"The great hour of the Europeans has come again!"
— Kiesinger
Our READERS SAY

August Issue

"As a teacher of history, I find the articles on current world affairs very interesting and educative. They provide material which I use in my actual day-to-day teaching." 

Peter W.,
Steinkopf, South Africa

Education in Chaos!

"As a teacher, I am well aware our educational systems are repeatedly producing a high percentage of 'defective citizens' while making no attempt to correct its errors. Your recent articles on education ought to be required reading for every school administrator. Educators and laymen alike interpret 'freedom of religion' as meaning 'freedom from religion.' There is a vast difference!

"The United States was founded by men seeking religious freedom — freedom of religion. They said, 'In God we trust, and all men are created (not evolved) equal.' You could well produce an article regarding the religious ideals of these men — atheists none! Students today are taught that 'life is an accident,' yet they are told to find a purpose in life. Does this make sense?"

John V.,
Syracuse, New York

No Anti-semitism

"This is just to say that you are the first Christian magazine that I have read, that is not, in some way, anti-semitic. I am a very religious Jew, terribly proud of it, and very proud of Israel and everything it means to me. I first took your magazine about a year ago, and was amazed to find no slander against the Jews. I have not found any since then either. This is just to say thank you; we need the understanding of Christians like yourselves."

Miss Gail L.,
London, England

* The PLAIN TRUTH is neither anti-semitic, nor anti-Arab — but is anti-hate and anti-prejudice. You will never read slander in The PLAIN TRUTH.

Evolution

"...I do believe in evolution, but not a strictly scientific one. I believe in a God-directed evolution. Isn't it conceivable to you that God could have breathed the 'breath of life' into a being that was the result of centuries of evolving? Perhaps the 'breath of life' means our soul and not our life-sustaining powers. In our modern, scientific world to be ignorant of the facts of evolution is to be out-of-touch with reality. I'm sorry, but I am unable to support an organization that takes the Bible literally."

Robert E.,
Nampa, Idaho

* To our knowledge, we have not asked you for support — and as for being out of touch with reality, evolution takes the prize every time.

Greatest Book Ever Written

"The PLAIN TRUTH is the greatest magazine I have ever read. All of my children have taken a very big interest in them. During school the teacher asked what was the greatest book ever written, my little boy put the Bible. He got a whipping plus an 'F' for six weeks. It was supposed to have been Darwin's book on evolution. From then on I have taught my children what God said and what people are trying to do to destroy God. The magazine sure helps."

Mrs. Robert S.,
Anacoco, Louisiana

* Teacher, take note: "Who's shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his

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Personal
from the Editor

All my life I have had to deal with businessmen. I still do. Sometimes I wish I didn’t.

In the business world there is one goal—profits—and, universally, the end seems to justify the means. Too often human nature overlooks the slogan of the Rotary Clubs: “He profits most who serves best.” Of course, even this slogan implies the profit motive.

For some years I was a member of the Associated Advertising Clubs of America, through the Advertising Division of the Chicago Association of Commerce. The Ad Clubs have the slogan: “TRUTH in advertising.” That slogan, too, sounds nice. Too bad it is not more often put to practice.

It seems to be the accepted custom for advertising copywriters to consider, not the facts, or what is TRUTH, but what they can say that will cause the public to buy. It would simply never occur to the average copywriter to ask what are the real facts about the service or the commodity he is pushing before the public.

Ad copy goes something like this: Any doctor will tell you that aspirin is aspirin. (There are not two or more kinds of aspirin. Iron is iron, tin is tin, calcium is calcium. Aspirin branded and sold by one company is practically the same as aspirin sold by all other companies.) So one company puts a higher price on its aspirin, and then the voice on the TV commercial says: “. . . and our aspirin is the BEST aspirin.” Literally that is truth—technically. Every other brand is “the best” aspirin also, because they are all exactly the same.

Then another pharmaceutical company adds two additional ingredients, and then says to the public: “Nine out of ten DOCTORS recommend the ingredients in our brand. It is like a doctor’s prescription—that is, a combination of ingredients.” This leads the viewer or listener or reader to assume that nine out of ten doctors actually recommend this brand instead of aspirin. Notice, it does not literally say that at all. But it is deliberately misleading, because people will carelessly read that meaning into it. Literally, every word may be true. Perhaps nine out of ten doctors do prescribe, for other purposes and with other combinations, these particular drugs—though not necessarily combined with aspirin.

But nine out of ten doctors do not recommend this particular brand, though they might not disapprove it. So then company number one comes out with the statement that nine out of ten doctors do, themselves, take aspirin—which may well be true. But this gives you an idea of the tactics used.

The operation of The Plain Truth, the World Tomorrow broadcast, and Ambassador College, has become a large worldwide activity, involving, now, an expenditure of millions of dollars annually. Consequently many businesses want to do business with us. Sometimes I have to wonder if they think that, because we speak the truth of Jesus Christ, we are naïve, inexperienced in business, and “easy pickings.” Sometimes I think they themselves are a little naïve for assuming this!

All too often great energy is expended in the attempt to convince us they are going to serve us better, and save us money, when actually all that talk comes, not from a sincere concern about us, and deep-down desire to help or serve us, but solely from concern about the profit they expect to get from us.

I met a sales manager of a good-sized manufacturing firm once, who had that philosophy. Because he sent out his salesmen with one thought only—
the profit his company would make from their sales, he supposed that any salesman who came to his office had the same motive. I may have written about this incident before, but it bears repeating. It was the sales manager of a Grand Rapids furniture factory. I was probably about 26 at the time. It was long before my conversion.

But even then I had quite a different concept of salesmanship than most salesmen. I actually believed in being completely honest about my product or service. I believed I always ought to be able to give more than I received — that is, to sell only what was worth more to the customer or client than the money he paid. Of course, the money was worth more to me, so I figured it was a bargain for both of us. But this philosophy was based on God's great Command to love our neighbors as ourselves — that is, as much as ourselves.

God's Great Law does not oppose loving our own selves. It simply commands us to have equal love for the other fellow — and that will be a lot of love for others!

Of course I don't now remember the exact words. But when I entered his office, this sales manager said something like this:

"So you've come in here to try to sell me some advertising space so you can make a commission off of me. Well, I'm a hard nut to crack! Now let's see if you can crack me. Go ahead with your spiel!"

Instantly I was righteously indignant. I was red hot! My fist came crashing down on his desk.

"My dear sir!" I snapped, "I came in here assuming yours is a reputable company. I supposed you were an astute businessman who wouldn't sell your product to any customer unless you believed it was worth more to him than the money he pays you. I assumed you wouldn't buy any advertising space unless I could show you it is going to pay you! And I came prepared to present the facts to demonstrate that! I didn't think you were a fool! But if you are putting the philosophy you just expressed into practice — if you send out your salesmen, with a 'spiel' you've taught them, intended to talk suckers into buying a worthless product, so you can make a profit, then, Mister, you haven't got enough money to buy a single inch of advertising space in any of my magazines!"

This was said with blazing fire, and it rather unnerved him.

"Well," he stammered, embarrassed, "won't you sit down?" He was ready to listen. I had made surveys, done research, analyzed his sales problem, and I did have the facts and figures. I had assembled data for the writing of honest and truthful advertising copy that would lead to sales and profits for his company. He did sign my contract on the dotted line. And the advertising did build business for his company, and benefit his customers, besides.

Why can't businessmen realize that honesty, truth, intelligent service to customer or client benefit everybody concerned, and that they pay bigger dividends than misrepresentation, lies, deception, and the purely selfish motive?

Sure, it takes a little harder, conscientious work. It means putting your mind to your customer's or client's problem, with the motive of benefiting him. It follows the principle of God's law — loving your neighbor as yourself. And what does love mean? Love is an outgoing concern. It means, in business, simply, being as concerned with the interests and welfare of the people you do business with as yourself, and applying your mind intelligently and industriously as much to his interests as your own.

When I first joined a banker's magazine as advertising representative, one of these high-pressure, fast-talking salesmen was also on the staff. Actually, at the end of the first year, he had sold slightly more business than I. The publisher lauded his work.

"All right!" I answered, "you just watch results from now on. Every man he sold space to probably woke up after he left, and regretted being high-pressured into buying it. There was no intelligent thought or planning put into any of these many small ads he put in the magazine. They won't get results for the advertisers. He won't be able to renew a single contract. I had to work a little slower this year, because I made surveys — I studied the selling problems of my clients, and in most cases I actually rendered the additional service of writing their copy for them. It has been getting big results. It is building the businesses of my clients. And they, in turn, are pleasing and satisfying their customers. Everybody benefits. My advertisers don't feel 'stung' or 'gypped' by high-pressure and deceptive sales talks. I have made warm friends of them. They will renew their contracts. They will keep on with us for years. This year, I will sell as many or more new advertisers as last year — and they will be added to what I sold last year. Your high-pressure man will sell less this year than last, and he can't renew the people he sold last year."

It happened. He dropped out, for the publisher saw, in due time, that his methods were not making friends, but enemies — and, as Elbert Hubbard said, our enemies don't do business with us.

My sales philosophy was that a customer is worth much more than a sale.

In this world businessmen generally seem to assume that God's way is some impractical altruistic way that won't work. Too many seem to feel that they must lie, misrepresent, take advantage wherever possible, get the best of every deal. They justify it by shrugging their shoulders and saying, "It's business!"

But it's dirty, dishonest and impractical business! It doesn't pay! I proved that, before God Almighty ever called me to conduct His business! We try to conduct God's business God's way! This work of God is built on the unselshful motive. We give Christ's gospel freely — without money and without price! Our hearts are in serving others with deep-down and sincere outgoing concern for others. And this work, consistently, for 30 years, has continued to grow at the rate of 30 percent per year! Do you know any worldly business, with the selfish profit motive, that has grown that rapidly, that consistently and that long? Surely not many!

Do you actually live by the prin-

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IS THE UNITED STATES OF EUROPE COMING SOON?

What's ahead for Europe now? With the Communist threat in Czechoslovakia and Romania, is European unity soon to be a reality? One powerful figure in Germany keeps hammering away on complete European political integration. He is Franz Josef Strauss — and some say he may be Germany's next Chancellor.

The sudden — and unexpected — Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia has struck new fear into Western Europe. The tensions of the Cold War have once again been revived.

The Fear of Russia

Europeans have lived much, much closer under the shadow of Russia's threat than Americans can realize. Western Europe never again wants to endure what she did in the '50s — the almost constant threat of Cold War becoming Hot War.

To find Europe becoming a totally integrated political power; to find Eastern European nations emerging in full industrial, economic, and eventual political union would be met with shouts of joy and exuberance in Western Europe. It would mean an end to the hated wall — an end of a tense, seemingly endless Cold War, and an end to Walter Ulbricht's Communist regime in East Germany.

While nationalistic feelings die hard — or perhaps not at all — most Europeans recognize it is utterly impossible to conceive of Europe going backward. To retreat now, today, behind the old

Franz Josef Strauss, leader of the Christian Socialist Union speaks during their convention in Munich, Germany.
walls of national jealousies, ethnic differences, suspicions and prejudices would be disastrous for Europe.

The transcendent call today is for unity.

West Germany's Finance Minister, Franz Josef Strauss, has emphasized again and again the need for a powerful, federated Europe. If there is any one word you will read in Herr Strauss's book, The Grand Design, it is the word "unity." Many Europeans believe — and Strauss in particular — that Europe's ultimate defense against the Communist threat lies in the possession by a United Europe of its own nuclear deterrent.

Obviously, with the cooperation of European nations in Euratom, and the fact of the French bomb, Europe could — if Communist pressure continues — very quickly become one of the huge nuclear powers of the world.

Critics of Herr Strauss have said that while he mentions "atomic power" continually — he never once uses the term in connection with its peaceful uses. Perhaps so. But to Strauss, dynamic spokesman for a united Europe, the atom symbolizes the only natural and obvious answer to any Soviet or Chinese threat — and an absolute prerequisite for a huge industrial power in the present world.

But the reasons for Europe having a powerful nuclear force are even more obvious in Strauss's view than in many other Europeans' views.

It is argued that free Europe plays the role of an industrial giant and a political dwarf. In the face of Soviet pressure Western Europe would be politically helpless. Repeatedly, one reads that this is an "unhealthy" situation.

What German Leaders Are Saying

I was in Munich for the convention of the Christian Socialist Union recently, together with members of our television crew and PLAIN TRUTH photographers. The featured guest speaker at the convention, held in a rambling fairground, Munich's "Ausstellungspark," was to be Kurt Georg Kiesinger, Chancellor of West Germany.

Most observers expected the speech of Franz Josef Strauss to be the real highlight of the convention.

Strauss has made no secret of his political opinions and beliefs. Many of his followers see in Herr Strauss the answer to growing problems in Germany. An outspoken advocate for a United States of Europe, Mr. Strauss has repeatedly insisted Germany should not remain dismembered — left to dwell under an American nuclear umbrella in a world of potential violence — a world in which Germany wields massive economic and industrial weight but utters only a whisper politically.

In the beginning pages of his book, Mr. Strauss said, "this malaise... could be resolved by a massive drive to achieve, step by step, a European political federation. A United States of Europe with its own nuclear deterrent under supranational control..." (Emphasis mine throughout.)

The sickness of Europe he described as political stagnation — the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in disarray, and the move toward European unity floundering.

