MOONWALK - What does it portend?
LSD

"I am 19 years old and was arrested for sales and possession of dangerous drugs. I served some time and was released on probation. I'm an ex-acidhead and heroin freak. I am now clean and trying to get married. Since I've done what most of the kids today are doing, I know their trip and can honestly say I feel sorry for them, so I can fully appreciate what you're trying to do about the drug problem of today. I was one of the fortunate ones — by getting out of the drug scene when I did. I've been receiving your Plain Truth for some time."

Ken B.,
Bakersfield, California

"Your magazine, The Plain Truth has been such great pleasure and help. About a month ago, a dear friend of mine wrote me a letter which touched me deeply. Her husband had been taking LSD and she didn't know it. He was on a so-called trip and jumped off their fifth floor balcony, leaving her with two small children and another child on the way. In May's Plain Truth, the article about LSD helped me understand why this happened."

Mrs. V. E. F.,
Reno, Nevada

"I would like to congratulate you on your excellent article dealing with the dangers of LSD. As a professor I have had many experiences with students who have taken the drug. I knew one student called Sparky who, after taking his first trip thought he was an aborted fetus. From that day on Sparky hid in closets, crates, pails and other confined spaces thinking of them as his mother's womb. The doctors have told me his case is hopeless."

Vito V.,
Brooklyn, New York

"Thank you is all I can give except to tell you who you are reaching and some effects The Plain Truth is hav-

ing. When I wrote for it, my common-law husband was on dope. I had borne an illegitimate daughter, alone. He was insane with dope. I had taken beatings, worried, cried my heart out, begged God for help from someone. Much has happened since then. I couldn't write it all here, but we are married now; he has been working, has paid himself out of debt, has bought a car and is trying to buy a home. Both our lives were in shambles. The Plain Truth — he reads, savors, ponders, discusses. . . . He has a fourth-grade education, yet you stimulate interest in life, social understanding, morals, ethics. Thank you."

Mrs. C. B.,
Hamilton, Ohio

"I would like to ask you to please discontinue my subscription to The Plain Truth. I have absolutely no complaints concerning your excellent service and credible lack of obnoxious sales pitches. At one time I was really into your thing, but I've changed many of my values and my style of life. I still believe in Christ but I've found Him in an altogether different fashion — through LSD."

Roger G. W.,
Tacoma, Washington

- We won't say "have a nice trip, Roger," because you are buying a one-way ticket to destruction. But it's your life — and you and no one else must live it — or ruin it.

Science

"My 17-year-old boy is in high school and for a term paper in his chemistry class he studied the article in the May number of the Plain Truth on DNA and life in a test tube. You can well surmise the reaction from his teacher who has already insulted him before his classmates. The information he had gleaned from your articles on evolution caused a reaction similar to a bombshell in the class — he being the only one (Continued on page 41)
Personal from the Editor

THE OTHER DAY, in Paris, in conversation with two of our executives who were travelling with me, I reminisced on the high estimate I placed on myself in earlier life — in my twenties.

"I was a very important individual in my own eyes then," I mused. "You have no idea how far I've skidded backward since then."

They laughed. "Well," exclaimed one, "I wish you'd give us the formula I placed on myself in earlier life — in 1920." I decided seriously it would be profitable to write that formula for all our PLAIN TRUTH readers. For it is the formula for the only kind of success that is real, and satisfying, and lasting.

Reflecting on this bit of banter later, I decided seriously it would be profitable to write that formula for all our PLAIN TRUTH readers. For it is the formula for the only kind of success that is real, and satisfying, and lasting.

As long as I was important in my own eyes, I was actually of no more importance than a paper bag filled with air. True, I was ambitious. I worked hard, studied hard, drove myself on relentlessly in a determined effort to achieve what I then viewed as success. But actually, as I know now, it was a striving after wind — pure vanity — a swelled-up self-exaltation that was like a toy balloon that will burst when pricked with a pin.

The skidding backward began with the flash depression of 1920 which sent numerous big corporations, among which were my main customers, to the wall. It was a national flash catastrophe over which I had no control. It left me, by 1922, a deflated, near-frustrated young man of 30. But not for long. I said, "I'll bound back. You can't keep a good man down." Self-confidence returned. I began developing another business.

But by 1926, just when my new advertising business was beginning to accelerate, another nationwide occurrence, not of my making — or even my knowledge, at the time — wiped out that business.

Once again the self was deflated. The ego was punctured. I took a new look at myself. And what I now saw was pretty humiliating. I called myself a burned-out "hunk of junk." I felt unworthy to be cast onto a junk pile. At this point a soul-jarring experience and a new self-appraisal resulted in a total about-face. I had been hit a jolt that changed the direction of my life.

Events and experiences of earlier years now played their part in shaping a new life from this point on. The inflated ego and self-assured ambition had been aroused at age 16. But as far back as memory extends I had a passion for UNDERSTANDING.

I have written elsewhere of the experience, when 22, as the "Idea Man" for the editorial department of the country's largest trade journal. In continual travel throughout the United States, I was assigned not only to search out successful sales ideas and business management techniques used by business men, but also seek out the reasons for the success of the few, and the failure of the many.

On this assignment I pioneered in making surveys, based on the law-of-average principle, sampling public opinion, attitudes, consumer buying habits, facts about life — about failure and success — about mental states of happiness or depression, about life itself as people were living it.

Now as I reflected back, I realized that the most "successful" people I had interviewed were the least happy. Bank accounts were full but lives were empty.

Now, having taken the count twice as a result of nationwide occurrences not of my making — now reduced to actual economic poverty, it became clear at last that, truly, it is more blessed to give than to receive.

