GOSPEL — that "the wages of SIN is death; but the GIFT of God is eternal life" (Rom. 6:23).

The Bible says *all* have sinned — and Adam sinned first of all (Rom. 3:23; 5:12). God could not have allowed Adam to sin without first having taught Adam *what sin is*. The Bible definition of sin is: "Sin is the transgression of the law" (I John 3:4). And again, sin is the conscious, *knowing* transgression, for "to him *that knoweth* to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). Adam *knew* about God's law — for Adam SINNED! Therefore, definitely, God instructed Adam and Eve about His great basic spiritual law, God's *WAY OF LIFE!* And that instruction was given *immediately* — of necessity *before they sinned!*

On the physical plane, God instructed them in regard to food (Gen. 1:29; 2:9).

And He also instructed them in regard to SEX.

### Original Sex Education

So here, once again, we begin at the beginning:

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. . . . And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. . . . So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; *male and female* created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. . . . And God saw everything that he

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had made, and, behold, it was VERY GOOD!" (Gen. 1:1, 26, 27-28, 31.)

God made mankind *male*, and *female*. God created SEX in humans. And GOD said it was *VERY GOOD* — *not* evil, shameful, degrading, or sinful *of itself*. Only *wrong use* becomes sinful.

God created sex for USE. Had He not intended sex to be used, He would not have designed it. In the angel family God did not intend sex to be used — so He did not design angels to be male and female. Angels have no sex apparatus, perform no sex function, and do not reproduce.

If the Creator designed human sex anatomy and set in motion human sex stimuli and capacity for functioning, He did it for definite PURPOSES. And God most assuredly did not neglect His responsibility of *revealing* to that first man and woman the right PURPOSES this functioning within their bodies and minds was to serve. The Genesis account, I repeat, is the briefest SUMMARY. Yet the basic nature of the Creator's original instruction is plain. And the full details are brought out for mankind through other portions of the Bible.

### Creation Still Going On

Remember, before proceeding, God's overall PURPOSE for humanity. God said: "Let us make man in OUR IMAGE." Man, as previously stated, was created physical, out of MATTER, in the likeness of God. But, as of now, man is merely the raw CLAY, out of which the Master Potter is — with man's yielding — form-

ing and shaping the final IMAGE — the spiritual CHARACTER of God.

CREATION IS STILL GOING ON! The *spiritual* creation of righteous CHARACTER. The New Testament reveals that, once man has *surrendered*, repented of his rebellious past and through Christ been reconciled into contact with GOD, he BECOMES A NEW CREATION (II Cor. 5:17).

This creation of right spiritual CHARACTER in us demanded free moral agency — that man must intelligently CHOOSE the right as opposed to the wrong — that he exercise free choice, develop self-discipline.

God designed and created SEX for right, wholesome, and holy functions. But, in the process of CHARACTER development, God *allows* man, if man rebels and so wills, to pollute, besmirch, befoul and pervert that which God intended to bring rich BLESSINGS. But *wrong* uses impose CURSES!

God made His TRUTH available. God instructed the first man and woman. He *commanded* that they travel the RIGHT ROAD. But they, and their children universally ever after them, rebelled and chose to travel the WRONG road — the WAY that somehow *seems* better to a man, but which leads him into pain, suffering, sorrow and DEATH (Prov. 14:12; 16:25).

So God *did* instruct the first man and woman in the intended right, wholesome, happiness-producing, uplifting PURPOSES of SEX!

In the passage quoted above, God commanded sex to be used FOR REPRODUCTION! He said, "Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth" (Gen. 1:28).

### SPECIAL Meaning of HUMAN Reproduction

So one of the purposes of sex, *in humans is reproduction*.

But that is far, far, from the *only* purpose, as we shall see later!

Now reproduction, merely as such, is, of course, common to animals and plants, as well as humans.

BUT, IN HUMANS, REPRODUCTION HAS A SACRED AND GOD-PLANE MEANING NOT APPLICABLE TO ANY OTHER KIND OF LIFE!



We shall see, later, that the birth of a human baby differs in striking manner from that of animals. Animals are not born to become the very HEIRS of God!

In humans, there is TREMENDOUS, AWE-INSPIRING MEANING and significance to begetting and birth that is entirely nonexistent with animals or plants. And God intended — had man been willing to heed God's instruction — that the very KNOWLEDGE of these deep and wonderful MEANINGS should bring man dynamic JOY!

So far as the purely *physical* functions of the process are concerned, reproduction is the same in mammals as in humans. That is a mere PHYSICAL process. But there is deep, spiritually transcendent MEANING in human begetting, gestation, and birth that raises it to an altogether and incomparably higher plane than mere animal reproduction.

Human children are begotten through sex. And that very begetting, period of gestation, and birth of a human baby gives us the very PICTURE of the spiritual SALVATION and gift of eternal life made possible through Jesus Christ!

This is *another* reason Satan seeks to deceive his world regarding the purposes and right attitude toward sex!

By this very BLINDING of the world to GOD's *purposes* of SEX, Satan has HIDDEN from his world the true KNOWLEDGE about GOD — that God is actually a FAMILY — a divine KINGDOM into which we may be born! He has HIDDEN from the world the real TRUTH of SALVATION — what it *is*, where it *leads*, how we receive it!

This FALSE MORALITY — both the so-called old and the so-called new — has been a far more potent weapon for the destruction of humanity than has been realized!

