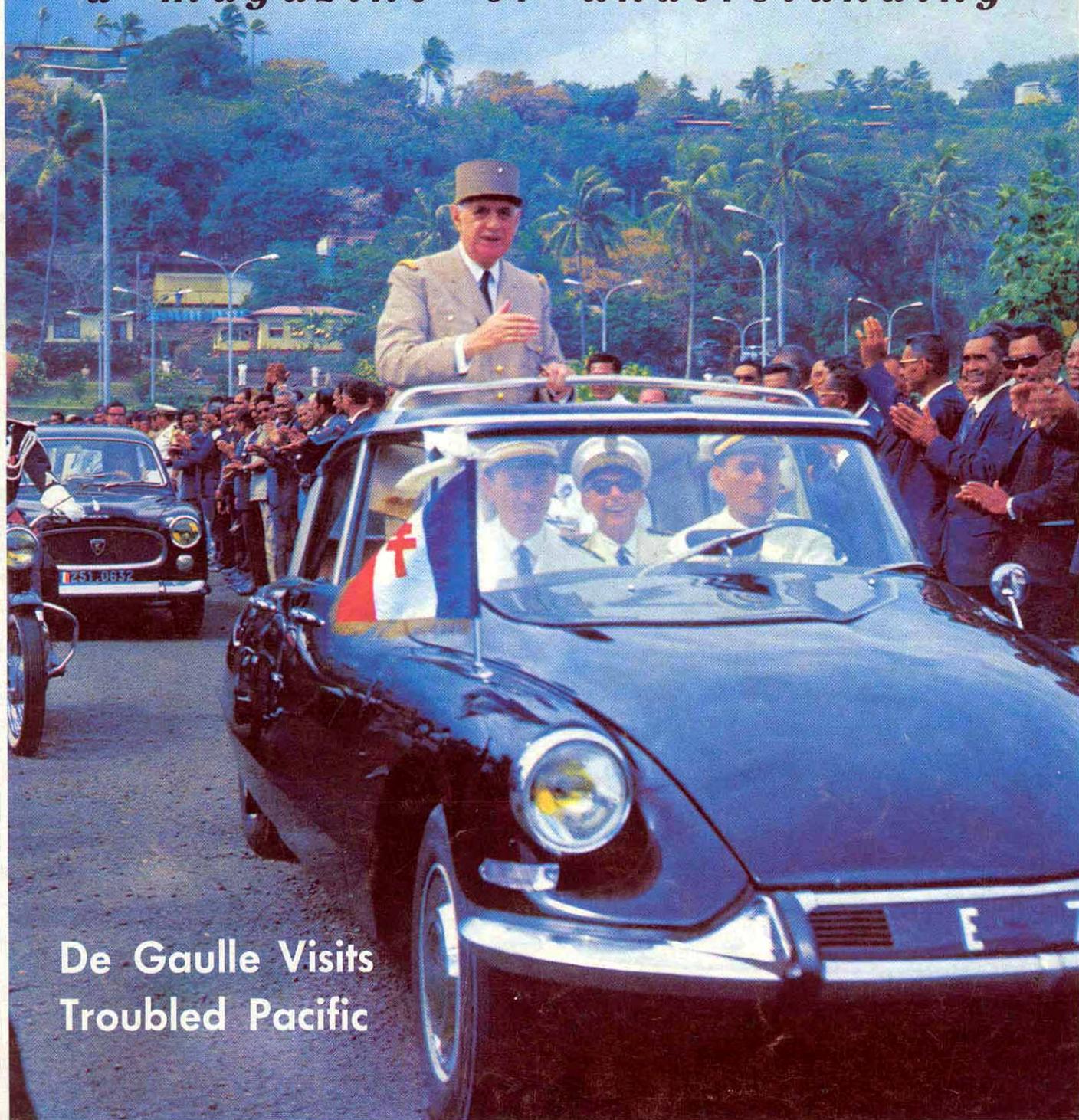


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What our READERS SAY

Europe

"Your two articles in the November issue, 'Iron Curtain Gathers Rust' and 'The Crumbling Commonwealth' are a most excellent and balanced view of the two situations. I am sure articles of such calibre and quality will also greet us in your next issue."

Reader, Durham,
United Kingdom

Personal

"I just read the November issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, the 'Personal from the Editor.' I'm only 15½, but this writing moved me. Deep in my heart I know your 'Princess' will live again one day. I hope I live that day also. About one month ago I started getting 'sassy' to my father. He corrected me but to no avail. Then when I read this article it brought a change of mind on my part. I hope my father will forgive me of this. But if he doesn't, I couldn't very well blame him, as he wasn't sassing me, but it was I who was sassing him."

Donny J., Winston-Salem,
North Carolina

Evolution

"I just thought I'd mention an incident that happened to my cousin who is taking physiology in high school. My cousin started asking some questions about evolution, so after telling him jokingly that he might be kicked out of class if he used this material, I replayed one of Garner Ted Armstrong's tapes about evolution and the woodpecker and let him read 'The Questions Evolution Can't Answer' in *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Yep! You guessed it—he backed his physiology teacher into a corner in front of the whole class and the teacher told him to 'shut up' or he would not pass the course. He shut up!"

L. W. C., Toledo,
Ohio

• *What price a diploma?*

No Time to Read?

"Thank you for the articles that you send but please don't send *The PLAIN*

TRUTH or anything else to us, as we do *not* have time to read. Besides, we do *not* care what goes on in this world, as we know it will be burned up in time. We also don't care what time, as our life is hid in Christ."

Mrs. E. G., East Palatka,
Florida

• *Christ commands, "WATCH" (Luke 21:36), and was so CONCERNED about conditions during His time He WEPT over Jerusalem (Mat. 23:37).*

"I just started receiving your PLAIN TRUTH. I am an airline pilot and carry it with me on my flights and urge my crew to listen to your broadcasts and get your literature. Your programs are wonderful for agnostics, atheists (I was one until two years ago), and a blessing to Christians."

Man, Palos Verdes Estates,
California

Tomorrow's News Today

"I am trying to find copies of Bible prophecies that were written and sent out through a radio station on a program, *The WORLD TOMORROW*. This was over 20 years ago. The two pamphlets were *United States in Prophecy* and *"Russia in Prophecy."* As the years have passed, I have noticed that the unknown author has prophesied correctly, particularly, about the Holy Land and Russia. It's later than we would like to think. P.S. Are you the same Herbert W. Armstrong who helped publish *The PLAIN TRUTH* and did your address used to be P. O. Box 111, Eugene, Oregon?"

Mrs. G. A. E.,
Colorado Springs, Colorado

• *Yes.*

Get the Facts

"I was prepared to accept your magazine on its face value, but it seemed too good to be true and I wondered where the payoff came in. I might have known there was a catch, and it crops up in every issue, 'Russia,' the

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Personal from the Editor

A WOMAN IN LONDON, England, a radio listener and PLAIN TRUTH subscriber, writes, "We do not agree with a lot of your teaching." Now there's nothing unusual about that.

I would estimate that about 99.99 percent of you who read this column did not agree with a lot of our teaching when you first heard *The WORLD TOMORROW* program, or first began reading *The PLAIN TRUTH*. THAT'S *the very reason* you should listen, and read! If we tell you only what you already know and believe, we've wasted your time—we have failed to give what will profit YOU!

No two people believe alike in all things. EVERYBODY does not agree with everybody else. Our purpose is to inform, to challenge, to stimulate THINKING, checking, PROVING what you believe. We always say, do not believe what we—or anyone else—says BECAUSE we say it. But listen without prejudice, check, verify, PROVE—and then believe what you find PROVED true.

But this lady wrote more.

"At the end of your second letter," she continued, "I noticed you said the Gospel message is an educational message. If this is so, it is not for us and for millions and millions of other people. And this statement is not Biblical. . . . The Bible was not written to inform man's mind, but to change man's heart. Please do not send us any more literature from your organization."

WHAT'S THAT?—this statement of mine is not Biblical? The Bible was not written to inform the MIND?!!!

Well now, I'm indeed sorry this woman doesn't want to read *The PLAIN TRUTH* anymore, because more than a MILLION of you are going to read my answer to her letter.

It is VERY IMPORTANT that our readers UNDERSTAND whether the Bible

was written to inform the MIND! And whether the only TRUE Gospel is an educational message. Entirely too many have been DECEIVED into the false idea that the GOSPEL is an irrational, sentimental, ethereal superstition. THAT IS THE REASON, more than any other, that modern education, and educated people today, have utterly REJECTED the Bible, the true Gospel, and belief in GOD!

And my statement is NOT BIBLICAL? I will now show you—if your mind is open, precisely how COMPLETELY Biblical it is!

This lady in London put her finger on the very CRUX of *all this* world's tragedies, its sorrows, pains and sufferings, its heartaches, its poverty, illiteracy, filth and squalor, its crime, broken marriages, violence and wars!

The CAUSE of all unhappiness and wretchedness is WRONG education, and LACK of education!

And WHY?

Simply because the world has thrown away the BASIC TEXTBOOK of true education—the Holy Bible! The world has gotten all mixed up. The world, like this lady in London, has not realized just WHAT the Bible IS! The Bible IS the FOUNDATION of ALL KNOWLEDGE—and the true APPROACH to the acquisition of all discoverable knowledge.

What is the very TRUNK of the tree of knowledge?

It is the PURPOSE for the very existence of human life here upon the earth! It is to know the MEANING of life. It is to discern the TRUE values from the false. It is to know THE WAY to peace, happiness, abundant well-being, and eternal life; THE WAY to what fundamentalists call "salvation." To know just what IS "salvation?" Is it a PLACE—a geographical location; is it a changed *condition*? Is it a change of *composition*—or WHAT? And HOW do we obtain it? Is that

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OUR COVER

En route to FAA Airport in Tahiti, the South Pacific, is France's President, Charles de Gaulle. Clad in a general's uniform, De Gaulle radiates new confidence from his open-air Citroën. Polynesians and Europeans of French descent bid him final farewell along route as he departs for Mururoa to witness French Pacific nuclear blast.

KNOWLEDGE important? Does the Bible teach it?

Is it rational? Does it make sense?

Nowhere but in the Bible can one obtain THIS BASIC NECESSARY KNOWLEDGE! Of course, there seems to be an almost endless amount of knowledge that MAN can learn, discover, or acquire by himself. God gave man eyes that see, ears that hear, hands that feel. God gave man a MIND that can reason, feet to carry him about, hands that can design and make instruments. He can make telescopes and microscopes. He can build and equip laboratories, conduct experiments. He can travel and explore.

But he cannot discover, by himself WHAT he, himself IS, or WHY he is. Did he just *happen*, without intelligent design, by a purposeless process called "evolution"? Or was he CREATED, and put here FOR A PURPOSE? — and *what* is that purpose?

True education must teach us the art of peaceful, happy, successful living. Yet our schools DO NOT teach our oncoming generations HOW to live happily! None of the rulers, the scientists, the educators knows THE WAY TO PEACE — whether in the home, between neighbors, or between NATIONS! True education must teach how to become physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually MATURE. Yet NO school, college or university on earth — save the three Ambassador Colleges, so far as I know, offers young people this FULL and COMPLETE and BALANCED education.

But the letter from this lady in London says "the Bible was not written to inform man's mind," and it is "not Biblical" to say that the Gospel is an EDUCATIONAL message!

THAT false supposition is a MAJOR CAUSE of all the world's unhappy ills!

WHY? How could that be?

Simply because that has been the common conception — since the so-called "old-fashioned gospel" of the evangelical fundamentalist Protestant denominations was first introduced as the "new-fangled" religion some 250 to 350 years ago.

This so-called "old-fashioned gospel" is NOT the true Gospel brought to mankind by Jesus Christ! It is NOT

"the faith once delivered to the saints." Yet millions have SUPPOSED it is! They have SUPPOSED that the "Gospel" is a sentimental, nebulous, ethereal sort of EMOTION — irrational — UNrelated to the MIND.

They SUPPOSE that THIS false "gospel" came out of the Bible! Therefore they ASSUME that the Bible is an impractical book of maudlin sentimentality, utterly unrelated to rational KNOWLEDGE. Thus the Bible has come to be regarded as outmoded superstition — a book of fables — or, in the Old Testament, the writings of an ancient race of Jews ignorantly searching for a national concept of a god.

So THINKERS, *without* thinking, and *without* checking to SEE what the Bible is, or what it says, have relegated it to the scrap heap of outworn superstition. The "EDUCATED" have thrown it out the window, without searching to PROVE their biased assumption.

And, the followers of evangelical Protestantism — many of them, at least — have SUPPOSED that "the Bible was not written to inform man's mind, but to change man's heart." They have accepted a sanctimonious sentimentalism, in which they get to "feel" that they are spiritual, and that they are "saved," largely shutting up their minds against the rational teaching of the Bible.

A very "religious" woman of this category once exclaimed, in surprised amazement, "Why you surely don't read the Bible to try to UNDERSTAND it, do you?"

"Why of course!" I replied emphatically. "Don't you ever read the Bible?"

"Oh yes! I read it every day," she said in a sanctimonious tone.

"Well then, do you mean you read it, but you don't let it SPEAK to you — you don't get any meaning from what you read?"

"But we're not *supposed* to understand the Bible," she persisted. Like the lady in London, she thought it was not written to inform man's MIND.

"Then WHY do you read it," I asked.

"Why, just for INSPIRATION," she replied.

Entirely too many people are DECEIVED by this false idea. NO WONDER the men of Science, and the Educators

of this world have ASSUMED that the Bible contains nothing RATIONAL — but only senseless, sentimental superstition, entirely irrational!

Well, let's *read* a few words of it! It won't poison your mind!

NOT SUPPOSED to UNDERSTAND what we read in the Bible? Jesus said, regarding the GOSPEL: "And this Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come. When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, *let him UNDERSTAND*) . . ." (Mat. 24:14-15).

Jesus said YOU'D BETTER UNDERSTAND what is written in the Bible! But apparently a lot of mind-blinding sentimentalists do not BELIEVE Jesus!

The apostle Paul, writing to the Gentile Ephesians regarding the Gospel, said, "... How that by revelation He [Christ] *made known* [UNDERSTOOD] unto me the mystery; (as I wrote afore in few words, whereby, when ye read, ye may UNDERSTAND my knowledge in the mystery of Christ)" (Eph. 3:3-4).

To the Gentile-born Thessalonians, Paul wrote: "But I would not have you to be IGNORANT, brethren, concerning them which are asleep . . ." (I Thes. 4:13). Was *this* written to inform man's MIND — prevent IGNORANCE? But of course MOST people today, *because* they embrace a sanctimonious superstition INSTEAD OF the MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE, do not understand this!

The woman in London says, "The Bible was not written to inform the mind, but to change man's heart." If the Bible was written to *change* man's heart (AND IT WAS, INDEED!) pray tell me HOW what is written there can change man's HEART, if it is never understood by the MIND?

Just what does the Bible *mean* when it speaks of man's "heart"? The word "heart" is used, in this sense, to imply the ATTITUDE of MIND! The BIBLE says: "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked . . ." (Jer. 17:9). It is not referring to the organ that pumps blood under man's
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1966—THE YEAR OF VIOLENCE!

WHY do wars, riots, violence, escalate — with NO HOPE in sight for PEACE? World Leaders DO NOT KNOW! They DO NOT KNOW that they could pull out of the war right now — and have PEACE in full security for the future.

Read THE ANSWER in this eye-opening article.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

IT IS "New Year's Day" as I write. Most of this huge edition of *The PLAIN TRUTH* has already rolled off the giant full-color web-fed press. The Composing Room, the platemakers and the pressmen are waiting for this article to come off my typewriter, before they slap the last section of this January number on the press.

And as I write, a tremendous black banner headline screams across the first page of the *Los Angeles Times*: "YEAR-END MAYHEM."

Gathering World News

Writing for *The PLAIN TRUTH* these days has come to be almost like writing for a daily newspaper. I began *that* experience many years ago. All my life — since age 18 — I have had to drive myself to meet publishing deadlines, on both newspapers and magazines.

In *The PLAIN TRUTH* Editorial offices today, *both* the *Associated Press* and the *United Press International* (UPI) teletypes continue clicking off the latest up-to-the-minute news from all parts of the world around the clock — day and night — 24 hours a day. We receive the FULL, complete news service of the world, just the same as all metropolitan daily newspapers, the big news magazines, and the radio and television networks and key stations.

We Scooped News Magazines

And, in actual fact, a few times this past year, *The PLAIN TRUTH* has actually SCOOPED the big national news

magazines on important full-color pictures of outstanding news events of world importance. I wonder if our readers have noticed!

When Secretary of State Rusk went to Australia for a conference of world importance, our own *PLAIN TRUTH* writers and cameramen were there! You received a close-up full-color picture on the front cover of the November number. When President Johnson went to Canberra, the Australian capital, for talks of world importance, our *PLAIN TRUTH* correspondents and photographers were there — giving you only a few DAYS later large full-color pictures, shot close-up to the President and other world leaders. When the Manila Conference met, with President Johnson present, *PLAIN TRUTH* staff writers and photographers were right there — and we RUSHED not only the FACTS of the Conference, but the outstanding close-up pictures to our subscribers all over the world!

When the Commonwealth Conference convened in London, we reported to you the full story — and its real SIGNIFICANCE which no other publication gave — together with large full-color pictures of those heads-of-state taken at close range.

And so it goes. *The PLAIN TRUTH* is a world-NEWS magazine, keeping you abreast of the KEY world happenings leading us directly into the PEACEFUL and HAPPY WORLD TOMORROW — but, too, it is MUCH MORE! It is a magazine of UNDERSTANDING — understanding *not only* of key happenings in world

news, but UNDERSTANDING of life itself, of the PURPOSE and real meaning of life — of the CAUSES of problems and troubles, whether personal and individual, national or world-problems — and of their SOLUTIONS, and of HOW, and WHEN, and by WHAT MEANS all these giant problems *are going to be* solved! More, and most important of all, *The PLAIN TRUTH* brings you UNDERSTANDING of the very Word of God, the SOURCE of TRUTH — and of the PROPHECIES of events soon to occur, in the next two, five, and ten years!

The PLAIN TRUTH is absolutely UNIQUE. No other magazine ever published on earth is or has been like it. That is not a boast — just a plain statement of fact.

NOW! What of "The Year That Was"?

But what of the year just past — and of the year we are entering today?

A year ago, like this year's much publicized Christmas "Truce" at Vietnam, and over New Year's, there was supposed to be a "truce." President Johnson had tried to turn it into a "Peace Effort." But he had to report its failure. Instead of peace, there was resumption of the war with ESCALATION through the year. People in the United States — and also in many other countries — are CONFUSED about the Vietnam war. They are confused about the purposes and objectives — IF ANY — of this war.

The United States is not winning. Yet the war has been stepped up

enormously during 1966. People see no results. People compare the size and power of the United States to that of North Vietnam—a little country hardly the size of one of our states, such as Florida. They can't understand why the United States—the MOST POWERFUL MILITARY NATION in the world—can't whip little North Vietnam.

Some are beginning to realize that in this battle against Communism, a battle for the MINDS of people, the United States is not winning the HEARTS of even the people of South Vietnam by military FORCE!

WHY War Continues On

Now there *is* a reason why the Administration at Washington does not apply the kind of FORCE (which America *could* do) to win a military victory. But apparently, for some reason, the heads of state at Washington do not feel they can explain this to the people. I see no reason to hide it. If the United States either pulled out of South Vietnam *without* a military victory—or applied enough force to bring about military victory and *then* pulled out, the government in that country does not have the strength or stability to retain its independence. The Communist hordes from the north would then roll right over South Vietnam, and many other countries, planting the Communist boot solidly on *all* southeast Asia—and then on down to AUSTRALIA. And from there—on around the world, until the United States would be fighting the Communist powers *right here at home* in North America!

The Administration feels—I feel sure—that they DON'T DARE end the Vietnam war. There would be no point in winning that "little" war, and then fighting a full-scale, all-out, NUCLEAR WAR OF SURVIVAL right here in our own country. So-o-o, the policy seems to be to just keep the war continuing on—with just enough force to prevent defeat. And that has come to mean a constantly *increasing* force.

It's a good deal like the dope addict, who finds he is "hooked," and can't "kick it" off on the one hand—and, on the other, he is forced to keep

gradually *increasing* the dosage to just hold his own. It becomes very costly, and most dope addicts resort to stealing, crime—*anything* to get their hands on enough money to keep up their growing, escalating, ever more-costly "habit."

So, during 1966, Communist propagandists in our midst have stirred up gullible people into demonstrations against the war—and into draft-card burnings, campus riots, and any trouble they could instigate.

Meanwhile, reports are going out over the news wires, reported in newspapers, and being broadcast in newscasts, that the United States is now suffering a Credibility Gap. The United States is being discredited at home and abroad.

They Cry for PEACE!

Another very significant item in the news of a few days ago: Cardinal Spellman, of New York, was quoted in the news as saying that anything less than victory for the United States in the Vietnam war is inconceivable. An immediate protest was issued from the Vatican. The Papacy said the Cardinal's statement was contrary to the Pope's plea for PEACE!

So—the Pope pleads for PEACE! President Johnson works for PEACE! Prime Minister Wilson pleads for PEACE! President de Gaulle works for PEACE!

Isn't it about time we come to UNDERSTAND?

The PLAIN TRUTH is a magazine of UNDERSTANDING. All right, let me give you a little UNDERSTANDING of this war-and-PEACE situation.

WHY can't the heads of Government in the nations of the world realize that ONLY GOD has the ANSWERS! That the BIBLE is the most up-to-the-minute source of knowledge and UNDERSTANDING in today's world for the solution of all problems. LISTEN to a little SENSE!

This NEWS about the Pope, and the heads of nations talking PEACE—pleading for PEACE—working for PEACE—this CURRENT up-to-the-minute TODAY'S world news, was reported far ahead of time in Biblical PROPHECY!

Jeremiah prophesied the national and religious leaders would be crying, "PEACE! peace! when there is no peace" (Jer. 6:14; 8:11; 14:13-14). "...they shall seek peace, and there shall be none" (Ezekiel 7:25). WHY no peace? Because, "THE WAY OF PEACE they know not..." (Isaiah 59:8).

The leaders cry for PEACE—work for PEACE—while they endorse, sanction, continue *the way* of WAR. They GO *the way* of WAR—saying, "We are striving for PEACE!"

The CAUSE of War

WHY do nations go to WAR? WHY does God *allow* wars, violence, human suffering? Many reason if God is LOVE, He surely would not *want* all this suffering! And if He is all-POWERFUL, He could prevent it. So WHY doesn't He?

Certainly God could stop it—and, in fact, soon will!

But why not millenniums ago?

For a supremely important reason! A PURPOSE is being worked out here below. Man was put here on earth for the development of right CHARACTER. That PURPOSE requires free moral agency in man. It is necessary that man be given both the prerogative and the ability to *make his own decision!* Otherwise he would be an automaton—no character. There is A WAY that will produce peace—a way to happiness, abundant well-being—and with it, God will *give* eternal life!

What is that *way*? The Eternal Creator set in motion not only the laws of physics and chemistry—laws like gravity and inertia—but also a *spiritual* Law which is THE WAY to all these wanted blessings. It's a simple matter of CAUSE and EFFECT! That Law is *the way* of LOVE. And love is outgoing concern. It is giving, helping, serving, sharing—but human nature *pulls* humanity in the exact opposite direction—into being SELF-centered, selfish, greedy, the way of vanity—the way of getting, taking, accumulating—of competition, strife, envy, jealousy, resentment, hatred.

God's great spiritual LAW is simply, the CAUSE of peace, happiness, abundant well-being. The violation of that Law, by yielding to the pulls of human

nature is, simply the ABSENCE of peace, happiness, and abundant well-being.

God laid before man the knowledge of His Law — HIS WAY! He compels man to CHOOSE! Would man *want* God to FORCE him to go God's way, *contrary* to the desires of human nature? Never! He would cry out "God is unfair!" Man *wants* the right of free choice.