Strauss Puts European Union First

But Strauss insists German reunification is only part of the picture. He has continually stressed the fact that Europe is divided — and that the German problem must be seen in European context. He sees German reunification as accomplished through European reunification. This would be done by the tearing down of the Iron Curtain that has separated ancient neighbors by a false political barrier — accomplishing what appears to Europeans to be the only logical solution to the lessening of tensions in the cold war.

He points out how Europe lies dismembered, not only Germany.

He said, "Any attempt to bring about German reunification on a national basis is not only doomed to failure but threatens the cohesion of both the European and the Atlantic world. The division of Germany must be seen in its proper context of a divided Europe... Germany must therefore desist from making a special case out of its sun-dered territory and brothers and seek for its solution as part of a general European settlement!"

Look at it from European eyes for a moment.

Europe has, traditionally, been the fulcrum around which the world balance of power has been built. Today, Europe remains the really important point in the present balance of power. The Vietnams of the world — nettlesome, worrisome and divisive though they may be — are nevertheless only comparatively minor in their ultimate impact on the whole course of history when compared with Europe.

Today, Europe is on the move. From the very beginning, Germany has led a vital industrial and economic resurgence that has led Europe to heights of material strength never before realized.

Seeing the marvels of German technology, the glittering shop windows, the sleek Mercedes (only a few years ago, Volkswagens were the preponderant automobile on most cities' streets — but today more than 50 percent of the Volkswagens are exported to the United States alone — while more and more Germans drive the finer, more expensive Mercedes) and the well-dressed people, one receives the inescapable impact of prosperity, wealth, even marked affluence.

For example, in my travels I carry with me a fine tape recorder, made in Germany. Our cameras recording events for THE PLAIN TRUTH are mostly German made. The presses printing THE PLAIN TRUTH and the many booklets we publish are mostly made in Germany.

Today, Germany is the second largest trading power on earth!

For years she has been the third largest industrial power, behind only the United States and Russia, until recently Japan edged past West Germany to gain third place. Germany has the willingness to work, the industrial and technological know-how, and the capacity to emerge as the greatest giant of industry and power the world has ever seen — not by herself, but as part.

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SHOCKING PREDICTIONS are being voiced by psychologists and other professional people. "Are we," asks The Observer, London, "the last married generation?"

British psychologist James Heming, in Marriage Guidance, official organ of Britain's Marriage Guidance Council, predicts engagement rings are doomed, and weddings will be rituals of the past. A mass-circulation London paper publishes a series, beginning under a screaming two-page headline: "Is MARRIAGE OUT OF DATE?"

What's Happening?
Anyone making such predictions a few decades ago would have been considered crazy — or idiotic. Even now, such statements are shocking.

Until the last decade or two, marriage was the long-established taken-for-granted custom. To question it would have been unthinkable. Of course, a very few remained unmarried. But for people as a whole it was one of the three great events of life — birth, marriage, death. Young men and women approaching adulthood looked forward naturally to marrying, as normally as breathing air. What girl wanted to become an "old maid?"

WHAT'S HAPPENED?
The changes that led to it didn't happen in a 50-day period. It has developed in a surprisingly short fifty years! But moral concepts and standards have changed so gradually and steadily during that half century that people generally were hardly aware of what was happening. And conditions during these years have been punctuated by the jarring effect of two world wars, a prolonged "cold war," emergence through the machine age, the atomic
age, the jet age — and now, the space age!

Society has taken all this in stride, unshocked, undismayed. And no one today seems conscious of just how staggering is this moral collapse into what is deceptively labeled the "new morality." It is as if society has been anesthetized into unquestioning acceptance of a degenerated attitude toward sex and marriage that would have been shockingly revolting, had it been introduced suddenly.

When I was married, in 1917, the marriage was "until death do us part." Chastity was still the demanded ethic of society. Any girl who gave in to premarital sex had "lost her honor." She was "damaged goods."

Parents followed the tradition of "keep our children innocent and pure through ignorance until marriage — and then," they supposed, "instinct will teach them what to do." But instinct did not teach them. Humans did not come equipped with instinct. Humans must be taught. But they were not taught. Their parents had not been taught, and probably were bungling their marriage. And besides, even had the parents known what to teach their children, it would have been too embarrassing. Sex was supposed to be shamefull, if not positively sinful.

When we were married, my young wife and I sought in vain to purchase a book that would provide technical instruction in sex, pregnancy and child-birth. But it was illegal, then, to publish, sell and distribute printed instruction in the area of sex and marriage.

The Floodgates Open

After World War I the legal bars were removed, and morals toppled also. The floodgates opened to an avalanche of sex literature. Gradually the prudish morality relaxed, and society became inoculated by the immoral "new morality."

Something was criminally wrong with this tidal wave of sex literature. It revealed only half of the vitally needed knowledge — the physical, biological half. And even that from a materialistic sensual approach. The "authorities" who produced this new flood of sex instruction were themselves ignorant of the true meaning and PURPOSES of sex and of MARRIAGE!

Actually, this whole toboggan-slide of morals probably was triggered by Sigmund Freud, founder of psychoanalysis. Freud attributed neuroses and many nervous and mental disorders to sexual repression and ignorance. The old morality that had come through the Middle Ages regarded sex as shameful, degrading and sinful. Not merely the wrong use outside of marriage — but the human body itself was suspect.

Of course reproduction in marriage had to be tolerated. But, the chaste "fathers" of second and third century "Christianity" wondered, why couldn't the Creator have thought out a more decent and less shameful way to preserve the human race?

So the western world had sex repression. Wives, kept ignorant of proper sex knowledge, often were virtually raped by their equally uninstructed husbands. In angry frustration, husbands accused wives of selfish frigidity. Wives by the millions suffered a sense of guilt when forced to give in to their husbands, and labeled all men "brutes." Of course the husbands were not brutes. They were merely ignorant.

This repression and ignorance rendered about nine in ten marriages unhappy. Divorce seldom resulted, due to religious convictions and the economic dependency of wives on their husbands.

So Freud attributed the neuroses, and nervous and mental disturbances, to this sexual repression and ignorance. His idea of a solution was to reverse the definition of sex. Since the "sex is sinful" attitude caused all the troubles, why not reverse the definition, and call sex GOOD? — any use of sex, in or out of marriage! If repression, self-denial and ignorance caused neurotic disquiet, reasoned Freud and his followers, let's emancipate the people from restraints — create a "NEW morality," and educate the people in sex knowledge.

So, in a one-generation plunge, civilization in our world has swung to the opposite extreme of the moral pendulum. Premarital sexual experience is no longer being discouraged. Modern teen-age girls are being "emancipated" from the old taboos.

Nothing is more needed, today, than a VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS to speak out against this sudden moral collapse, and enlighten the world with the MISSING HALF of the knowledge about sex and marriage. The world has been given the physical and biological half. But it has come from a materialistic viewpoint, IGNORANT of the real MEANING and PURPOSE of sex and of MARRIAGE!

Neither the old repressive morality nor the so-called "new" — which is cesspool immorality — is the TRUE morality. The TRUE morality will bring happiness, joys and blessings! The world seriously needs the true knowledge that no author, until now, has made available. They need, not only the physical and technical details about
sex. They need, also, a knowledge of the purposes of sex — and of marriage!

But, being ignorant of these purposes — and of right uses that would bring rich blessings, joys and delights — the psychologists now are questioning even the time-honored sacred institution of marriage!

If Freud, his colleagues and immediate followers, questioned the desirability of marriage as a universally accepted institution, they precipitated no public crusade for its abolition. It is only now that psychologists are breaking into print with their astonishing predictions about marriage becoming obsolete. This questioning of the desirability and continuance of the marriage institution is merely the natural result of the radically changed concept and conduct in morals.

The Freudian "enlightenment" started the toboggan-slide in morals. This drift of immorality has accelerated until the current moral collapse is staggering almost beyond belief. It is fast becoming a greater threat to the survival of civilization than the hydrogen bomb.

Concurrent with this new promiscuity in immorality is another phenomenon. Women are deserting the wifey and motherly profession of homemaking. They are becoming salary and wage-earners, and gaining financial independence. I have mentioned two reasons why, until forty or fifty years ago, few unhappy marriages were terminated by divorce: religious convictions, and the economic dependency of wives. But religious restraints have relaxed, and wives are becoming self-sufficient.

Unbelievable? No, It's TRUE!

The actual state of morals in the world today are almost unbelievable! Immoral acts are not often entered into under bright floodlights in public. The existing condition is therefore much worse than reported. But the known facts may seem incredible.

No one would have believed it could ever be possible fifty years ago. Perhaps two World Wars and changing conditions have stupefied us into moral insensibility. But what follows ought to be shocking, even today! For, realize it or not, this trend sounds the death knell of civilization.

As a "cure" for what's ailing matrimony, here were serious suggestions from professional men: "Healthy adultery" to make wedlock more tolerable; trial marriage for a five-year period; or a premarital "apprentice period" for testing compatibility. These "serious suggestions" were advanced about a year ago by two speakers before the convention of the American Psychological Association in Washington, D.C.

The suggestion that adultery may be just what the family circle needs to make it "slightly more tolerable," was advanced by a New York psychologist. "Healthy adultery," he said, is better than mah jong or television.

And just what is "healthy adultery"? Well, said the psychologist, a "healthy adulterer" has the ability to carry on an extramarital affair without destroying his marriage and family relationships. "Hordes of healthy husbands and wives," he added, "become involved in extramarital affairs." Apparently he did not state what often are the tragic results.

In England, it is reported, there were 43,000 divorces in 1965 — an increase of 50% in five years. But the United States leads in divorce.

In the last 100 years, U.S. population increased 400% — but divorce 7 times the population increase. That illustrates what I have said above. A hundred years ago, marriage was "until death do us part." Even 50 years ago, we had not departed alarmingly from that concept. But now, there is an American divorce every 1½ minutes! Millions of Americans are now divorced or separated. Each day more than 1,000 divorce decrees are granted — or about 400,000 a year — affecting hundreds of thousands of children.

One of the basic causes of divorce is the deterioration in modern dating and courtship practices. "Going steady" is a 20th century American invention. Now girls as young as eleven and twelve are beginning to "go steady." Many teen-agers do not date enough of the opposite sex to know whether they are really properly mated and in love. Going steady too often degenerates into sexual experience, often resulting in pregnancy and an abortion, or a premature "shotgun marriage." Dating has become a lost art.

When I dated a girl, I wanted to get to know her. Usually there was a challenging, scintillating conversation. We discussed things worthwhile. Today a date means, too often, a mind-dulling ready-made daydream in a movie, sex-arousing "necking," or other sense-pleasing, time-wasting pursuit.

Today, in the U.S., 40% of the brides are between 15 and 18. In half the cases the parties have known each other only a short time. One out of two ends in divorce within five years! And 42% of them — nearly half — resulted from premarital pregnancy! Nearly 300,000 (known) illegitimate babies are born now in the U.S. every year. One out of every 14 births is illegitimate. (Among non-whites it's one out of four.) 40% of illegitimate babies are born to girls 15 to 19.

Pregnancy is the number one health problem among teen-age girls, says Dr. Enrique Leon Matta, Jr., director of the Maternal and Child Health Division of the Dade County (Miami, Florida) Department of Public Health. "And," he added, "venereal disease is ranked number two." Two big factors in the problem, he said, were "going steady," and easy accessibility to use of cars.

Here is the result of one study of promiscuous illegitimacy: Of 100 unwed teen-age mothers studied in Connecticut (U.S.A.), from their first pregnancies in 1959, to 1966, 95 continued to have up to five illegitimate children. Only nine had married, and 60 were living on welfare.

The American Medical Association reports that every day 1,500 U.S. teenagers and young adults are infected with syphilis, gonorrhea, or both. In 1961, the U.S. Surgeon General formed a task force of experts to study the VD plague in the U.S. Since then, yearly infections have tripled! Some areas are up 800%. There are now approximately 1,700,000 new cases of VD every year. And, note it! — an increasing percentage of VD (especially
The United States Average

1 of 3
MARRIAGES ENDS
in DIVORCE

Hollywood—Los Angeles Average

1 of 2
MARRIAGES ENDS
in DIVORCE

among youths) is caused by homosexual contact!

What do teen-age girls look for in a mate? In a survey, the most frequently mentioned qualities sought were: "Good looking," "Cool," "Smooth dresser," and "Exciting."

A noted painter is reputed to have said of his own marital failure: "Marriage is a dull meal following the dessert"—following premarital sex!

A New International Sickness!

Now sweeping the world is a new international social sickness—homosexuality!

This most revolting of all immoral practices is spreading, is organized, is pushing for public acceptance!

I quote from a London newspaper report: "The [former] Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Geoffrey Fisher, tonight spoke in the House of Lords in support of a change in British law to make homosexual acts between consenting adults in private no longer a criminal offense. The Archbishop said the right to decide one's own moral code and obey it, even to a man's hurt, was a 'fundamental right of man given to him by God, and to be strictly respected by society and by the criminal code.'"

Dr. Fisher ought to have known that the Biblical teaching is that sin is the transgression of God's inexpressibly holy and holy spiritual law, summed up in brief by the Ten Commandments—that one of them labels homosexuality, fornication, adultery or other sex act outside marriage a capital sin. He should have known that Biblical teaching nowhere permits man to decide what is right or wrong. God has revealed what is right or wrong. He allows man to decide whether to sin—affirming that as a man sows, so shall he reap!

Some clergymen argue falsely that the Bible nowhere condemns fornication (premarital sex) or homosexuality (sodomy). Repeatedly, in the strongest language, the Bible condemns these things—as any clergymen ought to know!