### How Reproduction Pictures Spiritual Salvation

Now see and UNDERSTAND how human reproduction pictures spiritual SALVATION!

All human life comes from a tiny egg, called an ovum, produced in-

## **Human children are begotten through sex. And that very begetting, period of gestation, and birth pictures the spiritual salvation and gift of eternal life possible through Jesus Christ!**

side the human mother. This ovum is about the size of a pin point. Inside it, when highly magnified, can be seen a small nucleus. But this ovum has a very limited life, *of itself!* Some doctors and scientists believe it has a life of some 24 hours, unless fertilized by a sperm from a male.

But human life may be imparted to it by a sperm cell produced in the body of the human father. The sperm cell is the smallest cell in the human body — about one fiftieth the size of the ovum. The sperm — technically named a spermatozoon (plural, spermatozoa) — on entering an ovum, finds its way to and joins with the *nucleus*. This imparts *life* — physical *human* life — to the ovum.

But it is not yet a born human being. Human life has merely been *begotten*. For the first four months it is called an *embryo*. After that, until birth it is called a *fetus*. This human life starts very small — the size of a tiny pin point — and the sperm that generates it is the *smallest* cell in a human body!

Once begotten, it must *be fed* and nourished by physical food from the ground, through the mother. From this physical nourishment it must grow, and *grow* and GROW — until physically large enough to be born — after nine months. As it grows, the *physical* organs and characteristics gradually are formed. Soon a spinal column forms. Then, gradually, a body, a head, legs, arms. A heart forms and begins to beat. Other internal organs form. Finally hair begins to grow on the head, fingernails and toenails develop —

facial features gradually shape up. By nine months the average normal fetus has grown to a weight of approximately six to nine pounds and is ready to be born.

### The Type of Spiritual Salvation

Now notice carefully the astounding comparison!

First, understand briefly what spiritual salvation is. Few professing Christians understand this.

God said, in the "forbidden fruit" chapters of Genesis, that man is WHOLLY composed of physical matter from the ground (Genesis 2:7 and 3:19). Job said there is a spirit IN man (Job 32:8). It is explained in I Corinthians 2 that no man could have HUMAN comprehension, knowledge and intellect, but by "the spirit of man which is IN him" (verse 11).

This spirit essence is NOT the man, but something IN the *wholly physical man*. It imparts the power of intellect to the physical brain. It marks the vast, vast difference between animal brain and human MIND. This spirit cannot see, hear, or think. The physical brain sees, through the eye, hears through the physical ear, thinks with the physical brain. Yet this spirit acts as a computer, adding to the brain the psychic and intellectual power. Also it adds to MAN a spiritual and moral faculty not possessed by animals.

The human's LIFE, however, is not supplied by this spirit. Human life is merely a temporary PHYSICAL and chemical existence, caused by the breathing of air, the circulation of blood by the heartbeats, and being fueled by food and water. Man's LIFE is mere temporary physical chemical existence — like the life of an automobile engine, or all vertebrates.

### To Be Born Again?

Remember, God told Adam and Eve that for disobedience and stealing the forbidden fruit they would SURELY DIE. But God had offered them freely the *gift of eternal life*, by choosing the "tree of life."

When they chose the forbidden

fruit, God drove them out of the garden, "lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever" (Gen. 3:22).

But, through Christ, a repentant humanity may yet receive God's gift of eternal life. To Nicodemus, Jesus explained: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Of course Nicodemus couldn't quite grasp that. He knew that he had been born by being delivered from his mother's womb. He knew the difference between being BORN and being merely BEGOTTEN — something few theologians seem to know today.

Jesus explained: "That which is born of the flesh IS FLESH: and that which is born of the Spirit IS SPIRIT" (John 3:3-8). Man is MORTAL. Man came from THE GROUND. He is FLESH — material flesh. Jesus was not talking about another *physical* birth — but He was talking about a *spiritual* birth — when man shall BE SPIRIT — be wholly *composed* of SPIRIT. He shall then have been BORN OF GOD! God is spirit (John 4:24); man is physical flesh.

A human has to be BEGOTTEN by his human father. To be born *again* of the spirit — of GOD — one must first be begotten by the SPIRITUAL FATHER — Almighty God.

### The Amazing Comparison

Now see how HUMAN begettal, period of gestation, and birth, is the astounding identical TYPE of spiritual salvation — being BORN of God — being given ETERNAL LIFE in the kingdom of God — the God FAMILY into which we may be BORN!

Each adult human is, spiritually, an "egg" or "ovum." This spiritual "ovum" has a very limited life span, of itself — compared to ETERNAL LIFE — an average of 70 years. But spiritual, *divine immortal* life may be imparted to it by the entrance into it of the HOLY SPIRIT, which comes from the very person of GOD the Father. This divine spirit of GOD imparts to us also the *divine nature* (II Pet. 1:4). Heretofore we have had only human, fleshly or carnal nature.

## ***There is deep, spiritually transcendent meaning in human begettal, gestation, and birth that raises it to an incomparably higher plane than mere animal reproduction.***

As the human sperm cell is the very *smallest* of all human cells, even so, many newly begotten Christians start out with a very *small* measure of God's holy spirit. Many may still be, at first, about 99.44% carnal! Apparently those in the church of God at Corinth were (I Cor. 3:1-3). The apostle Paul said he still had to feed them on the spiritual *milk* — not yet adult spiritual "food."