To fulfill His PURPOSE, the Creator marked out a duration of seven thousand years. The first six of those millennial "days" was set aside for man to CHOOSE whether to OBEY God's Law — that is, voluntarily come under GOD'S GOVERNMENT, or work out his own ideas of HUMAN government. Man chose to reject God, His government, and His Law. He elected to follow the desires of his carnal self-centered nature.

Yielding to HUMAN NATURE is the CAUSE of war.

Rebellion against God's LAW of PEACE is the CAUSE of war.

Nations Never NEEDED Go to War

So now let's take a look at one of the TEN POINTS of God's basic spiritual LAW. I mean that point which has to do with WARS!

In respect to WAR, the basic point is the sixth Commandment. It says, simply, "*Thou shalt not kill.*"

If all nations obeyed that Commandment, and followed the way of LOVE toward other humans, there would be no war.

But, one argues, that's a pretty platitude — but it's not practical — it won't work. WHY? Because, he argues, if *your* nation obeys that Commandment, and is disarmed with no military force, it would be attacked and beaten by some *other* nation which disobeyed God's Law, and believed in WAR. It would therefore be helpless.

Oh, but it WOULDN'T! The Creator understands human nature better than we humans do. HE PROVIDED FOR THAT!

Let's open our eyes to down-to-earth practical TRUTH — to FACT!

You think the Almighty Creator-God is impractical — that He leaves those who OBEY Him, who accept His



Wide World Photo

North Vietnamese girls train for hand-to-hand combat using bamboo slivers for knives as part of a program of intense military preparation. This photo is one of a series just made available by Japanese sources.

GOVERNMENT over them, HELPLESS? One of the responsibilities of GOVERNMENT is to protect its own subjects! You think — do you? — that the GOVERNMENT of GOD is so feeble and lacking in power that it is unable to protect the individual or the nation it governs?

Open your eyes, now, to the FACTS! God did take a people to be HIS nation. He took a family of some two to four million helpless SLAVES — all descended from God's friend Abraham — and offered to set them up as a nation under His Government.

Notice now, in your Bible, the specific application of the commandment, "*Thou shalt not kill*" to military force and war.

Notice how GOD says to those under HIS GOVERNMENT, that HIS GOVERNMENT — an all-powerful supernatural and super-national Government — will PROTECT His people against any invading force.

God said to Israel: "... if thou shalt indeed obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries... and I will cut them off" (Exodus 23:20-23).

God promised supernaturally to fight any invading enemy to protect the na-

tion and people under His Government. I intend to give you ample case histories to verify this.

But is it just as wrong for GOD to fight an invading army, and if necessary, take human life, as for humans? ABSOLUTELY NOT! God is the GIVER of human life. Human lives *belong to Him!* He, *alone*, has the RIGHT to *take* human lives. The sixth Commandment forbids MAN, of his own volition and at his discretion — to take human life!

Why Israel Went to War

But did you notice — there were CONDITIONS to God's promise of divine protection. He said He would protect them "... if thou shalt indeed obey His voice, and do all that I speak."

During this first six thousand years, in God's Master Plan, He does not *force* any nation, or individual, to come under His GOVERNMENT. That decision is left to man's free CHOICE.

When God, with His own thundering voice, delivered the ten basic points of His inexorable spiritual Law from Mt. Sinai, He was outlining for MANKIND *the way* to peace, happiness and abundant well-being. This applies to every individual, and to every na-

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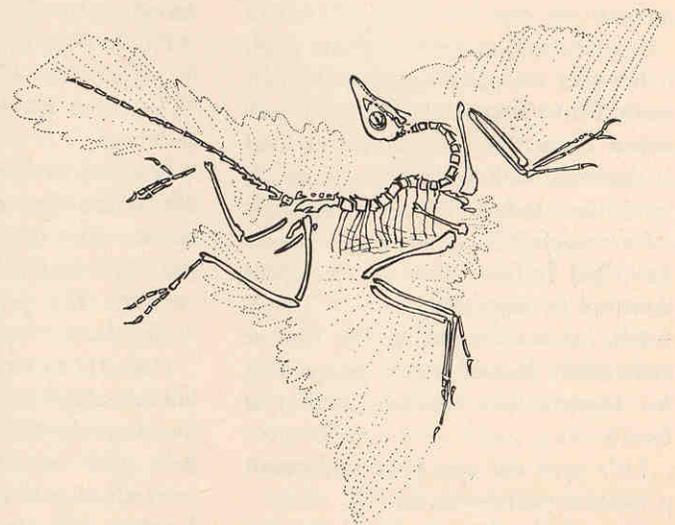


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Artist's imaginary reconstruction of "Archaeopteryx." This elaborate drawing is based on the only evidence available, the fossil find below, left.



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Left, the actual fossil find which science says provides substantial evidence birds "evolved" from reptiles. Right, line drawing of the bones found.

THE FABLE OF THE FIRST FATAL FLIGHT

Millions of years ago, according to evolution, our fine feathered friends, the birds, reared ugly, slimy heads from fetid seas, and slithered ashore. Over uncountable aeons of time, they climbed trees, leapt from branch to branch — and gradually grew feathers! As time kept passing, they “learned,” says evolution, to hover, glide, soar, flitter, and even fly backward! BIRDS CAME FROM REPTILES — or so say the textbooks. But is such a theory LOGICAL? Can it be PROVED? Read, in this eye-opening article, about a “fowl” hypothesis — one for the birds!

by Garner Ted Armstrong

WHAT DOES it take to fly? Flight has fascinated man, with his superior intellect, for thousands of years. Still, instead of sprouting wings, man has learned to make *machines* to carry him through the skies, and even into space.

But is there any person who did not, as a child, gaze at the fantastic array of beautiful birds everywhere in nature, and wish he could fly?

There are birds that soar, birds that flutter, birds that dive, sail, migrate thousands of miles, and even birds that fly backward.

The huge albatross, roaming the vastness of the Pacific Ocean, may attain an unbelievable wingspread of TWELVE FEET. That means he's as far from wing tip to wing tip as a 4' 11" man would be, standing on Lew Alcindor's head (Alcindor, the UCLA basketball sensation, stands 7' 13/8" tall!).

Tiny hummingbirds, not much bigger than big bumblebees, fly straight ahead with remarkable speed, and even back up in midair!

And these birds, and all the other myriads of colorful, winged creatures, say evolutionists, came from slithering lizards!

A Fabulous “Link” to Lizards!

Universally heralded as the one great “link” between all birds and reptiles is “Archaeopteryx,” a fossilized, bird-like creature, found in stratified rock near a lake in Bavaria. “Archaeopteryx” means, simply, “ancient wing.”

But what is so unusual about “Archaeopteryx”?

The creature has characteristics that are strangely like those of LIZARDS, say the evolutionists — though *also* possessing the appearance of a *bird*.

Evolutionary thought consists of ample conjecture, imagination, guesswork, and fantasy to make a mother goose rhyme pale into insignificance. And changing an ugly beast into a raving beauty is precisely what evolution claims happened!

“Imagine,” says a bird biologist, “a strange bird-like creature the size of a crow” gliding over an ancient Bavarian lake.

“Or was it more reptile-like? We cannot be sure,” continues the story — for “it appeared to have some of the features of both reptiles and birds.”

“Suddenly,” goes the dramatic tale,

“our bird-like creature, with its feeble powers of flight, was unable to cope with a sharp gust of wind and fell into the shallow waters below and drowned.”

This is the layman's introduction into bird biology — the imaginary story of how something MIGHT have happened to preserve a fossil find in Bavaria; one which claims to link birds with beasts.

What a tragic end to a short flight!
If, of course, the bird EVER FLEW.

The Missing Evidence

Evolutionists readily admit the paucity of fossils to *substantiate* such a theory — but insist their theories are “clear” “IN SPITE OF THE PATCHINESS OF THE EVIDENCE”!

You are about to see, with your own eyes, another example of the classic “FAITH” of evolution!

Because evolution, after all, is A FAITH! It is a dogmatic assertion that certain changes DID occur, and an almost religious-like CLINGING to that notion, IN SPITE OF all logic, contradictory evidence, or rational thought!

Notice! “Archaeopteryx” was brought

down by a mere "sharp gust." Then it DIDN'T SURVIVE!

Bear this in mind. The bird, or reptile, or whatever it was, *didn't survive!*

Think further, that only TWO known examples of such a creature have ever been found. Realize further, that there is *no proof* the creature EVER DID FLY.

Now notice the strange faith of ornithologists in their theories.

"IN SPITE OF the patchiness of the evidence *it is clear* that birds are closely related to the reptiles. The older forms have many characters in their skeletons that *suggest* their derivation from that group" (*Fossil Birds*, W. E. Swinton, 1965, p. 2). (Emphasis mine throughout article.)

Evolutionists *admit* they must SPECULATE about the origin of birds. But they insist that the layman *need not even question* the validity of their theories!

Notice! "In *attempting to reconstruct* the early evolutionary history of many groups of animals a *certain element of judicious speculation* . . . may be a valuable weapon" (*Evolution*, ed. by De Beer, p. 321).

Granted, evolutionists say such conclusions must be "constantly checked and tested with reference to such fossil types as *may be known* and to such characters of modern forms as *may have a bearing* on the subject." But if a certain fossil type, COMPLETELY UNIQUE, and *totally developed* has NO known fossil or modern counterpart, then *how*, we might ask, can "constant checking" and "testing" ever occur?

In most books on the subject, authors first admit they are making "educated guesses," and then follow with a broad, all-inclusive, sweeping statement that such and such DID POSITIVELY OCCUR!

They have ALREADY DECIDED, on sheer FAITH, that birds evolved from reptiles!

Said the same author, "The reptilian ancestry of birds is so SELF-EVIDENT and so UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED BY ZOOLOGISTS that it can be taken as AXIOMATIC in any discussion"! (*Evolution*, ed. by De Beer, p. 322).

So they seem to imply: "Even though I must guess, imagine and speculate—

YOU must assume my theory is SO CORRECT that you needn't bother even thinking about it!"

No Intermediate Stages Found

But *if* our myriads of birds evolved from slimy lizards, is there any REAL fossil EVIDENCE of a part-bird, part-lizard? Is there such a thing as a HALF-scale, HALF-feather found?

Think of it this way. In any motion picture sequence, in order for your eye to see a man walking from one side of a room to another, it necessitates many *separate frames*. Each is, actually, a "still" picture, snapped in a mere fraction of a second. *Two* of these frames would be all that is necessary for you to see the man, first at one side of the room, and then at the other. But in order to "see" him make the transition, you must view ALL the many frames IN BETWEEN!

The fossil "record" concerning the hazy hypothesis that supposes birds came from reptiles is much like dozens of feet of missing film! *Where* are all the many HUNDREDS of VERY DIFFERENT creatures which would have represented the INTERMEDIATE stages of development?

And remember, IF these notions of evolution could possibly be true—these "intermediate" stages would be NOWHERE NEAR so well equipped to *survive* as the "fully developed" ones. That means that if it took only a "sharp gust" to bring down "Archaeopteryx," his imaginary ancestors would have been falling out of the skies like bricks! And the fossil record, therefore, would contain FAR MORE "INTERMEDIATE" species than it does of the ones which were supposedly "better equipped" to *survive!*

But there ARE no "intermediate" species!

Notice what scientists admit. "The origin of birds is largely a matter of *deduction*. There is NO FOSSIL EVIDENCE of the stages *through* which the *remarkable change* from reptile to bird was achieved" (*Biology and Comparative Physiology of Birds*, edited by A. J. Marshal, 1960, p. 1).

Scientists are *confused* about "Archaeopteryx." They claim this creature is part "reptile" and part "bird." Yet, in

order to *substantiate* this claim, evolutionists would have to submit positive *proof* of intermediate forms!

But there *are* no such intermediate forms.

Listen to this striking admission, "A certain amount of *educated guesswork* has been necessary to reconstruct how this ancestral bird *must have looked and behaved*" (*Biology of Birds*, Wesley E. Lanyon, 1963, pp. 2-3).

Notice it! Not only is *guesswork* necessary to reconstruct how this bird must have looked, but scientists readily admit they are guessing about how it *behaved*. In other words, science does not really know whether this "bird" EVER flew! It is just as likely that this creature inhabited a dry, arid region, and ran along the ground much like certain birds do today, or that it was even a water bird, obtaining its food by diving and swimming.

But in SPITE OF all the difficulties, ornithologists seem bent on INSISTING that "Archaeopteryx" is the "link" between BIRDS and BEASTS! Such is their *faith*. In any modern book on the subject, you'll probably find artists' reconstructions of "Archaeopteryx." Then will follow elaborate discussions about how this and that "might have" occurred, and how this and that change "gradually" took place.

To simply call "Archaeopteryx" another of the many UNUSUAL creatures, and place it in a SPECIAL classification, has apparently never occurred to evolutionists. Rather, it is seized upon as a *connecting link* between birds and reptiles.

One theory speculates ancient lizards first climbed trees, and gradually extending their leaps, began to glide (by the help of scarred, broken, "half-formed" "feathers") from branch to branch.

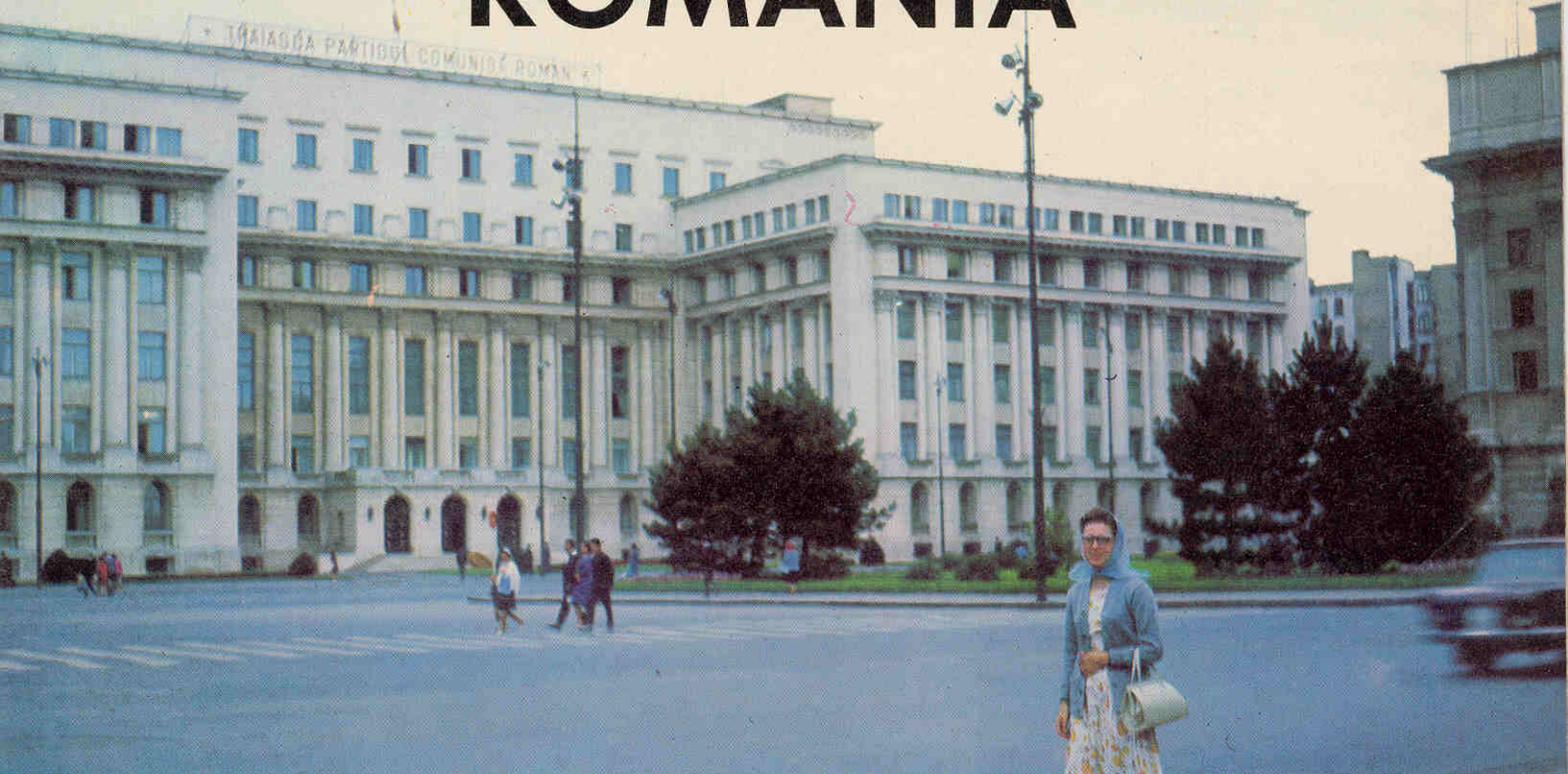
Another theory (take your pick) supposes they first began to run along the ground, and finally flew.

Science does *not* claim that all birds share "Archaeopteryx" as their common ancestor—believing that some of the flightless birds of today *may* have come from an even more ancient "ancestor" of *Archy*.

But notice this admission! ". . . it

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INSIDE COMMUNIST ROMANIA



Continued, in this issue, is an eye-opening report of a 2,500-mile tour behind the Iron Curtain by editors of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Here are the **FACTS** about the new nationalism sweeping Romania.

by Herman L. Hoeh

Bucuresti, Romania

A NEW KIND of revolution is sweeping Romania. It is a revolution from the top down. It is being led by the government and the Communist Party—not by the people against the government.

It is the most important revolution to strike at the Iron Curtain since Yugoslavia's Tito defied Stalin and moved the Iron Curtain East.

The Soviet Union is concerned, frustrated. But it is unable to stop it. The

The **PLAIN TRUTH** recently sent four of its staff to the Eastern-Bloc countries. They interviewed government, business and professional people, as well as the man-in-the-street. They found big changes developing—changes that will reshape the map of Europe and alter the course of history!

reason? There are no masses of Russian troops in Romania as there are in East Germany.

National Communism

Our tour has provided us an unexpected view of Romania's new political

and economic revolution. We had already felt the winds of change in Czechoslovakia and Hungary. The changes in those nations are heavily economic. But in Romania the changes are economic *and* political. And there is a reason why!

Romania is the northernmost Balkan country. Throughout European history the Balkans have been a political hotbed. It is no different today. The first nation to defy Moscow was Romania's Balkan neighbor Yugoslavia. Now Romania is playing the same game. But Romanian Communist leadership is very cautious. After all the USSR borders on Eastern Romania for 300 miles!

Everywhere we have traveled are

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Sign over building in Bucuresti, above, emphasizes new nationalism. When translated, sign reads: "Romanian Workers Communist Party."



Romania

Romania builds up its synthetic rubber industry.

signs — red signs — of the new revolution. In other satellite countries the Reds emphasize the "People's Communism." Not so in Romania. Here the slogan emphasizes the *Romanian Workers Communist Party*.

The highly nationalistic signs are visible over public buildings throughout the cities. In towns and villages the signs are even more conspicuous. They are posted along the main roads, often every block and even between blocks.

Most Westerners who have visited Romania have failed to understand what is occurring here. They are looking for individual freedom in the Western sense. What they have overlooked is the new freedom slowly be-

ing acquired by the Romanian Communist Party.

The new revolution sweeping Romania began in 1963. It aims at the independence of the Romanian Communist Party. Its aim is Romanian National Communism, as opposed to International Communism from Moscow. And the Romanians are succeeding!

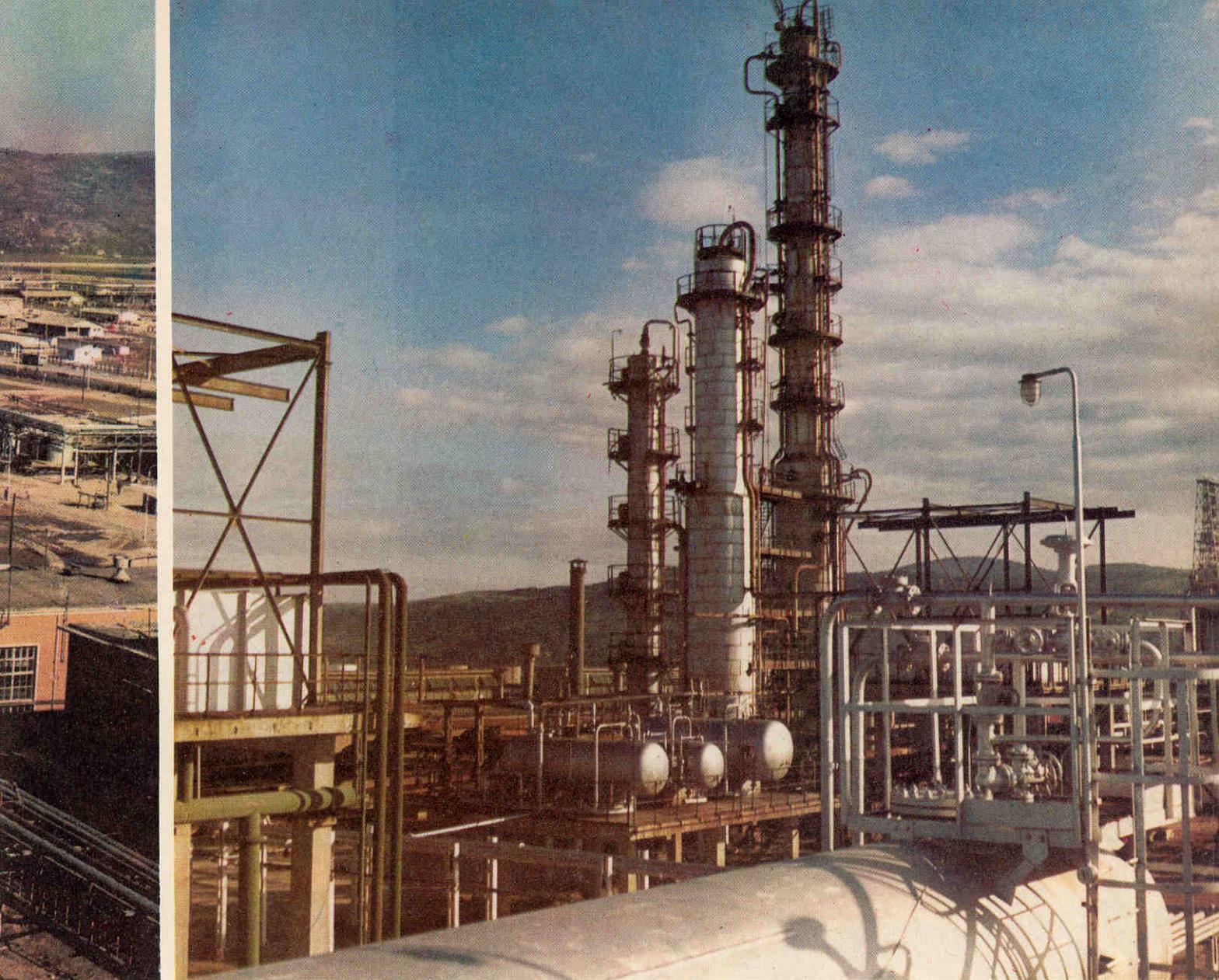
National Communism is a new middle road between International Communism and Fascism. That is what worries Moscow.

Romania — Land of Contrasts

More than any other satellite country, Romania is a land of contrasts. We entered the country from Hungary.

To encourage tourism and hard currencies from Western nations, Romania freely issues visas at the border. Our luggage was casually examined. We were asked to show our cameras and a tape recorder. The border officials had never seen a tape recorder before. They asked us to play it for them. We did. For nearly ten minutes they listened to the music we had recorded in Prague's Hotel Alcron. They were delighted, but assured us Romanian music was far better!

Once across the border the striking contrasts began. No tractors in sight. The land in the northwest of the country around Cluj reminded us of the poorer areas in the American Southwest. Along the roadside the elderly



Romania

Oil refineries supply domestic and foreign markets.

and the women trudged along. A few had bicycles. Many were riding in covered wagons, drawn not by horses, but by slow-moving oxen and milk cows.