This whole world, it became painfully clear, was operating on the "get" philosophy. The philosophy of "I love..."
ME, and I care nothing about you." The way of competition, strife, taking, acquiring, amassing — of being served rather than serving. Actually, in economic poverty I found rest from the nerve-shattering driving, driving, driving after that which never satisfied when acquired! I began to see that love is not spelled "I-u-s-t" but rather is pointed in the opposite direction — love is an outgoing concern for the one loved.

It became crystal clear that there are two over-all philosophies or ways of life. One is the self-centered way. It is simply vanity. It loves self only (which, as I had learned from a text on advertising psychology includes that which you call yours — your wife and family, your club, your political party, your football team, your country in time of war). It includes not only love and greed toward self, but envy, jealousy, and even hatred toward others.

I could see why so many marriages break up — or, at least, are unhappy. One confuses "falling in love" with the sex attraction which stimulates desire — toward self. And when one does not get what is wanted from the mate, resentment sets in. The mate is no longer part of one's empirical self. Resentment turns to bitterness, and bitterness to hate.

I began to learn, as never before, that love for my wife meant outgoing concern for her welfare, her happiness. As I worked toward her happiness, our marriage took on a new happiness. And that happy marriage lasted fifty years — until her death two years ago. It was making me more happy at the same time! Strange? Happiness is a funny thing — or is it? The more you give, the more you have. But the more you try to take, the more miserable and frustrated you become.

It became clear. One way of life is the self way — the incoming way — the getting way. The opposite way is the selfless way — the way of humility, getting rid of the self (which is your biggest enemy), the way of giving, serving, helping, sharing.

In economic poverty my wife and I found happiness. It became so brimming it spilled over into pure joy! I wanted to share this happiness with others.

In the summer of 1933 we were living in Oregon. I planned a series of lectures in and near Eugene, Oregon, to share this basic knowledge of this right way of life with others. I was without money. But a man with whom I had come in contact, believing in this way, happened to be a member of a country school board. He offered me the use of a one-room country schoolhouse eight miles west of Eugene, Oregon. There was no rent. I walked out over the countryside, inviting neighbors to come to the series of lectures. There were only 35 seats, but attendance averaged 36 — an average of one standing through the lecture.

That was a very small group of people, but the response was electric. Some of those lives became happier!

A little later an invitation came to lecture over radio. The response was entirely unexpected. There was then only one station in Eugene, KORE, owned by Frank Hill. He called me into his office, handed me a handful of letters. He suggested I plan a regular half-hour program — offering to contribute substantially by reducing the cost below cost of operation. The price was $3 per half hour.

That was the start of The World Tomorrow program. It could not have started smaller. The station then broadcast on the minimum wattage of 100 watts. But it was a new kind of education.

Education as organized in this world is restricted primarily to the physical sciences, technologies, and the professions — teaching how to earn a living, but not how to live. I saw the need of this broader kind of education in the home. Without any request from me, radio listeners volunteered to become contributors.

That was the start. As new Co-Workers volunteered to join with me other radio stations were added. Gradually, Growth was small. But I never would solicit or invite contributions over the air.

The radio program started on the air the first week in 1934. I managed to put together a homemade "magazine" called The Plain Truth, printed on a borrowed mimeograph, ready by February 1. This was offered, free, to radio listeners.

Little by little it grew. In 1947 Ambassador College was opened in Pasadena — with four students and a faculty of 8. It was a new type of campus education. We not only began teaching students how to earn a living — but also how to live.

And now, after another 22 years, I look back on a life that has been filled with happiness — because it has been devoted to sharing this way to real success with, first about three dozen, then hundreds, then thousands, and today into the hundreds of millions of people.

From that high estimate I placed on myself during my late teens and twenties, seeking status and a recognition of importance, I skidded backward — all the way down to self-abasement in economic poverty. In financial poverty I found the way to true success. The economic poverty lasted a total of 28 years. I learned that setting one's heart on money, or the material possessions money will buy, or on status, only brings a curse. Financial success is seldom true success, because it is sought for its own sake.

There is a cause for every effect. True success may, and perhaps usually should, include financial success. Money is power, but usually it is used to cause curses, not blessings and happiness. Money is good or evil depending on how it is used. If money is the end you seek, it will wreck you in the end.

Self-centeredness, self-seeking — the getting, grasping way of vanity, jealousy, envy and greed is a cause that always produces a most unhappy effect.

To humble the self, to be little in your own eyes, to be honestly and sincerely concerned for others — to get on the giving, helping, serving, sharing way — that is the way of life that causes real success!

To have the self brought down to that junk pile was a painful experience. But not for long. Yes, I'm glad I skidded backward from self-esteem, ego and vanity and self-seeking.
And Now—

On to the GALAXIES?

Prepare for a shock! The answer is an absolute NO! Mortal man WILL NEVER get outside his immediate solar neighborhood—NEVER get out to the limits of his own galaxy or to other galaxies.

by Garner Ted Armstrong

To make such statements as "can't" and "never" and "impossible" where science is concerned is to invite immediate sneers and scoffs of pity.

With the almost completely unbelievable achievements of America's Apollo 11 mission—the actual lunar landing and moonwalk—the collecting of lunar samples—millions are convinced NOTHING is impossible with man, now.

Dream of it, speculate about it, add money and science, and it will come to pass. Or so millions think.

The magic formula is as simple as turning on a TV set—even if those same millions have not the slightest notion about what makes the set work. Just dream of some completely unimaginable feat—add enough money and enough scientists, and wait until the networks tell you when the spectacle is scheduled for viewing.