Now, as the physical male sperm finds its way to, and unites with the *nucleus* in the ovum, so God's spirit enters and combines with the human MIND! There is, as explained above, a *spirit IN man*. This human spirit has combined with the brain to form human MIND. God's spirit unites with, and witnesses with *our* spirit that we are, now, the children of GOD (Rom. 8:16). And God's holy spirit, now combined with our human spirit in our MIND, imparts to our mind power to comprehend SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE (I Cor. 2:11) — which the carnal mind cannot grasp.

Now we have the presence of ETERNAL LIFE — God life — through God's spirit, but we are not yet immortal spirit beings — not yet BORN of God — not yet inheritors, and possessors, but physical HEIRS (Rom. 8:17). But *IF* God's holy spirit dwells in us, God will, at the resurrection, "quicken" to immortality our mortal bodies *BY* His spirit that "dwelleth in us" (Rom. 8:11; I Cor. 15:49-53).

Now see how the astonishing analogy continues!

As yet we are not *born* divine beings. We are not yet *composed* of

spirit, but of physical matter. The divine life has merely been begotten. This divine CHARACTER starts so very small it is doubtful if much of it is in evidence — except for the glow of that ecstasy of spiritual "romance" which we may radiate in that "first love" of conversion — spiritually speaking. But so far as spiritual KNOWLEDGE and developed spiritual CHARACTER goes, there is not much, as yet.

### The Spiritual Embryo

So now, once spiritually begotten, we are merely a spiritual embryo. Now we must be fed and nourished on SPIRITUAL food! Jesus said man shall not live by bread (physical food) *alone*, but by EVERY WORD OF GOD (spiritual food)! This we drink in from the BIBLE! But we drink in this spiritual knowledge and character, also, through personal, intimate, continuous contact with God through PRAYER, and through Christian fellowship with God's children in His church.

Now the *physical* embryo and fetus is fed physically through the mother. God's church is called Jerusalem *above* "which is the MOTHER OF US ALL" (Gal. 4:26).

Notice the exact parallel! The CHURCH is the spiritual MOTHER of ITS MEMBERS. God has set His called and chosen ministers in His Church to FEED THE FLOCK — "for the *perfecting* of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body [CHURCH] of Christ: TILL we all come in the unity of the faith, and of *the knowledge* of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ" (Eph. 4:11-13).

It is the duty of Christ's TRUE ministers (and *how scarce today!*) to PROTECT the begotten but yet unborn saints from false doctrines, from false ministers.

The HUMAN mother carries her unborn baby in that part of her body where she can best PROTECT it from *physical* harm; and that protection is part of her function, as well as to nourish the unborn child! Even so, the CHURCH, through

Christ's ministers, instructs, teaches, counsels with, advises, and PROTECTS from *spiritual* harm the unborn members! What a WONDERFUL picture is human reproduction of spiritual SALVATION!

*Continue further!* As the physical fetus must grow *physically* large enough to be born, so the begotten Christian must *grow* in grace, and in the knowledge of Christ (II Peter 3:18) — must overcome, must develop in spiritual CHARACTER during this life, in order to be BORN into the kingdom of GOD!

And as the physical fetus gradually, one by one, develops the physical organs, features, and characteristics, even so the begotten Christian must gradually, continually, develop the SPIRITUAL character — love, faith, patience, gentleness, humility, kindness, temperance. He must live by, and be a DOER of the Word of God. He must develop the divine CHARACTER!

#### Finally — Immortality!

Then in God's due time — though the man may die meanwhile — by a resurrection, or by instantaneous CHANGE to immortality at Christ's coming, he shall be BORN of God — into the KINGDOM OF GOD — because GOD *is* that kingdom! He is no longer material flesh from the ground, but composed of spirit, even as God is a spirit (John 4:24).

HOW WONDERFUL is the TRUTH of GOD!

Yet, by his dastardly perversion of sex attitudes and purposes and the true sex knowledge of GOD's Word, Satan has DECEIVED THE WORLD — has blinded humanity to the fact that God *IS* this KINGDOM Jesus proclaimed — and that WE may be *born* as spirit individuals — as part of that divine FAMILY — as part of the GOD KINGDOM!

How precious, pure and wholesome is GOD's TRUTH! And God designed SEX to picture, and in physical manner, to KEEP US CONSTANTLY IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF HIS WONDERFUL PLAN OF SALVATION!

Let us, then, allow the living Saviour to CLEAN UP our minds, and open them to HIS TRUTH! □

## Sobering Thoughts on The Nuclear Arms Race

by Norman Cousins

When it first became known, a quarter of a century ago, that the only limits to the destructive power of nuclear bombs were the intentions of the men who made them, people tried to comfort themselves with easy assumptions. They told themselves that nuclear weapons had become so horrible that no nation would dare to use them.

Other assumptions had to be fitted into place. It had to be assumed that there was no connection between the kind of thinking that was going into the making of the bomb and the kind that would run a war. It had to be assumed that the very measures a nation was taking to advance its security would be abandoned when that security was most endangered. It had to be assumed that the nuclear nations are just playing a game. After all, the reasoning went, nations might try to impress each other with their might but they would never allow that might to become the holocaust that could consume the entire human race.

The only trouble with these assumptions was that they ran counter to the logic of history. Moreover, we now have it on the authority of the United States Secretary of Defense James Schlesinger, that the U.S. would not hesitate to use nuclear bombs in any major confrontation. Schlesinger was reflecting the apprehension of the U.S. government over the possibility that other countries might think they could press forward with their policies to America's disadvantage if they believed she would be too squeamish to use nuclear force in the event of a showdown.