Over 60 percent of Romanians still live on the farm. Yet Romania, despite backward farm methods, is a heavy food exporter. The Soviets have wanted to keep Romania a farming country. The USSR was willing to allow some light industry. It was a clever Russian move to keep Romania dependent on foreign heavy industry—from the USSR of course! But the Romanian Communist Party rebelled. They refused to fully integrate their country in the Russian-sponsored *Comecon*—the Communist Common Market of Eastern

Europe. Romanian Communist leaders went ahead with plans to develop their own heavy industry.

Romania — the Babylon of Eastern Europe

The new economic look of the cities first became apparent to us in the important town of Braşov, north of the Ploeşti oil fields. In Braşov is one of the finest hotels in Europe. It was recently built to attract tourists and businessmen from the West. Braşov's restaurants are crowded—even in the middle of the week. German folk songs reverberated in the city's oldest restaurant where we ate. Then came lively Romanian Latin rhythms. On the surface everyone was gay, wanting to for-

get the day's toil. Every few minutes waiters and waitresses would leave their duties and join in singing and dancing around the tables. Here in Romania folk traditions—nationalism—are the chief form of relaxation. In Hungary and Czechoslovakia it is sports.

Romania—with a population of 18.6 million—is a land of many different peoples and cultures. More different languages are spoken here than in any other European nation west of the Soviet Union. Schools are divided according to language. Bookstores are divided by language first, subject matter second.

Just over 85 percent of the population is Romanian. Romanians are very conscious of their name—and their



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Here's Rural Romania!

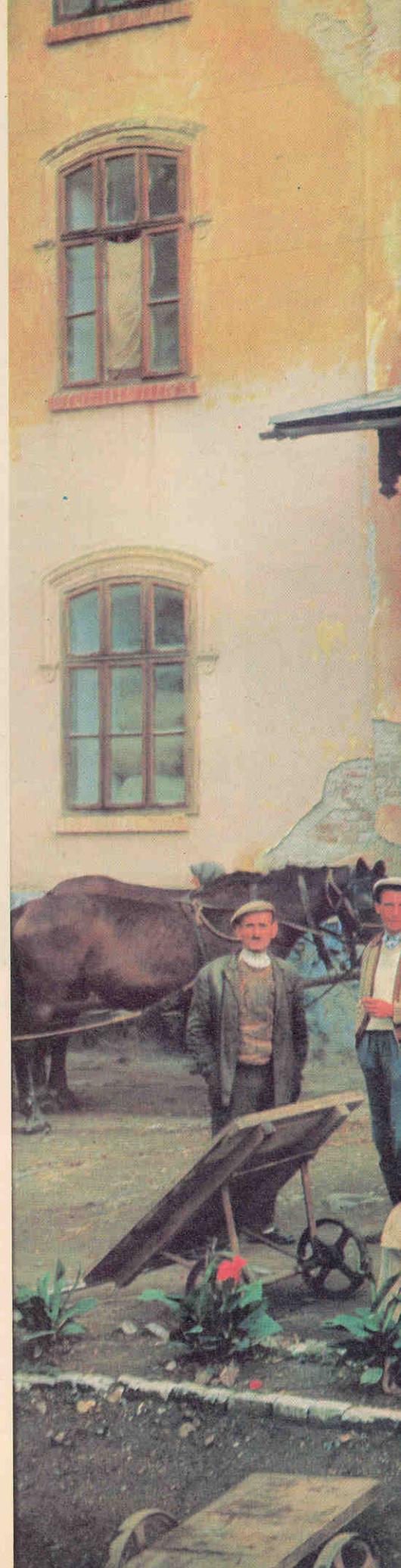
Above, top, rest at evening mealtime in tobacco field on collective farm. All laborers are women under supervision of man, far right. Above, Frank Schnee, from PLAIN TRUTH Düsseldorf, West German office, makes purchase from private roadside stand. Romanians earn money on side by selling from their small private plots of land. At right is rural mill to which collective farmers bring their grain for grinding. For many peasants, the long hours waiting in line at mills provide relaxation and social opportunities to visit with friends.

Latin cultural heritage. They are, in fact, the only nation in all Europe to preserve the word *Roman* as their national name. Romanians are descendants of the ancient Dacians and Getae — mixed, of course, with a large Latin element. The Dacians and Getae trace their ancestry back to Dacus and Geta, two of the sons of Mash, the son of Aram. Aram is, in the Bible, listed as the youngest son of Shem (Genesis 10:22). The Romanians are basically

Shemites. By contrast, the Russians to the east, are Japhetic (Gen. 10:2).

The family of Mash settled in Eastern Europe about 2100 B.C. They were not Latinized in culture until the second century A.D.

Hungarians are the largest minority in present-day Romania — almost 10 percent. Hungarians have their own primary and secondary schools — 3000 of them — conducted in Hungarian. Next in order of population are Ger-





Romania — Land of Contrasts!

Downtown București, right top, lit up on rainy night. Cars are few and old. Romania has just completed financial deal to have French build auto plant to begin to supply Romanian urban consumer market. Below, village scene and rural home. Wagonload of hay is pulled by water buffalo.

Photos: Romania, Ambassador College

mans, then Jews and Gypsies. Then come the Slavic-speaking peoples — Ukrainians; Serbs, Croats and Slovenes; Russians; and Czechs and Slovaks. And as if that were not enough, there are thousands of Tartars, Turks, Bulgarians, Greeks, Albanians and Armenians!

With this diversity of population, the Romanian Communist party would be forced to whip up Romanian nationalism even if there had been no strife with the USSR.

Romania's Lost Territory

Romanians have little love for the Russians. At the end of World War II the Soviet Union seized Bessarabia from Romania. Tens of thousands of Romanians were forced to become Soviet citizens. The Romanian Communist Party has never forgotten it.

Romania was the first satellite behind the Iron Curtain to drop the compulsory study of the Russian language.

In 1964 Romanian scholars, tipped off by a Polish student, uncovered some long-forgotten articles written by Karl Marx, founder of Communism. In the last century, it seems, Marx condemned Czarist Russia for seizure of Bessarabia. The Romanians reacquired it in 1918 — only to lose it again. Romanians, in and out of the Communist Party, are incensed, embittered over the lost territory of Bessarabia.

Inside Party Headquarters

In București, Romania's capital, we inquired at the Government Tourist Office for photographs. We were generously given all we might use. Later, we asked one of the secretaries for information about a private photo agency. She did not know its exact whereabouts,

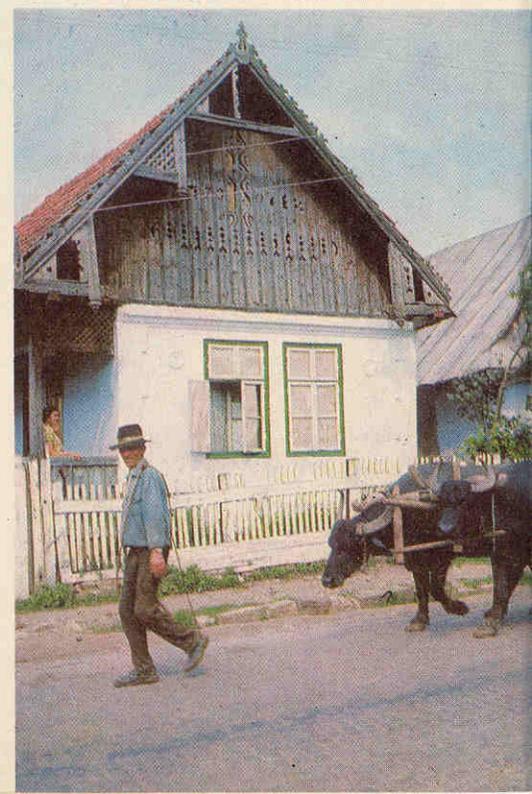
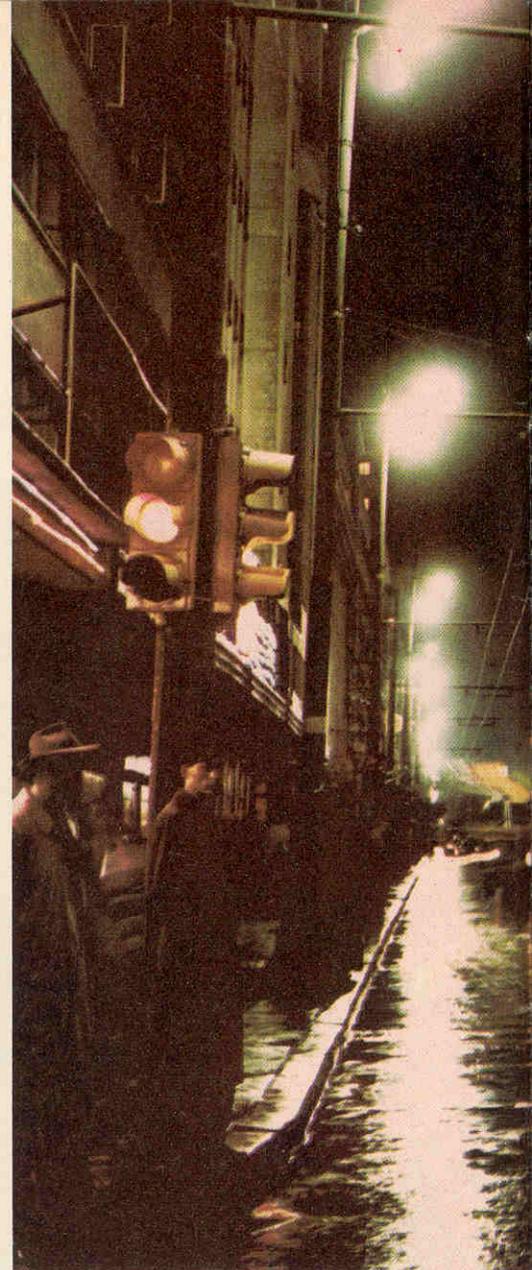
but gave us an address. It turned out to be that of the Romanian Communist Party Headquarters. Two of our staff went in, talked to an official, but were told to return next day at noon. Our schedule called for our departure *before* noon next day.

So next morning we all returned, walked past the guards with our cameras, headed straight for the office of the official whom we met the day before. The door was locked. Just then a Party worker walked by us, and opened the door to an adjoining room. Before he could close it, we stepped in, introduced ourselves in German and asked to see the photographic files. We explained our purpose, that we were an educational institution, publish a magazine and wanted the latest pictures on the big changes taking place in Romania.

At length we were asked to step down the hall into another office. All the doors were soundproofed with thick leather padding. Keys were hanging from the locks. While we looked over the photos in the files, the woman in charge kept asking how we knew about the files. We explained that we had found an address of a photographic agency in a commercial publication in West Germany, but that apparently the address had been changed and we had been directed here.

"We do not advertise," she responded. "We have no photographs for sale. You could not have known of us."

We explained it again to her, as we kept looking over the photographs. When we at last mentioned the name of the agency we were looking for, she burst out laughing. "You are in the







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Romania's economic strength lies in food production and oil. Above is community farm — note uncongested highway! Right, one of many oil refineries at Ploesti.

wrong place," she commented. "These are the confidential files of the Communist Party, available only for our own government publications! They are not for sale!"

"But they are of just the quality and the subject matter we need," we answered.

"But I would not know what price to sell them for," she answered. "No one from abroad has ever had access to these pictures before."

After some encouragement from us, she telephoned Cartimex, the Export Bureau of the Government, received permission, and sent us to the Cartimex office to conclude the sale. Everyone was pleased — we had just the pictures we needed (some of which you see in this issue) and the Romanians received badly needed West German currency.

It was quite an experience!

Next month will cover the story of our trip through Western Romania, Hungary and Czechoslovakia en route to Poland.



RADIO LOG

"The WORLD TOMORROW"

MAJOR STATIONS

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WOR—New York—710 kc., 11:30 p.m. Sun.
 WHN—New York—1050 kc., 9 a.m. Sun.
 *WWVA—Wheeling, W. Va.—1170 kc., 98.7 FM, 10:30 a.m., 8:30 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
 WNAC—Boston—680 kc., 98.5 FM (WRKO-FM), 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WIBG—Philadelphia—990 kc., 94.1 FM, 12:30 p.m. Sun.
 WBAL—Baltimore—1090 kc., 8:30 a.m. Sun.
 WPTF—Raleigh, N. C.—680 kc., 94.7 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 10:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

Central States

WLAC—Nashville—1510 kc., 6:30 a.m. Sun., 5 a.m. Mon.-Sat., 7 p.m. daily.
 WSM—Nashville—650 kc., 9 p.m. Sun.
 WCKY—Cincinnati—1530 kc., 7, 9:30 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat., 12 midnight Tues.-Sun.
 WLW—Cincinnati—700 kc., 11:05 p.m. daily.
 WJJD—Chicago—1160 kc., 11 a.m. Sun.
 KSTP—Minneapolis-St. Paul—1500 kc., 8 a.m. Sun., 5 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KXEL—Waterloo—1540 kc., 8 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KXEN—St. Louis—1010 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon.-Sat.

South

KRLD—Dallas—1080 kc., 8:10 p.m. daily.
 KTRH—Houston—740 kc., 101.1 FM, 8 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WOAI—San Antonio, Tex.—1200 kc., 10:15 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KWKH—Shreveport—1130 kc., 94.5 FM, 1 p.m., 9:30 p.m. Sun.-Fri., 11:30 a.m., 11:30 p.m. Sat.
 WNOE—New Orleans—1060 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 KAAY—Little Rock—1090 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 5:15 a.m., 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WGUN—Atlanta—1010 kc., 4 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
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 WMOO—Mobile—1550 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 6:55 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WINQ—Tampa—1010 kc., 12 noon Mon.-Fri., 12:10 p.m. Sat., Sun.
 KRMG—Tulsa—740 kc., 10 a.m. Sun.
 XEG—1050 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily. (CST)

Mountain States

KOA—Denver—850 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun.
 KSWs—Roswell, N. Mex.—1020 kc., 6:30 a.m. daily.
 XELO—800 kc., 8 p.m. daily. (MST)

West Coast

KIRO—Seattle—710 kc., 100.7 FM, 10:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat., 5:30 a.m. Tues.-Sat.
 KPIR—Eugene, Ore.—1120 kc., 9 p.m. daily.
 KRAK—Sacramento—1140 kc., 8 p.m. daily.

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XERB—Lower Calif.—1090 kc., 7 p.m. daily, 9:30 a.m. Mon.-Fri.

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East

WBMD—Baltimore—750 kc., 12:30 p.m. daily.
 WPEN—Philadelphia—950 kc., 7 a.m. Sun., 10:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WPIT—Pittsburgh—730 kc., 101.5 FM, 11 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon.-Fri., 1:30 p.m. Sat.
 WMCK—Pittsburgh—1360 kc., 12:30 p.m. daily.
 WHP—Harrisburg, Pa.—580 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WJAC—Johnstown, Pa.—850 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WSAN—Allentown, Pa.—1470 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WCHS—Charleston, W. Va.—580 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.
 WCYB—Bristol, Va.—690 kc., 12:30 p.m. daily.
 WWNC—Asheville, N. C.—570 kc., 4 p.m. Sun., 3:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., approx. 5 p.m. Sat. following Metro. Opera and/or football game.
 *WPAQ—Mount Airy, N. C.—740 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 1:05 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WEVD—New York—1330 kc., 97.9 FM, 10 p.m. Sun., 10 p.m. Tues.-Fri., 10:30 p.m. Sat.
 WGLI—Babylon, L.I.—1290 kc., 7 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WAAT—Trenton, N.J., 1300 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WWOL—Buffalo, N. Y.—1120 kc., 10 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 4 p.m. Sat.
 WFAS—White Plains, N.Y.—1230 kc., 103.9 FM, 9 p.m. daily.
 WWNH—Rochester, N. H.—930 kc., 9:05 a.m. Sun., 7:05 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WTSL—Hanover, N. H.—1400 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.
 WDEV—Waterbury, Vt.—550 kc., 8 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WKVT—Brattleboro, Vt.—1490 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WPOR—Portland, Me.—1490 kc., 9 a.m. Sun.
 WCOU—Lewiston, Me.—1240 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.
 *WRYT—Boston—950 kc., 7:30 a.m., 10 a.m. Sun., 6 a.m., Mon.-Sat.
 WBET—Brockton, Mass.—1460 kc., 7:05 p.m. daily.
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 WMAS—Springfield, Mass.—1450 kc., 94.7 FM, 8:30 p.m. Sun.
 WACE—Chicopee, Mass.—730 kc., 12:30 p.m. Sun., 7 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
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 WTOR—Torrington, Conn.—1490 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.

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 WEAW—Chicago—1330 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 8 a.m. Mon.-Fri., 7:30 a.m. Sat., 12 noon daily (105.1 FM, 8 p.m. Sun., 7 a.m. Mon.-Sat.).
 WJOL—Joliet, Ill.—1340 kc., 9:30 p.m. daily.
 WITY—Danville, Ill.—980 kc., 7 p.m. Sun.-Thur., 10:45 p.m. or after football Fri. & Sat.
 WWCA—Gary, Ind.—1270 kc., 4 p.m. Sun., 6 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 *WJOB—Hammond, Ind.—1230 kc., 8 p.m. Sun., 7 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WXCL—Peoria—1350 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
 WIBC—Indianapolis—1070 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun.
 KBHS—Hot Springs, Ark.—590 kc., 1 p.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KFVS—Cape Girardeau, Mo.—960 kc., 9:15 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KWTO—Springfield, Mo.—560 kc., 7 p.m. daily.
 KFEQ—St. Joseph, Mo.—680 kc., 7 p.m. daily.
 KUDL—Kansas City, Mo.—1380 kc., 4 p.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KFSB—Joplin, Mo.—1310 kc., 6:30 p.m. Sat., Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
 KFDI—Wichita, Kans.—1070 kc., 10 a.m. Sun., 10 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

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KFH—Wichita, Kans.—1330 kc., 100.3 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KGGF—Coffeyville, Kans.—690 kc., 6 p.m. daily.
 KXXX—Colby, Kans.—790 kc., 11:30 a.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KBEA—Mission, Kans.—1480 kc., 7 p.m. daily.
 WMT—Cedar Rapids—600 kc., 11:30 a.m. Sun.
 KMA—Shenandoah, Ia.—960 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.
 KGLO—Mason City, Ia.—1300 kc., 7:30 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KQRS—Minneapolis—1440 kc. 92.5 FM, 10 a.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WEBC—Duluth, Minn.—560 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
 *WMIL—Milwaukee, Wis.—1290 kc., 95.7 FM, 3 p.m. Sun., AM only, 7 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WJPG—Green Bay—1440 kc., 5 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WSAU—Wausau, Wis.—550 kc., 7 p.m. Sun., 7:05 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KFYR—Bismarck, N. Dak.—550 kc., 7 p.m. daily.

South

KCTA—Corpus Christi, Tex.—1030 kc., 2 p.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 4:30 p.m. Sat.
 KCUL—Ft. Worth—1540 kc., 1 p.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon.-Sat.
 WBAP—Ft. Worth—570 kc., 8 p.m. daily.
 KEES—Gladewater, Tex.—1430 kc., 12 noon daily.
 KTBB—Tyler, Tex.—600 kc., 12 noon Mon.-Sat.
 KMAC—San Antonio—630 kc., 9 a.m. Sun., 7:15 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KTBC—Austin—590 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KTLU—Rusk, Tex.—1580 kc., 1 p.m. Sun.
 KGNC—Amarillo—710 kc., 9 p.m. daily.
 KWFT—Wichita Falls—620 kc., 4:30 p.m. Sun., 8:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KFMJ—Tulsa—1050 kc., 12:30 p.m. daily.
 KOMA—Tulsa—1300 kc., 12:30 p.m., 10 p.m. daily.
 KBYE—Oklahoma City—890 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KXLR—Little Rock—1150 kc., 12:45 p.m. daily.
 KWAM—Memphis—990 kc., 10 a.m. Sun., 11 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WMQM—Memphis—1480 kc., 1 p.m. Sun., 6:25 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WSHO—New Orleans—800 kc., 12 noon daily.
 *WDEF—Chattanooga—1370 kc., 92.3 FM, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 *WBRC—Birmingham—960 kc., 106.9 FM, 6:30 p.m. daily.
 *WCOV—Montgomery—1170 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
 WMEN—Tallahassee—1330 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 8 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 WFLA—Tampa—970 kc., 7:05 p.m. daily.
 WINZ—Miami—940 kc., 9:30 p.m. daily.

WVCG—Coral Gables—1080 kc., 6:15 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 *WZOK—Jacksonville, Fla.—1320 kc., 5:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. daily.
 WEAS—Savannah, Ga.—900 kc., 12 noon daily.
 WKYX—Paducah, Ky.—570 kc., 93.3 FM, 12:30 p.m. daily.

Mountain States

KPHO—Phoenix—910 kc., 6:35 p.m. daily.
 *KYND—Tempe—1580 kc., 2:30 p.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon.-Sat.
 *KCUB—Tucson—1290 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Fri., 7 a.m. Sat.
 KGGM—Albuquerque—610 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
 KLZ—Denver—560 kc., 106.7 FM, 7:30 p.m. daily.
 KMOR—Salt Lake City—1230 kc., 9 a.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KIDO—Boise, Idaho—630 kc., 7:05 p.m. daily.
 KTFI—Twin Falls, Idaho—1270 kc., 7:05 p.m. daily.
 KSEI—Pocatello, Idaho—930 kc., 8 p.m. daily.
 KMON—Great Falls, Mont.—560 kc., 8 p.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

West Coast

KHQ—Spokane—590 kc., 8:05 p.m. daily.
 KVI—Seattle—570 kc., 8 a.m. Sun.
 KBLE—Seattle—1050 kc., 12 noon daily.
 KMO—Tacoma, Wash.—1360 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.
 KARI—Bellingham—550 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
 KWJJ—Portland—1080 kc., 10 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KEX—Portland—1190 kc., 9 a.m. Sun.
 KGAY—Salem—1430 kc., 9 a.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KUGN—Eugene—590 kc., 7 p.m. daily.
 KUMA—Pendleton, Ore.—1290 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
 KYJC—Medford, Ore.—1230 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
 KAGO—Klamath Falls, Ore.—1150 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
 KBLF—Red Bluff, Calif.—1490 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
 KSAY—San Francisco—1010 kc., 8:30 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KFRC—San Francisco—610 kc., 106.1 FM, 7 a.m. Sun.
 KFAX—San Francisco—1100 kc., 10 a.m., 10:45 p.m. Sun., 10:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 4:15 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KFIV—Modesto—1360 kc., 9 a.m. Sun., 6:05 a.m. Mon.-Fri., 6:30 a.m. Sat.
 KNGS—Hanford, Calif.—620 kc., 10 a.m. Sun., 6 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KGEE—Bakersfield—1230 kc., 4:30 p.m. Sun., 5 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 *KDB—Santa Barbara—1490 kc., 93.7 FM, 6:15 p.m. Sun., 7 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KUDU—Ventura—1590 kc., 95.1 FM, 8 p.m. daily.
 KRKD—Los Angeles—1150 kc., 9:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m., 7 p.m. Mon.-Sat., 96.3 FM Sun. & p.m. times only.

KTYM—Inglewood—1460 kc., 12 noon Mon.-Fri.

KEZY—Anaheim, Calif.—1190 kc., 7 p.m. daily.
 KFOX—Long Beach—1280 kc., 100.3 FM, 7 a.m., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 KACE—San Bernardino-Riverside—1570 kc., 92.7 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 7:05 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

KRNO—San Bernardino—1240 kc., 9:30 p.m. daily.
 KOGO—San Diego—600 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.

In Spanish—

KALI—Los Angeles—1430 kc., 4:45 p.m. Sun.

Alaska & Hawaii

KFQD—Anchorage, Alaska—750 kc., 7:30 p.m. daily.
 KULA—Honolulu, Hawaii—690 kc., 7 p.m. daily.