I quote here just one of many such Biblical condemnations: "Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind [homosexuals]... shall inherit the Kingdom of God" (I Corinthians 6:9-10). Members of the clergy ought to know why Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed.

It is reliably reported that homosexuals are organized—and that they are waging a determined campaign to seek out, seduce, and "convert" to this loathsome perversion child "converts."

In Human Events, September 29, 1960, a report by R. G. Waldeck stated: Homosexuals, "by the very nature of their vice... belong to a sinister, mysterious and efficient International. Welded together by the identity of their forbidden desires, of their strange sad needs, habits, dangers, not to mention their outrageously fatuous vocabulary, members of this International constitute a worldwide conspiracy against Society. This conspiracy has spread all over the globe; has penetrated all classes; operates in armies and in prisons; has infiltrated into the press, the movies and government cabinets; and it all but dominates the arts, literature, theatre, music and television."

Said the Wall Street Journal (New (Continued on page 46)
COLLEGE IS A RIOT!

Defiant, rebellious students have turned college campuses into smoldering battlefields on an INTERNATIONAL SCALE! As the new school year begins, educators ask: Why do they do it? We give the answers in this article!

by Vern L. Farrow

Look at what happened to education just this past school year.

Dateline Paris: Mobs of rioting university students took to the streets screaming "To the barricades!" With that chilling echo of revolutionary days, they temporarily brought the entire nation of France to a staggering standstill.

Dateline Berlin: Rampaging gangs of rock-throwing, club-swinging radical university students clashed with police. Shrieking "American murderers get out," they precipitated street violence unknown in Germany for twenty years!

Dateline London: Restless throngs of militant university students defied the police, the government and educational policies.

Dateline New York City: Hundreds of boisterous students seized and held a dozen major buildings at Columbia University. Chanting "Student power — student power — student power," they arrogantly defied all attempts of authorities to dislodge them.

Rude Awakening

And so it goes around the world! Dateline Brussels — Stockholm — Warsaw — Rome — Madrid — Tokyo — Rio—! Anywhere on the face of the earth where communities of students are gathered — watch out — there is unrest, turbulence, and trouble brewing!

As in the legend of Rip Van Winkle, the older generation has suddenly been awakened from a twenty-year sleep. The pleasant dreams produced by comparative calm and growing affluence have been rudely shattered. Middle-aged custodians of the "power structure" around the world find their authority...
challenged at every turn. A militant, rebellious, contemptuous younger generation has seemingly exploded from nowhere to upset the status quo and thumb its collective nose at the "establishment."

These young firebrands are in a hurry. They are demanding — not merely petitioning. They are acting — not merely talking. They have rejected as archaic and ineffective any notion of due process or democratic procedure. They have reverted to uncivilized and illegal acts of physical violence, intimidation, and extortion to force submission to their demands.

Make no mistake, a power struggle of unprecedented scope, magnitude, and importance is developing. And, no matter what the variety of stated grievances, at the bottom of it all is the crucial question of authority!

But, these students are of widely divergent nationalities and races. What commonality can they possibly have? What binds them together?

Languages Differ but Philosophy Is the Same

Whether black, white, brown, or yellow, college students in this last third of the twentieth century are schooled in the philosophical errors of skepticism, relativism, scientism, and materialism.

They soon learn that views which do not support a mentality of systematic doubts, uncertainty, and suspicion toward all knowledge, authority, morality, and ethical values are likely to be ridiculed as hopelessly "primitive."

They are told to "liberate" their minds from the shackles of authority. As a consequence, absolutes, rules, laws are to be rejected as restrictive of personal "freedom" and thus become the targets of revolt.

What is the effect of this college indoctrination? As you might expect, these "activists" seem incapable of rising above childish truculence and utter rejection of nearly everything. They demand the inconsequential, but seldom propose changes of real intellectual substance.

They claim they want to remake the university, society, the world, but they don't know how. "Nobody," said Governor Hughes of New Jersey, "can tell what these students want. Their demands are vague and they only seem to be challenging society."

They denounce the values of the older generation, yet they have no clear statement of values with which to replace them.

They want to get rid of existing governmental structures, but feel no responsibility for workable alternatives. "We must destroy society in order to save it," they passionately proclaim. So, without either blueprint or competence to assure any kind of sane reconstruction, they violently go about their crude efforts at demolition!

They yell about everything — more classrooms, smaller classes, a voice in university governance, free sex in college dorms, abolition of campus rules, legalization of "pot," authority to hire, fire and evaluate professors, abolition of the ROTC, Vietnam, and the irrelevance of college courses. But, they offer no intelligent programs.

They are strictly "aginners" — "agin" everything — immature, negative, destructive, confused by heads full of phoney philosophy, foggy ideals, and vanity! As one publication put it: "The new college student . . . would like to be able to believe in something or someone, but as a matter of principle virtually rejects the possibility." (The Student in Higher Education, The Hazen Foundation, January, 1968, p. 20.)

Here is a common bond. College students around the world share a fellowship in this philosophy of rejection — in the legitimization of anarchy! And pursuit of what they deem to be their inalienable right of individual authority is virtually sacred!

Disobedience Equals Freedom and Reason?

College students are encouraged in this misguided idiocy by many of the most prominent and respected scholars in the academic world.

In his book Psychoanalysis and Religion, famed psychoanalyst and social philosopher Erich Fromm wrote: "Human history begins with man's act of disobedience which is at the same time the beginning of his freedom and development of his reason." Think about that! Disobedience leads to freedom and reason? Fantastic! Yet college students literally idolize this man. "The popularity of Erich Fromm," reports Current Biography Yearbook 1967, "especially among university students and professors, has led some observers to speak of a Fromm cult."

It should not be surprising that his best selling book The Art of Loving is virtually the "hippie" Bible!

But what is the essential message in all this? It is nothing less than the philosophy of "anti-authority!" It is an undisguised, irrational justification for indulging in license in the name of freedom!

And what are the results? Listen to this: "I'm interested in anything about revolt, disorder, chaos . . . It seems to me to be the road to freedom!" (Time, November 24, 1967.) Sounds suspiciously like Dr. Fromm's remarks, but that's rock and roll idol Jim Morrison parroting the lesson his generation has learned so well!

Yes, we have reared an upside-down-and-backward generation that believes obedience to constituted authority is an unbearable yoke of bondage while disobedience equals freedom!

Colossal Temper Tantrums

Have you ever watched a typical two- or three-year-old when his immediate desires are thwarted? As the frustration builds he is so totally without self-control and so completely filled with lust and a desire to have his own way that he quickly explodes into a screaming, kicking, unrestrained terror.

How like the gyrations of students on college and university campuses around the world. In France they were called "the enraged ones." Elsewhere they were described as "angered," "frustrated," "incensed," "savage," and "mad."

They sobbed, screamed, cursed, and attacked in all directions. Why? Because their grievances (real or imagined)
were not receiving immediate attention. Like immature children they came "un­
glued" emotionally because instant solutions were not forthcoming — be­
cause the world didn't come to a screeching halt to placate them! In short, they vented their frustration in massive temper tantrums!

No doubt some student grievances are legitimate. Nevertheless, it is interesting that when asked why they are striking, demonstrating or protesting, their answers are invariably vague. Clearly, the root cause of their frustration lies in an undefined antagonism against authority.

They will not be told! They will not be ruled or restricted! They demand unlimited right to do whatever they want, to whomever they want, whenever they get good and ready to do it. In short, they want absolute power over their environment — and they want it now! What is more, if they don't get it, their response is to have another tem­
per tantrum.

Realistically, we should not be shocked. The present series of explosions should not have come as a surprise. The fuse was lit long ago. "Experts" who completely misunderstood human nature persuaded parents and teachers alike to swallow the monstrous fallacy that authority is bad!

Child psychiatrist Rudolph Dreikurs, for example, counselled parents, "... the word 'must' should be stricken from your vocabulary. It deprives the child of the sense of being a free agent, of acting voluntarily and framing his own des­tiny" (The Challenge of Parenthood, p. 85). What is this if not utter abdica­
tion of parental responsibility?

And, to teachers he gave this dismal word of advice: "It is no longer sufficient to lay down the law; the teacher cannot gain compliance just because she is right... children no longer yield to the pressure of authority" (Psychology in the Classroom, pp. 45, 51). What did this accomplish but to discredit teachers and sound the death knell of discipline in the schools?

Following this kind of advice has produced an attitude of contempt for responsibility, order, and authority among today's youth. Result? We are confronted with a generation who rebel at the slightest encounter with authority. And the great tragedy is that America has irretrievably exported this permiss­ive balderdash to the ends of the earth!

From Tantrums to Organized Rebellion!

But what began as temper tantrums — spontaneous upwellings of undisci­
plined emotion — has now shifted to full-blown revolutionary movements un­
der articulate leadership.

Few of the students who riot in Ger-
many, France, Italy, the U.S. and many other countries would profess allegiance to anarchy. Probably few really comprehend the ominous significance of the word. Yet, thousands of these politically naive students — "idealistic followers" — are fervently giving their support to virtually treasonous causes under trained and dedicated radical leaders.

Germany's "Red Rudi" Dutschke and France's "Red Danny" Cohn-Bendit openly espouse anarchy! "In theory," says West German political scientist Wolfgang Andendorf, "the students are a species of Marxists, but in practice they are anarchists." (Time, May 24, 1968).

Not since the Spanish Civil War has the Western world seen a movement with leaders so diabolically devoted to
the destruction of law, order, and society in the name of unlimited individual freedom!

In America, as one after another institution of higher learning has capitulated like falling dominoes, "student power" leaders have become more visible and more arrogant. As one leader of the militant "Students for a Democratic Society" admitted: "The true aim of the rebellion is not ending the war in Vietnam, or civil rights, but rather student control of universities!" Further, in a recent report, the House Committee on Un-American Activities said: "Key leaders of the SDS have given open support to guerrilla warfare in the U.S." But just what guerrilla warfare has to do with the improvement of colleges and universities is extremely obscure!

Yes, the purpose in America and abroad is to destroy any and all institutions of the "Establishment" presumably in the belief that out of chaos a better world will somehow emerge! Incredible!

Some have called the trend "healthy." A writer for the newspaper Il Corriere della Sera in Milan, Italy refers to the student ferment as the "mystique of youth." Others have equated the turmoil with goldfish-swallowing, panty-raids and other college fads of yesteryear. Could rioting and rebellion be merely the present generation's bizarre form of subcultural recreation?

Don't you believe it! Make no mistake, this nation — this world — is in for unbelievably troublous times ahead.

No, the problem of student radicalism will not fade away!

Whether rampaging Zengakuren students in Japan, extreme left-wing Extra-parliamentary Opposition students in West Germany, neo-anarchist students in France, militant communist students in Italy, or radical Students for a Democratic Society in America, we have only seen the beginning!

Indeed, as Raymond M. Mombiose, Deputy Attorney General for the State of California has predicted: "... it will become more acute, for in the future, demonstrations and certainly acts of civil disobedience will no longer be spontaneous and unprepared. More and more they are well planned by highly efficient, well-organized groups" (College & University Business, May, 1968, p. 126).

**Reactionary Backlash — The Lesson of History!**

You may be asking yourself: "If this growing rebellion and violence is going to continue, where will it end?"

The answer from history is crystal clear! Whenever the pendulum of social behavior swings too far to the left to anarchy and revolution, then authoritarian, yes, even totalitarian reaction almost invariably follows! It is a veritable law of human nature. And we are now hearing that warning from one leader after another.

Swiss economist and psychologist Eugen Boehler warned of a revival of nationalism and totalitarianism. He wrote: "We may be headed for a new type of 'totalitarian' rule. In the end, the mass of the people is likely to get tired of anarchy and lawlessness and may prefer a 'strong' government that puts an end to revolutionary violence." But remember, a government strong enough to put down anarchy and revolutionary violence is likely to be a dictatorship!

In his commencement address at UCLA on June 14, 1968, chancellor Franklin D. Murphy voiced a similar caution: "The record of anarchy throughout time" he said, "is an exercise in futility... History records that it often becomes the ultimate polarizing force leading to totalitarian rule." George F. Kennan, former U.S. Ambassador to Russia decried the contemporary political devices of blackmail, intimidation and violence used by radical student groups. "It represents," he said, "a frame of mind that can lead, if the entire previous experience of mankind is to be credited, only to... dictatorship."

From Washington Star foreign correspondent Crosby S. Noyes comes this warning: "Since anarchy and violence cannot be indefinitely tolerated, the state must cope with it in one way or another. Police rule — excused today as a temporary necessity — could easily become a permanent fixture" (Los Angeles Times, June 4, 1968).

And from one of the world's leading psychiatrists, Dr. Bruno Bettelheim, University of Chicago, this assessment of the growing climate of rebellion and its potential outcome: "Any society in history that has destroyed itself has acted this way [lawlessly], and if our society permits violence and lawlessness to run rampant, the result will be either revolution or fascism — take your choice!"

But what choice will we make? What choice will other nations make? Will the world continue the present pell-mell course into all-out revolution? Will a majority revulsion toward violence and disorder ultimately bring about an equally savage reaction and repression of all dissent? What is going to happen?

**Outcome Known in Advance!**

Would it shock you to be told that continuing and spreading student rebellion in Europe is going to play a key role in precipitating the formation of the most awesome dictatorship in human history, a powerful ten-nation totalitarian system that will overshadow and destroy, economically and militarily, the English-speaking nations of the world?