The emphasis Schlesinger gave to his statement made it apparent that he wanted to be taken at his word.

Taking Schlesinger at his word,

therefore, we can dispose of the notion that governments are too civilized to use nuclear weapons. All the nuclear nations are caught up in the same patterns of response. Just as they have convinced themselves that atomic weapons are an essential part of their foreign policy and security strategy, so they all recognize that they must be prepared to go all the way if the time should come.

We are forced back, therefore, to a confrontation with the realities. The first reality is that the existing instruments of peace are too feeble to serve as a guarantee against war between major powers.

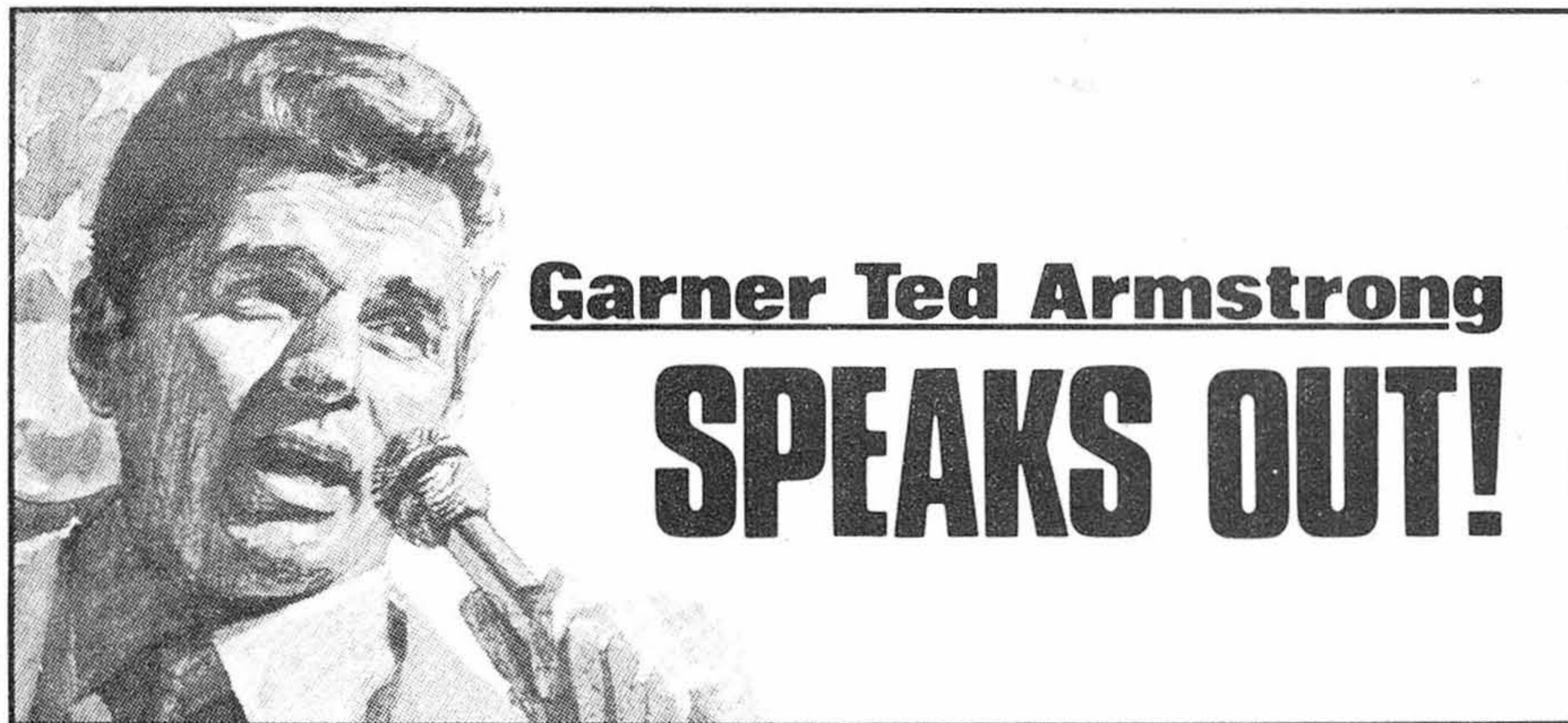
The second reality is that, if war should come, no people, wherever they may be, will be safe. For it is in the nature of the new technology that no nuclear nation can go to war against another nation without also going to war against the whole of the human race, including its own people. There is no way of keeping the radioactive debris from floating with the waters and riding with the wind.

The third reality is that we are using up critical time. The longer the arms race goes on, the more likely it is that an international crisis will become the fuse of a nuclear holocaust.

The fourth reality is that thinking people everywhere have to find some way of emancipating themselves from the day-to-day trivia and begin to think and talk seriously about a rule of law among nations that alone can stop the steady drift toward a senseless, measureless and ultimate tragedy.

The fifth reality is that the cause of humanity is too precious to be entrusted to the national statesmen. They are locked into their separate sovereignties. They have no credentials for serving this large a cause or for creating law binding on governments. Their training and their reflexes do not extend beyond the national interest to the human interest.

Who, then, will step forward to fix the attention of the world on the danger that confronts us all but also can unite us in creating a common sanity and a common safety?