What's This—Heresy Against Science?

To doubt the ability of science today is to conjure up visions of skeptical onlookers at Fulton's steamboat, or the people jeering at the dock when Columbus waved good-by.

To seriously question the limits of man's scientific conquests is to appear guilty of some terrible heresy—some shocking denial of the faith.

To the millions sitting glued to their TV sets, watching two Americans cavort with easy strides on the lunar surface, this was as impressive as seeing fire come down from heaven—with your own eyes.

Millions said, as if with one voice, "I can't believe it!" "Fantastic!" "Impossible!" Words spoken almost reverently, as the greatest "death-defying leap" in the history of man-made spectacles was enacted before half a billion human beings.

To question the final limits of man in space at this point is to seem irreligious, somehow. But maybe you should read on.

No-Trespassing Signs Out There

Hereetical as it may sound—there are limits upon us. Man is still LIMITED. So far, we have been operating within those limitations, but accomplishing feats of technology which are breathtakingly impressive. So much so that millions have been caught up in a scientific spell as if captured by the magic of the stenographer voice of the traveling medicine man with his sure-cure, sure-fire snake elixir guaranteed to fix whatever ails you. To doubt now is simple heresy. Or so many believe.

But man is limited.

Today, we are reaching almost to the walls about us—almost ready to touch the bounds which constrain us. But, like someone exploring his environment who has not yet discovered the high wall hidden by the climbing vines, mankind has not yet discovered the finality of his environmental confines. There is a wall beyond which we cannot go. There is a point out there beyond which only impossibility lies.

You doubt limits? You disbelieve?

If man is absolutely accurate in his measurements—light is observed to travel at the speed (through a vacuum) of 186,281 miles each second.

And that is the utter limit. Beyond this, there is nothing else where speed is concerned. This is the ultimate in speed for physical objects—an ultimate imposed by the laws of the universe itself, by the laws which man did not invent, produce, or even properly define.

Nothing is known, or can come to be known, which is faster than the speed with which light travels.

Perhaps you will balk at reading this
— say to yourself “everything is constantly changing,” or “they’ll soon find something faster.” And this, itself, proves one of the basic premises of this article — that the sublime dedication, now, to science, surpasses in many cases the near-hypnotic trances of many a savage caught up in the voodoo of a parading witch doctor.

I speak not only of the dedication of some (though by no means all) scientists — but mainly of the layman.

People like to believe scientists need only more time, money and ingenuity — after which literally NOTHING is impossible. And in this is the stuff of which religious faith consists.

But scientists are limited by the very laws of the universe. They are bound by laws. Science does not create or produce those laws — it often finds itself lacking clear definitions for them — and scientists must operate within the absolutes of powerful forces which are far beyond science.

The reason many people find such limits hard to accept in this modern age is because most people are not scientists. Many a layman has found himself in awe of fairly simple scientific experiments. How much more, then, the open-mouthed admiration at a lunar walk? And a lunar walk is to be admired — don’t misunderstand. The incredible courage, training and performance of U.S. spacemen is impressive beyond adjectives. But there are limits, nevertheless.

What are they?

Speed is one. As already mentioned, there is a “light barrier” built into our universe which is like a universal “speed limit” law. Beyond it, no additional speed is possible.

The speed of light is the final limit — beyond this, nothing.

No material, man-made object (or any other object, for that matter) can even approach that speed — let alone surpass it. And this admits no speculation, or argument, or denials. This is fact. Not “scientific” fact in the sense that man has discovered, defined or created such a “fact,” but incontrovertible, immutable fact of the universe. It is simply the way things are.

Why can’t anything reach or surpass the speed of light?

Because of the way the universe itself is constructed. It takes an inertial push to move an object. At the launch of Apollo 11 (I witnessed this fabulous sight from Cape Kennedy), the Saturn V moon vehicle was given inertial push of up to 7.5 million pounds of thrust.

As the spaceship accelerated, it also grew ever heavier (or “more massive”).

At slower speeds, with which most humans are familiar, the proportion of speed that goes into mass is so tiny it is ignored.

But it is a LAW of the universe that, the higher the velocity, the larger the percentage of the acceleration (push) that is converted into mass, and the smaller the percentage of acceleration that moves the object. There is a final point of acceleration beyond which it is physically impossible to accelerate — and that is the speed of light.

This is a FACT of the UNIVERSE — not just “speculation” of science.

Of course, the idea of pushing any material object to even the remotest speed close to light is in itself in the area of sheer fantasy — but even if this would be remotely possible, there is nothing beyond.

Why Do Men Idly Dream?

Wild speculations, idle dreams to the contrary, man WILL NOT explore his galaxy, or even a CORNER of it. Not now — not in 100 years — not in one billion years — never. Not in physical, human bodies, he won’t.

Why not?

Assuming a spaceship could (but it can’t) be made to travel up to the speed

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But what’s this? Now, even Americans scream anti-American slogans.

Here is the shocking story of the CAUSES behind the ugly SIMILARITIES of student riots around the world.

by Garner Ted Armstrong

"YANKEE, GO HOME!"

That’s the cry, whether it’s in front of the American Embassy in London or in Tokyo, Japan.

Around the world — in Britain, in Europe, Central and South America, in vast parts of Asia — demonstrators tell Americans to “get out.” In the last few months, twenty-two countries have had student riots. Most of them have had one overall general pattern. And that is “Yankee, Go Home!”

Worldwide Hate-America Campaign

Why? Why such anti-Americanism around the world today?

Recent headlines from news sources read like these: “A Tarnished Image Abroad,” “Pakistan Mob Stones and Loots Yank Center — Police Use Gas and Clubs to Rout Students.”