Would it shock you to be told that increasing student rebellion and violence in America and Britain will finally contribute to the utter paralysis and disintegration of these societies which are already sick morally, spiritually, economically, and physically?

Well, incredible as it may sound, these things are going to come to pass before your very eyes! That's right. The news wires are going to continue clattering out flaming datelines from all around this seething globe. But you needn't wait until it happens. You can know in advance how various nations will react to the escalation of rebellion. You can know tomorrow's headlines today! You can know the outcome of the perilous days just ahead — NOW!

Believe it or not, the graphic and absolutely reliable account of events you will soon be living through is contained in the prophecies of your Bible! And you can understand those prophecies. We urge you to request our free book entitled the United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy. You need to know! Today!
S O C I A L A N D P O L I T I C A L R E V O L U T I O N S are now sweeping the earth. A worldwide revolution in the climate is affecting the world's food supply.

But the most catastrophic revolution is not on earth! It's beginning to take place UNDER the earth's surface! Yet most have never read or heard about it!

Surprising Antarctica

Ice-covered Antarctica is an ideal location for scientific study about earthquakes. It is one of the most seismically quiet areas on the earth.

For this reason scientists have gone to Antarctica to detect and measure — without local interference — the shock waves from earthquakes occurring elsewhere.

One such scientific outpost is manned by scientists from Argentina, Chile and Britain on Deception Island which is located about 600 miles south of the southern tip of South America.

December 1967 will long be remembered by these scientists! It was then that scientists noted a strange sight. The penguins and skuas gulls that breed on the rim of Antarctica were abruptly leaving their rookeries. These birds are often described by scientists as being the most stupid of the bird family.

Four hours later the scientists found out why the birds had fled. It was then that the scientists felt the first earth tremor. A supposedly "extinct" volcano on the island suddenly and violently erupted! The scientists fled for their lives!

Had this been all, then perhaps the event would not be significant. But there is much more to it!

Scientists had believed that volcanoes in Antarctica were dead — not merely dormant. Until early last year all reference works could only point out one active volcano in all of this southernmost continent. But, in January of 1967 New Zealand geologists revealed the amazing discovery of a second active volcano on the rim of Antarctica. Then, in the following December, the volcano on the appropriately named "Deception Island" exploded. So suddenly, in fact, that trained scientists, lacking the discernment of penguins, were completely caught off guard. This third volcano — the second within a single year — had suddenly mushroomed and sent a jolt through the world's scientific community!

Something big, it is now admitted, is beginning to happen under the earth!

Scientists are concerned. They know that volcanic activity in the otherwise seismically quiet continent of Antarctica heralds tremendous significance for the rest of the world! It means we have entered the age of unusual earthquake activity.

Antarctica is the barometer of worldwide seismic activity. Once volcanoes on Antarctica begin to erupt — LOOK OUT!

Worldwide Underground Revolution

Scientists from many nations are now busily trying to discover the import of these subterranean happenings. The "International Study of the Upper Mantle" is now in progress.

Paradoxically, 1967 was, overall, the earth's quietest period in more than 70 years! Only six major quakes occurred. The average is 16 per year since 1897. Good news? No — rather an ominous development! 1967 was merely a quiet period in which subterranean stresses were building up for future tremendous volcanic and earthquake activity! A worldwide earth revolution is now beginning to take shape.

Dr. Perry Byerly, a former professor of seismology at the University of California, admits: "Something worldwide is going on, but it is hard to say just what it is...we don't know what. But great forces are at work in relative patterns, trying to pull our continents in one direction or another. This is due to something below, a great strain that is accumulating..." (emphasis ours).

The REAL Meaning

Seismologists may not understand — but you can understand. You can know where all this is leading!

To many people the Bible is either a dry and dull book, or is merely something to read when one is in trouble. Up to now, God has been warning the world in words — through the spoken message of His servants. This kind of warning is about over! God is going to "talk" to this rebellious world in a language they will understand! God is about to shake this earth.

People confuse God's patience with indifference. They want to believe that either He is unconcerned, or perhaps even dead. But they won't have long to wait. They are going to see and feel the power of God — and fear!

God does not compromise with sin! The earth's twisted strata and vast areas
As birds fly away in fright, a massive eruption of volcanic ash off the coast of Deception Island, in the Antarctic, towers into the sky. The result — birth of an island a half-mile long. Photo was taken from aboard research ship Shackleton. Eruption shocked scientists into awareness of dangerous new seismic activity.
Twisted strata, in plain view of hikers, testifies to past convulsions that wrecked surface of the earth. This view of the terrible penalty sin exacts is from the Upper Convict Creek Canyon, in the faulted Sierra Nevada mountains, California.

containing billions of fossils should have long ago taught us that sin brings a penalty. But men have allowed themselves to be blinded by the fables of uniformity and evolution. Scientists could have understood the lesson of the rocks — if they had not been self-deceived.

The Bible foretells great earthquakes just before and at the return of Jesus Christ to set up the world-ruling Kingdom of God. Read it: "For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom" — a time of world revolution and violence among nations — "and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in diverse places" (Mat. 24:7). Luke 21:11 adds: "And great earthquakes shall be in diverse places." The apostle John was commanded to write this prophecy for the near future — at the climax of world civilization: "... and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great... and every island fled away" — inundated by water — "and the mountains were not found" — came crashing down (Revelation 16:18 and 20). This generation is destined to live into these times. Think of it! No towering Alps, no Himalayas, no Rockies or Andes to cut off rain from the deserts. No wonder the deserts will blossom as a rose in the world tomorrow (Isaiah 35).

The earth will "reel to and fro like a drunkard" (Isa. 24:20) and actually be removed "out of her place" (Isa. 13:13), or out of its present orbit!

This time God is going to get the attention of those who have habitually refused to give Him any attention. God is the Supreme Teacher and, like any teacher, He can't teach someone who isn't paying attention. Man has refused to listen — refused to obey His written Word — the Bible.

The book of Amos is a prophecy for today. It is a warning to various nations, especially the modern-day descendants of the ten-tribed House of Israel and the House of Judah (Amos 4:12-13). And that includes Britain and its Commonwealth, and the United States and the Jewish nation called Israel today. God is going to bring our peoples to their knees and back to the right way of life. God will use drought and floods (Amos 4:7-9), wars such as Vietnam and Korea (Amos 4:10), and the kind of volcanic and earthquake activity that He used to destroy ancient wicked cities (Amos 4:11).

The world won't laugh at God’s truth then! The peoples of this trembling planet will stand in awe of the supernatural display of God's power under the earth and in the heavens above (Mat. 24:29). Then, and only then, when men are brought to their knees and humbled, will the earth "be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea" (Isa. 11:9).

There is ultimately good news for the future!

Psalm 46 gives the promises of God for true Christians in a time of earth upheaval. Read it! Christ said that true Christians need not fear these things that will occur before His second coming (Mark 13:7-8).

And request your free copy of the booklet Truth about Earthquakes! This 32-page, full-color booklet lays bare the real meaning of this restless earth!

Also, be sure to request the free article entitled "VOLCANIC DISASTER — A Prophetic Reality."

You need to prepare now for events that will soon rock this entire globe!
HORROR IN MANILA

THE TIME: 4:21 a.m. on August 2. The place: The island of Luzon, major northern island of the Philippines chain. The event: A gigantic earthquake.

For the most of the millions of inhabitants it was a quick, frightening thrill that ended almost before they were awakened from their sound sleep.

In the suburbs and provincial areas buildings shuddered, glass popped from windows. In the Manila port area electrical wiring in a warehouse separated, caused an arc that ignited a $7,500,000 fire. Cracks appeared in the streets, gas and water lines broke. Fortunately, offices were closed, streets were clear at that hour of the morning. If the quake had struck four hours later the loss of life could have been frightening.

But one ghastly disaster did occur — pictured below. Concentrated in a six-story office-apartment building, called the Ruby Towers, were between 400 and 600 sleeping Chinese. The first shock of the quake rocked the building, cracking walls and foundations. The whole building swayed — then came crashing down, floor upon floor, trapping the inhabitants inside! Six stories of building became, within a few seconds, a twenty-foot-high pile of rubble, broken furniture and dead and dying humans. Frightened screams and cries of pain arose from still living, terrified victims trapped inside. Dazed neighbors could only look upon the scene with horror. Slowly rescue efforts got under way. Clawing at the debris with their bare hands the first arrivals did what they could to extricate the victims near the openings. But how to break through the concrete roof, floors and walls was a perplexing problem.

Heroically the people of Manila banded together and began the long, heartrending operation. Filipinos, Chinese, Americans — men, women and children — all cooperated to save the occupants of the ill-fated building. Miraculously, many were taken out alive! Several died on the way to hospitals. Others suffocated before they could be reached. But an amazing number were still breathing when the frantic rescuers reached them.

Jack-hammers broke the concrete, acetylene torches cut the steel reinforcing bars. Eager hands removed the pieces bit by bit until a hole was large enough for someone to squeeze down into the interior to search for survivors or bodies. It was painfully slow. When one was taken out alive the spectators would sigh with relief and even break into applause. But as the hours dragged by there were fewer and fewer sighs.

Boy Scouts worked along with men, day and night, devoted to the job of helping others. President and Mrs. Marcos spent hours helping, and maintaining the morale of the people. Some worked around the clock, finally collapsing from sheer exhaustion.

Stone-by-stone, layer-by-layer the debris was being cleared away. But even as they worked, the ominous smell of death began to permeate the air and hope waned for those still trapped within their ghastly tomb.

— Arthur Docken
``The World Tomorrow''

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- WHAM - Rochester - 1180 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun.
- WNYR - Wheeling, W. Va. - 1170 kc., 987 FM, 5:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sun.
- WOR - Boston - 680 kc., 9:05 a.m. Sun.
- WBB - Baltimore - 1090 kc., 8:30 a.m. Sun.
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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.

“Why does God seem so far off — so unreal — in this twentieth century?”
—R. G., Wichita, Kansas

When 2,975 undergraduates at 11 colleges were asked in a poll about their belief in a God, only 1% reported they were atheists.

But, paradoxically, in a society which professes belief in God, people find it hard to see how God has anything to do with daily life. God seems so far off!

There is a reason why God seems “way off.”

In your Bible one entire book — the book of Job — reveals the experiences of a man who had this very twentieth-century problem.

Job believed in God. He was not an atheist. In that one sense, at least, he was like those college undergraduates.

Job not only believed in God, he obeyed Him. That was rare! Notice Job’s good deeds! He wept for those in trouble (Job 30:25). His integrity was unquestionable (Job 31:6). He was not guilty of adultery (Job 31:9-10). His servants received just wages and fair treatment (Job 31:13). The widows were relieved of their suffering through his efforts (Job 31:16). These are only a few of the works of Job (read the remainder of Job 31).

God Himself said of Job: “Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feaseth God, and escheweth [shuns] evil?” (Job 1:8.)

Then what was wrong with Job?

Job was no average man — either in character or in his abilities. The Bible explains that “this man [Job] was the greatest of all the men of the east” (Job 1:3). It will come as a shock to many but it can be proved! Through the skill of Job, the most massive structure on the face of the earth was built — THE GREAT PYRAMID OF GIZEH! (We have an eye-opening article explaining the historical proof.)

Job would have been on the top of the honor role in any modern-day technological university. Job also would have been among the 99% of college students who reported they believed in a God.

Listen now to the lesson Job had to learn.

Turn to the beginning of the 38th chapter of the book of Job. “Then the Lord answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said, Who is this that darkeneth counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up now thy loins like a man: for I will demand of thee, and answer thou me” (Job 38:1-3).

Notice! One of the first words the Creator told Job was that he (Job) was "without knowledge"! What a strange paradox indeed! God said Job — the greatest man of all the men of the east, the "brain" behind the building of the greatest structure on the face of all the earth — was without knowledge! Why?

Do you suppose God would say the same thing to the thousands of students in the 11 colleges who professed belief in Him? Do these soon-to-be great men in chemistry, astronomy, biology, physics, and geology need to learn the same lesson Job did?

God required Job to answer a number of questions: “Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding. Who hath laid the measures thereof, if thou knowest? Or who hath stretched the line upon it? Whereupon are the foundations thereof fastened? or who laid the cornerstone thereof; when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?” (Job 38:4-7.)

Job was there when the foundation of the Great Pyramid was laid. He was there when the lines were stretched out in anxious anticipation of its building. Job, you see, was a king of Egypt. He really got excited about his little project — the "Great" Pyramid.

Job knew God created the earth. Job knew the earth was here before he came into being. He took the earth for granted. He accepted the fact that God had created it.

But he had never compared his own works with those of God! He had always compared his achievements with the achievements of other men — and he knew no man could approach what he had done! Comparing himself to those of lesser ability gave him the "bighead."

Maybe you, too, have been comparing
yourself with men — seeing how your accomplishments rate in comparison with those of other men — or women! Don’t. (II Cor. 10:12.)

Compare yourself with God! How do you "stack up" with God? How do you think Job felt when he compared the line he stretched forth to build the Great Pyramid with the incomprehensible expanse of the universe! How do your efforts compare with the Almighty’s?

Too many — like Job — believe in God only because it’s "reasonable." Many today have a mystical idea of God. They go through the ritual each week of attending church services, and with their lips they profess there is a God. Yet, like Job, they are "without knowledge."

This is not speaking of physical knowledge.

Job was without the knowledge of how great God is and what man's relationship should be to that God.