## A Revolution of the Spirit

It seems it was only a few years ago that America didn't have a doubt in the world. We walked buoyantly; we were on top of the world; we were the biggest, most powerful nation the world had ever known; we seemed to know exactly where we were going, and why. We wanted to show other nations how to do it as well. "Cornucopia America" — the wonderful, abundant, beautiful America after World War II, where everyone was promised a jeep and a helicopter in his front yard. We were riding high then; we were the greatest.

But then, not too many years later, our cities were filled with crime, our campuses were scenes of violent confrontation, our President was assassinated, Dr. Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy were killed, racial conflict worsened, Vietnam involvement deepened, Watergate hit the headlines, inflation and the energy crisis came along, and now — where are we?

Most Americans, and most of us in other countries too, today are totally lacking in self-confidence, confidence in our countries, and confidence in our basic social institutions. We've got a deep, nagging consciousness in the back of our minds that nothing is really going the way it

should. We know there is something wrong, but do we know *what*? Do we know *where* to look? Do we know *what* ought to be right?

Today many don't worry so much anymore about what is right or what is wrong, but about what is profitable, what is expedient, what we can get away with, will we be caught, and if so, what are the penalties. You ask most people today and they will tell you honesty is not always the best policy. Honesty, faithfulness, integrity, truthfulness, abiding by the law — these attributes are no longer held to be of the high value they once were. They are no longer more precious than material possession. No, instead, there are millions who would tell you that all of those things are hollow words, outdated values of unfortunates who've lost touch with the facts.

At the same time, most individuals today find themselves *adrift*. They go from one accident, one chance encounter, and one moment to the next — always trying to solve the problem after it has occurred, never trying to avoid it before it occurs.

And so, we seem to be morally, spiritually, mentally, and emotionally *adrift* in life, sitting on the dock of the bay watching the tide go away, not knowing *what* we

are, *why* we are here, and *where* we are going. Today, we are experiencing a *crisis of the spirit*.

Let's not kid ourselves. If I had told you 15 years ago that the world would be in the condition it is today, I don't think you would have believed me. I don't think anybody would have believed me. Because the state of the world today is just *unbelievable*.

We need to realize that any country which does not know where it is going, what it should be, what is its true national and international role, but which begins to strive merely to hang on to what it has, is doomed to failure. History should teach us that.

Take the United States in particular. It's time for us to reflect on the need for a *new* revolution in America — not a revolution of guns, but a revolution of *the spirit*. It's time for us, as we approach our 200th birthday, to wonder whether or not the entirety of the system needs revision — meaning society, the institutions of society, and the way we view and approach and react to those institutions. And the same goes for your country too, wherever you live.

We in the U.S. are facing a global challenge that is absolutely so mind-boggling that it's hard to get a handle on it and explain it. When we begin to really look into the future, we see a far different future than we might have envisioned back after World War II when we had all the marbles. There's a big job ahead for the United States, and apparently we only envision it as holding on to what we've got. And if that is the sum total of our national goal, then we truly are sick.

We are like the mad doctor in the castle working away on the giant. We build the giant — "Cornucopia America" — with the highest standard of living in the history of humankind, the greatest and most powerful nation the world has ever seen. But the giant has become a Frankenstein monster. The machinery,

the system, the car and the paycheck are controlling us rather than vice versa. We are being swept about in the grip of the giant, rather than giving the giant the orders and telling it where to go.

It's too bad we couldn't heed a prayer that opened a recent session of the U.S. Senate. Few have heard of it, so I feel that it's going to be helpful if I could publicize it a bit. It was written by Senate Chaplain Edward L. R. Elsen:

"Oh God, our Creator, Redeemer and Judge, we beseech thee to forgive those national sins which so easily beset us, our wanton waste of soil and sea, our squandering of energy, our desecration of natural beauty, our heedlessness of scars of nature left to those who come after us, our love of money, our contempt for small things and our worship of big things, the loneliness of life in big cities, the dull complacency of small towns, the degeneracy of our culture, our bad manners, and our indifference to suffering. For these wrongs done and for right things left undone, Good Lord forgive us."

You know what God said in answer to that prayer? I believe He said: "No, I won't! No, I won't forgive you for those things. No, I will not forgive your wanton waste of soil and sea, until you quit wasting them. No, I will not forgive your squandering of energy, until you quit squandering it. No, I will not forgive your desecration of natural beauty until you quit desecrating it. And no, I won't forgive your love of money, because you've got more than love — you've got an egotistical, swelling, grotesque, all-out-of-proportion *lust* for money. No, I won't forgive your contempt for small things and worship of big things, because you haven't repented of it yet. No, I won't forgive the loneliness of life in big cities and dull complacency of small towns, because you people are on an absolute binge just like Sodom and Gomorrah — a binge

of crime and degeneracy that threatens to rip your cities and your social structure completely apart."

In short — and I believe I have enough background in the Bible and enough personal experience to know exactly what the reaction would be — His reaction was: "No, I won't. I won't forgive you because, you see, you haven't *repented* of it yet." But I do know that God *will* forgive us for those things *if* we repent!

To ask God to forgive that enormous host of crimes and sins was, I thought, a fantastic idea. I'm applauding the prayer. I'm saying it's a great prayer, one which ought to be repeated by everybody, but one we ought to mean and one we ought to do something about. But I'm also saying that just the formulation of such a meaningful prayer — and I certainly want to congratulate

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Chaplain Edward Elsen for writing it — will not give us a response from God.