“A Growing Problem?” is the question on another. “Anti-American Attacks Keep Bonn Busy.” That’s in West Germany, one of our staunchest allies.

Some others with the same somber theme: “Filipino Protestors Blast the United States and Britain,” “Anti-U.S. Tone Grows in Turkey — Once Stalwart Ally,” “Sweden’s Hate America Campaign — WHY?”

Wherever you find these riots the world over — college students are in the forefront.

In Manila, the Philippines, Filipino students demonstrated outside the United States, British and Malayan embassies, chanting, “United States, go home!” and “Malaya and Britain are Thieves.”

These demonstrators were obviously well organized. They arrived in chartered buses, for example.

What do they riot about in Tokyo? University students riot about American occupation of Okinawa. Or about American nuclear vessels arriving in Japanese ports, or perhaps the existence of the American nuclear umbrella.

Yet, Japan is one of our most trusted Oriental allies.

Students Against America

Some time ago students in Calcutta, India burned Robert McNamara in effigy. And demonstrators at the London School of Economics became so violent that the school had to be shut down. The students were protesting the Vietnam war.

In Rome, Italy, violent anti-Nixon riots broke out in February, 1969. Thousands of students and Communists gathered outside the premier’s offices shouting, “Nixon, go home!” and “Mao, Mao, Mao Tse-tung.”

Recently, Governor Rockefeller visited South and Central America as an emissary on a special mission for the new Nixon Administration.

In PRACTICALLY EVERY MAJOR CAPITAL in those countries — except where the trip had to be cancelled because of threatened riots — there were major or minor incidents.

Several students were killed; scores were wounded. American flags were destroyed. Hundreds upon hundreds were arrested. Bombs exploded. Property was damaged and destroyed. America got a black eye among the local citizenry of a number of Latin American cities. Only a managed press prevented a worldwide tarnished image.

All over Central and South America anti-Americanism is a sort of hobby.

But why? Why has America become the world’s whipping boy, the jolly “green-back” giant?

Why All This Anti-Americanism?

Wherever you find unrest, poverty and squalor you will find automatic jealousy — especially if you have a rich neighbor. Wherever you find deprivation, poverty, a stifled economy — you will find attacks on authority and domination. This will be true especially of industrial, agricultural and economic domination.

But why have student demonstrations usually taken on an anti-American theme? Why this common thread of anger at the American way of life; rebellion against the “establishment”; blind rage at the suspected responsibility the U.S. has for many of the conditions in the world as we find them today?

Ironically, the very countries that are
eager for American aid are also the ones who resent us the most for our wealth. It seems nearly everything the United States does results in screams of indignation around the world, and even at home.

Why? And where is it taking America?

Believe it or not, the shape of protest around the world reveals a certain pattern that holds significance for the future of the United States of America.

But even more shocking is the anti-Americanism being shouted by students within the United States.

Today, campus protest in American universities and colleges is far more than just a passing fad. It is being seen by law-enforcing officials as a serious threat to the very fabric of society.

Anti-Americanism on American Campuses

The idea that anti-Americanism exists within the United States seems shocking at first. But on second thought it's quite clear.

The statements by student revolutionaries would be tantamount to treason — if this nation had declared war on North Vietnam. But it seems they can get away with such inflammatory statements under the guise of freedom of speech in today's climate. Analyze any riot on American campuses. Whether at San Francisco State, Berkeley, or in other large American universities — one thread runs through the riots, that is "America is wrong! America is guilty! Hate America!"

It may be couched in other statements. But the recurring theme is "Down with the establishment."

But what is the "establishment"?

Simply the American way of life, its institutions, its policies, its government, its leaders. The theme of student demonstrations — in the United States, as well as outside — is against or "anti" all the above-mentioned. Therefore, by their very nature, these demonstrations are ANTI-American!

It's about time we realized this.

Dissension, protest, honest disagreement — these, too, are part of the American way of life. And they are priceless privileges, absolute essentials to our continued existence as a free people.

But arson, threats with guns, violent confrontations with police, occupation of college buildings, burning the American flag, draft cards, school records, and the injury of college officials is not honest protest, but unlawful acts of violence which are the hallmarks of revolution.

Look at the pattern evident. How often do students demonstrate against America's enemies? And how often do America's "friends" demonstrate in support of American policies?

No Demonstrations FOR America

Can you imagine for one moment a group of American students marching down the streets of an American city burning Fidel Castro in effigy? Not only Cuban students — or refugees — but all Americans, a cross section of Americans?

Where are all the demonstrations against continued Communist suppression and domination of a nation only 90 miles from our shores?

You can't imagine American university students taking to the street in a peaceful demonstration as a result of Ho Chi Minh's policies in North Vietnam.

Or the fact that the Viet Cong have butchered thousands of people. Where are the headlines showing such demonstrations? You haven't seen any.

What about Czechoslovakia?

Where were the thousands of American student demonstrators when the Soviet Union crushed that tiny, helpless nation? They were out by the thousands demonstrating against the United States' policies in Vietnam!

How many demonstrations — mass demonstrations — have you seen against the Berlin Wall? Where are all the counter demonstrations against the Japanese student demonstrations opposed to American involvement in Okinawa or American air bases?

What a paradox!

Not only do we have anti-American demonstrations in foreign nations — in some cases among our allies — but America also faces riots from its own people.

A nation divided against itself cannot stand. When will the demonstrators realize this? Do they think the Soviet Union or Red China will give them more freedom of speech? If so, they need to take a look at "freedom" of speech in these countries.

Today a whole generation is either strangely silent in its commitment to America or is rabidly vociferous against the United States.