Job was used to cataloging and collecting facts and applying them in his own pursuits. This is what man is doing today. In this materialistic age we easily see the accomplishments of man — the cities of steel and concrete, with masses of cars rushing back and forth, jetliners zooming overhead. True, we are amassing a vast store of technical knowledge.

This generation — like Job's — has gotten so close to its own "pyramids" — its own accomplishments — that we cannot comprehend God's greatness!

Job's own personal achievements loomed big in his mind. He thought he was the great one — and wondered how God ever got along without him! It took a direct visit from God Himself to bring Job low!

Notice further what God told Job: "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of Pleiades [a group of seven stars], or loose the bands of Orion [a well-known star constellation]? Canst thou bring forth Mazzaroth in his season? or canst thou guide Arcturus [a star] with his sons? Knowest thou the ordinances [laws] of heaven? canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth? Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, that abundance of waters may cover thee? Canst thou send lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee, Here we are?" (Job 38:31-35.)

Job knew he could only see the stars. He could not make them! But God not only made them, He sustains them and keeps them on course! Now look at insignificant man. Puny man is now able to tap a tiny bit of the same power which causes the stars to shine. From that power man devises weapons of war to destroy himself (see Matt. 24:22). God uses His great power wisely. But when man gets a little power, he becomes so vain he abuses that power.

In like manner man invented the telescope. With the aid of the telescope the vastness of God's universe begins to be seen in even more of its glory.

But, what have men done? Instead of praising the One who made all the vast universe their telescopes revealed, they began to praise the one who made the telescope! Man set up science as a god, and forgot about the true God!

This is exactly what Job did! He could see his own works and how great they were in comparison to the works of other men. But he forgot how small and puny they were when compared with God's handiwork!

No wonder God seems "far off" to most people. They reflect only on their own works and forget about God's.

Meteorologists are able to study the weather, but they are not able to control it. God controls the weather.

Whatever accomplishment one might name that man has done, God has done something greater. What if man has put a satellite weighing several tons in orbit? How does that compare with the moon in orbit around the earth, or the earth in orbit around the sun, or the sun in orbit around the center of our galaxy, or our galaxy — called the Milky Way — which is in orbit with still other galaxies? Vast multiplicate systems, each composed of billions of stars, all orbiting in a systematic way!

Can man accomplish something like this?

WHERE were the three billion people on the earth today when all this went into orbit? Is there any man on earth today who can answer that question and still feel big and important?

Yes, there is a great difference between knowing there is a God and comparing one's self with the handiworks of God and seeing one's own insignificance.

Job, after suffering and heartache, had to admit: "I have heard of thee [God] by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee" (Job 42:5).

Yes, even though walking before God perfectly, Job had still not come to see his own insignificance and the greatness of God. Job's measuring rod had been himself — not God.

Why does God want us to compare ourselves with Him? Is it in order to appease a harsh, stern God who selfishly wants people to worship him? No!

God's purpose is to share His vast universe, His vast power with us. Can we visualize the magnitude of the goal He has placed before us — can we see ourselves as utterly insignificant compared with God's greatness? Astonishing? Yes, to a world doped with wrong teachings about the Bible. If you have not understood the tremendous purpose for which you were born, then you should write — without delay — for the amazing article entitled "Why Must Men Suffer?" You will learn the real meaning of Job's experience.

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**How Your Plain Truth Subscription Has Been Paid**

So many ask: "How does it happen that I find my subscription price for The Plain Truth has already been paid? How can you publish such a high-class magazine without advertising revenue?" The answer is as simple as it is astonishing! It is a parable. Christ's church must be sold like merchandise. You cannot buy salvation. Yet it does cost money to publish Christ's TRUTH and mail it to all corners of the earth. It does have to be paid for! This is Christ's Work. We solve this problem Christ's WAY!

Jesus said, "This Gospel of the Kingdom shall be preached (and published — Mark 13:10) in all the world for a witness unto all nations·· (Matt. 24:14) at this time, just before the end of this age. A PRICE must be paid for the magazine, the broadcast, the Correspondence Course, or other literature. But HOW? Christ forbids us to sell it to those who receive it: "Freely ye have received, said Jesus to His disciples whom He was sending to proclaim His Gospel. "Freely give!" "It is more blessed," He said, "to give than to receive." God's WAY is the way of LOVE — and that is the way of giving. God expects every child of His to give freely offerings and to tithe, at His means of paying the costs of carrying His Gospel to others. We, therefore, simply ask our Lord Jesus Christ to lay it on the minds and hearts of His followers to give generously, thus paying the cost of putting the precious Gospel TRUTH into the hands of others. Yet it must go only to those who themselves wish to receive it. Each must, for himself, subscribe — and his subscription has thus already been paid!

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SOVIET EMPIRE CRUMBLING?—
"I Saw These Surprising Changes in the USSR"

The PLAIN TRUTH sent a team of observers, writers and photographers on an 8000-mile fact-finding tour of the Soviet Union and a 2500-mile tour of the East European satellite countries. Here is their eye-opening report, giving an objective understanding of the problems plaguing Communism today.

by Herman L. Hoeh

The Soviet Union is face-to-face with its gravest crisis since the 1956 Hungarian revolt.

For months Czechoslovak nationalism has challenged Soviet authority. Soviet leaders found themselves powerless to persuade Czechoslovakia with words. So they decided on action. To prevent their empire in Eastern Europe from falling apart completely they decided to crush Czech nationalism by military force.

Why Moscow Acted

The sudden impact of Westernization strikes any visitor in Prague, Czechoslovakia. The Soviet press called it Western decadence. A plethora of plays, beat music, U.S. movies, Western clothing styles, mini skirts, hippies—and significant evidence of homosexuality.

The USSR's attack on the spread of Western decadence is no mere propaganda barrage. The Soviet Union was gravely concerned over another fact. Czech Communist newspapers quoted Western editorials (often very anti-Red ones). Czech newspapers and radio were openly and strongly criticizing Communist dogmas, the Communist Party, the USSR, other Communist countries and even the new regime in Prague.

Czech speaking members of our staff talked to peasants, factory workers, housewives, students. They found a deep-seated hatred of the USSR spreading through the country. For years only the Poles dared to express—albeit in private—bitter feelings against the Russians. The Czechs and Slovaks kept silent. But once Khrushchev was ousted, they developed courage.

By 1966 criticism of "the system"—a euphemism for Communism—could be heard along Prague's streets. Then, in the beginning of 1968, the lid came off. National Communists got control of
Opposite page, the new Comecon building, Moscow, will be the headquarters of Eastern Europe's Communist equivalent of the Common Market. Above, left, symbol of the increasing leisure of Soviet citizens — two boys enjoying the sandy beaches along the Volga River. Left, a ride on the cable car overlooking Tbilisi, capital of the Georgian SSR. Humdrum life of Soviet workers is broken in Moscow by a tram trip in the permanent fair grounds, above. Below, an Armenian keeps to his old ways. He is leading a sheep around an old church building before sacrificing it on a religious holiday. Armenians tenaciously perpetuate folkways, despite Communist influence.
the Party and the Government. The new regime put national interest first—
the USSR second.

Emotions Explode

The people took the cue. Long pent-up emotions gave way to ridicule and
sarcasm. Verbal abuse was heaped on Red bureaucrats.

The Soviet Union became concerned. Nationalism could be tolerated in Balkan
Communist countries—particularly Romania. But Czechoslovakia is geographically
an entirely different matter. Just west of Czechoslovakia is a resurgent West Germany—
economically one of the world’s strongest powers. Moscow fears West German economic
inroads in Czechoslovakia.

Moscow demanded the Prague regime meet to discuss the growing crisis. Military
pressure was brought to bear. But the Czechs did not cave in. And for a very important
reason that Moscow did not seem to understand.

The new National Communist regime in Prague knew the USSR would sooner
or later attempt to stop Czechoslovak nationalism. The new regime knew it
could not stand up against Moscow if it did not have the overwhelming
majority of the people behind it. Red leaders cast about for some way to unite
Communists and non-Communists in the

drive for nationalism. The new Red regime thought it had found an answer
in religion!

The Power of Religion

Communism has left its atheistic
mark on the Czech people. But even
hardened young Party members show
a great curiosity toward religion.

Czech Communists frequently ask
questions about religion and religious
freedom in the West. We talked with
some of them about this very problem.

They readily admit that their faith
in no-God is based primarily on the
belief that educated people the world
over are atheists. That only the uneducated
and the superstitious believe in
God. It is utterly dumbfounding to
them to discover that there are educated
people in the West who are not atheists.

This fact shakes their faith in no-God
to its foundation.

In plain words, atheism is a very
thin veneer.

To most Czechoslovak Communists,
of course, belief in God is equivalent
to Catholicism. The words are almost
interchangeable in their minds.

Already one can see signs of religious
revival in Czechoslovakia. Members of
our staff were told by one priest that
there are high party members who are
beginning to attend churches again.
They even hang religious pictures in their homes!

The nation is, of course, only one generation removed from religious education. Lenin admitted that it would take three generations to wean people from religion. In the USSR, the education of the third generation is almost complete. That is the reason Soviet citizens have come to accept the philosophy of atheistic Communism.

But many Czechs have not. Dubcek recognized that fact. In July he attended a church rally in Levoca, Slovakia, where, it is reported, 60,000 people were in attendance. In his presence they prayed for him and showed their support for him by singing the Slovak anthem. The appearance of Czechoslovakia's Communist Party boss at such a rally is a great change of attitude from that of Dubcek's Stalinist predecessors.

By contrast, religion in the USSR is almost totally dead — except for a few small Protestant sects.

Dubcek decided to use religion as a tool to maintain himself in power. Roman Catholicism is the country's leading religion. About 60% of Czechoslovaks are still Roman Catholic despite twenty years of atheistic communist education. The other 40% are divided between Protestant, Orthodox or atheist.

In Slovakia — the eastern half of the country — the Orthodox Church was a major force before the Communist takeover. In 1950 the Communists made the Slovaks change their religion to the similar Moscow-controlled Orthodox faith. Dubcek then ordered a change back to the Slovak Orthodox faith. Another sign of nationalism!

Shortly after this reversal occurred, both Prague and the Vatican expressed the desire to establish diplomatic relations.

The change back to the national Orthodox Church in Slovakia did not occur without violence. One Orthodox official revealed to a member of The Plain Truth staff that Slovak priests had ordered their followers to take the Moscow-oriented churches even by force if necessary. Mob violence and death resulted.

**The Attempt to Renew Old Alliances**

In pre-World War II Europe, Czechoslovakia was allied with Yugoslavia, Romania and France — the Petite Entente Alliance. Today Czechoslovakia's closest friends are still Yugoslavia, Romania and France.

Czechoslovak officials, meeting at Cerna and Bratislava with the USSR Politburo, assured the Russians in no uncertain terms that they were not about to leave the Communist fold to join with the U.S. But that promise did not stop them from looking forward to greater contacts with Western Europe! Romania already has strong links with West Germany. Czechoslovak leaders remembered the Nazi Era vividly. They were also conscious of Soviet Russian fears of West Germany. So they were very cautious about making any immediate deals with the West Germans for economic assistance. Too many contacts with non-Communist Europe could bring Soviet military moves, the Czechs feared — and those fears have now been fulfilled!

Hungary, East Germany, and Poland closely watched the crisis between the USSR and Dubcek. They feared more dramatic events might occur this September when a special convention of the Communist Party was scheduled to be held in Prague. And in October is the 50th anniversary of Czechoslovak independence — 1918-1968. So they all intervened on August 20 to stop it.

Only last year the USSR had celebrated its 50th anniversary of the Great October Revolution. The image of a peace-loving, prospering union of nations and peoples was presented to the West. Now the whole thing is being spoiled by the attempt to crush Czech nationalism!

But this is only the beginning of a far greater political, economic and religious crisis that is now developing under cover in Europe! That impending crisis will strike fear into the USSR!

*(To be continued)*
Church Unity Eludes Theologians

The Fourth Assembly of the World Council of Churches has concluded. Theologians departed frustrated. No real solution to the nagging problems of Church Unity. Why? This eyewitness report uncovers the real causes!

by Raymond F. McNair

Uppsala, Sweden

It was the fourth attempt in recent years to further the cause of Christian Unity. Delegates from 232 member churches — Protestant and Orthodox — in 80 countries were present. Roman Catholics were represented by a 15-man non-voting delegation of observers.

Deep-seated Divisions

Very few analysts understand today's worldwide drive to unite the Churches under one banner.

Still fewer can answer the question: How did today's Christianity become so hopelessly divided?

The theme of the Fourth Assembly was, "Behold, I make all things new." It was taken from Revelation 21:5.

But the opening session of the World Council of Churches (WCC) revealed that many of the delegates hadn't yet caught the spirit of the word "new." Numerous dignified churchmen were dressed in garbs out of fashion since the Middle Ages!

Six main issues or topics confronted the assembled delegates. The first issue was "The Church's Unity in a Shrinking World." Theologians battled "the question of the Church's unity in relation to the Churches' diversity of teaching, worship and witness."

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Secretary General of the WCC, told me later that he personally was very optimistic regarding the prospects of the Churches being united in our time. He called the Fourth Assembly of the WCC "the most widely representative meeting of Christian Churches in over 900 years."

But it became abundantly clear, during the course of the meetings, that real Christian unity is not just around the corner. The Churches remain hopelessly divided on many points.

Nothing highlighted the differences of doctrines and customs of the 232 member churches so much as an eye-popping BBC TV documentary which was shown to all in attendance during the first week of the meetings.