CANADA

VOCM—St. John's, Nfld.—590 kc., 6:30 p.m. Sun., 7 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 CJCH—Halifax, N. S.—920 kc., 10 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 CFBC—St. John, N. B.—930 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.-Fri., 6:30 p.m. Sat.
 *CKCW—Moncton, N. B.—1220 kc., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 CFMB—Montreal, Que.—1410 kc., 1:30 p.m. Sun., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 CKOY—Ottawa, Ont.—1310 kc., 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 CJET—Smiths Falls, Ont.—630 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 CKFH—Toronto, Ont.—1430 kc., 10 p.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 CKLB—Oshawa, Ont.—1350 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun., 9:05 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 CHIQ—Hamilton, Ont.—1280 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 7 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 CKLW—Windsor, Ont.—800 kc., 7 p.m. Sun.
 CHLO—St. Thomas, Ont.—680 kc., 2:30 p.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 CKSO—Sudbury, Ont.—790 kc., 5:30 p.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 CJLX—Fort William, Ont.—800 kc., 6:25 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 CKY—Winnipeg, Man.—580 kc., 7 a.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 CKDM—Dauphin, Man.—730 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
 CKRM—Regina, Sask.—980 kc., 6:30 p.m. daily.
 CJGX—Yorkton, Sask.—940 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.
 CJNB—North Battleford, Sask.—1050 kc., 2:30 p.m. daily, 6:30 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 CKBI—Prince Albert, Sask.—900 kc., 2 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 8 p.m. Sat.
 CKSA—Lloydminster, Sask.-Alta.—1080 kc., 7 p.m. daily.
 CHED—Edmonton, Alta.—630 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 CKXL—Calgary, Alta.—1140 kc., 10 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon.-Sat.

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CFCW—Camrose, Alta.—790 kc., 2:30 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 8 p.m. Sat.
 CJVI—Victoria, B. C.—900 kc., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 CKLG—Vancouver, B. C.—730 kc., 7 a.m. Sun., 6 a.m. Mon.-Sat.
 CKOV—Kelowna, B. C.—630 kc., 9 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 8:30 p.m. Sat.

In French—

CFMB—Montreal—1410 kc., 5 p.m. Sat., Sun.
 CKJL—St. Jerome, Que.—900 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun.

BERMUDA

ZBM 1—Hamilton—1235 kc., 8 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 ZBM 2—Hamilton—1340 kc., 2:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

EUROPE

In English—

RADIO LONDON—266 m. (1120 kc.) medium wave, 7 p.m. daily.
 RADIO CAROLINE NORTH—199 m. (1500 kc.) medium wave, 8 p.m. daily.
 RADIO SCOTLAND—242 m. (1250 kc.) medium wave, 7 p.m. daily.
 RADIO 270—270 m. (1105 kc.) medium wave, 6:30 p.m. daily.
 *RADIO BRITAIN—355 m. (845 kc.) medium wave, 7 a.m. & 12:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat., 9 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Sun.
 RADIO MANX—188 m. (1594 kc.) medium wave, 2:45 and 7:45 p.m. Sun., 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.; 89 mc. VHF 7:45 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.

In French—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—1293 m., 5:40 a.m. Mon., 5:25 a.m. Tues., Thurs., Fri.
 *EUROPE No. ONE—Felsberg en Sarre, Germany—182 kc. (1647 m.), 1 a.m. & 6 a.m. Sun., 5:45 a.m. Wed., Sat.

In German—

RADIO LUXEMBOURG—49 m. (6090 kc.) shortwave, 208 m. (1439 kc.) medium wave, 6:05 a.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon., 5:15 a.m. Tues., Fri.

ASIA

Formosa

RADIO TAIWAN "The 3rd Network, B.C.C."—
 BED23 Taichung 1380 kc.;
 BED55 Taipei 960 kc.;
 BED78 Tainan City 1540 kc.;
 BED79 Kaohsiung 1220 kc.;
 BED82 Chiayi 1460 kc.,
 —18:00 T.S.T. Wed., Fri.

Guam

RADIO GUAM—KUAM—610 kc., 6 p.m. Sun.

Okinawa

RADIO OKINAWA—KSBK—880 kc., 12:06 noon Sun.

Philippine Islands

DZAQ—Manila—620 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.

DXAW—Davao City—640 kc., 9 p.m. Sun.
 DYCB—Cebu City—570 kc., 9:30 p.m. Fri.
 DYBC—Cebu City—660 kc., 9 p.m. daily.
 DYKR—Kalibo—1480 kc., 8 p.m. daily except Tues. 7 p.m.
 DZAL—Legaspi City—1230 kc., 8 p.m. daily.
 DZGH—Sorsogon—1480 kc., 8 p.m. daily.
 DZLT—Lucena City—1240 kc., 9 a.m. daily.
 DZRB—Naga City—750 kc., 9 p.m. Sun.
 DZRI—Dagupan City—1040 kc., 9 p.m. Sun.
 DZYA—Angeles City—1400 kc., 9 p.m. daily.
 DZYB—Baguio City—670 kc., 9 p.m. daily.
 *DYHF—Iloilo City—910 kc., 9 p.m. daily.
 DXMB—Malaybalay—610 kc., 7 p.m. daily.

AFRICA

RADIO LOURENCO MARQUES, MOZAMBIQUE—3301 kc. (92 m.), 4925 kc. (60 m.), 10 p.m. Mon., Wed., Sat., 10:30 p.m. Tues., Thur., Fri.
 RADIO UFAC, ELISABETHVILLE—OQ2AD—4980 kc. (60 m.), 6:30, 10 p.m. Sun.-Fri.
 WNBS—Lagos—602 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.
 WNBS—Ibadan—656 kc., 3380 kc., 6185 kc., 9500 kc., 8:30 p.m. daily.

AUSTRALIA

2KY—Sydney, NSW—1020 kc., 9:40 Sun., 10:15 Mon., 8:30 Tues., 10:15 Wed., 8:15 Thurs., 10:45 Fri., all p.m. times.
 2AY—Albury, NSW—1490 kc., 9 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 *2GF—Grafton, NSW—1210 kc., 7:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 2GN—Goulburn, NSW—1380 kc., 8:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 2GZ—Orange, NSW—990 kc., 8:45 p.m. Sun., 9:05 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
 2HD—Newcastle, NSW—1140 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
 2KA—Katoomba, NSW—780 kc., 5:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 6 p.m. Sat.
 2LM—Lismore, NSW—900 kc., 8:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 2TM—Tamworth, NSW—1290 kc., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 2AD—Armidale, NSW—1130 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sat.-Thurs.
 2KM—Kempsey, NSW—980 kc., 9:03 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 3AW—Melbourne, Vic.—1280 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun.
 3BA—Ballarat, Vic.—1320 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.-Thurs., 4:30 p.m. Fri.
 3BO—Bendigo, Vic.—960 kc., 9 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 3KZ—Melbourne, Vic.—1180 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun., 10:45 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
 *3MA—Mildura, Vic.—1470 kc., 9 p.m. Mon.-Fri., 10 p.m. Sat.

3TR—Sale, Vic.—1240 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.-Thurs., 8:30 p.m. Fri.
 3XY—Melbourne, Vic.—1420 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun., 10 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
 4AK—Oakey, Qld.—1220 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 10:15 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 10:30 p.m. Fri.
 4BK—Brisbane—1300 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 10:15 p.m. Mon.-Thurs., 10:30 p.m. Fri.
 *4CA—Cairns, Qld.—1010 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.-Fri.
 4IP—Ipswich, Qld.—1010 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun.-Fri.
 4KQ—Brisbane, Qld.—690 kc., 10:30 p.m. Sun.
 4WK—Warwick, Qld.—880 kc., 9 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 4TO—Townsville, Qld.—780 kc., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 4MK—Mackay, Qld.—1380 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
 6KG—Kalgoorlie, WA—980 kc., 10 p.m. Mon.-Sat.
 6PM—Perth, WA—1000 kc., 10 p.m. Sun., 10:15 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
 6AM—Northam, WA—860 kc., 10 p.m. Sun., 10:15 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
 7AD—Devonport, Tas.—900 kc., 8:30 p.m. Sun.-Fri.
 7BU—Burnie, Tas.—560 kc., 9 p.m. Sun.-Fri.
 7HT—Hobart, Tas.—1080 kc., 7:30 p.m. Sun.-Fri.
 7LA—Launceston, Tas.—1100 kc., 10:10 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon.-Fri.
 7SD—Scottsdale, Tas.—540 kc., 9:30 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon.-Fri.

LATIN AMERICA

In English—

RADIO BARBADOS—Black Rock, Barbados—785 kc., 9:30 a.m. Sat. & Sun., 10:20 a.m. Mon.-Fri.
 RADIO REDIFFUSION—Bridgetown, Barbados—9:30 a.m. Sun., 10:30 a.m. Mon.-Fri., 9:30 a.m. Sat.
 RADIO AMERICA—Lima, Peru—1010 kc., 5:15 p.m. Sat.
 HOC21—Panama City—1115 kc.;
 HP5A—Panama City—1170 kc.;
 HOK—Colon, Panama—640 kc.;
 HP5K—Colon, Panama—6005 kc.—7 p.m. Sun.

In French—

4VBM—Port au Prince, Haiti—1430 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.
 4VGM—Port au Prince, Haiti—6165 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.
 RADIO CARAIBES—St. Lucia, W. I.—840 kc., 6:30 a.m. Mon.-Fri.

In Spanish—

RADIO LA CRONICA—Lima, Peru—1320 kc., 7 p.m. Sun.
 RADIO COMUNEROS—Asuncion, Paraguay—970 kc., 8:30 p.m. Thurs.
 RADIO SPORT—CXA19—Montevideo, Uruguay—11835 kc., 2 p.m. Wed.
 RADIO CARVE—CX16, 850 kc., CXA-13, 6156 kc.—Montevideo, Uruguay—3:30 p.m. Sat.

WHERE IS GERMANY HEADED NOW?

The alarming results of German State elections and the recent crisis in Bonn have drawn world attention to Germany. Here is an on-the-spot report from our Regional Editor in West Germany.

by Frank Schnee

Düsseldorf

GERMANY is making BIG HEADLINES again.

Front pages around the world recently shouted: "NEW NAZIS WIN AGAIN" — "ANOTHER TRIUMPH FOR NEO-NAZIS" — "NAZIS MARCH TO VICTORY" — "NAZIS SWEEP TO ELECTION TRIUMPH."

What does it all mean?

What is behind the recent NPD (National Democratic) victories? Are neo-Nazis about to take over Germany again?

What has happened to *democracy* in West Germany?

The answers to these questions are *vital*. You need to WAKE UP to what is going on in Europe! You need to know where Germany is headed now!

Germany Has Risen

In 1945 when Allied troops and bombers had pounded Hitler's Nazi Empire into near oblivion, well-meaning Western heads of State proclaimed: "Germany will *never* rise again!" "It will take the Germans at least 50 to 100 years to rebuild." "Never again will a new Deutschland have power to plunge this world into catastrophe."

But what happened?

The history of the last 21 years has proved these "educated" guesses wrong! Germany *has risen!* The Germans *have rebuilt* their "Vaterland." Deutschland is again one of the giant economic powers in the world, with growing modern military might — yet a political dwarf!

But what does this mean?

That the unbelievable "NAZI-COME-

BACK" headlines above *are reality*. The "democracy" set up by the Allies in West Germany in 1949 now stands in question.

Yet as late as 1965, Dr. James B. Conant, former Harvard University President, Advisor to several U. S. Presidents, U. S. High Commissioner for Germany, and Ambassador to Germany, made the following *unbelievable* statement: "The NAZI ideology is now *dead* in Germany." Dr. Conant stressed he did not mean merely dormant or dying, but *permanently dead*.

Then came the recent elections. A Nazi-like political upstart stirred heated concern around the world. A radical right-wing powerhouse (the National Democratic Party — NPD) appeared out of the abyss only about 6 months before the Bundestag election of 1965. Even so, in that first attempt this threatening steamroller was able to attract above 2 percent of the West German vote. A total of 658,250 Germans gave it their support.

Look at the makeup of this new German threat!

Out of 18 members of its directorate, 12 were active National Socialists (Nazis) in the Hitler era. They also held high positions in Hitler's SS, SA and party machine. More than 1300 former Nazi Party members form the hard core of this new political power.

When asked why his party is riddled with "old" Nazis, NPD chairman Fritz Thielen brushed the question aside with, "Please take a look at the other parties in Bonn some time."

NPD propaganda chief Otto Hess reacted similarly to the same query: "Why pick on the NPD," he retorted, "when the CDU [Christian Democratic Union] recently elected Kurt-Georg Kiesinger Chancellor candidate." (Kiesinger joined the Nazi party in 1933. Otto Hess joined the Nazis 2 years earlier, in 1931.)

Only the Swastika Missing

At meetings, the national anthem of the Third Reich, "Deutschland über Alles" and Hitler's best-loved march, the "Badenweiler," are used to ring sympathetic notes in the hearers.

Even the NPD emblem has changed little from the Nazi original. It is still a white circle on a red field. Only the *swastika* is missing.

Although denying the charge of being neo-Nazi, NPD leaders nevertheless have no qualms about showing where their sympathies really lie. Graves of executed Nazi war criminals are honored with organized mourning. Flowers and wreaths are placed to decorate the tombs of Hitler's henchmen.

At mass rallies, the NPD is careful to avoid anything that directly identifies it as Nazi. Yet Hitler himself would have little disagreement with its overall program. Consistently an end to Nazi war crimes trials is demanded. Listeners are told that foreigners and foreign capital must be kept out. All this talk of collective national German guilt and reparations to Jews must stop!

Nazi concentration camps and the murder of millions of Jews are justified

this way: "We doubt," they reason, "that German bombing victims had a more humane death than the Jews at Auschwitz."

This is the new Nazi-like party that recently captured 8 seats in the Hesse State Legislature! And 15 seats in the Bavarian State Parliament! Besides this, already 124 NPD delegates are sitting in city governments across Germany! The foot is *firmly* in the door!

Who votes NPD? The polltakers give the alarming answer: *Germans from every walk of life*. Laborers, self-employed persons, students as well as soldiers. Former sergeants and captains of the Wehrmacht and Luftwaffe support them. Also government officials, clerks, teachers, and many with higher educations. Especially young voters from 25-35 years of age are susceptible to their propaganda. About 30 percent of their followers fall in this age group. Most of these were only 10 years old or younger when the Hitler regime collapsed. This clearly points out how much old *Nazi doctrine today's German youth have been absorbing* at the family dinner table.

Germans are still falling victim to their own nature! "The problem," said Rudolf Augstein of *Der Spiegel*, "is not the NPD! The problem is the *Germans*



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This photo of headlines on neo-Nazi revival from British newspapers was reproduced in Germany's leading news magazine.

who vote for them." He continued: "The postwar era which democrats thought to be safe and secure [against a Nazi comeback] *has ended*."

I could hardly believe my ears as I heard NPD vice-chairman Adolf von Thadden (the "new Adolf" as he is being called) declare at a raucous rally in Hitler's favorite city of Nürnberg recently: "Militarily we totally lost the war. The question whether we also lost it *politically* is still completely open."

Do you grasp the meaning of Herr von Thadden's spine-chilling words?

For over 20 years *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine has been telling you that the Nazis went underground before the end of World War II! And that Nazis planned a comeback for one final try at conquering the world!

Inside the West German Government

Some are taking consolation in the fact that NPD members are not yet seated in the Bundestag. How long will this situation remain? Will the NPD soon sit in Bonn?

Let's take a look at the recent crisis there.

In October of 1965, *The PLAIN TRUTH* reported that the then newly elected Erhard government was the weakest of postwar Germany. Now, after only one year in power, it has been toppled by the FDP (Free Democrats), the junior coalition partner, over an unbalanced budget.

For five long weeks Germany was ruled by a minority. It was during this time that the alarming NPD victories in Hesse and Bavaria were scored. Frantic power plays dominated the German scene. As the big parties fought each other and dragged the crisis on, the NPD cashed in on the defectors.

A new election was dreaded. The parties could not financially afford one so soon after the 1965 campaign. But even more important, it was feared that the NPD would hurdle the 5 percent limitation clause and capture seats in the Bundestag (Parliament). The leaders in Bonn cannot afford to let that happen. It would hamstring the unaccomplished goals of creating a reunited Germany and a United States of Europe. The apprehension against a Nazi-tainted gov-



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Kurt-Georg Kiesinger, Germany's new Chancellor, heads Grand Coalition of Social Democrats and Christian Democrats.

ernment would nullify Germany's influence with the *big powers*.

How was the embarrassment avoided?

A quick compromise was worked out. In an arrangement often deemed impossible Willy Brandt's left-wing Social Democrats (SPD) joined in a "Grand Coalition" with their former *arch enemies*, the Christian Democrats (CDU) and their Bavarian partner, Franz Josef Strauss' Christian Socialist Union (CSU).

This is a partnership between left and right (Red and Black, the Germans call it), with a former *Nazi*, Kurt-Georg Kiesinger, as Chancellor, and Franz Josef Strauss back in the cabinet — this time as Minister of Finance. This compromise also gave the Social Democrats a weak hand on the power lever, something they could not resist after 17 long years of effort. Erich Mende's 49 Free Democrats (FDP) now sit alone in the opposition benches formerly warmed by the SPD.

Wanted — One Strong Man

The result is that West Germany now has the *weakest* postwar government ever — weaker even than the recently toppled Erhard regime. And history shows us that weak governments in

Germany are the sure spawning ground for dictators.

The only issues the coalition partners are agreed on are the reunification of Germany and the formation of a United Europe. Both of these are essential in Germany's plan.

Most political experts expect these strange bedfellows to completely bog down in their differences on all other important issues.

Many of the German people we have interviewed say frankly that democracy will never work here. "*It is against our nature,*" they respond. "*We need a strong leader to point the way.*"

As long as the standard of living remains high, most Germans are more interested in vacations and their new Volkswagen or Mercedes than they are in government. But *look out* when a crisis comes!

It has always been in difficult times that a strong man or dictator was able to grab power in Germany. Hitler rose to power during the chaos when the Weimar Republic fell apart.

Right now an economic crisis is looming on the horizon. A segment of Germany's economy has been jolted. The German economy as a whole is not sick — far from it. The German economy is one of the strongest in the world today. West Germany produces over 20 percent of all this world's manufactured exports. She is the second largest trading nation in the world. But too much money has been spent on rebuilding the German military machine — over 150 billion dollars on the modern new Wehrmacht alone. This, more than any other factor, is responsible for the unbalanced budget, the cause of the recent political crisis.

An Explosive Situation

For the first time in many years, unemployment threatens. Not long ago there were 800,000 jobs going begging for workers. There simply were none to fill them. But things are changing rapidly.

First the Ruhr industrial area was hit. Many of the coal mines had to shut down because of strong competition from oil. Thousands of workers suddenly found themselves out on the street. The layoffs have been conta-

gious to the point where now virtually no jobs are unfilled and about 400,000 Germans are out of work. Besides this, many factories are now working part time. The Volkswagen plant announced recently that they were putting 100,000 of their workers on part-time employment. This economic jolt could snowball by chain reaction into a national crisis. If this happens — with a weak man at the national helm — we will hear a loud cry for a new "Führer." The new coalition may be able to halt the trend only temporarily.

The head of a large German food concern said to me some years ago, "As long as everything continues to go well, as long as there is food on the table and money in our pockets, I don't worry. It is when I think of the delicate balance here being upset that I hate to contemplate the future." This man knows how Germans act under pressure, and a critical situation can develop here any time now.

As always in the past, when the pressure is on, Germans turn to the "strong men."

There is yet another sore spot. Not the tiniest progress has been made toward German reunification in 21 years of the divided State. Germans are becoming more frustrated and inflamed over this hard-to-bear position. Ever since the wall was built at Berlin, this situation has become more aggravated with time.

Strauss in Action

Those who followed events in Bonn before and after Erhard's defeat know that Franz Josef Strauss carefully engineered the whole affair. He is the real winner. Since his loss of face through the *Spiegel* Affair four years ago, Strauss has worked hard to make a comeback. His appointment as the new Minister of Finance is exactly what he needed to regain his full respectability. *Keep your eyes on this man!*

It was Strauss who approved Kiesinger's appointment as the new Chancellor. No one can become Chancellor without Strauss' support. He has more power in Germany today than any other single man. Yet when Secretary Jaumann of his own party (the CSU)

announced over the Bavarian radio that a coalition of Strauss' party with the NPD was out of the question, Strauss was quick to point out in a nationwide television broadcast that Jaumann was only giving his personal opinion and could only speak for himself in this. In other words, Franz Josef Strauss has shown he would not rule out a coalition between his party and the new Nazi-like NPD, if it becomes expedient. Strauss has also clearly spoken out against outlawing the NPD.

What Bible Prophecy Reveals

The PLAIN TRUTH has consistently been telling you for over 21 years that Germany would rise again. That Germany, at the head of 10 nations or combinations of nations in Europe will revive the Roman Empire. The Creator God in heaven has revealed it in His Word. God has raised up this Work to warn you of exactly what is coming in the very near future.

Notice what Mr. Armstrong wrote eighteen years ago in the November 1948 *PLAIN TRUTH* magazine: "Just as certainly as we restore western Europe to economic prosperity, and then to military power, *a successor to Hitler will emerge*, gain control of this power through a 'United States of Europe,' which we also are encouraging, and we shall then wake up, too late, to realize **WE SHALL HAVE RESTORED OUR FASCIST ENEMY TO POWER TO DESTROY US!**"

And again in the December 1948 *PLAIN TRUTH* magazine you could read this astounding forecast: "Once this **EMPIRE** [The Roman Empire] is revived in Europe — **AND BY UNITED STATES HELP AT THAT** — so gullible are we and dull of **UNDERSTANDING!** — the new-born Fascist-Nazi military power will without warning **DESTROY AMERICAN AND BRITISH CITIES OVERNIGHT WITH ATOMIC BOMBS**, conquering our peoples, taking our survivors to Europe as **THEIR SLAVES!** I have given you the prophecies on this time after time, and shall continue to shout this warning so long as God gives me breath and freedom!" Remember that was *over 18 years ago!*

This work is *still* thundering that same warning around the world with increas-

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. . . WITH DE GAULLE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

What is behind the secret French atomic program in the Pacific? This informative article reveals the little-known efforts of De Gaulle to keep Germany from dominating Europe!

by Gene R. Hughes

EARLY in September, I observed De Gaulle *in action* for seven full days. It was the final Pacific Islands leg of his world tour.

Along with a troop of thirty to forty international journalists and photographers, I covered the General's tour of the Pacific Islands of New Caledonia, the New Hebrides, and Tahiti.

Few grasp the vital reason why President de Gaulle came to troubled East Asia and the South Pacific. Fewer still understand what it portends for the future of Europe.

De Gaulle the General

De Gaulle arrived in the island city of Nouméa, New Caledonia's capital, still aglow from the flush of his peace-making bid just 4500 miles earlier in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. He left French Polynesia aglow from the flash of a French atom-bomb test.

From the French navy's command cruiser *De Grasse*, 25 miles from the test site, General de Gaulle witnessed the third explosion of this series on September 11. De Gaulle is probably the first Head of State to witness an atomic explosion.

The French test device was suspended from a balloon above the lagoon at Mururoa atoll, 750 miles southeast of Tahiti.

Watching De Gaulle make countless speeches without notes — attending receptions in his honour — touring with him as he greeted native leaders and dutifully viewed local points of interest leaves one with many strong impressions. The personal side of the General reveals his claim to greatness.

What manner of man is De Gaulle?

De Gaulle is not merely grand in his *ideas* — he has the physical *stature* to crown them. Standing a resplendent six feet four inches in his World War II General's uniform, he projects the *image* of personal grandeur which he would like *France* to have.

De Gaulle has very poor sight without his glasses. Yet he consistently avoids wearing them in public if he can — especially when photographers are near. In public appearances his right hand instinctively reaches into the pocket of his uniform tunic for his glasses when he wants to see what is going on about him. But as soon as they reach his nose and he sees the crowds and press cameras, off they come! As a result, all his speeches are carefully prepared and memorized ahead of time or else delivered off the cuff.

The Aura of Greatness

As is characteristic of most successful men, he is energetic and full of drive despite his age. (Like the Eiffel Tower, he is seventy-six.) He is so full of energy that he fairly wore out the press on this trip as he did also on the earlier Russian tour.

President de Gaulle deliberately calculates his actions to bring maximum effect — whether he is patiently reviewing a long and boring parade; picking up a small child from its mother's arms, or greeting a native chieftain or a chief of state.