The Outspoken Minority

"It's the squeaky wheel that gets the grease," is an old cliche. But it explains why the "anti-establishment" minority on college campuses has gotten all the publicity. Television viewers have little interest in seeing college students peacefully sitting in their chairs, listening attentively to a lecture.

But a riot — that is exciting! That is big news — and the big news teams are always on the spot with the latest details. So we find the demonstrators, the rioters, the shouters always seem to get the headlines.

What about these student demonstrators — the "New Leftists" who have set themselves up as judges of the United States?

It is admitted that a hard core of dissidents are the leaders in inciting other thousands of students to demonstrate or riot.

Broken up into various organizations — often competing with each other to the point of shoot-outs and murder — they comprise little capsule societies of their own.

These little groups have set themselves up as the moral judges of the nation. They claim to have the corner on true righteousness. "Only we," they claim, "can feel rightly indignant about social injustices, about racism, about the hypocrisy of the establishment. We have the answers to the ills of the world."

A Little Society of Problems

In a recent issue of The Plain Truth magazine we interviewed Mr. Phillip Abbott Luce, a former member of such an organization. He had led American students to Cuba in direct defiance of the American State Department travel ban to Cuba.

He admitted to having secreted guns in New York City. Mr. Luce soon found out that the organization he had joined
was not what he thought it was. He had joined them as an altruistic young college student expecting to find the answers to the problems of the world.

But he soon found that this capsule society of demonstrators, rioters, bomb planters and shouters possesses the same cross section of social evils it so vociferously claims to be trying to correct.

One only has to read the headlines for proof of this.

Remember the shoot-out at a leading university? Two members of one organization were MURDERED by members of another. Did you read about the annual meeting of the "SDS," a leading radical student organization in June, 1969?

It was absolute pandemonium. For five days the 1,100 delegates battled in some of the bitterest "political" infighting ever seen.

The hostility was so vocal that at one time the president of the organization had to take off his sandal and bang it on the wooden lectern in order to restore "order."

Then consider racism.

Some of the very hard-core organizations among the black community or other minority groups in the United States are ostensibly organized to attack and combat racism.

And yet, as a practical statement of fact, when you see inside those organizations — you cannot find any more inflammatory, enraged, hate-filled, violent racism than in some of those same "anti-racist" organizations!

Only those who themselves are devoid of racism could claim to be the righteous judges of those who still have it. But so long as racism is the tool used to combat racism, man will find the road to a solution of this problem completely blocked.

Who Will Be the Ruler?

Demonstrators are against the "establishment." They are against laws of the land. They seek to destroy the society. As one revolt leader shouted, "Student revolt is not enough. Revolt must be made to spread to workers, like it did in Paris and New York!"

Speaking of these student dissidents, J. Edgar Hoover, Chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation said, "They detest (as do the Communists) the military, law enforcement, and other government agencies. They harass military recruiters on campus, heckle prominent government officials, even physically threaten the safety of visitors at their schools." (On Communism, J. Edgar Hoover, page 31.)

What could be more anti-American?

The ultimate hope of the student revolutionaries is the overthrow of the existing society. And they admit it in their writings — without fear.

"It has grown much larger," said Daniel Cohn-Bendit of the riots in France, "than we could have foreseen at the start. The aim is now the overthrow of the regime." (The Student Revolt, edited by Hervé Bourges, page 97.) The aim of American student rebels is the same. They want to overthrow the American establishment.

But Where are Their Solutions?

These same anti-American demonstrators — although incisive in seeing the obvious problems that do exist — do not offer practical solutions to the problems facing mankind.

How would they end the war in Vietnam? What guarantee do they have that Communists would not then start a war in Malaya, Indonesia — Australia?

How would they solve the racial problem? Remember, many of these organizations are racist themselves! What steps would they take to solve the monetary crises? And the threat of nuclear war — how would they end that? Stop manufacturing nuclear weapons and allow the Soviet Union to blast the United States off the map?

These students are quite unprepared to replace all the institutions they want to destroy. They are quick to discover "grievances," vague in offering solutions.

In question after question, Gene Bradley, writing for the Harvard Business Review, found student revolutionaries have no plan to govern. For example:

"But what would you do after you have torn down the Establishment?"

"We would devote resources to the communities, where needs exist."

"What would you do in the way of definable programs?"

"No such programs could be offered." The students could only grope for answers as if thinking through the problem-solving process for the first time. Perhaps the ghetto residents would start up their own construction companies to build new homes."


But how does one "start up" a construction company? Who will finance
it? Who will decide how many homes will be built where? What about supplies, skilled workers, community planning? You can be sure few student rebels have ever thought this far!

**The Silent Majority**

Besides the hard core of "activist" demonstrators, there are many hundreds of thousands of students who identify with the movement — depending on the issues involved.

Hundreds of thousands of other students, who may not identify with the movement, are nonetheless confused.

All these students know the world has huge stockpiles of nuclear weapons — enough to kill the population of the earth many times over.

They know of the population explosion and impending famine.

They see a world of wars, of increasing crime, of social injustice and racism, of ill health, and of mental problems.

And they want solutions!

Some blame America for all these problems. But they have no alternative solutions to offer.

**Teens for Decency Rally**

I remember having gone to a Teens For Decency rally in Florida, near Cape Kennedy, while awaiting the launch of Apollo 10.

I watched a Congressman, the featured speaker, get upon the stand as the pop musicians were waiting their turn. All the youngsters were talking, running about, and eating popcorn.

The Congressman stood up to tell these teen-agers how much he appreciated what they were doing and what they stood for — the meaning of their "teens for decency" rally.