He asked that God would forgive us our bad manners. Sure He will — when we repent of them. He asked that God forgive us for our indifference to suffering. Yes, He can and will — when we overcome our indifference to suffering. But as long as we drive by the victims of car accidents; sit securely indoors listening to the shrieks and screams of a person outside being raped, stabbed, robbed, beaten or mugged; remain unwilling to appear as a witness because of the inconvenience or expense involved — God will not forgive us.

God will not forgive our indifference to suffering unless or until we become much more

empathetic and tenderly compassionate toward suffering and are willing to go out of our way not only to prevent it, but to give merciful succour when suffering is occurring.

No, as long as we continue to act the way we act and live the way we live, as long as our homes are being rent asunder and ripped apart, as long as illegitimacy is on the rise, as long as we're in the grips of a gigantic crime wave that reaches into every home to a greater or lesser degree, as long as we continue in the way of violence and mayhem in entertainment, as long as we continue on in our own self-seeking — being virtually held captive by the society we have created which Frankenstein-like now turns upon us — *then God will not hear such a prayer.*

Do you know that God actually says, "I will not hear them"? There are scriptures in the Bible which show it's useless to call out to God and say "save us," "help us," "protect us" while we continue to wallow in sin.

But God also gives the solution: "Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow." *Then, "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become as wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; But if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured . . ."* (Isaiah 1:13-20, RSV).

I've given to you what I believe is God's answer, under present conditions and circumstances, to Chaplain Elsen's prayer. I'd like to believe all those senators present that day had their heads bowed respectfully and were thinking, "Amen to that" — and *meaning* it. I'd like to believe that we would *act* on such a prayer. But, somehow — I don't know why — I just doubt it. □

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We have always enjoyed your *Plain Truth* but wanted to tell you how much more interesting it seems in magazine form. Congratulations on managing to circulate it in magazine form again.

Mrs. C. M.,  
Whakatane, New Zealand.

The new format of the *Plain Truth* is much nicer than the tablet style, and so much more appealing to the eye.

I hope you will accept this small amount of money and that it will in some small way help towards ensuring that this booklet is kept alive.

Miss C. Y.,  
Palmerston North, New Zealand.

Would you please place me once again on your mailing list. I cancelled my copy when you changed over to the paper issue, but as you are now once again sending the copy in book form, I would be happy to receive same. I found the paper issue rather hard to read. I don't know if it was psychological or just something different with the print. Certainly in its magazine form it's a pleasure to read.

Mr. W. H. L.,  
Wanganui, New Zealand.

As a regular receiver of the *Plain Truth* I was glad to see you had returned to the format used for many years. Somehow, the magazine became exciting again. It's not like that tabloid/newsprint form.

Mr. David C.,  
Auckland, New Zealand.

Your Bible course has proved very enlightening and it staggers me to see how far most accepted religions have deviated from the Bible.

Mr. B. L.,  
Upper Hutt, New Zealand.

Concerning your absurd article on Africa in the October issue, I object to your ethnocentric and misinformed opinion.

I am disappointed and offended to see *Plain Truth* make such sweeping generalisations about a continent still suffering from the legacy of colonial rule. Your attitude toward the Smith and Vorster fascist oligarchies is most unchristian. No Christian organisation appears to be as racially and politically prejudiced as the *Plain Truth*.

Stop sending your hopelessly biased and misinformed American propaganda to me. I do not need it.

G. K. B.,  
Auckland, New Zealand.

My family and I find your magazines most enjoyable and enlightening and very much in step with today's thinking, yet they still have that honest-to-goodness ring to them and have not forgotten the basic values and morals. Thank you for giving us good, decent and informative literature to read which is hard to find today."

Mrs. G.  
Kelowna, B.C., Canada.

I recently listened to a gentleman give a lecture on "Evolution vs. Creation" at University. In a very convincing argument he explained how he considered it takes much more faith to believe in the theory of evolution as put forward by such men as Darwin, than it does to believe in the story of creation as written in the Bible. I used to believe in the theory of evolution taught at school and thought that the creation story was merely a figurative explanation of it. But reading your booklets saying how we should not try and interpret the Bible but let the Bible interpret itself, and hearing this man speak has changed my views.

Mr. Murray B.,  
Wellington, New Zealand.

Very many thanks to you for sending me your wonderful *Plain Truth* and booklets. The *Plain Truth* is great and the articles are hard-hitting. There is so much to read

and I enjoy every word in it.

Don't forget that I'm not the only one who reads my issue. It circulates among my fellow inmates and we enjoy reading it together.

Sir, if you don't mind, send me your new magazine the GOOD NEWS.

Mr. J. W.,  
Suva, Fiji Islands.

"I have two sons who shall soon be entering the stage in life we call puberty. Although I don't agree with all that you voice in your magazine the *Plain Truth*, you do at times give some very good advice on bringing up children.

"In this light I would be most happy if you could send me the "Missing Dimension in Sex." I feel I'm going to need it in educating my kids about sex for the other day I overheard one fellow tell the other that dancing is sin.

"So I'd really appreciate it if you could help me out by sending me the booklet "Missing Dimension in Sex." Who knows I myself may learn something new."

D. J. R.,  
Selangor, Malaysia.

I have just discovered *Plain Truth* through the June 1975 issue and would like to say I was very impressed by its contents. Not only were the various items in it well written but, to me, gave every indication that the authors had done their homework on their subjects.