The New Caledonians, more French (and Gaullist) than the Parisians, went wild over him — native Melanesians and Continentals alike. The Polynesians

of Tahiti, not overjoyed by bomb testing in their midst, were less ecstatic.

De Gaulle is cool and collected at all times — whether inspecting the site for a new school in the middle of a New Hebrides cow pasture, or cutting the ribbon opening a new bridge in Tahiti or enduring a native tribal chief's interminable speech.

Charles de Gaulle is at all times a devout Catholic and is the first French President to install a chapel in the Elysée Palace. When traveling, he always attends Mass on Sunday — whether it be in French New Caledonia or in atheistic, Communist Russia.

De Gaulle the Statesman

Each time France has been in deep national crisis during the past twenty-five years, it has been De Gaulle who came to the rescue. It is as if he were the sole French contribution to her own success.

In 1940 after Nazi Germany had run roughshod over France, it was De Gaulle who led the Free French movement. In 1945 when France was in danger of a communist revolution, De Gaulle saved the day by going to Moscow and transforming himself into an apparent ally of Stalin. In 1958, when France was ripped apart by the Algerian crisis, worn out by the Indochina war, plagued by constant governmental crises, and run-down economically — De Gaulle returned from seclusion to bring order and strength out of chaos and weakness.

De Gaulle's leadership put France back on the political map. Now France competes with Germany and England for leadership in Europe.

And thanks to De Gaulle's direction,



French productivity has increased 36 percent over the last eight years. The French franc is today one of the world's soundest currencies with reserves of over five billion dollars, 80 percent in gold. France has repaid a total of 871 million dollars on her U. S. World War II debts, leaving a balance of only 300 million.

De Gaulle's actions have been variously described as mysterious, unfathomable, without purpose and just plain cantankerous. But are they such a mystery and are they without purpose? *By no means!*

He is a cool and calculated designer who knows precisely where he is headed at all times. Once a few basic principles of De Gaulle's personal motivations and his approach to politics are understood, his actions fall into clear focus. World statesmen in the course of their careers seem inevitably to devise some grand program by which they can leave their mark on the world. And De Gaulle is no exception. He too has his grand design: to re-establish the grandeur of France, to make her into a major power and leader of European civilization, and to keep Germany from controlling Europe.

While he is a cold-blooded realist when dealing with the power relationships between nations, he becomes suddenly mystical when he ponders the task of re-glorifying France. As he wrote in his *War Memoirs*: "All my life I have thought of France in a certain way. This is inspired by sentiment as much as by reason."

The role of France is quite clear in De Gaulle's eyes, as he said in his election campaign last year. "This country... this France which is regaining her power . . . she is devoting herself to establishing an equilibrium in the world. In brief, we are playing our role, *pursuing a vocation which has been ours for centuries.*"

De Gaulle sees himself in a great father-figure role—one of the last truly great statesmen in the world—the last survivor of the Roosevelt-

Churchill-Stalin era. In the role of a benevolent big brother, De Gaulle would offer his good services to the solution of any of the world's problems—whether Europe or Viet Nam. The solution to the European problem he sees as independence for each nation under the patronage of France. He sees each nation as a sovereign identity—a "nation-state" whose *national interests* come ahead of international ties or abstract ideals.

He applies this principle in dealing with China and Russia. He sees that by recognizing Red China, gaining her a seat in the United Nations, and supplying her with aid in the form of trade, he strengthens China at the expense of Russia. The stronger China becomes, the more pressure is put on Russia's eastern frontier, to the benefit of Europe.

Along this same line of reasoning—of national identity before all else—he insists upon a Europe in the form of a *confederation*, instead of a full federation. He wants an alliance of individual strong sovereign nations who hand over only a portion of their sovereignty to a supranational authority.

De Gaulle's strong insistence on having his own way has slowed down Europe's progress toward unity. This disunity of Europe, along with De Gaulle's ambitions, has thus far denied Germany the opportunity to rise up as Europe's strong political leader.

Gambling for High Stakes

De Gaulle *is not deluded* about the actual power he has. He knows that he is operating from a very limited power base. But he is making the most of what he has. If De Gaulle doesn't succeed, it won't be for lack of effort or purpose. At the moment, he is *the* personal force to be reckoned with in Europe. His biggest weapon is the strategic importance of France to Europe. Without the large area, roads, pipelines and port facilities of France, a realistic defence of Europe is out of the question.

De Gaulle has long realized that if



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French President Charles de Gaulle delivers speech at Papeete, Tahiti, before flag-draped Mayorality (City Hall).

France is to have any long-term voice in world politics, she must become a strong member of the atomic club.

Just how strong is De Gaulle's nuclear force?

French Nuclear Force

The French nuclear weapons program has finished its sixth year of development. It won't be completed until the early seventies. This French effort will give other hopeful candidates to the nuclear club an idea of what is in store for them—since it is being built on a do-it-yourself basis. To become a full-fledged member, the entry fee is high! Large sums of *money*, vast technical and engineering *know-how*, more money, a great deal of *time*, and still more *money* are required. Even France as the world's fifth largest industrial power has had to sacrifice in order to meet the qualifications.

France's total tab for the next six years' nuclear development will be on the order of 10 to 12 billion dollars. The force is expected to produce a total explosive power of 40 megatons by 1970—about seven times the total amount of TNT exploded in World War II.

American defence experts, who

claimed a stockpile of 300,000 megatons of weapons as of 1961, ridicule the French program. However, the French force, as it is presently planned, is *not* an *offensive* force but is merely *defensive*. It is likened to the sting of a bee. The idea is that the potential aggressor would prefer to go elsewhere than to receive a bad sting. Using twelve KC-135 jet tankers purchased from the United States for mid-air refueling, the French feel they could knock out at least five Russian cities using their supersonic Mirage 4 bombers armed with 60-kiloton bombs. They feel confident that Russian defences could be penetrated by low-level air attack to this degree at least well into the late sixties. The French are banking on the unwillingness of the Russians to trade five of their cities for the complete destruction of France.

The French atom force was pushed through by De Gaulle for two reasons; one, the *prestige* and power it gives him over his European neighbors; two, as a means of overcoming complete reliance on the U.S. for protection.

Ever since the Cuban crisis there has been a growing fear among Europeans that the United States just might not be willing to trade the risk of all-out war

with Russia just for the defence of Europe. For this reason De Gaulle has pushed atomic development.

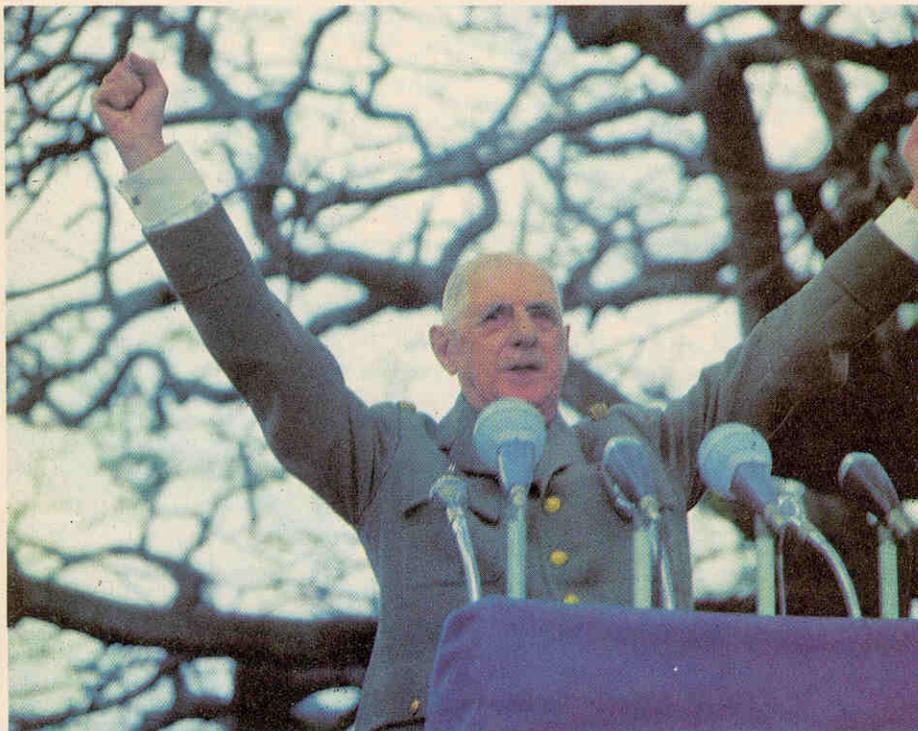
De Gaulle's Strategy— Man in a Hurry

De Gaulle sees little time left *for him* to play *the* really big role in the New Europe. He precipitated the NATO crisis to speed things up. He has been described as "an old man in a hurry." The elements of a great European change are all about. There is emerging communist satellite *nationalism* led by Romania. The increasing Soviet anxiety over the bad boy of communism—China. American preoccupation in Asia. And most recently, the emerging nationalistic German impatience for reunification!

De Gaulle went to Moscow last year to see what he could do to speed up the cold war thaw. He suggested that France and Russia could *prepare the ground* for a settlement of the German and European problem. He strengthened the relationship between France and Russia by starting the solidification of cooperative scientific and trade agreements. The groundwork has been quietly laid over the past three years. Note too, that he took care not to short-sell either the Germans or the U. S. A., nor to conclude a deal at their expense. De Gaulle, as well as Russia, knows that for the time being America will play a part in the solution of European affairs.

De Gaulle is gambling for *German support*. He had this support with Chancellor Adenauer, with whom he established a very close party spirit! Both were critical of the "Anglo-Saxons." Both envisaged a hierarchical, Catholic commonwealth of Europe. Then later under Erhard and his pro-American Defence Minister Schroeder, the Franco-German honeymoon-ship hit the rocks. De Gaulle knows he has no chance of leading Germany or Europe as long as the American colossus is present on the Continent. The U. S. State Department knows its European influence depends upon Germany remaining a *faithful* ally.

De Gaulle now knows that he can bank on greater German support since



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With arms outstretched in typical pose, President de Gaulle arouses throngs gathered at Place Feillet, Nouméa, New Caledonia.

the new coalition government has taken over.

Instead of De Gaulle's influence in Europe *diminishing*, it has been *steadily gaining*. His low regard for NATO is not unique to him. It is shared by

image of himself as an *honest broker* — a trustworthy neutral — an *independent arbiter* between East and West. De Gaulle the realist, however, knows that *France is too weak* to stand alone and too weak to become a partner of

Bonn for going all-out for German reunification.

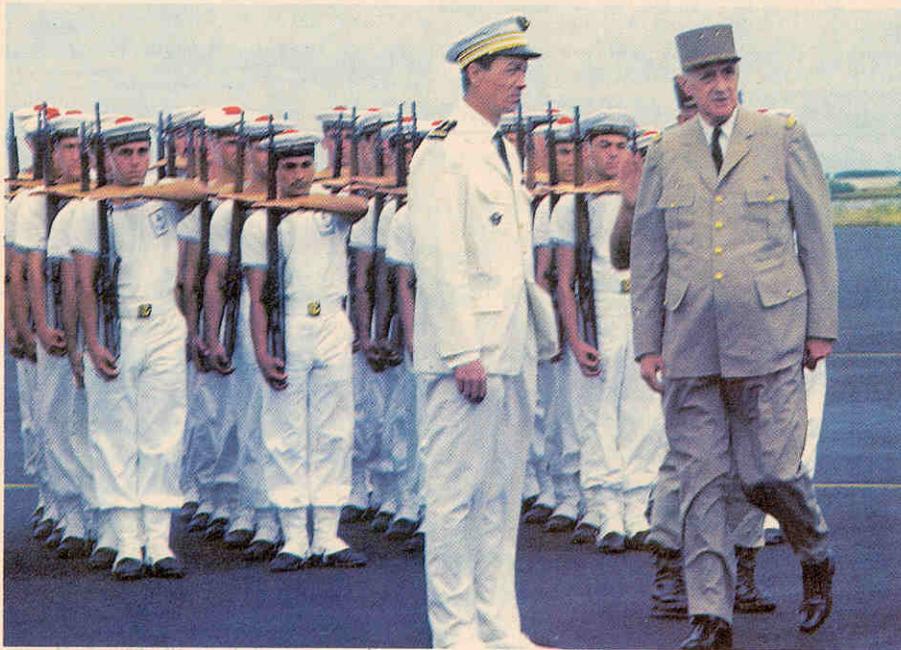
But will De Gaulle's plan for *Europeanizing the Germans* become, in reality, the *Germanization of Europe*?

Just as West Germany needs France now, *France also needs Germany* — and De Gaulle knows it, all illusions of grandeur notwithstanding. De Gaulle can afford to push NATO out of France, but he can't afford to pull out of the Common Market! This would be *economic suicide* for France.

France by herself cannot compete with the U. S. or the USSR. But France and Germany closely allied, working side-by-side in bringing the rest of Europe in tow — that is another matter. Even Russia would begin to respect such a union — a combined population of over 100 million and total industrial capacity twice that of Britain.

European Atom Force Inevitable

If a united Europe (however loosely confederated) is to become a reality — free, as De Gaulle would have it, from American pressure — it *must* have its own independent military force. De Gaulle would have this be his atomic *Force de Frappe* — entirely under French control. But the hard facts for President de Gaulle are these: The force he is building even when completed by 1970 will by no means be



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Even the vigorous French President tired from intensive activity and ceremony on Pacific tour.

other European leaders. The U. S. must admit that Europe has *lost confidence in American leadership* — NATO is finished. An era has drawn to a close.

Why have Adenauer and Strauss — Germany's strongest and most determined politicians thus far — steadfastly supported De Gaulle?

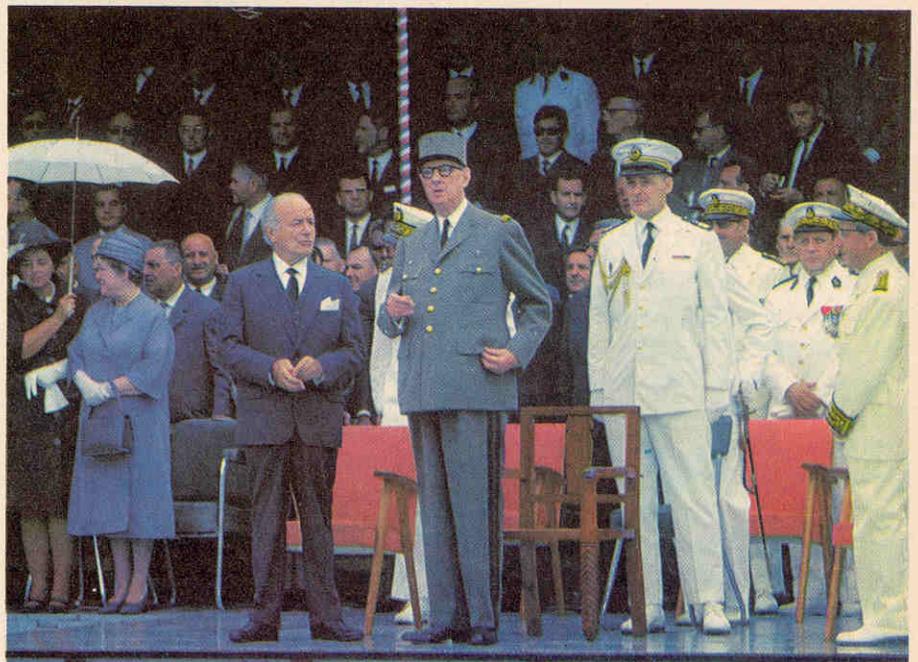
West Germany is a political midget. Germany desperately seeks reunification. But reunification is entirely in the hands of Russia. The USSR and much of Europe *fear a strong, uncontrolled, unified Germany*. Especially a Germany possessing *nuclear weapons*.

But Germany *wants both!*

She craves atomic weapons for the same reasons De Gaulle does. There is no guarantee, say Germans, that an alliance partner will use his arms to defend Germany if the risks are too great.

Smart Germans can see the possibility of attaining all their aims through De Gaulle. Through his patronizing *neutralist pose*, and his ever-increasing contact with Russia, he is building an

the U. S. But he thinks (or hopes) that he just *might* be able to restrain German ambitions long enough to become a senior partner to Bonn on a 55-45 basis. This is his price to



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De Gaulle, with glasses, at review of military parade on New Caledonia.

strong enough to fulfill this need. Where the sting-of-the-bee might work as deterrent for France alone, it certainly is no deterrent for the whole of Europe. The only solution to this would be the creation of a nuclear force something on a par with that of Russia or the United States. But France has neither the money, the technical ability nor the time to create such a force on her own. This could be produced only through the combined efforts of the strong industrial nations of Western Europe. France is able to provide—as Strauss has suggested—a nucleus on which to build. She has full-fledged rocket- and bomb-testing facilities already in operation as well as the plant for producing uranium 235 in abundance.

By pooling their resources, a credible independent European force could quickly be developed.

Add to this the fact that *right now* Italy's power reactors are producing enough plutonium to make 132 atom bombs per year. Belgium's large power reactor produces enough plutonium for 56 bombs per year. And by 1968 West Germany will have atomic reactors in operation capable of producing nearly 200 bombs annually! Added up, this comes to a staggering 388 atomic bombs per year *in addition* to what France is able to produce.

Here is one of the instances where General de Gaulle will have to back down. He must come to terms with Germany if he hopes to achieve his cherished dream of Europe as a third force capable of arbitrating the world's problems.

It Won't Last

HOW LONG will this new United Europe—the *seventh* and final resurrection of the "Holy Roman Empire"—last? Only a VERY SHORT TIME. You will find it also described in Daniel 2, symbolized by the "ten toes" of the gigantic metallic image. It is all described in our free booklet, *Who Is the Beast?*

This image represented the Gentile world governments beginning with Nebuchadnezzar's Chaldean Empire—the original "BABYLON" on down through the Persian, Greco-Macedonian,

and Roman Empires, and finally ending with the ten toes, picturing this coming resurrection of the Empire. All former empires are symbolized by solid metals. But the toes are a MIXTURE of iron and clay. It is a mixture of strength and weakness—some nations strong, others weak. As iron and clay will not cleave together, these nations will not cleave together.

They are shown fighting against CHRIST at His return. Since they will hold together as a great world power only a FEW YEARS, you may KNOW that the second coming of Jesus Christ is already NEAR! It may take only another 5 or 6 years for this POLITICAL-MILITARY union to form.

IT IS ALREADY LATER THAN YOU THINK!

THE BIBLE ANSWERS

Short Questions

FROM OUR READERS

HERE are the *Bible* answers to questions which can be answered briefly in a short space. *Send in your questions.* While we cannot promise that all questions will find space for answer in this department, we shall try to answer all that are vital and in the general interest of our readers.

● "Where did St. Valentine's Day come from? What should I tell our children about these customs?"

L. H.

SCHOOLS are supposed to educate children. Yet how many are taught in school the surprising origin of Valentine's Day?

Centuries before Christ, the pagan Romans celebrated February 15 and the evening of February 14 as an idolatrous festival in honor of Lupercus, the "hunter of wolves." The Romans called their festival the "Lupercalia." The custom of exchanging valentines—where did that originate? You might have supposed it is a Christian custom.

It is not!

Exchanging valentines and all the other traditions in honor of Lupercus—the deified hero-hunter of Rome—"have been handed down from the Roman festival of the Lupercalia, celebrated in the month of February, when names of young women were put into a box and drawn out by men as chance directed," admits the *Encyclopedia*

Americana article, "St. Valentine's Day."

But how did these traditions come to be labeled "Christian"—when they are, in fact, pagan?

When Emperor Constantine made Christianity the official religion of the Roman Empire, there was some talk in church circles of discarding this pagan free-for-all. But the Roman citizens wouldn't hear of it! So Constantine, master politician that he was, agreed that the holiday would continue, except for a few of the more grossly sensual observances.

But how did this pagan festival acquire the name of "St. Valentine's Day"? Who was the original "St. Valentine"? Why is the little naked Cupid of the pagan Romans so often associated today with February 14?

Little children and young people still cut out hearts and send them on a day in honor of Lupercus the hunter of wolves—why? Why have we supposed these pagan customs in honor of a false god are Christian? Read the surprising answers in our reprint article on "St. Valentine's Day." It's free. Write for it immediately.

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN BE HAPPY

Happiness is elusive. People wish each other a happy new year — yet without giving it a second thought. YOU can be happy — every year. Here is how!

by Eugene M. Walter

THIS is the time of year when everybody is wishing everybody else a "Happy New Year." But stop and look around you — at friends, relatives, business acquaintances and complete strangers. How many truly *happy* people do you see?

Pitifully few!

And what about you, personally? Are *you* filled with real happiness — the deep and all-encompassing kind that penetrates every activity and overrides every problem? The kind that makes each day a thrill to be alive? Are you going to live 1967 filled with this kind of happiness?

You **CAN** — and you should!

Why People are Unhappy

Have you ever wondered why deep and lasting happiness seems to be so difficult for man to attain — why, after 6000 years of human experience, the search for personal satisfaction, contentment and peace of mind is still such a frustrating and hopeless struggle for so many millions?

There is a reason!

People are unhappy *because they are breaking the laws which govern and regulate happiness*. Most do not even know that such laws exist — and fewer still know the *source* of them.

Visitors to the three Ambassador College campuses are constantly amazed that our students beam with such radiant happiness. They just can't figure it out.

Yet there is a very definite reason why these students are happy. They have learned that there are certain principles which govern happiness. And they are eagerly striving to put

these principles into practice in their personal, daily lives.

The source of these rules and principles is, believe it or not, the Bible!

God has given man an Instruction Book which explains how to operate the marvelous mechanism of the human mind and body. This Instruction Book — the Bible — reveals to man how he can live a life bubbling and sparkling with true joy and lasting happiness.

Man, however, exercising the freedom of choice which God has allowed him, has rejected God's sure way to happiness. And more than that, as if attempting to prove God wrong, has sought happiness by stubbornly going in the exact opposite direction from that which will bring happiness!

If God says, "Do this — it will make you happy," man obstinately refuses to do it. And if God says, "Don't do this, it will bring you suffering and misery," man will insist on doing it!

And just look at the results! What an unending stream of heartache, misery and woe!

But *you* can be *different*. *You* can be *happy*!

In the Bible, God reveals at least seven basic principles telling you how. No gimmicks, no hocus-pocus, no magic formulas. Just practical, workable, down-to-earth rules of conduct which you can begin to use in your life today, tomorrow and the days after that. Properly applied, these principles are guaranteed to bring true happiness. Let's see what they are.

Happiness is Giving

The very cornerstone of all true happiness is an attitude of outgoing

affection, love and concern for others. It is an attitude of giving. Jesus said, "To *give* is *happier* than to **GET**" (Acts 20:35, *Moffatt*).

But human nature doesn't see it that way. It wants to **GET** — to take, to grasp, to seize for the self.

Our advertising media constantly appeal to this human weakness. Happiness is *getting* a certain name brand watch or a certain model car, they tell us.

And millions believe it! Polls show that the average American and Briton believes that if he could somehow *get* about a thirty percent increase in his income, he would be truly happy!

So labor strikes to *get* more money and benefits for less work. Management schemes to *get* a top price for inferior products and slipshod service.

Our air, food and water are polluted because man lusts to *get* greedy profits by unscrupulous shortcuts without caring about the effects these methods have on his fellowman. Our agriculture is becoming cursed because men force the ground in order to *get* more from the soil.

Now look at ourselves:

Our bodies are sick, malfunctioning and dissipated because we have tried to stimulate, arouse, excite and titillate our senses in a frantic effort to **GET** more of different thrills, sensations and pleasures from these senses than they were meant to experience. We glut our stomachs with highly seasoned but nutritionally raped foods and drink; we fill our lungs with cancer-inducing smoke; we stuff our veins with tranquilizers, drugs, medicines and dope; and we burn the candle at both ends —

in promiscuous sex, trips on LSD, drunken debauchery and a thousand other sins and excesses.

Why? To *get* all the kicks we possibly can out of life.