The first words out of his mouth were, "Now, kids, I DON'T HAVE ANY ANSWERS, BUT . . ."

And that's the whole trouble! Our young people are being exposed to a number of agonizing questions. They're being told about a world that is on the brink of nuclear insanity. They're told about a world filled with poverty, illiteracy, sickness and disease — with wars and the threat of more, with the continued crisis in the Middle East, with the emergence of a United States of Europe as a third power bloc in the world, with the war in Vietnam.

Facing such problems — and many more — they are being told that there are NO POSITIVE SOLUTIONS. Many students simply bury their heads in studies and forget the whole thing. Some are simply confused by it all and say nothing. Others demonstrate against some issues they feel personally involved in. Thousands attack the system and blame their own country.

These latter ones lash out in any direction, seizing on the opportunity of the moment. It might be the "People's Park" at Berkeley, a chemical concern, ROTC — or whatever. It's as if they are indulging in a kind of academic tantrum to show their frustration so many huge problems and so few solutions. Their earnest, and perhaps very sincere desire to see a CHANGE, not only in social conditions around the world, but even a change in human nature, is submerged beneath an emotional outburst against the way things are.

"We Want a Change Here"

They're demanding, in a sense, that the leaders of the academic institutions, the boards of regents, or their teachers in class suddenly create a model environment!

These student demonstrators seem to demand a model little world of their own where there is no social inequality and racism — where there is justice and equity, fairness, freedom, fun, and, significantly, no outside interference with their personal lives.

They want relevant classes, adequate facilities, plenty of fun in the sun. In short, they want an abundant and interesting life. They want life with meaning and solutions to problems.

However, they simply aren't getting what they want. And they can't understand why.

They are demanding change, and they're demanding it RIGHT NOW! The words they use are "us," and "here and now." They want something that is going to make them happy, that is going to answer all their needs — to fill a big, aching vacuum inside.

The paradox is that BOTH American and foreign students — that is, students in other nations — blame the American system for the problems they face. Perhaps all expected that America — the world's most single powerful nation, the world's wealthiest nation, the most advanced nation — should have had the resources and incisive ability to give to the world solutions to these problems.

There are solutions to the world's ills — believe it or not! The problem is that the United States cannot give those solutions to the world nor can any other nation, as is evidenced by six thousand years of human history.

**The Solution to World's Ills**

The hard-core dissidents, the new left, the extremists on the right, the altruists, the idealists, the young disillusioned students simply cannot find solutions to the problems they face with the world — in the manner they desire.

And there is a great reason why! Solutions to the world's problems are coming to this earth — and soon. But they are not coming in the way and from the source that most expect!

If you want to know the real causes for the problems of the world, and how they will be solved — then write in for our free, 96-page booklet, The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like.

This booklet is sent FREE, to those who request it, as a public service by Ambassador College.

The booklet surveys the various segments of today's society. It shows how and why each has failed to bring peace, prosperity and happiness to the world. This booklet also shows how the solutions to those problems are coming — very soon — in the wonderful world tomorrow. By the 21st century this earth will be the utopia people dream about.

And it's no idle dream. The booklet discusses practical solutions to each and every world problem — from pollution to peace and from economics to marital problems.

And the most interesting part is the way in which these solutions will be effected. Whether student, teacher, housewife, businessman — you cannot afford to be without this vital knowledge.
There is — this very instant — a feverish international search for the ultimate "doomsday bug." The purpose? — to wipe out whole nations overnight by disease germs and chemicals. Will man's unrestrained scientific search for more horrifying weapons of mass destruction prove to be his undoing?

by Raymond F. McNair

Porton Down, England

WHAT I have seen here at Porton Down has convinced me of the awful potential of modern Chemical and Biological Warfare (called CBW for short).

Few realise its frightening possibilities!

Sensational news headlines from time to time reveal details of CBW development world-wide. Few tell the full story.

Britain — Especially Vulnerable

Britain's hopes of developing her defensive Chemical-and-Biological-Warfare deterrent are centred in two establishments at Porton Down, Wiltshire.

The Director of Britain's Microbiological Research Establishment at Porton Down is Dr. Gordon Smith. He is, of course, quite naturally concerned about Britain's vulnerability in the event of an all-out chemical or biological attack.

Dr. Smith pointed out, in an interview with PLAIN TRUTH editors, that Britain's research establishment at Porton serves two functions: "To assess the risk to the British people and Armed Forces of an attack by biological warfare and to devise means of protection against such attacks."

According to Dr. Smith, Britain's research facilities at Porton are "probably unmatched in Western Europe."

A booklet published by the Microbiological Research Establishment at Porton Down is available to the public. It sums up some of the terrible fears of Britain's Defence Department. Turning a few pages, one reads:

"The real danger of Biological Warfare (BW) is its simplicity. Essentially, it would entail the mass production of disease-producing microbes (BW agents) by techniques that are well-known, together with a delivery system which could, for example, be a simple spray device. The cloud of microbes produced would be inhaled during normal breathing, causing
Many nations could equip themselves for a grand scale — to erase whole populations!

Thousands of years ago man discovered the diabolical use of poison. He learned to use poison to dispose of rulers, dignitaries, or large numbers of his enemies by poisoning their food or water supply. Poisoned arrows were also used in warfare.

Millenniums ago man learned that he could throw the corpses of plague-infected humans over the walls of besieged cities which he sought to overthrow — thereby causing terrible plague to ravage the entire city. Early American settlers traded plague-infected blankets to American Indians in times of frontier hostilities.

There have been virtually no limits to man's diabolical, inventive genius in the realm of destructive weapons of war.