This film entitled "Christ and Disorder" concerned the important question: "Why so many Churches?"

This BBC TV documentary was not
WHERE THREE THOUSAND MET — Top, left, shows outside view of FYRIS
Hall, where delegates met. Top, right, inside FYRIS Hall, speaker’s platform
and part of assembled delegates. Below, Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, Secretary
of the World Council of Churches speaks to delegate.

filmed or edited by the WCC. Its candid
shots included the dress, customs and
practices of today’s divided Christianity.
Church functionaries were shown prac-
ticing sprinkling, pouring or immersing
— all divided as to the form of Church
baptism.

Many attending the WCC Conference
in Uppsala shook their heads in dis-
belief — sometimes in disgust — at some
of the practices of professing Christians
as revealed by this candid British TV
documentary.

Occasionally delegates actually broke
out in laughter when they saw in the
film some of the ridiculous practices,
customs and beliefs of today’s Church-
lianity. This BBC TV documentary
was an eye-opener — even for the theo-
logians!

Even between sessions every delegate
or observer at the WCC meetings was
constantly reminded of the diversity of
dress, customs and beliefs among the
various Churches assembled at the
meetings.

A Look at Dr. Ramsey’s Role

One of the most colorful dignitaries
attending the WCC was Dr. Michael
Ramsey — Archbishop of Canterbury,
and one of the WCC’s six presidents.
I met Dr. Ramsey for the first time at
this Fourth Assembly of the WCC.

Dr. Ramsey has been foremost among
Protestants in seeking to bring about
religious unity. He has tried to bring
the Anglican and Roman Catholic
Churches closer together.

In early 1966, the Archbishop of
Canterbury went to Rome to meet Pope
Paul VI-in order to further the cause of
Christian unity.

At that historic meeting with the
Pope, he said “I have come [to Rome]
with the longing in my heart... May
the grace of God enable us to serve His divine purpose by our meeting and enable Christians everywhere to feel the pain of their divisions and seek unity and truth and holiness.”

In replying to the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Pope responded: “You rebuild a bridge, which for centuries has lain fallen between the Church of Rome and the [Anglican] Church of Canterbury.”

Dr. Ramsey then added: “In the field of doctrine and ecclesiastical law, we are still respectively distinct and distant....”

On departing, the Archbishop and the Pope embraced.

Very few commentators grasp the significance of the Catholic Church’s bid to woo Protestants back into the Roman fold!

Referring to the Anglican Church, the Pope has made the following significant statement: The Anglican Church is “a Church which she [the Roman Catholic Church] has loved so much to which, one might say, she gave birth!”

The Catholic Church “gave birth” to the Anglican Church? In the eyes of Roman Catholics, yes.

The Roman Catholic Church repeatedly speaks of herself as the “Mother” of the Protestant movement.

“The mother Church of Christendom lovingly invites the descendants of all the children torn from her bosom by irrelevant issues to return to the practice of their forebears [meaning the Roman Catholic Church]...” (90 Common Questions About the Catholic Faith, by John O’Brien, p. 11).

It is also an interesting fact that the founders of many traditional Protestant Churches were either trained to become Catholic priests or were ministers in one of her Protestant daughter-churches!

Roman Catholics have pressed this relationship because they believe no Church Unity will ever take place among Protestants apart from Rome.

Man’s Vain Attempts

Today’s Church-unity drive (the Ecumenical Movement) is only one of man’s vain attempts to unify a very divided — and divisive — humanity.

Everybody senses the need for one world — but nobody, it seems, knows how to achieve it.

Ever since the Tower of Babel, the nations of the earth have tried to unite politically. In this century the League of Nations tried — but failed.

Now it is the dis-United Nations. No one has grasped the simple cause of disunity. The cause is human
NATURE. So long as human beings possess human nature — whether politicians, theologians or laymen — there will never be unity, or peace!

Not until human nature is changed will church unity be possible. But the way to change human nature seems to have eluded world leaders and world thinkers.

Human beings resent anyone telling them what to do — especially God! Yet the God who put human nature into man is the only One who has the power to change human nature. What a paradox! How long must human beings suffer from their own stubborn ways before they learn that obedience to God is the way to peace, to happiness, to unity, to joy brimful and running over? When will theologians discover that?

What our READERS SAY

(Continued from inside front cover)

neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.” — Jesus Christ.

Negro seeks Answers

"Mr. Armstrong, I am a Negro. Please send me all you can about my people. Our history is vague to me.

Just who are we, where are we mentioned in prophecy, are we strangers in this land, are we Gentiles and what is God's plan for us in the World Tomorrow? These questions may seem ignorant to you, but I am just that much in the dark. History speaks very little of us, especially here in America. By us being here in the U.S. so long and having adopted the white people's way, are we Israelites by adoption? No one can truthfully answer these questions but you. What events in past history caused the Negro to be in this country? I've been discriminated against and know what it is to be a Negro as only a Negro knows. I've tasted the bitter fruits of prejudice and called ugly racial names but I have never hated because of it. I love all men and at my age you become accustomed to such things and just hope for a better day. I don't look for it in this world, but I have faith in the future World Tomorrow."

Ronald T. B.,
Nashville, Tenn.

— English colonists began acquiring African Negroes as slaves a century and a half before the founding of the United States as a nation. The first were brought to America in 1619, and were landed at Jamestown, Virginia, by a Dutch slave trader, who sold them, not as slaves, but as servants indentured for life. The first real slave shipment from Africa landed in 1630 in Massachusetts. It has not generally been realized that slavery in North America was at first more important in the North — especially Massachusetts and Connecticut. Greedy European slave traders originally purchased Negroes as slaves from Arab slave dealers and West African kings and chiefs who made a business of selling the able-bodied of subject tribes. The Negro is descended mainly from Canaan, the son of Ham and grandson of Noah. Happily this whole sordid story will be righted in the World Tomorrow.

Correspondence Course

"I have just finished reading your article on, “Peace in Our Time,” in the June PLAIN TRUTH. I have been fascinated and felt an immediate urge to send for your Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course. I feel so bad for not enrolling sooner because I feel like I'm missing out on something that I should know. I am reading my Bible but it is taking me so long to read and I know there's a lot there that I should know now, not tomorrow. Please send your course to me."

Miss Marlene A.,
Nova Scotia, Canada
The Bible Story

by Basil Wolverton

CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN

"O LORD, TAKE AWAY MY LIFE!"

Fire had descended from the sky above Mount Carmel to consume the sacrifice Elijah had prepared for God. Besides burning up the meat and wood, it burned up the stones of the altar, much of the ground under and around it and the water that lay in the ditch surrounding the altar. (1 Kings 18:30-38.)

The Penalty of Idolatry

Fear gripped the onlookers. They fell to the ground, shouting that God was the only God, and that they had sinned in having anything to do with idols. Some of them shouted resentfully at the priests of Baal. Noting the swiftly growing anger of the crowd against the priests, Elijah held up his hands for silence.

"God requires these men of Baal should be punished here and now for leading Israel into idolatry!" Elijah called out. (Deuteronomy 13.) "Come up here and seize them! Don't let a one escape!"

Shouting with wrath, the crowd charged up the mountain to surround the four hundred and fifty priests, who were thrown into panic by this sudden turn of events. Quickly overpowered by greater numbers, the men of Baal became prisoners of the people.

"Take them down to the foot of the mountain," Elijah told those who had arrested the priests. "Pile their bodies in the dry creek bed there." (1 Kings 18:39-40.)

Some of the frenzied priests screamed for help from Ahab, who was grimly watching the scene from not far away. The plight of his priests didn't bother the king as much as did the fact that Elijah was in control of the situation. But the sight of the
altar being suddenly absorbed by the fire had unnerved him, and he dared do nothing contrary to Elijah's wishes. In response to his priests' appeal he slowly shook his head and turned his back. The struggling, yelling men of Baal were dragged down the mountain to be punished for their sins.

Most of the people returned to their camps or left the region to go back to their homes. Ahab was anxious to learn what Elijah would do about ending the drought, but he did not want to give the appearance of pressing him on the matter. He was relieved when the prophet approached him.

"I know that you're waiting for me to tell you when rain will come," Elijah said. "I can't yet say, but it could happen before many more hours pass. When it does come there will be plenty of it. Why don't you rest and eat while I go about my business on top of the mountain?"

Ahab was greatly encouraged by this statement. He went back into his tent, and Elijah went close to the pinnacle of the east shoulder of Mt. Carmel, where he bowed himself on the ground and sincerely asked God for rain. Shortly he asked his helper to go to the highest part of the mountain to see if there were any signs of cloudiness in the western sky. The man returned a little later to report that the sky was as cloudless as it had been for more than three years.

**The Drought Ends**

"Go look again," Elijah said, and returned to praying..

Shortly the man came back to tell the prophet that the sky was still completely clear. Elijah had him to continue going up and looking and returning at brief intervals to state the condition of the sky. When he came back from his eighth trip to the top of the mountain, the man excitedly informed the prophet that there was a small cloud just above the western horizon.

"Go to king Ahab and tell him that rain will fall very soon," Elijah instructed his helper. "Tell him that he would be wise to get across the plain now in his chariot before the downpour turns the dusty plain into an impassable sea of mud." (I Kings 18:41-44.)

Ahab was almost wild with satisfaction when he heard the news. By then, even from the sheltered site of his tents, he could see a small cloud rising up in the western sky. Excitedly he called his servants to pack the tents and other equipment and move out as soon as possible.

The cloud rose and expanded and Elijah knew God was about to answer his re-
quest. For that the prophet took time to utter words of thankfulness. Within an hour or so the small, white cloud would expand completely across the western sky. The vapor grew darker. A strong, high wind started the cloudy masses to churning ominously. This abrupt change in the heavens from a peaceful blue to a boiling dark gray struck deep fear into thousands of people in that part of Israel.

When lightning started to flash and thunder rolled across the plain, Elijah had already hurried down Mt. Carmel. By the time he reached the base, Ahab and his chariot driver were getting started. Soon the rain would be pouring out of the sky and the creek bed would begin to fill with a surge of muddy water to wash away the lifeless bodies of the priests of Baal. Just after Elijah crossed the stream, Ahab passed over with his chariot. And the loaded donkeys weren’t far behind. If they had been much later, they could have been swept away by the rapidly rising stream.

One of the towns near the east peak of Mt. Carmel was Jezreel, about twenty miles to

Elijah's helper went eight times to the top of Mt. Carmel to look for any sign in the sky that would mean an end to the drought.
the southeast. That was Ahab’s goal, and Elijah’s, inasmuch as the city of Samaria was too far south to reach before the widespread cloudburst. Ahab’s chariot driver galloped his horses before the storm. But Elijah, who was a natural athlete and also had some help from God, outran the chariot all the way to Jezreel. (I Kings 18:45-46.)

Next morning, after causing alarming flash floods over a large part of Israel, the torrent from the sky abated. Later, Ahab and his men continued on safely to Samaria.

As for Elijah, although he was the man who had most to do with the ending of the drought, he was regarded at Jezreel as just another vagrant by innkeepers. He was thankful however, to find a shelter from the downpour. Meanwhile, Ahab was being received with much pomp and honor in the best of the town’s inns.

Heathen Fury

When Ahab told his wife what had happened at Mt. Carmel, Jezebel was furious because of her husband giving credit to the God of Israel for causing rain to come.

"The drought was bound to end naturally sometime," she angrily reminded Ahab. "Are you becoming childish, that you should believe self-styled prophets like Elijah, who time their utterances with unusual events of nature to try to convince people that they have unnatural powers?"

"Events of nature?" Ahab echoed. "Do you consider what happened to Elijah’s altar something natural?"

"I wasn’t there to see it, and I have only your influenced version of what happened," Jezebel countered disdainfully. "Your childish belief in this rustic prophet has cost the lives of four hundred and fifty men. If I had been foolish enough to send four hundred of my priests, as Elijah impudently requested, probably you would have been willing to let them die, too. If I had been there, matters would have turned out quite differently. It’s too late now to undo what you’ve allowed to be done, but I’m going to see that this Elijah doesn’t interfere any more in the religious affairs of Israel!"

"You’ll have to find him first, and don’t ask me where he is because I have no idea," Ahab said angrily, striding away.

"I’ll do more to him than find him," Jezebel muttered, smiling to herself.

Meanwhile, Elijah stayed in Jezreel. The more he observed the people of the town, the more discouraged he became. He had imagined that word would spread
how God had shown His power at Mt. Carmel, and that people everywhere would repent. From what he saw in Jezreel, everyone appeared relieved that the drought was over, but they didn’t seem to be seeking God in the fervent manner of people who were truly regretful that they had fallen into idolatry.

Jezebel’s spies soon discovered where Elijah was. Right afterward a man walked up to the prophet, thrust a piece of paper into Elijah’s hand and disappeared. After Elijah read the message on the paper, being already discouraged as he was, his faith in God was a bit shaken. The message was from Jezebel, informing him that she intended to see him dead within twenty-four hours, and that she hoped her gods would kill her if she failed. (I Kings 19:1-2.)

Elijah left Jezreel at once, hoping to get out of the nation of Israel and reach safety in the nation of Judah before Jezebel’s men could seize him. His servant, the man who had reported seeing the little cloud from Mt. Carmel, had come with him to Jezreel, and wanted to stay with him in this time of great danger. The two succeeded in reaching Judah and traveling through it to Beer-sheba, a town on Judah’s southern border more than eighty miles to the south of Jezreel.