Our minds — and those of our children — are filled with mental garbage because someone is willing to peddle pornography, obscene films and degenerate music just to *get* their hands on a few more inflated dollars or pounds — and because Joe and Jane Q. Public want to *get* a cheap, shallow amusement thrill or a vicarious sex thrill from wallowing in this kind of "entertainment."

Our homes are filled with knock-down, drag-out family arguments because husband and wife want to *get* as much as they can without ever so much as a thought about *giving* to the mate.

Our land is filled with crime because people want to *get* material goods and pleasures so desperately that they are willing to kill, steal, rape, plunder and loot in order to obtain the object of their lusts.

Cities, counties and states bitterly compete with one another to *get* water, natural resources, industry, conventions, tourists, military bases and government contracts away from one another.

Ambitious leaders of political parties, extremist movements and rabble-raising organizations of all kinds try to GET power, territory and prestige. The result? Riots and civil commotion or, on the international level, war.

Every misery and woe this world has is caused by man's inordinate desire to GET. Satan has used this selfish pull as one of his prime tools in deceiving the whole world (Rev. 12:9.)

Man's greed is so great that, unless God intervened, it would cause man to blast himself off this planet (Mat. 24:22) — and that within the next decade!

But thank God, Jesus Christ — the One Who said, "To give is happier than to get" — is going to intervene. He is going to establish a world-ruling government based on the platform of *giving*. And He is going to FORCE those under Him to live in harmony with this platform so that everyone can be happy.

Why Not Live God's Way Now?

God wants man to enjoy every pleasure and possession that is good for him. He says, through John, "I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health" (III John 2). God wants man to enjoy good health, an abundance of material possessions, wholesome sports, stimulating cultural events, relaxing social occasions and interesting hobbies.

Such material blessings can add tremendously to true happiness. That is why God wants to give them to man. But these things cannot, by themselves, bring happiness. Happiness comes from obedience to the Law of God — the Ten Commandments. Suffering comes from disobedience. Suffering is the absence or loss of that happiness that God's Law gives.

Material blessings add to happiness only when rightly used — with a giving, sharing attitude and with the aim of helping man achieve the purpose for which he was put on this earth.

When *wrongly* used — with an inward, selfward, unsharing, *getting* attitude — material things bring only emptiness, misery, frustration and despair. That is why you see so many miserable people today — even among those who have wealth and possessions.

God has made it so that man cannot possess both material blessings *and* real happiness unless he is first willing and desirous of sharing these blessings with others in the way God intends. Until God *forces* him to, man will not do this.

But YOU — whoever, whatever and wherever you are — can begin to live your life according to God's happy *giving* way right now.

It will not be easy. Your human nature will resist every step of the way. It will try to convince you that happiness is getting. But with the help of God, you can overcome this downward pull.

As a starter, *give* your employer an honest day's work. Or if you are an employer, *give* your employees a fair wage and your customers a decent product or service. *Give* to your husband, wife or family the time and effort necessary to fulfill your responsibilities to them. Give to others in little things

— a smile, a bit of inspiration, a word of encouragement, a little time, a kind word, a right example to someone who needs it.

And give to God, too. Give Him the worship and adoration which He deserves. Give Him the time in prayer and Bible study — yes, and tithes and offerings, too — which are justly due Him. Not out of a motive of getting something in return — though God will more than reward your efforts — but out of a sincere desire to give yourself completely to the One Who gives everything to you.

This is the way to begin applying the first great principle of happiness.

Happiness is giving.

Try it. It works!

Obey God's Law

The key to happiness is a willing, wholehearted obedience to God's living law of love — the Ten Commandments.

The first four of these commandments tell you how to express your love to God; the last six tell you how to love your fellowman. Giving love to others by obeying these commandments brings happiness. This is why David, a man after God's own heart, exclaimed: "Happy are they that are upright in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Happy are they that keep His testimonies, that seek Him with the *whole heart*" (Ps. 119:1-2, *Jewish* translation).

Another Psalm tells us: "Happy is the man that hath not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor stood in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seat of the scornful. But his *delight* is in the law of the Lord; and in His law doth he meditate day and night . . . And in whatsoever he doeth he shall prosper" (Ps. 1:1-3, *Jewish* translation).

These verses are quoted from the *Jewish* translation which renders the Hebrew word *ashere* as "happy." The *King James* version sometimes translates *ashere* as "blessed." The New Testament Greek word *makarios* has the same meaning.

Turn now to the New Testament. Here we read, "Whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty [the Ten Commandments], and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a

DOER of the work, this man shall be happy [Greek, *makarios*] in his deed" (James 1:25).

And then in the very last chapter of the Bible, Christ Himself says, "Behold, I come quickly: HAPPY [Greek, *makarios*] is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book... HAPPY [Greek, *makarios*] are they that do his commandments" (Rev. 22:7, 14).

How clear and plain the entire Bible is — Old and New Testament alike — that obedience to God's Law brings happiness!

Yet how many people — yes, even professing Christians — believe it? Most will vehemently argue that if you obey the Ten Commandments, the Law of Love, you are under a "curse." How absurd when entire chapters and books of the Bible are devoted to telling us of the tremendous *blessings* which obedience to God's Law brings.

Small wonder so many today — including a lot of religious people — are so frustrated, miserable and unhappy. They aren't obeying God's Law. Are you?

Unless and until you actively begin to obey *all ten* of God's Commandments, in the spirit as well as in the letter, you will not — you cannot — experience true happiness.

If you have not yet received our free booklet on *The Ten Commandments*, write for it immediately.

Get Rid of Guilt

Many people allow themselves to do things which they *know* are wrong — and then wonder why they are unhappy. The Bible tells us, "Happy [Greek, *makarios*] is he that condemneth *not* himself in that thing which he alloweth" (Rom. 14:22). If you are doing something which you *know* is wrong, you shouldn't even *expect* to be happy.

But today a lot of people don't even know the difference between right and wrong! They are confused about sin. They have been told that there are no moral absolutes — that whether or not a particular deed is sin depends on the person, the occasion, the motive, etc.!

Consequently, millions walk around

with guilt complexes that absolutely *rob* them of any happiness. Their consciences have been so perverted and miseducated that it often bothers them when it shouldn't, and doesn't bother them when it should.

In the Bible God tells us plainly that "Sin is the transgression of the law" — the breaking of the Ten Commandments (I John 3:4). And the reason sin is so bad is that it brings suffering and misery in this present life and eventually, if not repented of, it brings eternal death (Rom. 6:23).

Since "all have sinned" (Rom. 3:23), each individual needs to repent of his sins, and to cry out to God for forgiveness.

Only when a person has his guilty past blotted out and determines to quit practicing sin can he get rid of the misery of guilt and be truly happy. The Bible says, "Happy is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is pardoned. Happy is the man unto whom the Lord counteth not iniquity" (Ps. 32:1-2, *Jewish* translation).

The free article, "What is Real Repentance?" is available to give you further help and instruction on this major key to happiness.

Understanding God's Plan

You can't possibly be happy if you are uncertain about the future, and are vainly groping in the dark trying to figure out a reason for your existence — wondering where you came from, why you are on this earth and where you are going.

But you need not be in ignorance about these basic questions of life. The answers to these vital questions are available to you through this Work of God. *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast, *The PLAIN TRUTH* magazine, the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course and our other literature answer the most important questions of your life continually.

Christ said to His disciples, "Happy [Greek, *makarios*] are the eyes which see the things that ye see: for I tell you, that many prophets and kings have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them" (Luke 10:23-24).

Today you have the privilege of understanding everything Christ's disciples understood — *and more!*

Never has God's plan been revealed more plainly than in this end-time age. Many prophecies which have been "sealed till the time of the end" (Dan. 12:4, 9) have now been clearly revealed. So have many other wonderful truths about why you were born, what your purpose in life is, what the future holds for you and what is going to happen in the next five, eight and ten years.

How priceless this knowledge is — and how necessary for your happiness and peace of mind!

Obviously, a detailed explanation of God's plan is not possible in this one article. But if you keep reading *The PLAIN TRUTH* and listening to *The WORLD TOMORROW* broadcast — always writing in for the free literature as it is offered — you will begin to understand where you fit in God's great plan. And as you learn, you will begin to experience the happiness which the understanding of this awesome plan brings.

Build Character

"Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint; but he that *keepeth the law* [he who restrains himself when tempted to do wrong], *happy* is he" (Prov. 29:18, *Jewish* translation).

Exercising restraint or denying yourself a fleeting pleasure of the moment in order to gain a goal of greater and more permanent value is another vital key to happiness.

Such purposeful restraint builds character.

Character is first knowing what is right, and then determining to *DO* what you know is right every single time. It is refusing to yield to the pressure, to give up or to take the easy way out when you are faced with a problem or are tempted to do something which you know is wrong — no, not even once.

God says, "Happy are they that keep justice, that do righteousness at all times" (Ps. 106:3, *Jewish* translation) — even when you don't feel like it or when there are adverse conditions.

You can experience real joy even in

suffering and trials if you understand the purpose of life and use that suffering or trial as a tool to build God-like character. The suffering will last but briefly, but the character built by it will last throughout eternity. This is why Peter could write: "But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye" (I Pet. 3:14; 4:14).

Sometimes God tests and strengthens our character through correction. But this, too, can result in greater happiness. The man Job — and he ought to know — was inspired to say, "Happy is the man whom God correcteth" (Job 5:17). Not because this correction is pleasant, for "no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous. Nevertheless, afterward [in the long run] it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby" (Heb. 12:11).

There is a real sense of satisfaction and accomplishment in meeting the challenge of your human nature and overcoming its downward pull through the power of God's Spirit. There is real joy in choosing the permanent, eternal values instead of just the fleeting, temporary pleasures. There is real happiness in building Godly character.

Fear God

People today are filled with fear. They fear they will lose their job. They fear the ideas and opinions of other people. They fear sickness, death and the future. It seems that they fear everything except what they ought to fear most of all — GOD!

Yet this lack of fear toward God is another big reason why people are unhappy. God indicts our society: "Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes" (Rom. 3:16-18).

But how can fearing God possibly contribute to happiness? Aren't fear and happiness opposites? What does it mean to "fear God"?

To fear God means to recognize the tremendous strength and power which God possesses. It means to realize that God's Word is sure — that *God means what He says* — and to fear to disobey. When God promises a blessing for obedience, He will always give it.

And when God says He will punish us for our own good, He will do it. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Heb. 10:31).

Those who have not proved God's existence, or those to whom God does not seem very real, see little to fear. They break God's laws with impunity, thinking that it doesn't make any difference, that there is no penalty.

The fear of God's sure and awesome punishment keeps one from sinning. It is not terror, but a *good* fear — a *healthy* fear — a fear born out of deep love, awe and respect. Such fear leads to obedience and blessings.

"Happy is the man that feareth the Lord, that delighteth greatly in his commandments. His seed shall be mighty upon earth... Wealth and riches shall be in his house" (Ps. 112:1-3, *Jewish* translation).

And in Psalm 128:1-4: "Happy is every one that feareth the Lord, that walketh in his ways. For thou shalt eat the labour of thine hands: happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee. Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine by the sides of thine house: thy children like olive plants round about thy table. Behold, that thus shall the man be blessed that feareth the Lord."

Are you going to reap the happiness and blessings that come from the fear of God this year?

Trust God

Everyone has problems and trials that are outside of their ability to control. When faced with such difficulties, many people get frustrated. Frustration is just thwarted self-will. They can't solve the problem the way *they* would like to see it solved so they become upset and unhappy.

The *happy* way to take care of such a problem is to place it in God's hands and quietly trust Him to work it out. "Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he" (Prov. 16:20). See also Psalms 2:12; 34:8; 40:4 and 84:12.

Perhaps you have a family problem, a health problem or a financial problem. It makes no difference to God. All things are within His control. If you trust Him implicitly to work out a particular problem, *He will* — and in the way that is best for you.

At times God will solve the problem so quickly, so unexpectedly, so dramatically — or so miraculously — that you will be dumbfounded.

But at other times, the *best* way to solve the problem for you may *not* be *the way you want*. God may not solve it *when* and *as* you desire. He may allow the problem to continue for a time in order to test and strengthen your character.

If you trust God completely — acknowledging His infinite wisdom in working out the problem as He sees fit — you will be happy. But if you begin to fret and stew or to take matters into your own hands — desiring that the problem be worked out according to *your* will — you are only asking for misery and unhappiness.

God knows your problem. He can change events and circumstances any time He desires. Just quietly trust Him and make the best of the situation until He sees fit to change it. He promises that you will be *happy* if you do.

These Principles and YOU

You now have in your possession seven invaluable keys to real happiness and peace of mind. Look at them again.

A person who is practicing all seven of these principles would be continually giving his life in service to God and man; he would be obeying God's Commandments; he would have repented of his guilty past and quit sinning; he would be growing in his understanding of God's plan; he would be striving to build God-like character; he would have a healthy fear of God; and he would be trusting God, in living faith, to work out his problems.

Such a person would be a Christian!

You may not have thought of it that way before, but *happiness is being a real Christian!*

Now what about it? If you aren't living by the principles expounded in this article, why don't you decide to begin doing so right now? You will begin to experience a joy and happiness which you never before thought possible.

"If ye know these things, *happy* are ye if ye do them" (John 13:17) — not only during 1967 but throughout all eternity.

The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER NINETY-NINE

LEARNING TO BE A KING

TO SHOW his appreciation to Abner for helping unite Israel and for bringing Michal to Hebron, David prepared a feast for him and his men. Thus David's first wife was at long last given back to him, and at the same time Abner had the vengeful satisfaction of ruining Ish-bosheth's chances of becoming a leader of Israel.

"All I ask is that you allow me to continue in Israel as an ambassador of good will for you," Abner told David.

Abner, former captain of the Ten Tribes, made the mistake of depending more on politics than on God. "I want to make up for any harm I've caused you, now that I realize how wrong I have been in supporting Ish-bosheth. If you will allow me, I can do much to cement good relations between you and the people who have inclined to look to Ish-bosheth as king."

David approved of this suggestion, and sent Abner and his men out on what was proposed to be a sort of campaign trip in David's behalf. (II Samuel 3:17-21.)

Downfall of Abner

Only a few hours later, Joab and some of David's soldiers returned to Hebron after having pursued and overcome some enemy soldiers. They were jubilant because they had with them many valuable weapons and much food and other spoils they had taken from the enemy. Joab's cheerfully triumphant mood changed abruptly to one of grim seriousness when he heard that Abner had been to visit David, and that the two had come to some kind of agreement after Abner had brought David's first wife to him.



Ish-bosheth sent men to take Michal from her second husband and take her back to David, to whom Saul had originally given her in marriage.

Joab lost no time in getting to David.

Joab disliked Abner because he had killed one of Joab's brothers in battle, and because he assumed that Abner might replace him as David's captain.

"How could you be friendly to Abner?" Joab heatedly asked David. "Have you forgotten so soon that he is your enemy? Don't you remember that he killed Asahel, one of my brothers?"

"Calm down, Joab," David said. "Abner is an opportunist, but he works hard at what he does. He can be of help to me in uniting all the tribes of Israel."

"Abner is a spy!" Joab exclaimed. "He's here to learn all he can from you, and then he'll report it to Ish-bosheth!"

"Abner is no longer here," David explained. "I sent him northward a short while ago to visit the northern areas for me."

Joab stared silently at David, then stomped away to secretly send messengers to overtake Abner and tell him that David wanted him to return immediately. Later, as Abner and his men came back to enter the north gate of Hebron, Joab and his brother Abishai stepped into the road to greet them in a friendly manner.

"Before you enter Hebron, there is something important you should know," Joab told Abner. "Step off to the side of the road with me so that I may tell you confi-

dentially." (II Samuel 3:22-27.)

Abner motioned to his men to remain as they were, and walked aside with Joab and Abishai. Then he saw Joab's right hand whip a dagger out of his shirt — but by that time it was too late!

David Mourns for Abner

Abner was stabbed before he could call to his men for help. Abishai held him up for a few moments so that it would appear to Abner's soldiers that the three were holding a confidential conversation. Abruptly Joab and Abishai leaped away and dashed off to conceal themselves in Hebron, leaving the crumpled and dead Abner to his stunned and angry men.

David wasn't aware that Joab, his army captain, had gone to seek Abner.

When news of this brazen murder came to David, he was greatly perturbed. Immediately he made a public pronouncement that neither he nor his kingdom was in any way guilty of Abner's death. He made it clear that the guilt should be on Joab, and pronounced a curse on Joab and his descendants.

"Terrible diseases, leprosy, boils and running sores will come upon Joab and those who descend from him!" David declared. "They will also be crippled, poor, and the victims of fatal accidents, as God sees fit!" (II Samuel 3:28-30.)

David also told the people gathered to listen to him, that there should be proper mourning for Abner, a dedicated officer who deserved respect.

"And I expect Joab and Abishai to be among the mourners!" David stated, knowing that it would be difficult for the two men, as the murderers, to make a public



Joab was so upset when he learned that David and Abner had become reconciled that he loudly declared that Abner was a dangerous spy.

appearance behind their victim. "They, too, are to tear the clothes they are wearing and dress in sackcloth!"

David followed Abner's coffin to the burial place in Hebron, and gave a short speech at the funeral. There was much loud weeping because of the vengeful assassination.

David fasted a day, though many of his friends tried to persuade him to eat so that he would not feel so depressed. He insisted on fasting a full day, and the people admired him for doing it. At the same time they wondered what he would do to Joab and his brother Abishai. For a man of action, David made a somewhat surprising explanation.

"They have sent a great man to his death," David said, "but even as a king I don't feel that I should deal with them at this time. I shall leave the matter to God, and He will deal with them according to their sins. God shall be their Judge." (II Samuel 3:31-39.)

A Vicious Plot

When Ish-bosheth heard that Abner was dead, he and his followers were very troubled. They realized that his future as a leader of northern Israel was very uncertain, inasmuch as success depended so much on Abner. The strongest men next to Abner were Baanah and Rechab, each a captain of a band of soldiers. But Ish-bosheth knew he couldn't rely on them or expect very much from them because they were inclined to use the manpower they had, to get as much as they could from other people. If he could have guessed what they had in mind for him, he would have been more than just troubled. (II Samuel 4:1-3.) After seven years in their exalted jobs, these two hatched a plot.

One day about noon, when activity was low because of the heat, Baanah and Rechab came to the supply house, right next to Ish-bosheth's quarters. They pretended that they were obtaining some wheat from the army kitchen, but quickly turned into Ish-bosheth's living area. The two men stabbed Ish-bosheth while he was asleep, and after a bit of grisly business that was part of their plan, they hastily escaped to the west and forded the Jordan river that night.

Hours later, at Hebron, the two weary men introduced themselves to patrolling soldiers and asked to see David. When David was told that two of Ish-bosheth's captains wished to see him, he went to meet them at once.

"You will be pleased to learn that Ish-bosheth, the son of Saul your enemy, is dead," they somewhat proudly announced to David.

"Even if it's true," David observed with a slight frown, "there's no reason for me to feel pleased about it. How did he die?"

"We killed him while he was asleep in his bed," was the abrupt answer. "We have brought proof with us so that you will appreciate that we have avenged you, our king, of the offspring of your enemy!" (II Samuel 4:5-8.)

One of the murderers abruptly opened a sack he had been holding, flicking it so that a head rolled out on the ground! David was startled to recognize it as Ish-bosheth's head. But his anger turned out to be greater than his surprise. David realized these wicked men had cunningly murdered their master although he had put great trust in them.

"This miserable kind of a situation came to me at a former time," David said, staring sternly at Rechab and Baanah. "A man came to me at Ziklag to tell me that he was the one who had killed Saul. He expected some kind of reward, just as you two now hope to be rewarded. There wasn't any reason for me to be happy when I learned that Saul was dead. In fact, I was so unhappy that I ordered the man to be executed. Neither am I pleased to see Ish-bosheth's head before me. You claim to be his murderers, so you shall be treated as murderers. Murdering an honest man in his sleep can have only one reward."

Baanah and Rechab drew back in sudden, desperate fear. They never would have shown up in Hebron if they had known that David wouldn't gloat over Ish-bosheth's death. At a signal from David, soldiers moved in to seize the cowering, whimpering killers to execute them.

To show respect for Ish-bosheth, David decreed that



To point out what could happen to any who were guilty of treason in Israel, the bodies of Baanah and Rechab were deprived of their feet and hands and strung up over one of the main streets of Hebron.

the remains should be buried with appropriate honors in Abner's tomb in Hebron. These acts made it plain to the Israelites that David had a strict regard for justice, a fact that created great respect for him. (II Samuel 4:9-12.)

King of ALL Israel

By this time David had been the leader of Judah for more than seven years. (II Samuel 2:11.) Over the years leaders in the various tribes had been turning to David and leading many thousands into allegiance to him. (I Chronicles 12:1-22; II Samuel 3:1.) After Ish-bosheth was murdered, the elders of all Israel assembled at Hebron with over a third of a million men. They reminded David that because all the people of Israel were of the same family, and because David had been a wise and fair leader in the past and the chief under Saul, they wanted to acknowledge him king over all Israel. (II Samuel 5:1-3; I Chronicles 12:22-40.)

Thus God caused matters to come about in such a manner, over the years, that David was at last anointed king of all the tribes. He was thirty-seven years old when this happened. Probably he would have been greatly encouraged if he could have known that he would be king of Israel for the next thirty-three years (II Samuel 5:4-5), though he would have been troubled if he could have foreseen certain things that would happen during those years.

The first outstanding act performed by David as king of all the tribes was the moving of an army against the city of Jerusalem. (All Israel in that day — as today — trusted in their army, instead of God, to fight their battles.) This populous place was within the territory of Benjamin, and though the Israelites had attacked it and set fire to it years previously, the city was still held by stubborn Jebusites, an ancient Canaanite tribe. It was a thorn in Israel that a great city in the center of their country should still be populated by enemies. Besides wanting to drive the Jebusites out of this ancient holy city, David needed the city because it was well situated in a central spot in the nation, and would thus be ideal for a capital.

When David and his troops arrived at Jerusalem, the ruler of the city sent out a sneering messenger to tell David that Jerusalem's walls were being guarded by crippled and blind people because they were strong and capable enough to hold off even Israelite soldiers indefinitely. This was meant to be an insult to David. King David knew that no matter who guarded the walls, Jerusalem would be very difficult to capture because its fortress was built on such a steep summit of a towering hill. Even getting to the base of the walls would be a perilous undertaking. (II Samuel 5:6.)

"The man who thinks of a plan to successfully lead part of my troops through the hidden stairwell from the spring into Jerusalem and opens the gates and then leads

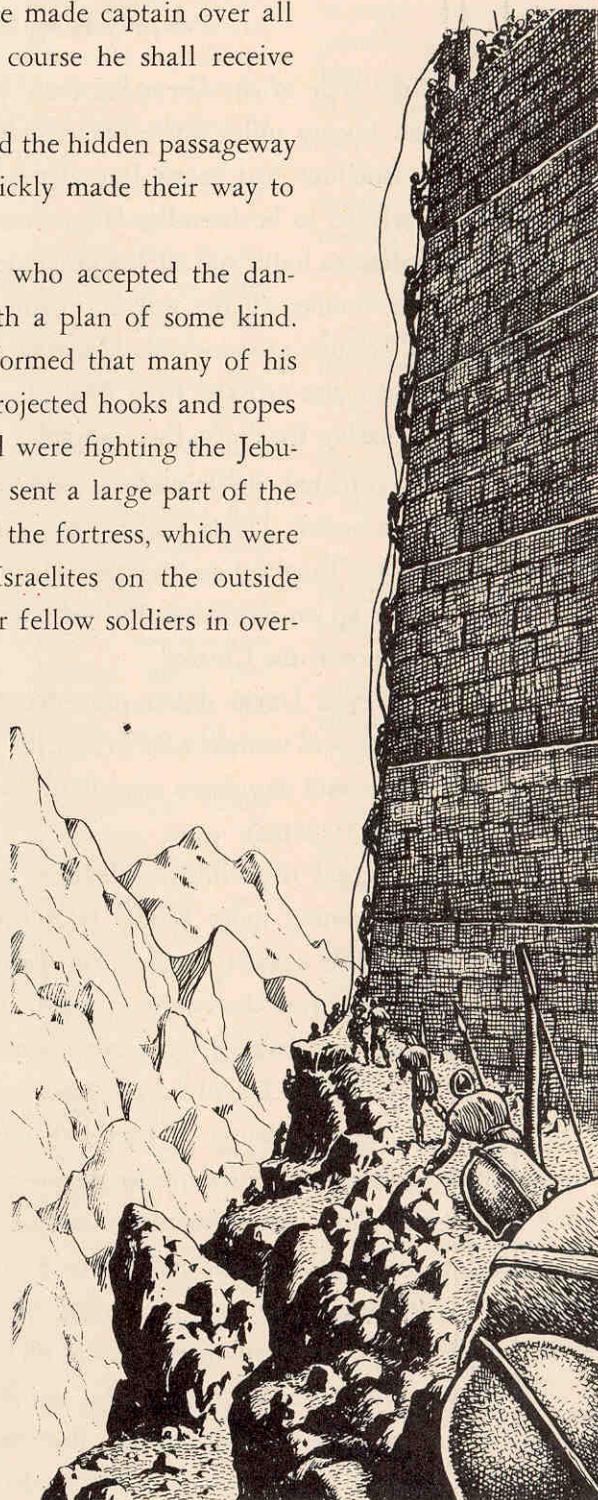
my army against the Jebusites will be made captain over all my troops," David announced. "Of course he shall receive extra pay."