I am rather puzzled by who is responsible for *Plain Truth*? Obviously it is not published merely as a journalistic whim, yet whilst it lists the staff it does not say who, or what, the publication is on behalf of, or for. There was reference in one of the letters to a man's wife being a member of your Church, yet I did not detect any mention of a religious governing body.

C. O. M.,  
Brisbane, Australia.

*Editor: If you would like to know more about the philosophy behind this magazine request your free copy of the booklet "This is the Worldwide Church of God".*

When I first received the *Plain Truth* in 1972, your magazine brimmed with facts and prudent advice. Now, three years later, it has deteriorated so much so that I do not think the words "*Plain Truth*" are appropriately represented. The magazine contains nothing but unrealistic propaganda.

How on earth can you expect problems to be solved only if all people are to believe in the Gospel, as you have pro-

pounded? You must be pretty short-sighted if you think that people will stop having premarital relations or killing one another if they believe in God, whereas those who do not will remain as incorrigible sinners. You may not have expressed this view directly, but anyone who has been to college will be able to read between the lines of your so-called 'articles of truth'.

Willy, L.,  
Johore, West Malaysia.

*Editor: Any readers who would like to make up their own minds on the subject should request a free copy of the booklet "The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What it will be Like". Also for some surprises request "What is a Real Christian?" — it's free.*

Recently I came upon a copy of your magazine *Plain Truth* and I find the subjects fascinating and thrilling for me. Your maga-

zine I feel expresses my thoughts in a way I could never do. The subject of your magazine must be a lot of comfort to many people. I feel much better knowing a magazine such as yours is warning people of the inevitable

Mark M.,  
Thornleigh, Australia.

Thank you very much for sending me "The Occult Explosion" and "Managing Your Personal Finances". I am quite sure that they will both be helpful.

Please be so kind to send me: "Our Awesome Universe", "Is Sex Sin" and "How to Understand Prophecy". I understand that all literature is free, but as a sign of my appreciation I herewith enclose \$2 to cover postage for the booklets you send to me (or anyone else for that matter).

As a Jew I am particularly interested in Middle East problems and although I do not accept any religious teachings of *Plain Truth* I still have to agree with you as far as the

importance of the Middle East is concerned. *Plain Truth* helped me to see our Prophets from a somewhat different angle and although I wish to stay Jewish I am still interested in your literature as a means to make me think in new ways.

Bernard W.,  
Chelsea, Victoria, Australia.

"Just received your latest issue of the *Plain Truth*. I was particularly interested in your article, 'Relaxing Your Way to Better Health,' by Carole Ritter. Everything concerning biofeedback and relaxation is of great interest to me especially since I attended a symposium in this theme in May, 1975 in Ottawa. As far as I am concerned, never have I attended such a worthwhile and beneficial session, and I now try to put these concepts in practice."

Therese Bonneville,  
Montreal, P.Q., Canada.