Elijah felt that Jezebel’s men could show up even that far south in pursuit of him. He convinced his servant that they would both be better off separated. (I Kings 19:3.) Anxious to get out of a populated area, Elijah went on by himself several miles into the Paran desert that extends down into the Sinai peninsula. Hot, weary, thirsty and hungry, he stopped to rest in the shade of a desert canebrake. By this time he felt sure he could never do any more good among the people of Israel and was so depressed that he wanted to die.

“Let me die!”

“I don’t want to go on living like this,” he prayed. “God, I would rather have you take my life than be murdered by Jezebel’s servants.”

The prophet was so tired that he fell asleep. Some time later he was awakened by someone shaking him gently by the shoulders. Before he could open his eyes, he heard a voice telling him to get up and eat, but when he was wide awake and looked around, nobody was in sight.

Elijah settled back, believing that he had dreamed someone had awakened him. He was about to fall asleep again when the pleasant odor of warm bread came to him. He sat up and looked around once more.

This time he was surprised to see a small roll of bread on a flat stone over a bed of hot coals. He picked it off the stone and found that it had just been baked.
Then he spied a bottle of water nearby. When he reached for it, he discovered that somehow it was very cool.

Elijah awoke to see a small loaf of bread browning on a hot stone, and a bottle nearby that proved to be full of cool water.

Elijah recalled that he had seemingly dreamed that someone had told him to eat. He wondered if this could be some scheme by Jezebel’s men to poison him, but he quickly dismissed the idea that such a complex means would be used when it would be simpler to do away with him in his sleep. He could only conclude that God had sent an angel to supply his needs. He gave thanks for it and enjoyably consumed the bread and water.

Relaxed by his repast, Elijah lay down and went back to sleep. Once more, after a good sleep, he felt himself being shaken by the shoulders, and again, when only half awake, he seemed to hear a voice telling him to get up and eat. This second time he was told that he should eat plenty because he would need strength for the long distance he intended to cover. (I Kings 19:4-7.)

He opened his eyes to find that there was nobody about, but there was another larger roll just finishing baking over still-glowing coals, and the bottle he had drained was again full of water. He found he was again hungry and thirsty. Eating and drinking a second time was anything but difficult. Afterward the prophet continued southward.
Walking several miles a day across the arid land, he kept on going until he reached Mt. Sinai, where the Ten Commandments and lesser laws had been given to Israel six hundred years before. The trip took forty days, during which all he had to eat and drink was what had been miraculously supplied him on the first day into the desert from Beer-sheba. (I Kings 19:8.)

Part way up Mt. Sinai Elijah found a cave in which he decided to stay for a time. Possibly it was the same cave Moses was in when he briefly glimpsed God. While he was resting there, Elijah heard a voice clearly ask:

“Why have you come here to Mt. Sinai, Elijah?”

The prophet was frightened. It was shadowy in the cave, and he imagined that the dark areas he saw could be Jezebel’s men who had followed him. He reasoned that no one else would know his name, but after a time it occurred to him that God would know his name, and that the voice might be that of an angel.

This Is Only Small Power

“I have come here to escape being killed by the soldiers of Jezebel, queen of king Ahab,” Elijah spoke out, wondering if anyone was listening to him. “I have sadly observed how the Israelites have broken your covenant that was made here at Mt. Sinai. They have forsaken God’s altars for those of pagan gods. They have slain the true prophets. As far as I know, I am the only one left, and I won’t have much longer to live if my enemies find me. I am dismayed by these events. I have been ambitious for God, but now I am doubtful that I did anything worthwhile. I was sure that Israel would be sobered after what happened at Mt. Carmel. Apparently the people weren’t very impressed.” (I Kings 19:9-10.)

“Don’t be discouraged,” the voice said. “Be assured that God is with you. Rest for now, because soon God will come very close to you. When He does, come out of the cave to meet Him.”

In spite of being excited and puzzled by what he had been told, Elijah felt encouraged and peaceful, and fell into a deep, refreshing sleep. Next morning he was awakened by the shrill whine of wind, growing stronger by the minute. He jumped up, ran to the mouth of the cave and peered up at the surrounding rocky peaks. The blast of air past the mountain was so great that he had to step back to keep from being swept away. Holding fast to rocks, he looked out to see huge boulders on the brow of the mountain being toppled by the wind. They crashed down from ledge to ledge, landing on the slopes below with thunderous impact. Fearful that some mammoth rock would come grinding down where he was, Elijah went back into
the cave, where he remained until the wind abated. At first he thought that the mighty movement of air indicated that God was passing by, but he concluded that God's only connection with the wind was that He caused it.

While he thought about the matter, the cave started to creak and shake. There was a growing rumbling that became so loud that Elijah ran into the open, afraid that the roof of the cave would collapse on him. Outside the cave he saw the terrifying spectacle of mountain peaks swaying and boulders and rock slides plummeting from the heights. Quickly, again, he sought the safety that existed inside the mountain. When the earthquake was over, he decided that the fearsome shaking of the earth wasn't caused by the presence of God but by only a small fraction of His great power.

When he considered it safe to venture out on the ledge again, Elijah looked down on the rubble cluttering the edge of the level expanse where the Israelites had camped on their way to Canaan. The mountain erupted with fiery lava and ash. The sky became filled with dark clouds. Flashes of ball lightning occurred, changing to long streams of chain lightning that crackled and spit down on Mt. Sinai and the surrounding peaks. Massive showers of sparks shot in all directions as the fiery bolts grounded and fused on smoking rocks, filling the air with fumes like those of brimstone.

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Why

PARIS CONFERENCE WON'T BRING
REAL PEACE TO VIETNAM

by Ernest L. Martin

Paris

In May the world hopefully turned its attention to Paris. The Peace Conference that was to bring the final solution to the Vietnam War entered its initial phases. Then the unexpected happened!

The apparent stability of De Gaulle's France — where the Conference was being held — was visibly shaken by the "May Revolution." What at first appeared as a simple domestic problem soon erupted into a major civil disturbance which affected the whole of France. Student flare-ups and workers' strikes became headline news.

And in the furor, the Vietnam Peace Conference, which had been front-page news throughout France and Europe, became an item relegated to the back pages of the newspapers, when it was reported at all. Strange as it may seem, this Conference, which was at first hailed as the greatest move for peace in France, is beginning to be called, in Europe, the Forgotten Conference.

What Has Happened?

The North Vietnamese now look on the selection of Paris as a mistake. It is a well known fact that Communists never agree to do anything unless they can make political gain out of it. This was certainly true in their decision to pick Paris as the site for the peace talks.

Look at their strategy in selecting Paris. Before the "May Revolution," the chief European critic of American policy was General de Gaulle of France. Instead of being decidedly neutral in the Vietnam affair, De Gaulle, if anything, was pro-North Vietnamese. It was hardly any secret that anti-Americanism was a popular hobby with him. Hanoi favored this attitude.

Secondly, France allowed the Vietnamese, more than ten years before, to go their own way. De Gaulle let it be known that America should have the same "democratic" approach as France. Since France had pulled out of Vietnam, why shouldn't America?

Thirdly, De Gaulle made it plain in Quebec that he favored nationalist movements. He stated on many occasions that people ought to have the right to determine their own political destiny. (He forgot for a while his own nationalist problems with the Basques and the Celtic peoples of Brittany.)

All of these peculiarities of De Gaulle gave the North Vietnamese the feeling that the environment of Paris would distinctly favor them in their talks with America.

Then, too, De Gaulle wanted peace talks in Paris for several personal reasons. He has always wanted to exalt the "grandeur" of France. By having the Conference in Paris, it would be viewed by Europe and the rest of the world that France was indeed playing a decisive role in international peacemaking. This would have given De Gaulle trump cards in his claim that he, and only he, was "the Man of Europe" — the man for the hour. His stature throughout Europe would have been greatly enhanced — especially if he could have been considered as a referee in the final stages of the talks.

So, both from Hanoi's and De Gaulle's points of view, the site of Paris was clearly an advantage.

The Unexpected Occurred

To the surprise of De Gaulle and Hanoi, there came the "May Revolution." What began as a minor student revolt soon developed into a social upheaval. The French economy became paralyzed. The franc, which a few weeks before was described as one of the stable currencies in the world, suddenly became suspect. Devaluation rumors were in the air. In short, France was brought to her knees.

It brought a complete change in French attitude toward America. No longer does one hear — at least for the time being — the overt anti-Americanism of De Gaulle. With American financial support and aid from the International Monetary Fund, the franc was rescued from devaluation. The vociferousness of De Gaulle, in condemning America for failing to settle its domestic and international problems, has been virtually silenced since he himself was unable to control his own people. The "Man of Europe" concept which has dominated much of De Gaulle's ten-year rule in France has been tarnished, perhaps beyond repair.

So the "May Revolution" unexpectedly destroyed much of Hanoi's expected support from De Gaulle at the Paris Conference.

Hanoi's plans were put into further disarray with the results of the recent election in France. The common people of France saw the nation on the verge of anarchy. They voted for immediate effective leadership — even if it be De Gaulle — to bring the nation back to its feet once more. French Communists
suffered considerably in the election. This didn't help Hanoi's plans for an environment of advantage over the U.S. And, too, we must remember that the ordinary Frenchman has little love for Vietnam or the Vietnamese people. There is hardly a person in France that has not had a "second cousin" or a next door neighbor killed or maimed in Vietnam when France was fighting to hold the area after the last world war.

What Is Now Happening in Paris?

The point that now remains is this: What advantage does Hanoi have in conducting serious talks about peace in Paris? There is none! And because there is none, the North Vietnamese are stalling. They will accept nothing less than ultimate victory. They will accept no compromise unless it assures them that victory.

Certainly the North Vietnamese at Hanoi want peace. But only their way.

Communists talk peace — argue peace. But they don't know the way to peace. They want to enforce on others their own unacceptable brand of "peace" — slavery to Communism.

The Communist way can never bring world peace. And Communists will never give up their struggle to establish their way until Communism itself is destroyed. That is the reason Hanoi's negotiators in Paris are so adamant. Hanoi now views the choice of Paris as an unforeseen mistake — but a mistake which still is not to America's advantage. Unless the Republican and Democratic presidential contenders in the next few months can bring something out of the bag which Hanoi will consider favorable to them, the Paris Peace Conference will continue to be called — as it is now being called in Europe — the Forgotten Conference. While hundreds continue to die.
UNITED STATES OF EUROPE

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of a vibrant, growing, integrated Europe.
Yet politically — Strauss has warned — Germany is a dwarf!

Strauss the Man

I was there in Munich for the speeches of Strauss and Kiesinger.
The convention in Munich did not bring any shocked surprises. True to expectations voiced in the German press, the speakers did flail away at the non-proliferation treaty limiting nuclear arms to those nations already possessing them — signed July 1 by 62 nations, by 15 more up to the time of the Czech crisis, and still awaiting signatures from 47 more.

I had opportunity to meet Mr. Strauss briefly, at a dinner party given for party officials, important government guests, and the press. Strauss is not an easy man to forget. Stocky, powerfully built, with intense eyes, there is a personal magnetism about the man that seems irresistible.

Watching the expression of party leaders arrayed in the first few rows of the huge hall where the major addresses were given, I saw enthusiasm — men hanging on to Strauss's every word, rarely evidenced in any gathering.

Strauss is an engaging and powerful speaker.

Surprisingly, while Chancellor Kiesinger may have spoken a little longer, and, to uninitiated English-speaking ears, have sounded even more forceful in places — comments heard from some party members afterwards were expressions of disappointment that Strauss hadn't kept talking for another hour!

It was as if the air of expectancy — the obvious excitement on hundreds of faces there — was somehow disappointed by the comparatively mild and expected statements made in the speeches. Obviously, Strauss's followers were expecting something more from his speech.

But Strauss is a brilliant tactician in politics — waiting for the right moment.
Witness the fact of his amazing recovery from the near-disastrous 1962 "Spiegel Affair" in so swift a time — and his capturing of another top cabinet post, that of Finance Minister.

Man of Action

It was in 1962 — only six years ago — that former Defense Minister Franz Josef Strauss, cabinet-level official of West Germany's government, and head of the Christian Socialist Union of Bavaria, thought he had to jail the editors of Der Spiegel, a leading West German news magazine, in the interest of national security.

A storm of violent reaction broke.

Shudders of an agonized past were felt — and the West German government had only two choices.

It was either call Herr Strauss to a stern accounting, or try to explain to the whole world what was happening in Germany. Strauss was forced, through circumstances, from his cabinet post of Minister of Defense, and, as such, Supreme Commander of the Bundeswehr. Many moderates in Germany heaved a sign of relief. Newspapers and magazines, covering the bizarre story, speculated Strauss was politically dead.

He would never be acceptable to the German people again, many felt, and certainly not in any cabinet post.

On the occasion of his departure from Bonn, the following statements appeared in the Frankfurter Rundschau, December 20, 1962. "... it is taps for Franz Josef Strauss at the Wahn Airport near Cologne. The Bundeswehr (German Army) says good-bye to their supreme commander who left his post because of the 'Spiegel Affair.' Strauss knows he will not have a quick return. Strauss toppled so low that hardly any public figure takes his side. But this bitter hour one man remains loyal to him — Chancellor Konrad Adenauer."

Adenauer is then quoted as having said to Strauss, at the airport, "I am not saying good-bye to you. The opposite — I hope that in the future we can get together many more times to discuss vitally important matters concerning our country."

But regardless of speculation that Strauss had sunken "so low" as to never recover, or that he was politically dead — he is once again very near the top in West Germany!