Joab and a picked company found the hidden passageway and made their way inside. They quickly made their way to the wall.

David expected that any officer who accepted the dangerous offer would come to him with a plan of some kind. Only a short while later he was informed that many of his men, using an ingenious system of projected hooks and ropes had successfully scaled the walls and were fighting the Jebusites inside Jerusalem. David quickly sent a large part of the rest of his men to the heavy gates of the fortress, which were opened by his troops inside. The Israelites on the outside rushed through the gates to join their fellow soldiers in overcoming the Jebusites.

When David learned who had directed the successful plan, he wished that it could have been someone else. Joab was the man on whom David had pronounced terrible curses because of Joab's murdering Abner. Because this officer was an able military leader, he had been allowed to continue in David's army, though Israel's leader had little respect for him otherwise. Whatever his feelings toward Joab, David kept his promise and put him in command of all the troops that had come against Jerusalem.

The stubborn Jebusites who tried to hold the fortress, built 2,500 feet above sea level, were either killed or they surrendered. (II Samuel 5:6-10.)



Under Joab's clever leadership, a part of the Israelite army scaled Jerusalem's towering fortress wall and got inside the city.

Friendly King Hiram

At the eastern edge of the Great Sea there was an ancient city known as Tyre, about a hundred twenty miles north of Jerusalem. When Hiram, the king of Tyre, heard that the Israelites had taken Jerusalem, he was pleased. As a gift to David, with whom he wished to be friendly, Hiram sent a group of expert carpenters and masons to Jerusalem to build special living quarters for the king of Israel. He also sent a supply of cedar lumber all the way from the coast. (II Samuel 5:11-12.) David appreciated this gesture of goodwill. His citizens weren't as capable of doing fine construction as were the artisans from Tyre. Israel's many years of trouble had prevented their developing the crafts they needed.

Comfortably situated in Jerusalem, and with his nation constantly becoming stronger and more united, David realized even more fully that God had given him the kingship. He was thankful and humble. He put great emphasis on obeying God's laws. He didn't let up on reminding the carnal-minded nation of the importance and necessity of obedience to the Creator.

Nevertheless, even David didn't immediately overcome a desire to increase the number of his wives, and women who lived with him only as the objects of his carnal affection. Many sons and daughters were born to David by his several wives and concubines. (II Samuel 5:13-16.)

During this period the Philistine leaders were receiving worrisome reports of how Israel was becoming more solidly established under David's leadership. They hadn't been very active against Israel in the past few years because they had hoped that civil strife would cause the twelve tribes to fall apart. At last they realized that if they expected to prevent Israel from becoming a strong nation again, they would have to attack Jerusalem before David's army grew too large.

Reports then began coming to David that the Philistines intended to do away with him even if they had to destroy Jerusalem and the whole army of Israel. David didn't ignore these threatening rumors. Instead, he moved a great part of his army to a rugged region just south of Jerusalem. A few days later he was informed that thousands of Philistine troops were moving through Judah and pouring into the Rephaim valley, a plain extending southwest of the city.

David knew that a battle couldn't be avoided, but he couldn't decide whether to attack the Philistines or wait for the Philistines to attack. He wisely asked God what to do, and inquired if the Israelites could look forward to be the winners in battle.

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1966—THE YEAR OF VIOLENCE!

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tion. Transgression of this basic Law is SIN (I John 3:4). This Law—the very principle of RIGHT as distinguished from WRONG—had, of course, existed from the time of Adam (write for free article, "Were the Ten Commandments in force before Moses?").

You'll find the account of God's delivering of this Law in Exodus 20:1-17 and Deuteronomy 5:4-22. But, beginning Exodus 20:18, you will read the account of God laying down basic laws and statutes of His national civil Government, delivered through Moses.

Then, once God had restated before this vast family of Israelites His basic spiritual Law—the foundational PRINCIPLE for all the national civil statutes, judgments and ordinances—and also basic civil statutes and ordinances, God put it to these people, through Moses, to CHOOSE whether they would accept HIS GOVERNMENT over them.

Notice the completing of the COVENANT—the AGREEMENT between God and this PEOPLE—to form them into a NATION under GOD'S GOVERNMENT.

"And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basins; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, 'All that the ETERNAL hath said will we do, and be obedient.' And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, 'Behold the blood of the covenant which the ETERNAL hath made with you concerning all these words'" (Exodus 24:6-8).

Government Protection Against War

NOTICE CAREFULLY! A *part* of God's PLATFORM OF GOVERNMENT which He laid before the people *before* they became HIS NATION was the promise that HIS GOVERNMENT would protect its citizens from need of going to WAR. That is the OPEN PROMISE OF GOD, which would apply to ANY nation. Later, God offered the SAME government, and its protection and

blessings, to the first WORLD EMPIRE—the Gentile Chaldean Empire under King Nebuchadnezzar—as we shall see. God plays no favorites. He does not bless one nation and harm another by HIS arbitrary choice.

But human nature is human nature—and facts are facts. And humanity had rebelled against God from the beginning—before the Flood, and after the Flood. From the time of the Tower of Babel, men had *organized themselves* into nations, with HUMAN ideas of government—CONTRARY TO God's Laws, and God's government over them. They had chosen *other gods!* Their religions were empty superstitions. And they were WAR-making kingdoms! God had dealt in no unmistakable manner with mankind, ever since Creation!

NO PEOPLE, except a downtrodden SLAVE people in bondage, would have made the CHOICE to say to God, "All that the ETERNAL hath said, will we do and be obedient."

Not only had this enlarged family of Israelites been suffering under the lash of slavery, but God had DEMONSTRATED to them HIS POWER—and HIS LOVE in outgoing concern for them, by delivering them from slavery by SPECTACULAR MIRACLES!

By the miracles in PLAGUES upon the Egyptians, God had freed them.

Human Nature at Work

And HUMAN NATURE? Yes, these Israelites were full of it!

WHY do world leaders, scientists and educators EVEN TODAY reject God, and ply their trades, professions, and interests *as if God did not exist?* God Himself tells us—in HIS WORD to mankind: "Because the carnal mind [human nature] is enmity [hostile] against God: for it is not subject to the LAW of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7).

These Israelites, even while being blessed and delivered by God with MIRACLES, still were rebellious.

Even before they had reached Sinai a chain of significant incidents occurred. After the MIRACLES God had performed in FREEING them from slavery

in Egypt, protecting them, blessing them, FIGHTING their military battle for them, leading them miraculously by a cloud by day and pillar of fire by night, these people began to gripe, grumble, complain and DISOBEY God. Even in face of such incredible MIRACLES, they began, even then, to LOSE FAITH.

These people—600,000 men, beside women and children; perhaps two to three or more MILLION of them—came to the Red Sea. There were no ships, no bridges. They could not swim such a distance. They could not walk on the water. They were STOPPED by this obstacle beyond their own power.

They looked, and within eye-sight, Pharaoh's ARMY was coming after them.

Right here, *before* they reached Mt. Sinai—*before* they heard God's own great voice thundering His Ten Commandments—God *demonstrated* the pattern He would follow in preserving His people from having to undergo military service, or fighting in war, or taking human life!

Here is God's *living* EXAMPLE NUMBER ONE!

Yet even here, the people of Israel, in fright, grumbled, complained, accused—lacked faith in God.

These Israelites had *started* out of Egypt "with a high hand" (Ex. 14:8). "But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, *and his* ARMY, and overtook them encamping by the sea . . . And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out to the Eternal. And they said unto Moses, Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? Wherefore hast thou dealt with us, to carry us out of Egypt? Is not this the word that we did tell thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness" (Ex. 14:9-12).

But God's PURPOSE was not to be defeated. He PURPOSED to deliver them out of Egyptian slavery. He PURPOSED to *show them* and *all nations* and all

humanity that HE would fight their battles for them. So, in spite of their faithless complaining in this initial EXAMPLE of God's faithfulness, He was determined to fight their battle and save them.

"And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Eternal, which HE WILL SHOW YOU today. . . . *The Eternal shall fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace*" (verses 13-14).

The Israelites were not to fight—but STAND STILL! They were to see God save them from Pharaoh's ARMY. God was going to SHOW THEM that He would fight their wars for them! They were to remain at PEACE!

How GOD Fights for Us!

Then God's angel moved behind the Israelites, and the great dark cloud moved between them and the Egyptian army. It held the Egyptian army from attacking Israel all night, but illuminated the way before Israel. Then God parted the waters of the sea, holding them back by divine MIRACLE, so that the waters formed a high wall on both sides, and the Israelites marched across on the dry floor of the sea.

Now notice the dramatic example of how God miraculously fought Israel's battle for them, as recorded in the *Moffatt* translation:

"Moses stretched his hand out over the sea; Then the Eternal swept the sea along by a strong east wind, all night, till the waters parted; the bed of the sea was dry, and the Israelites marched through the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall to the right and left. The Egyptians in pursuit of them went into the sea, all the Pharaoh's horses and chariots and cavalry. And in the watch before the dawn the Eternal looked out from the column of fire and cloud on the Egyptian army and threw them into a panic; He clogged their chariot wheels till they drove heavily. The Egyptians cried, 'Let us flee from the Israelites! *The Eternal is fighting for them* against the Egyptians!' Then said the Eternal to Moses, 'Stretch your hand out over the sea, to make the waters flow back upon the chariots and cavalry of the Egyp-

tians!' Moses stretched his hand out over the sea. Then, as morning broke, the sea returned to its wonted flow, and while the Egyptians were fleeing against it, the Eternal overwhelmed the Egyptians in the middle of the sea; the waters did flow back over the chariots and cavalry, over the whole army of the Pharaoh, which had followed them into the sea, till not a single one of them was left. But the Israelites had walked through the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall to right and left. Thus did the Eternal save Israel that day from the Egyptians, till Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the seashore; Israel saw the mighty action of the Eternal against the Egyptians, AND THE PEOPLE STOOD IN AWE OF THE ETERNAL, BELIEVING IN THE ETERNAL and in His servant Moses" (Exodus 14:21-31).

Yes, for a short while, the spell of AWE still over them, these people actually BELIEVED in God. Trusting God to DO what He has promised requires believing in MIRACLES, you say? OF COURSE! Salvation requires miracles! God is a miracle-working God!

After this miraculous delivery from disaster—from a WAR—a whole army of a then great nation destroyed—those Israelites expressed a little temporary FAITH. With Moses, they sang a song of praise and rejoicing: "I will sing unto the Eternal . . . The Eternal is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation" (Exodus 15:1-2).

But now UNDERSTAND the lesson here!

Egypt is a type of SIN. God was, figuratively in type, delivering these people out of SIN. They were starting out on GOD'S WAY of life.

But, UNDERSTAND!!!—God's way of life requires FAITH. It is a life of OBEDIENCE to GOD. Obedience requires FAITH. We are SAVED by GRACE, through FAITH "and that not of yourselves: *it is the gift of GOD*" (Eph. 2:8). But not by a DEAD faith! It is a LIVING faith that makes obedience possible.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego (Daniel 3) obeyed God's command against idol-worship—but their stout refusal to bow down to Nebuchadnezzar's idol was possible *only* by their

RELiance ON GOD to protect and deliver them. They TRUSTED God (Dan. 3:28). They exercised FAITH—*living faith!* Empty, dead faith—just BELIEVING that God exists—is not the faith that saves. "The demons also believe, and tremble" (James 2:19).

But faith and obedience must ENDURE! The newly freed Israelite slaves, still under the spell of AWE after experiencing such miracles, expressed faith and sang.

But they didn't believe very deeply or for very long. When they came to Marah, they found the water too bitter to drink. This one little problem in their path brought them again to complaining and DOUBTING (Ex. 15:24). Again, by a miracle, God made the waters sweet.

Moses led these people on to the wilderness of Sin—between Elim and Sinai. They had now been gone from Egypt one month. And again, "the whole Congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron . . . and said . . . 'Would to God we had died by the hand of the ETERNAL in the land of Egypt . . . for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger'" (Ex. 16:2-3).

So God *gave them a test of obedience*, along with miraculously providing food. God said, "I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, *whether they will walk in my Law or no*" (Ex. 16:4).

The particular LAW God was testing them on was His Sabbath. And remember, they had not yet reached Sinai. On the sixth day of the week He would provide them with a TWO-DAY portion. On the seventh day, God's Sabbath, He commanded them to rest and refrain from gathering manna. On the sixth day God provided the two-day supply. Nevertheless, on God's Sabbath, some of the people, in a spirit of rebellion, and greedy for gain, went out to gather manna.

"How LONG refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws?" thundered God at them (Ex. 16:28). They were neither *trusting* nor *obeying* God.

The vast Congregation journeyed on

and pitched tents in Rephidim. Again, there was no water. Again they griped, murmured, accused, lost faith, and "tempted the ETERNAL" (Ex. 17:1-2).

Now we come to the CRUCIAL INCIDENT that explains WHY Israel went to war. Regularly they had been grumbling, complaining, accusing, disobeying, LOSING FAITH—in face of constant MIRACLES from God. Now, again, as God performed another miracle, causing water to gush forth out of a rock, the people DOUBTED that God was with them. "...they tempted the ETERNAL, saying, 'Is the ETERNAL among us, or not?'" (Ex. 17:7.)

Now consider what had happened. Repeatedly, God had given these people awe-inspiring and miraculous demonstrations of His intention *to fight their battles for them*. These were VISIBLE miracles, which the people witnessed with their own eyes. God had demonstrated His faithfulness, His POWER, His willingness, HIS WAY! Yet repeatedly, these people doubted, complained, found fault, grumbled. Repeatedly they LOST FAITH. After all of this OVERWHELMING PROOF, these people DOUBTED God's faithfulness—DOUBTED His Power—even DOUBTED His very existence. They disobeyed. They went *the way* of SIN!

In effect, they had their own "God is dead" movement!

At this point, Moses was distraught, his nerves shattered, his patience about exhausted. After all, Moses was only human!

"What am I to do with this people?" Moses appealed to God (Exodus 17:4). "They are almost ready to stone me"!

God answered Moses, had him move ahead of the people, and smite the rock at Horeb with the same stick he had used in the parting of the waters of the Red Sea. Then again God performed a visible MIRACLE—water gushed out of the Rock.

But, at this juncture, Amalek, a Gentile King, came against the Israelites in great strength with an invading army. This time God ALLOWED the Israelites *to write the lesson of experience*. He allowed them to SIN. God does not forcibly prevent humans from sinning.

Moses, at the end of his patience trying to induce these stubborn, rebellious people to believe in and TRUST God, said to Joshua, "Choose us out men, and go out, FIGHT with Amalek" (Ex. 17:9). Lacking the faith to trust God for their protection, Moses feared they would be slaughtered. Although Moses weakened and gave the order for WAR, it was THE PEOPLE themselves who actually had MADE THE DECISION for war, by their utter lack of reliance on God.

It was altogether unnecessary for these Israelites to arm themselves and wage WAR. It was WRONG! It was SIN. But God let the decision be theirs!

This incident was the *turning point*.

It occurred even before they reached Mt. Sinai. It was after this that God laid before them HIS PROPOSITION for them to become HIS nation, ruled by His Government. It was after this that God promised, conditioned on obedience and faith, always to fight their battles for them—to protect them from war—to give them constant PEACE. It was after this that they accepted His Government over them. But already they had shown lack of faith and trust, even during the days when God was DEMONSTRATING His power and faithfulness by so many miracles!

They had experienced a taste of war. They could have—*should have*—turned from it, afterward, and relied on God instead of their own power. But they didn't.

God's PURPOSE Stands!

Even though God ALLOWS humans to make their own decisions—allows them to SIN—allows nations to go to WAR—nevertheless God's PURPOSE must stand! His PURPOSE was to settle these descendants of Abraham in the land He had promised Abraham—"the PROMISED LAND."

God's promise to Abraham, 430 years before, had been made UNCONDITIONAL. Abraham had performed *his* part of that agreement. He had obeyed God, kept God's Commandments and laws. Now God's faithfulness demanded that He plant these people in that land, regardless of their conduct!

These descendants of Abraham had *made their decision* to be a fighting,

war-waging nation. That decision was theirs to make. And since they had made it, God used *them* to do the fighting in driving out the inhabitants illegally possessing the land God had allotted to Abraham's descendants. Consequently God gave orders for *them* to do what fighting—and killing—was necessary to accomplish God's PURPOSE of putting them in the land of Promise!

But that did not make war RIGHT. Whether to DO right or wrong—that is MAN'S decision! These Israelites did not need to fight.

So it was BECAUSE of Israel's faithlessness and disobedience that God ALLOWED them to SIN by taking up arms. And therefore God used them as His instruments in driving out the nations illegally in their land. Even now the Israelites could have REPENTED, *changed* their decision, and trusted God to fight their battles for them.

Nations CAN Choose Peace!

Would it seem preposterous to chiefs of state today, to believe that even NOW, in this new year of 1967, God Almighty actually *would* fight our wars for us—that OUR nations, today, *could actually have* PEACE—and have it *this very year*?

Undoubtedly it would! World leaders today—in ALL nations—have gotten so far from God and God's ways, and God has become so UNREAL to them that it probably would seem ridiculous even to suggest such a thing. The scientists, the industrial and commercial leaders, the educators—yes, and even the CLERGY—have all departed so FAR from God and HIS WAYS, that such a thought could not even enter their minds.

Yet the ETERNAL has not left us without absolute ASSURANCE! He has recorded, in His Word, not only His promises and assurances, but three additional concrete *case histories*—in addition to those recounted in this article—proving that He ACTUALLY DID DO THE FIGHTING for a nation being invaded, when that nation and its rulers TRUSTED HIM.

We will continue this exciting story in the February number.

FIRST FLIGHT

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would be naïve for us to assume that the accidental drowning of Archaeopteryx... marked the beginning of the evolution of birds. It *seems probable* that similar and *possibly* other kinds of primitive reptile-like birds *had already existed* for some millions of years" (*Biology of Birds*, Lanyon, 1963, p. 9).

But even though science *admits* "Archaeopteryx" does NOT mark the beginning of the IMAGINED "evolution" of birds—the evolution of birds IS NEVERTHELESS BASED ON "ARCHAEOPTERYX"!

Search the writings of ornithologists on the subject, and you find them REPEATEDLY citing "Archaeopteryx" as their MOST VALUABLE SINGLE PIECE OF "EVIDENCE."

And what a STRANGE theory. To suppose that the amazingly complex and wonderfully constructed creatures of FLIGHT came from the lumbering, ungainly CREEPING creatures of earth—this is STRANGE!

As evolution admits, "STRANGELY, few people would suspect that the closest living relatives of the birds are crocodiles"! (*Ibid.*, p. 8.)

True—FEW PEOPLE WOULD EVER suspect such a STRANGE thing—because all the combined powers of observation, comparison, deduction, reason and logic put together with the actual EVIDENCE would PROVE OTHERWISE!

"Archaeopteryx" was a *strange creature*. But nowhere near so strange as the theories about his *place* in the fossil record.

Scientists really DO NOT KNOW what "Archaeopteryx" *was*.

It does not *fit* the rigid classifications of known creatures—but then, neither do many KNOWN creatures. Look at the duck-billed platypus, for example. Appearing to be part duck, part otter, part beaver, this strange creature *lays eggs*, and then suckles its young, like mammals! What kind of a ridiculous picture would an artist conjure up if a platypus had been discovered as a FOSSIL form of life?

But the platypus is not a fossil. He's merely an extremely UNUSUAL creature—therefore "difficult" for evolutionists to "classify." But he's FULLY developed, PERFECTLY formed, and completely "adapted" to his environment, because he was MADE that way.

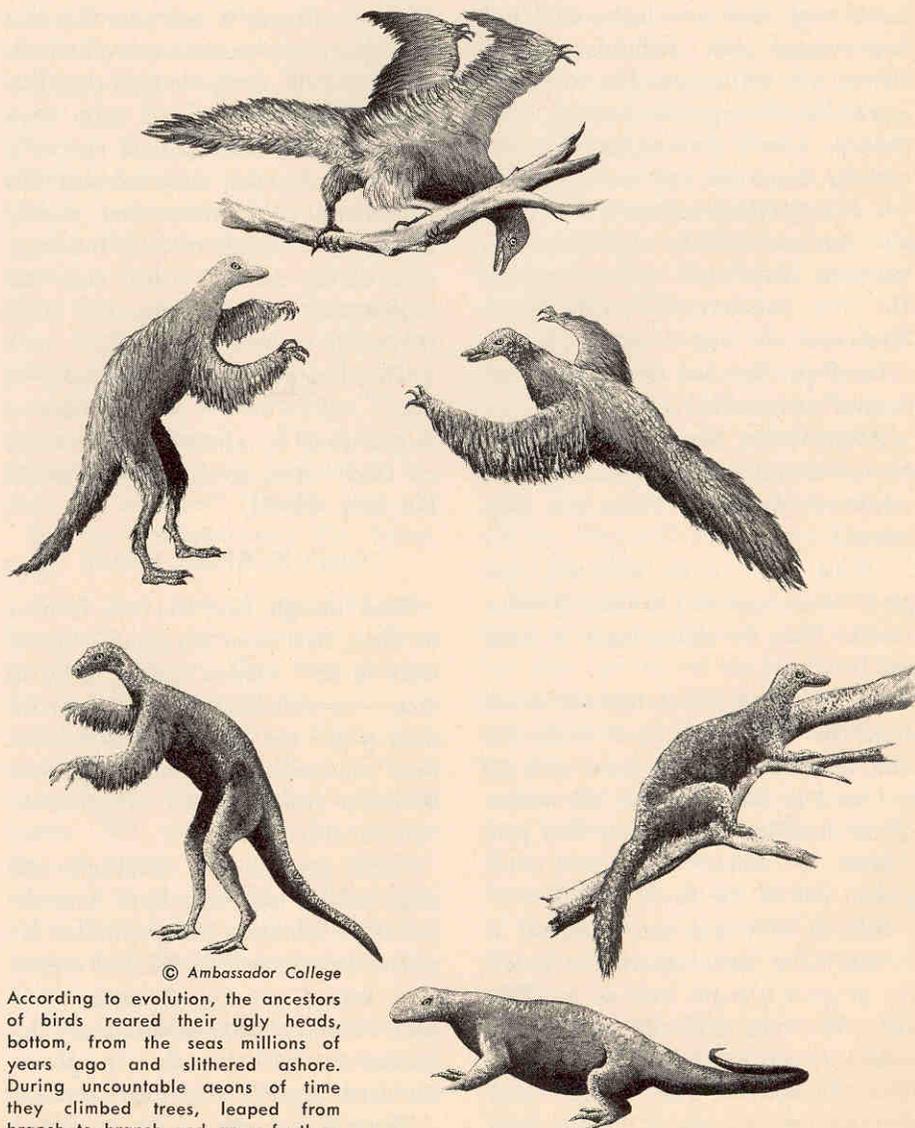
Listen to this admission!