CBW's Awful Potential

We can see the awful potential of rampant diseases organisms by observing what did happen during the Dark Ages.

The Black Death of 1348-50 was the worst natural disaster to befall man in the last 4000 years. This terrible plague swept across all Europe — killing at least one third of the population! In certain areas nearly three fourths of the population were killed by plague! Three fifths of all Britons succumbed to the Black Death — reducing Britain's population from 5.1 million in 1348 to 2.1 million in 1374.

Many, believing they would certainly fall victims of the Black Death, gave themselves over to reckless abandon — drunkenness, sexual orgies, violence, crime and general lawlessness. "Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we die of plague," they reasoned.

But biological warfare is potentially much worse than plague.

Colonel Adam Mikovich of Moscow Institute understands the full potential of Biological Warfare. He said: "It is believed today that Biological War would have the greatest effect of all" (Post, Jan. 30, 1965).

Proof of man's peril can be seen in what a deadly virus can do to animals.

In the 1940's, Australia's exploding rabbit population soared to about 500 million! Damage to the economy was estimated to be £100 million annually.

What could be done to prevent the rabbits from overrunning the Australian continent?

Myxomatosis, a deadly virus disease among rabbits, was introduced into the rabbit population in 1950, and within only a few months ninety percent of the rabbits had perished from this disease!

Myxomatosis was introduced into France in May, 1952, with similar alarming results. By the end of 1953, this deadly disease had spread through much of France, Holland, Germany, Belgium and Switzerland — killing from sixty to ninety percent of the rabbit population of those countries.

Rabbits in both Australia and Europe proved to have little immunity against this deadly infection.

An Ounce of Doom!

Many scientists right now are searching for new plagues with which to decimate the human population. And they are diligently seeking deadlier strains of old viruses with which to destroy whole populations. Of course, these scientists justify their CBW research by saying it is done for defensive reasons.

Just how lethal are these viruses?

Do you grasp the deadly potential?

"In theory one gramme of chicken embryo tissue, inoculated with the Q-fever organism, would be sufficient to infect more than one million people" (We All Fall Down, Robin Clarke).

It has been estimated that one fourth of an ounce would be sufficient to infect every man, woman and child living in the British Isles! That's about 55 million! Britain is especially vulnerable to chemical or germ warfare. She is thickly crowded and normal weather conditions in Britain are favourable to that type of warfare!

Botulinus, which was developed during World War II, is so deadly that it could wipe out all human life in a given area within six hours — yet leaving the target area habitable immediately after the attack.

But some diseases would have a more lingering effect.

During World War II the British
By permission of the authorities at the two research establishments at Porton Down, our staff observed and photographed these displays and activities.

Henderson — Ambassador College

Government's Microbiological Research Establishment at Porton Down conducted an experiment with deadly anthrax — which causes hideous cancer-like growths in human beings and in animals.

The experiment was carried out on Gruinard Island, just off the northwest coast of Scotland. The anthrax bacterium killed all the sheep on the island. It is now estimated that it will be a hundred years or more before Gruinard Island will be safe for man or beast to again inhabit! Such is the dangerous stuff with which men are toying!

Few realize that far more people have died from pestilence — from sickness and various plagues — through the course of human history, than have died in actual warfare.

It has been estimated that over 20,000,000 perished from influenza in just a few months at the close of World War I — and 50 times that number became ill. In the autumn of 1918, over 12,500,000 died in the flu epidemic which swept the undernourished nation of India. And over one-half million died in the United States.

Chemical Warfare

Nations have not been content to develop just biological warfare. The major powers are also diligently developing their arsenals of chemical weapons.

Both America and Russia reportedly have impressive stockpiles of chemical weapons — plus the means of delivering them upon unsuspecting enemy targets — without warning! West Germany is definitely known to be developing CBW.

What are some of these terrifying chemical weapons which mankind is now developing? Man's present chemical weaponry includes: vomiting gases and lachrymators (tear gases), choking gases, nettle gases, blood gases, vesicants (agents causing blisters), G-agents, nerve gases and incapacitating agents. Man's arsenals of chemical agents can produce sleep, paralysis, blindness, deafness, loss of balance, vomiting, diarrheas, choking, persistent crying or uncontrollable laughter, terrible fear, hallucinations, depression, permanent insanity — or death!

And no nation which is developing a CBW potential ever seems content with its present deadly, massive stockpiles of chemical weapons. The nations are obsessed with the diabolical impulse to ever seek out deadlier chemical agents — agents which will kill ever-larger numbers!

Mind-bending Nerve Gases

There were about 800,000 casualties from the use of deadly gases in the First World War (Encyclopaedia Britannica).

But gases were not used in World War II. This does not mean that they were not manufactured. They were — by both the Axis and Allied powers.

The Germans discovered horrible
nerve gases in the 1930's, but didn't use them during the Second World War for fear of retaliation. The British nation was well equipped with gas masks throughout World War II. Britain didn't intend to be caught unprepared should the Germans decide to use CBW.

Hitler reportedly ordered the use of nerve gases against the Allies when they invaded Normandy — but his generals refused to comply — again apparently out of fear of retaliation!

At the close of World War II the Russians captured a German factory where deadly nerve gases had been produced. They dismantled the establishment and transported it to Russia. Both the U.S. and Russia have huge stockpiles of mind-bending nerve gases.

Britain developed the terrible V-agent (at Porton Down) which is so lethal that if it so much as touches the skin, death will result. The American version — the VX-agent — is presumably even more deadly.