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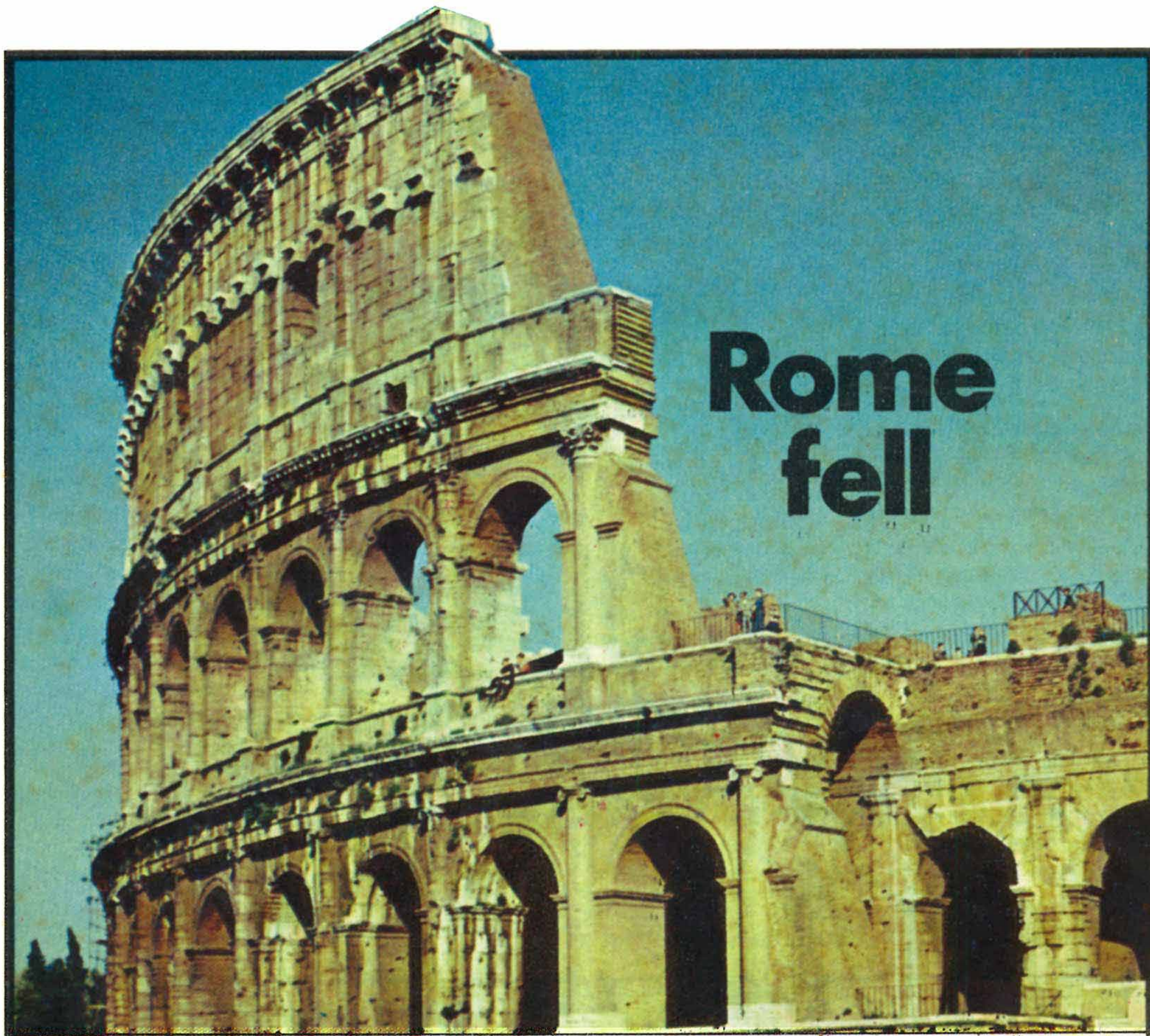
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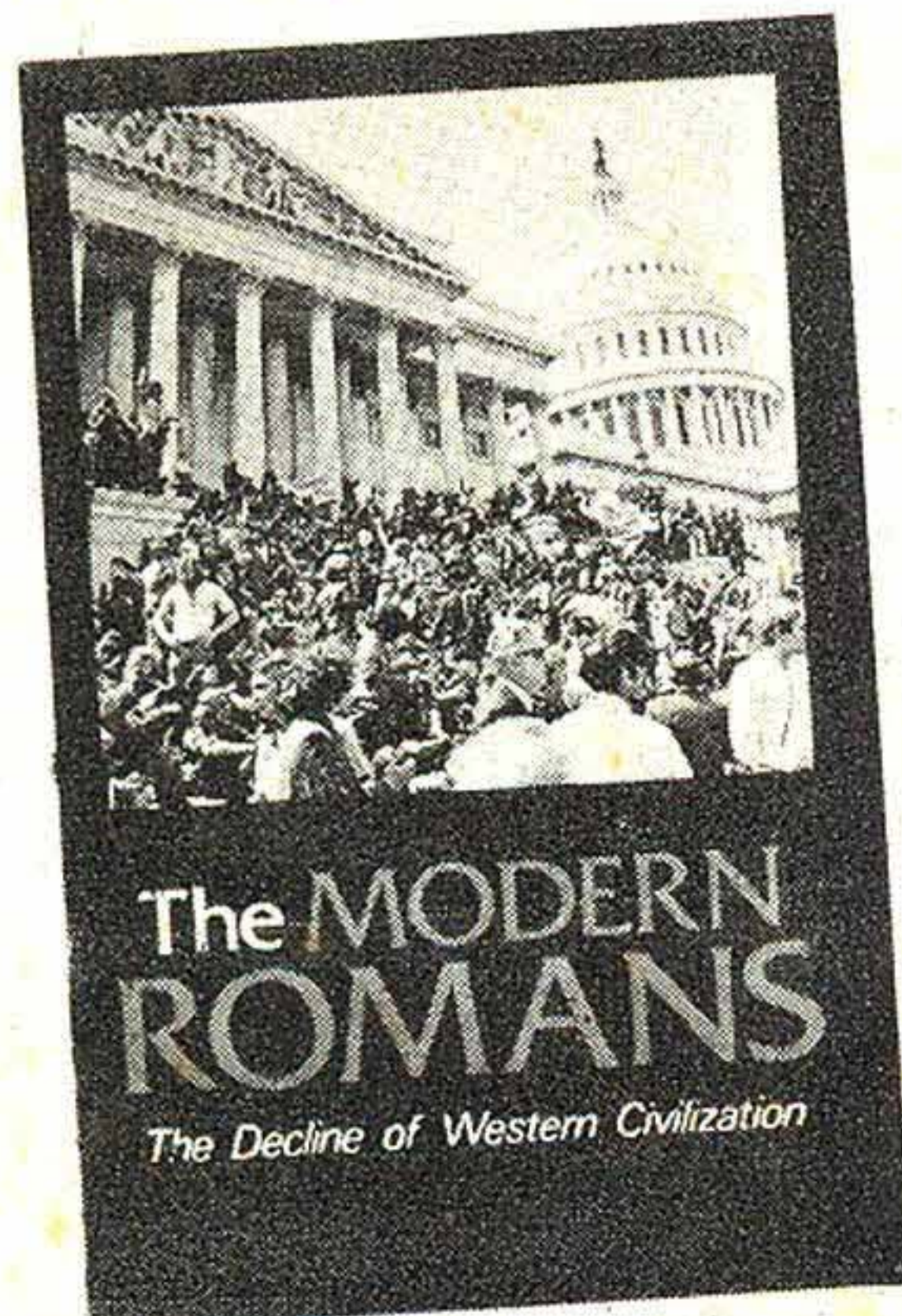


# Rome fell

## ...and we are making the same mistakes!

Are we witnessing the decline of Western Civilization? Is history repeating itself? The powerful Roman Empire had everything, so it seemed. But Rome, decaying from within and harassed from without, collapsed into rubble. Today, many of the Western Nations are beset by the same

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