"There is no justification for making 'Archaeopteryx' the progenitor of all subsequent birds," says one scientist, "for it would be an extreme coincidence if the most ancient bird, so inadequately represented in the geological record, were indeed so fortunately placed in the evolutionary picture. The preservation of 'Archaeopteryx' is almost certainly *due to its instability*," continues the amazing admission—and please PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO THAT FACT—"to the fact that,

having left the shelter of its trees [it has never been proved "Archaeopteryx" flew!] in a high wind, it was borne over the Solnhofen lake and was drowned in the comparatively quiet waters near the shore" (*Biology and Comparative Physiology of Birds*, edited by A. J. Marshall, 1960, pp. 11-13).

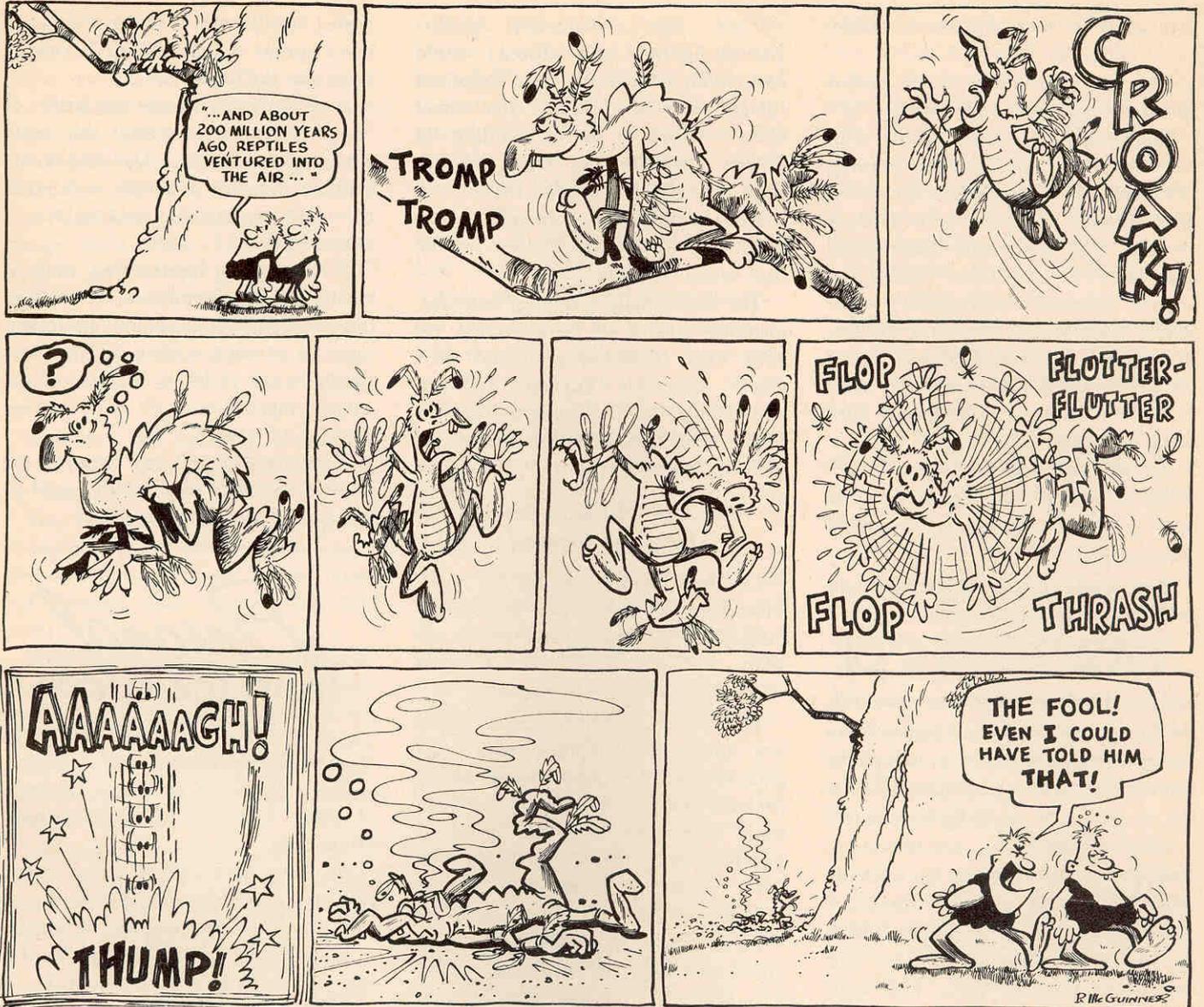
But carefully consider *this!* If "Archaeopteryx," a "fully developed" species, having clearly defined FEATHERS, was admittedly downed by a "sharp gust" and so preserved as a fossil form, then how about the dozens and dozens of INTERMEDIATE species NOWHERE NEARLY so "equipped to fly" as "Archaeopteryx"?

To simplify matters, let's go back in our imaginations (since the whole story of evolution is purely imaginary, anyhow) and try to speculate about the



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According to evolution, the ancestors of birds reared their ugly heads, bottom, from the seas millions of years ago and slithered ashore. During uncountable aeons of time they climbed trees, leaped from branch to branch and grew feathers till they at last became birds, top.



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first, "almost" "Archaeopteryx." Our little creature (let's call him "Archy" for short—since he's not yet developed into a "full-fledged, feathered "Archaeopteryx") Archy is tired of sitting on his perch, a swaying limb, to which he had laboriously struggled with his claws and beak.

Up to this point, neither Archy nor any of his relatives had been successful in flight. Archy remembers dear old Uncle Willie, and all his brothers and sisters, and so many other relatives who had been leaping to their deaths from cliffs, pinnacles, towering rocks, trees, and shrubs. And then there was dear old aunt Martha-opteryx (meaning, "Winged Martha"), who, when she attempted to flutter through the tightly woven limbs of a thorn tree, lost all

her feathers, and had been wearing an old discarded snake skin ever since.

But, Archy is undaunted. In spite of repeated failures, he knows he is destined, somehow, to fly! He's never SEEN anyone fly, mind you. His feathers aren't long enough, and his "reptilian-like" bony structure is too heavy, and he's aerodynamically unsound. But fly he must—or so science guesses.

So, as a steady gust shakes his limb, he stretches out his ancient, bedraggled (bedraggled, since he's been dragging them along the ground, up through mazes of brush and trees, and has never used them in actual flight) feathers, and with an ancient "CROAK!" of triumph, leaps into the air!

FLOP! FLUTTER! THRASH! CRASH!

RIP! TEAR! STRUGGLE, STRUGGLE, STRUGGLE! AAAAAAaaaaaaaaaggggh! Serene quiet. Archy is dead.

He died of broken wings, a sprained back, a broken neck, crushed skull, and fractured feet.

Actually, Archy never existed! He couldn't have—since his ancestors weren't "equipped" to survive!

But let's go back to the admissions of scientists about "Archaeopteryx"—and his poor powers of flight! It makes MUCH more sense and is FAR MORE LOGICAL that, just as "Archaeopteryx" MAY HAVE BEEN downed by a gust—HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS of his more POORLY EQUIPPED ANCESTORS broke their necks, drowned by the thousands, fell by the ten thousands, and piled up in veritable massive, fossil

graveyards in their disastrous, feeble, futile efforts to fly!

And if true—the fossil record would ABOUND with such evidence.

You would see fossil lizards with just a TINY HINT of a feather, growing from one elbow. You'd see dozens of other strange creatures, with feathers growing from their tails, their knees, and their heads. There would be broken, sprained, bedraggled, water-soaked feathers ALL THROUGH the fossil record—since evolution would have you believe the development from scales to feathers took MILLIONS and MILLIONS of years!

But why not look at it in REVERSE? What if, as the first "feathers" made their appearance on lizards, they were UNWELCOME?

How would YOU feel about a stupid feather growing from your tailbone?

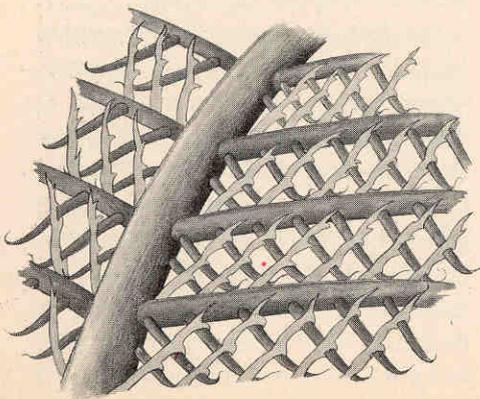
Probably—a little weird! Probably, you'd PLUCK IT OUT! (After all, people shave and shave and shave—and still the hair grows back—and people burn, and electrocute, and shave, and pluck, and even remove whole patches of skin, just to get rid of unsightly body hair.)

How would *any* self-respecting, slithery lizard feel when he suddenly found FEATHERS on his forearms? Think of what kind of feathers they'd be, with him dragging them in and out of holes in the rocks, over logs, into lakes and rivers, up thorn bushes, and across sandy deserts!

He'd probably tear the things out with his teeth in sheer frustration!

A greatly magnified artist's view of a feather! Each tiny member firmly interlocks with the other, making the feather one of the most powerfully built, yet lightest structures!

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Then the evolutionary process (which has not been proved) would have been halted at this ridiculous "stage," and to this day, you would observe dejected lizards, pulling at broken "feathers," or trying to rub them off against brush and rocks.

No—evolutionary thought just DOES NOT HAVE THE ANSWER for the true origin of flight!

The fantastically complex, beautiful, inspiring species of birds around us, with their breathtaking ability, their almost incredible migratory powers, and their SPECIALLY built bodies just CANNOT BE EXPLAINED by millions of tons of MISSING EVIDENCE!

Vast DIFFERENCE Between Birds and Reptiles!

Certainly, many creatures lay eggs. Crocodiles do. Birds do. But so do duck-billed platypuses, and so do insects.

But here, the similarities stop!

The huge, powerfully built, scaled and armor-plated reptiles, with their gigantic jaws, their meaty, bony, powerful tails, and their weathered, wrinkled, thick leather-like hides are about as FAR from being the "closest living relatives" to our birds as they can be!

Think of it!

Birds have tiny, fragile, porous AIR-FRAME skeletal structures. They have air sacs through their bodies, which act as "extra lungs." They have a rapid heartbeat, with rapid metabolism. They have a myriad of *different kinds* of beaks, claws, wings, and heads—each for a SET, SPECIFIC and very SPECIAL PURPOSE!

Man will stop at nothing—no matter HOW preposterous it seems—in his attempt to explain the marvelous CREATION without a great and Wonderful CREATOR!

One of the GREAT PROOFS OF GOD is DESIGN! It is FAR more logical to point to egg-laying, bony frames, and various similarities in characteristics in ALL creatures, as proof of ONE GREAT DESIGNER, who utilized ONE GREAT MASTER PLAN in His Creation, than to say one "evolved" from the other!

When you view a row of similar buildings, you observe they were de-

signed by the SAME ARCHITECT—you don't reason the little ones "evolved" from the big ones.

And when you see the similarities in "nature" you are seeing the SAME SELF-EVIDENT TRUTH! One GREAT ARCHITECT designed ALL LIFE—CREATED IT—PUT IT ON THIS EARTH FOR A GREAT PURPOSE!

What a truly breathtaking study it would be if, throughout ornithology, the wondrous, warm, loving, and often-times HUMOROUS wisdom of GOD were taught to our children, in place of the empty suppositions of the no-God theories of today!

Next month, we'll see some of the positive MARVELS in the bird world—and you'll be *inspired* by them!

Personal from the Editor

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chest. It is referring to man's NATURE—his attitude, or spirit, or tendency of MIND. It is referring to his natural CHARACTER!

But HOW does God go about *changing* this deceitful, wicked NATURE—this "heart"—this attitude of MIND?

WHAT is the Gospel Message for doing that—for giving "salvation"?

Jesus began His Gospel Ministry and teaching, saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand: REPENT ye, and BELIEVE the Gospel" (Mark 1:1, 14-15). Two conditions He said WE must perform, REPENT, and BELIEVE!

On the great day of Pentecost when Peter had received God's Holy Spirit, he explained the WAY of salvation: "REPENT, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

Again, same teaching: Two conditions—REPENT, and BELIEVE. To "be baptized" is the outward ceremony of the inward BELIEVING. Example: The eunuch said to Philip, "See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, if thou

BELIEVEST with all thine heart, thou mayest" (Acts 8:36-37).

Yes, TWO conditions. That, WE must do. Then GOD does the "saving" — the converting. God GIVES His Holy Spirit.

But now HOW does one REPENT? What does the word "repent" MEAN? The dictionary definition is, "To change one's MIND." "Godly sorrow worketh repentance" (II Cor. 7:10). This is done in and by the MIND!

Paul was concerned about the MIND. He said: "Let this MIND be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5).

How does one BELIEVE, in order to be "saved"? One must BELIEVE with the MIND.

The very last words of the apostle Peter's letters were: "But grow in grace, and in the KNOWLEDGE of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (II Pet. 3:18).

What is the FOUNDATION of knowledge — the *starting approach* to wisdom? "The fear of the ETERNAL is the beginning of wisdom: a good UNDERSTANDING have all they that do His commandments: His praise endureth forever" (Psalm 111:10).

Speaking of the Spiritual GIFTS — which God gives to His begotten children — to the heirs of salvation — we read this INSTRUCTION to the MIND:

"Now concerning spiritual gifts, Brethren, I would not have you ignorant." Through Paul, GOD says He does not want us to be IGNORANT — but UNDERSTANDING and KNOWLEDGABLE of MIND! Continue: "... Wherefore I give you to UNDERSTAND, ... Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. ... For to one is given by the Spirit the word of WISDOM; to another the word of KNOWLEDGE by the same Spirit; to another FAITH by the same Spirit..." (I Cor. 12:1, 3, 4, 8-9). The MOST IMPORTANT of all the spiritual gifts which God gives His people are, first of all, WISDOM; second in importance, KNOWLEDGE; third, FAITH. These all are imparted to the MIND!

Jesus Christ said that we should actually LIVE BY "every Word of God" — that is, every word in the Bible (Luke 4:4). How may we do that, unless we allow God's Word to speak to, and instruct our MINDS?

What does STUDY mean? Do we "STUDY" with our MINDS — or our hearts? We find this INSTRUCTION and TEACHING: "STUDY to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth" (II Tim. 2:15). That is a COMMAND! One can STUDY, and *rightly* divide the Word of God *only with his MIND!*

God teaches — yes, COMMANDS! — that the Scriptures are to be STUDIED — with the MIND. Otherwise, how could we know God's WILL for us? So we find *this* command: "Wherefore be ye not unwise, but UNDERSTANDING what the will of the Lord is". (Eph. 5:17).

What a tragedy that so much of this world is DECEIVED.

MILLIONS have been deceived into a FALSE "salvation," inoculated with the spiritual poison that "salvation" and the "Gospel" are concerned only with a sanctimonious mental anesthetic, shutting up the MIND to God's real TRUTH, accepting the counterfeit of a sentimental "feeling" of piety.

And other MILLIONS have been conversely deceived into supposing that this ethereal impractical, irrational superstition of these professing but deceived "Christians" constitutes the teaching of the Bible. So *these* millions, in vanity wanting to be considered rational, and educated — regarding themselves as *thinkers* — throw away the Bible without so much as an examination of its contents.

BOTH, these "pious" sentimentalists, and these "intellectuals," are DECEIVED! Going off in opposite directions — to the opposite extremes from the TRUTH, they are both headed for the same ultimate destination, unless there can be a mind-opening!

The Bible is the very SOURCE of RATIONALISM, of basic TRUTH. Also it is the very SOURCE of the only TRUE Gospel and genuine SALVATION. Surely it is the Book almost NOBODY knows!

What, then, IS the Holy BIBLE?

It is the revelation of that BASIC all-important knowledge which is otherwise utterly inaccessible to the mind of man — the knowledge of WHAT man is; of WHY man is; of the true values; of THE WAY to peace,

happiness, abundant well-being, success, and of ETERNAL life.

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What our READERS SAY

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Man, Coventry,
United Kingdom

• For years, *The PLAIN TRUTH* has warned of a THIRD power bloc in the world which will supersede Russia as the greatest threat to peace! As a sleuth, you receive an "F."

GERMANY

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ing power and urgency today. When are we going to WAKE UP?

If we should fail to warn you of the meaning of world events, your blood would be on our heads!

But you *are* being warned through the pages of the magazine you now hold in your hands!

God requires *you* to decide whether to seek Him and His protection — or go the way of the world around you. God has provided a way of escape from the coming catastrophe. Will you heed?

Before you do another thing, sit down and write for the free article: "There is a Way of Escape!" It will open your eyes to the truth!

PROPHECY *comes alive*

IN TODAY'S WORLD NEWS

As the world careens around the calendar into the new year, the prospects for world peace look grim. 1967 threatens to be a continuation of 1966, only more so. Yet world peace is coming — in a manner and at a time few expect!

This decade has become the age of WAR — guerrilla war, undeclared war (which is war nevertheless), and the threat of nuclear war. Few realize that the greatest prophet who ever lived — Jesus Christ of Nazareth — revealed that *just before* world peace breaks out all over the earth the world today would be exactly as we find it. "And ye shall hear of wars and *rumors* of wars," Jesus said. "For nation shall rise against nation and kingdom against kingdom..." (Mat. 24:6, 7). And then would come The Wonderful World Tomorrow! But look for a moment at today's world.

The Vietnam Fixation

The biggest and most publicized war today is the growing conflict in Vietnam. This interminable struggle now threatens to spill over into northeast Thailand.

But other potential "Vietnams" are brewing elsewhere in the world. Never have "rumors of war" been so prolific as right now.

The Middle East is once again a swirling, seething cauldron of charged emotions. The Arab-Jew crisis has again come to the fore. Jordan, other Arab states are incensed at Israel's recent punitive raid on a Jordanian border village. Iraq, Syria are in a war of words over a vital oil pipeline. While they argue, 20 percent of Europe's oil supply is shut off.

At the southern tip of the Arabian peninsula, the ugly situation in Aden grows worse by the day. Nasser-trained

agents have turned Aden and its surrounding area into a land of terror. The British insist they will pull out of Aden by 1968. But who will take their place and fill a dangerous vacuum of power? It is obvious for all to see that any government which takes over is doomed to collapse into the hands of Arab extremists.

1968 is definitely the deadline for peace in Aden!

In Africa

Across the strategic *Bab el Mandeb* sea gate from Aden, serious conflict is developing in East Africa. The Somali Republic, flexing its muscles with Soviet arms, is coveting the territory of tiny French Somaliland. "Self-determination for all Somali peoples" is the slogan — or rather the verbal disguise for aggression.

The Somalis are openly demanding huge slices of Ethiopia and Kenya. Other Somali kinsmen live in these two areas. The situation has now become so serious that a total trade and communications break has developed between Kenya and Somalia. Along their border is a strip of "no-man's-land" *fifteen miles wide!*

The United States has promised Ethiopia jet fighter planes to counterbalance Soviet MIG-19s on their way to Somalia. In almost every new world conflict the big powers are drawn in, seemingly often against their will!

An entire issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH* couldn't begin to explain all of Africa's equally serious threats to peace. One is the Rhodesian crisis.

Another finds Portugal engaged in a three-front guerrilla war in its African



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Elements of the rag-tag Angolan rebel army at reveille. Portuguese government is attempting to quell insurrections in all three of its African possessions.

possessions of Angola, Mozambique and Portuguese Guinea. This little-heard-of war is costing Portugal 40 percent of her annual national budget. Over 100,000 Portuguese troops are tied down — 20,000 in tiny Portuguese Guinea alone. This West African enclave is certainly one of the world's most obscure battlegrounds.

Now — An "Arms Crawl" in South America

A low-keyed arms race (dubbed an "arms crawl" by some) is developing in South America.

Argentina's purchase of 25 outdated American jets in 1965 started it off. This alarmed Argentina's age-old antagonist, Chile. Chile then contracted to buy 21 British jets. Peru has now ordered 24 more-advanced British models. Now Brazil wants to buy 100 jets from Germany or elsewhere. Venezuela is said to be "re-evaluating" its air force needs.

Once again the United States is caught in the middle. Washington is striving to become the sole supplier of air arms. It can thus "control the escalation," as the argument goes, by parceling out a few jets here, a few there, and so on.

Throughout Latin America a veritable Pandora's box of problems could erupt at any given time.

Venezuela has been under martial law for weeks. An invasion of Haiti by disgruntled exiles is imminent.

And based in Miami, Florida, alone, are revolutionary groups aiming to overthrow FIVE Latin American governments!

And border disputes?

You wouldn't *believe* the utterly absurd border claims some Latin countries have against their neighbors. Venezuela claims that *two thirds* of newly independent Guyana is "historically" Venezuelan territory. To make it worse, Surinam, on Guyana's eastern flank would like a portion of the remaining third.

Ecuador and Peru have a long-standing border squabble. Bolivia wants the Antofagasta region back from Chile.

It's almost laughable. But what if these claims are backed up with modern jet planes and other sophisticated weapons?

Said one U. S. correspondent covering Latin America: "The entire area is a time bomb that must be defused."

Europe Too

Even in prosperous Europe a border clash is escalating. This time it's Austria and Italy. At issue is Italy's troublesome South Tirol district, once a part of the old Austrian Empire. The German-speaking Tiroleans demand eventual reunion with their former homeland.

Almost each night brings new reports of blown-up power stations, or of explosions in Italian police barracks. The once-lucrative tourist trade in the beautiful, Italian Alpine area is nearly dead.

What a pity men refuse to live at peace with each other!

Yet strange as it might seem, there WILL come an end to this dizzying round of continuous strife and struggle among men and nations. And that in less than 10 years!

How?

Our brand-new, beautifully illustrated booklet tells how. It's entitled: "THE WONDERFUL WORLD TOMORROW. *What It Will Be Like.*" Write for it. It's absolutely free!



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Arab soldiers of the Aden Federal Army crouch at their machine gun post on the rocky slopes on the border separating the Aden Protectorate and the Yemen. The barren frontier has been the scene of many border clashes between the Aden Army and raiding Yemeni tribesmen. The whole Aden Protectorate includes the Crown Colony of Aden as well as the East and West Protectorates of 23 sheikdoms. Britain annexed it in 1839.

IN THIS ISSUE:

★ 1966—THE YEAR OF VIOLENCE!

WHY do wars, riots, violence, escalate — with NO HOPE in sight for PEACE? World Leaders DO NOT KNOW! They DO NOT KNOW that they could pull out of the war right now — and have PEACE in full security for the future. Read THE ANSWER in this eye-opening article. See page 3.

★ THE FABLE OF THE FIRST FATAL FLIGHT

Millions of years ago, according to evolution, our fine feathered friends, the birds, reared ugly, slimy heads from fetid seas, and slithered ashore. Over uncountable aeons of time, they climbed trees, leapt from branch to branch — and gradually grew feathers! As time kept passing they “learned,” says evolution, to hover, glide, soar, flutter, and even fly backward! BIRDS CAME FROM REPTILES! Or so say the textbooks. But is such a theory LOGICAL? Can it be PROVED? Read, in this eye-opening article, about a “fowl” hypothesis — one for the birds! See page 7.

★ INSIDE COMMUNIST ROMANIA

Continued, in this issue, is an eye-opening report of a 2,500-mile tour behind the Iron Curtain by editors of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Here are the FACTS about the new nationalism sweeping Romania. See page 9.

★ WHERE IS GERMANY HEADED NOW?

The alarming results of German State elections and the recent crisis in Bonn have drawn world attention to Germany. Here is an on-the-spot report from our Regional Editor in West Germany. See page 20.

★ WITH DE GAULLE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC

What is behind the secret French atomic program in the Pacific? This informative article reveals the surprise answers. See page 23.

★ HOW YOU CAN BE HAPPY

Many will wish you a happy new year without giving it a second thought. Happiness is elusive. But YOU can have a happy year ahead. Here is how! See page 29.

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