Why Strauss Came Back

While having left his cabinet post, Strauss retained his leadership over the CSU (Christian Socialist Union). During his several years absence from the Bonn government offices, Herr Strauss devoted himself to writing his book The Grand Design. The book has been translated into English by Brian Connell, author of A Watcher On The Rhine, longtime observer of German political affairs, former Reuters correspondent, and personal friend of the Adenauers, and other leading families in Germany.

Anyone who wishes to understand Herr Strauss should read his book. It's well worth the time.

A great deal has been said about Herr Strauss in the German press, and, no doubt, a great deal will still be said.

A man of dynamic personal presence, powerful grip, glittering eyes, bulldog like tenacity — Strauss exercises amazing power over a very large group of Bavarians who hang on his every word and action.

The four years between the Spiegel affair and Strauss' emergence into the mainstream of political life again were not spent in passive retrospect.

Strauss himself said in his book, when speaking of Franco-German relations — "Small setbacks are no final defeat for the strategist. He should use them as a motive to improve his strategy."

Reading the role Strauss played in picking a Chancellor acceptable to all parties of the "Grand Coalition" in West Germany — no one will ever suppose Franz Josef Strauss to be politically dead.

He has been called "kingmaker" where Kurt Georg Kiesinger is concerned — the man most decisive in placing Kiesinger in the chancellorship instead of Ludwig Erhard. Said a West German newspaper, "Strauss was in reality the kingmaker. The decision fell already when the CSU voted for Kiesinger. It fell in Munich, not in
FRUSTRATION IN EUROPE

Strauss was a brilliant student — said to have literally broken records in his schooling in Bavaria. Endowed with fantastic memory, his admirers claim he can read a book once and remember the total substance of it. He is a shrewd and clever economist — “ruthless” to many Germans (witness his slashing tax laws, passed recently, which hacked
away an amazing 11 percent on EVERYTHING in Germany, including foods, manufactured items, transportation or whatever.

One thing it did — it rescued an economy that had begun to falter.

Strauss has said of himself, "I'm neither saint nor demon. I am no ingenious book, but a man with his contradictions." (This in connection with the embarrassment suffered in the Spiegel incident, in which Strauss felt himself victimized by a virtual terror campaign after he had jailed the editors of Der Spiegel, a leading West German news magazine, "in the interest of national security." During a visit to Israel, he had said, "I'm not popular. The people don't like me. That's my fate.")

Strauss seems either greatly admired, or violently disliked. Cautiously, the Neue Ruhr Zeitung editorialized, "In Bonn Strauss is a gentleman, polite, unruffled, obliging and tolerant. But in Bavaria he is as he always has been — an inflammatory demagogue, uncontrollable and uncontrollable.

"A Strauss without power is tolerable ... But a Strauss with power would behave no differently than on that day five years ago, and on that day [referring to the Spiegel affair] he acted against the spirit and the laws of democracy."

Personally, I saw in Strauss the potential for a strong man — an indefinable characteristic for leadership which is inescapable. Whether Germany will once again call for a strong hand at the helm remains to be seen — but many voices in Germany are right now calling for a strong man. The reason has been increasingly obvious, even in the Western press.

The Need for Order

Riots, unrest among laborers, complaints about mounting crime — symptoms of public disorder — these bring frequent statements most Americans would find difficult to understand.

From time to time, older Germans are heard to comment, "These things didn't happen under Hitler!" They may be referring to student demonstrations, crime, or long-haired youths. Many long for greater show of strength — now especially in the face of a growing Soviet threat in Europe.

This longing for order transcends mere civil disturbance, rising crime, strike threats, or wayward youth. It is a consequence of a still divided Germany — half Red, half free.

The "German Question," that of a divided Germany, has not been settled. Germans fear the big powers will tacitly agree not to settle it — but abandon Germany to its present status of dismemberment, dwelling in the shadow of the world's largest standing army, and the threat of Communist atomic power — yet completely dependent on nuclear protection from the United States.

Many are bitter, referring to the non-proliferation treaty, and other similarly worrisome big-power agreements, as the "New Versailles."

Others are complacent — pointing out the "good life" they have been living in Germany's new-found prosperity, fearing any outward show would cut Germany's western ties and leave the country exposed before the Communist threat.

Many Germans are tired of waiting. They see no real progress being made toward ultimate reunification of their country, and final European unity. Many insist Germany must begin dealing with Moscow directly for solutions — and it is no secret that German industrialists have for years recognized the vast and natural markets to the east.

Already, significant trade step-ups have been made with East Germany and other Iron Curtain satellites.

One specific irritant to Germans, for example, is the dispute over German arms purchases to offset the costs in foreign exchange of maintaining the nearly quarter-million American and 50,000 British troops on German soil.

Obviously, remembering the many crashes of the very costly Starfighters, a Lockheed supersonic fighter aircraft built under license in Germany, no thinking German leader in government enjoys seeing his country, diplomatically, economically and militarily being dictated to by the foreign-exchange needs of the U.S. Treasury, and aircraft industry.

The problems are legion.

And to a great many people — especially to Bavarians — Strauss seems to possess the answers. He is swift, decisive, tenacious — unpredictable, powerful. He gets things done. He is surrounded by an aura of power — a mysterious presence that cannot be denied, whether liked or disliked.

It remains to be seen just where that power will take Germany.
 allies in the heterosexual world are growing numbers of Protestant clergymen.”

It’s high time the public becomes aroused by this growing, fast-spreading perversion. The St. Petersburg Times (Florida), May 11, 1966, reported a serious, organized movement in Dade County, Florida, recruiting boys as young as 12 years of age, as homosexuals. There are procurers who have lists of boys. These are placed at the service of wealthy homosexuals from cities all over America. Some school boys are “hustlers.” Boys led beyond the point of no return are “hooked” with something worse than dope addiction. It’s a type of cancer that destroys!

I could quote enough published news stories of this revolting perversion to fill the whole magazine. But it is only one of the moral evils of our time that is destroying civilization!

The “Wife-Swapping Sport”

Reports now indicate millions of cases of “spouse-swapping” in America — and, undoubtcdly, in many if not most other countries.

The Chicago Daily News Service sent out a story on this, July 7, 1967. This “sport” is called by participants “swinging.” It seems to have become a popular week-end pastime in many Chicago middle-class suburban neighborhoods. And, of course, in other cities.

It is estimated that not less than 1,500 couples in the Chicago area have attended these extramarital sessions. The swappers — in groups of anywhere from two to two dozen couples — meet in the living room or family room of a member. They have a few drinks, chat, exchange spouses for an adulterous experience — then go home to their children who have been in keeping of a baby sitter.

They regard this “sport” as being safe and secure. The man’s wife can’t “find out” and accuse — she was as guilty as he. They have their own set of “do’s” and “don’ts.” The “do’s”: Look nice, be clean, be fun. The “don’ts”: No narcotics, no roughness,
But WHY Marriage?

This toboggan-slide in morals down into the filth of the cesspool has brought conditions to a status where marriage is being questioned.

As a London Sunday newspaper recently commented, "Now, for the first time, marriage itself is being eyed for its possible unsuitability to human nature."

WHY marriage? How, when, did it start? Is there, after all, any real meaning — any purpose in the marriage relationship?

Indeed there is!

But so many, today, stultified by the postwar wave of moral degeneration, are tragically unaware of the beautiful blessedness that could and should be theirs!

The answer is a startling, even shocking truth which has been altogether overlooked by science, by religion, by education, and by society!

How — of all things, even religion could have failed to comprehend this eye-opening truth is difficult to understand. It's too big — too strong and startling for a magazine article. In this article, we have reported the facts as they exist today, and the changing conditions that have led to the present state of decadence.

But if the reader would like to know the real answer, you may have, absolutely without charge for the asking, a richly illustrated (full color) 50-page booklet, giving you the astonishing answer. The title of the booklet, WHY Marriage! It is exciting, it is surprising, it is exceedingly interesting, it is inspiring — and it is the truth! Of course we have nothing to sell. There's no price on the booklet. We send it, on personal request, as a public service.

Today many are asking, "WHY marriage?" Many young men are saying, "Today I can have all that marriage offers — from several girls or women — without getting married. Why should I tie myself down? I can have love without the responsibilities." What these people don't know could mean the difference between ultimate frustration and the happy, inspiring, rewarding life humans were intended to enjoy!

This booklet will give the answer — the answer that will open astonishing understanding.

In this article I spoke of the "missing half" of sex knowledge, never before published. I spoke of a right and true morality, different from the medieval repressive morality, or the so-called "new morality."

In October, 1964, Ambassador College published a full 324-page quality book, God Speaks Out on "The New Morality." It is the book on sex and marriage the world has sorely needed. It speaks out frankly. It pulls no punches! It presents sex, and the meaning of marriage, in its right and true perspective.

Although this is a finely printed quality book, it is plainly marked, "Not to be Sold." There is no price. But every engaged couple needs it! Every married couple needs it! To avoid criticism and complaint, we cannot send this book to unmarried minors. Yet I say with emphasis, every teen-ager seriously needs this book. So I urge teen-agers to ask their parents to request a copy for them.

More than a third of a million copies have been mailed out. It's an eye-opening book from which even doctors and registered nurses learn things they didn't know about sex and marriage! This vital knowledge ought not be suppressed!

If you would like to receive a copy, you must state that you are either 1) married; or 2) past 21; or 3) engaged to be married, with parental consent, within three months, and state the wedding date. We are willing to give this book, without charge — but we do not wish to bring criticism or accusation from parents of minors. Therefore we feel constrained to offer this valuable book only on these conditions! Just send request to the editor, at the address listed for you on the inside front cover of this magazine.

Personal from the Editor

(Continued from page 2)
The infamous Berlin Wall — "Wall of Shame" as West Berliners call it — became seven years old on August 13.

Our editor of this column, Gene H. Hogberg, was in West Berlin during the anniversary week. Here is his on-the-spot report:

"The Communist barrier slicing through the heart of the old German capital is far uglier and much more gruesome than when it was first constructed by East German authorities in 1961.

"I was in Berlin six years ago, only one year after the wall’s erection. At that time the Wall consisted only of a single concrete-block mass topped with barbed wire.

"Today however, the Wall has been so fortified as to be nearly impenetrable. In most places, the original block wall is now backed up with a secondary barrier. That is followed by a strip of land underlaid with mines, and further backed up with a row of tank traps. Finally, an interior wall of smaller proportions. Escape from East Berlin into the western part of the city is now almost unthinkable.

"A common expression heard in West Germany is that 'the East German regime is the only one in history to build a wall in order to keep its population in paradise.' (The Great Wall of China was constructed to keep foreigners out.)"

As the dust of the Soviet and Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia settles, several conclusions emerge.

- The Russians took, in their view, the only avenue open toward clamping a lid on the liberalization drive which was slowly corroding their East bloc empire. Economic threats, appeals to Communist solidarity and constraint had failed to dislodge the Prague regime from its westward-propelled course.

- The Kremlin’s near-psychotic dread of a resurgent West Germany — and the then immediate prospect of Czechoslovak cooperation with the German-dominated Common Market — was enough to determine a hard-line military course of action despite the results of Hungary in 1956.

- Most important of all, the meaning many leaders in Western Europe derived from the whole affair was this: Russia had power — and acted.

The Czechoslovak crisis has provided the single greatest impetus in years toward the creation of a coming third superpower bloc in Western Europe! Bible prophecy reveals that ten nations — or groups of nations — in Europe must ultimately combine to form an economic, religious and military union (Rev. 17:12-14). It will be the final revival of the Holy Roman Empire!
Egyptian Pipeline to Bypass Suez

A little-noticed news item out of the Middle East bears notice for its prophetic significance.

The Egyptian government, on August 5, endorsed a British plan for construction of a $144 million oil pipeline to bypass the Suez Canal.

The 207-mile line is to run from Suez, the Red Sea terminus of the canal, to Alexandria, Egypt’s chief port on the Mediterranean. The line will have a capacity of at least 500,000 tons of crude oil a year and is to be in operation before the end of 1970, according to plans.

The closing of the Suez Canal, an aftermath of the Arab-Israeli war of 1967, prompted the decision. With giant tankers now transporting Middle Eastern oil around the Cape of Good Hope, the Cairo regime has suffered a significant loss of revenue.

Piping oil through the proposed line would result in considerable savings over the around-the-Cape route, certainly more than the toll cost through the Suez Canal should it ever re-open.

Cairo is competing with arch-rival Israel for the Middle East oil race. Israel has already begun construction of a $113 million pipeline project linking the port of Elath in the Gulf of Aqaba to Ashkelon on the Mediterranean.

The Egyptians feel they have the advantage. They are counting on their Arab neighbors, which produce the bulk of the Middle East’s oil, to pump the oil through Egypt’s — not Israel’s — pipeline.

The prophetic significance of this new pipeline is this: industries of continental Western Europe, as well as Britain, run on Middle East oil. The new Egyptian pipeline project is a British one. Notice Hosea 12:1 regarding what Britain was predicted to do in its relations with Egypt:

"Ephraim" (Ephraim in Bible prophecy means Britain — write for our free book The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy for proof) — "Ephraim" will "make a covenant with the Assyrians..." that means modern Germany — (the ancient Assyrians colonized Germany 1300 years before Rome was founded) "...and oil is carried into Egypt." The Hebrew word for "into" — el — connotes not only "into" but also "through."

Watch this new event in the Middle East. Oil is a critical issue for both Britain and Germany. Britain’s economic survival is at stake!

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