Many remember the public outcry in March, 1967, when the U.S. Dugway Proving Ground in western Utah accidentally killed 6,000 sheep — which were reportedly 30 miles from the Proving Ground where this nerve gas experimentation was being carried out.

Any Defence Against CBW?

There would be little defence against a modern, highly sophisticated chemical and bacteriological assault by a determined aggressor.

"No known precautions promise to save more than a few people... no country is really prepared for the horrors of chemical or biological warfare..." (Time, Sept. 6, 1968).

Defences against CBW include inoculations and vaccinations, gas masks, germ-proof space-type suits, germ-proof shelters, and medical treatment after exposure. But the simple truth is that, all defences considered, any massive, well-executed attack would prove devastating.

When an ordinary plague breaks out in a country, it usually strains all of the facilities of that country to cope with the victims of such natural virus outbreaks.

But in the case of a planned CBW attack, masses of the population would all fall sick at the same time, and there would be few qualified personnel left to take care of the large numbers who would automatically succumb to the virus infection.

There are many dangers and "unknowns" in launching a chemical or biological war. No one can predict with absolute certainty just what the outcome of an all-out CBW assault against an enemy would be. It could even be that the germs or chemical agents used in the assault would not behave as planned — might even backfire upon the aggressor!

Such a massive CBW assault might unleash virulent plagues which would sweep the whole world — rampaging uncontrolled till many of the earth's inhabitants lay dead or dying. This earth might conceivably become one gigantic cemetery — reeking from the stench of rotting flesh!

Destroying the Economy

Another terrifying aspect of CBW is that an enemy nation could destroy the economy of a nation — before actually attacking its civilians. This could be done by first attacking some of the main crops of the intended victim nation.

In 1942, 90 percent of India's rice crop was destroyed by a natural strain of rice fungus.

And the highest award ever given to a U.S. civilian was awarded to a woman for developing another very deadly type of rice-blast fungus — which could, of course, be used against rice-eating nations like China or North Vietnam.

A Russian scientist has reportedly discovered a very deadly wheat rust — a type to which America's wheat would be especially susceptible.

Thus, one can see how an enemy could greatly undermine the economy of a nation by first destroying the main crops through bacteriological warfare.

As a further example of the effects of this type of warfare, consider the terrible economic effects which the Irish potato famine of the mid-1800's had on Ireland. That particular potato famine was caused by a peculiar potato blight or fungus which completely wiped out Ireland's potato crop!

Previous to the famine, Ireland was one of the most densely populated countries in Europe. Yet it was a country stricken with the most unbelievable poverty. "There never was," said the Duke of Wellington, a native of County Meath, "a country in which poverty existed to the extent that exists in Ireland." "Nearly half of the families of the rural population," reported the 1841 census, "are living in houses of the lowest state" — windowless mud cabins of a single room.

The plight of the evicted and unemployed was the worst. Some put roofs over ditches, burrowed into road banks, existed in bogholes or lived under tree roots. The majority of the population had little food at all except the potato. (The diet of one third of the Irish — when crops were good — consisted of potatoes only and water. An even larger fraction of the population, although slightly better off, used potatoes as the staple of their diets.)

As blight struck, seemingly overnight potatoes "melted" in the ground, turning the entire foliage of the plant black and turning the potato itself into a mass of rottenness. All attempts to contain this scourge failed. People died from starvation, typhus and other fevers.

Contemporary accounts are heart-rending. They tell of families dying in their cabins, shivering, filthy, half-naked, having sold their bedding and any clothes that would fetch money for food.

One observer describes children looking like little old men and women of 80 years of age, wrinkled and bent, unable to utter a sound as they died with an unmeaning, vacant stare in their eyes.

An American described how he saw men whose bodies were swollen to twice their normal size at work on the public works. He was shown a boy aged 12 whose body was swollen to three times its normal size. A body of a baby of 2 was swollen to the size of an adult. Other observers report how bodies lay unb uried along the sides of roads and in the cabins where they had died. The survivors had not the strength to bury the
dead. Sometimes cabins contained the dead and dying alongside one another in bed.

An Irish priest described how he found a "room full of dead people," a man still living lying in bed with a dead wife and two children, while a starving cat was eating another dead infant. A wife and two children, while starving by horses, dogs, rats — were eaten; found a "room full of dead people." "Never in my life," wrote Commander Caffyn, "have I seen such wholesale misery."

"Any beast capable of serving as food — horses, dogs, rats — were eaten; there were even accounts of cannibalism by the hunger-maddened."

In the five years between 1846 and 1851, it is estimated that about a million and a half persons perished, during the famine, of hunger, diseases brought on by hunger, and fever. During this period about a million persons emigrated. "Nearly the whole of the class of the agricultural labourer was extinguisihed," says one book.

Ireland has never fully recovered from the terrible effects caused by that potato famine!

And the cause of all this suffering — potato blight — is still with us. "Every year since 1845, in potato fields throughout the northern hemisphere, the blight fungus has been present, waiting only for the right weather conditions to multiply with fearful rapidity, as again happened, with exceptional severity, in 1958," says Cecil Woodham-Smith in her book, The Great Hunger, page 94.

Man-directed fungus and biological virus diseases could produce the results of the Irish potato famine almost overnight. Such sabotage could bring a nation to its knees just as easily as could bombs or bullets. It is conceivable that a plague such as foot-and-mouth disease — which recently spread like wildfire through Britain's cattle, costing about £150,000,000 — could be started deliberately by sabotage.

It could prove an absolutely impossible task to trace the aggressor in case of a chemical or biological attack. Germs never carry a "Made in Germany" or "Made in Russia" tag.

**CBW — "Humane, even Benign"?**

Until very recently, Chemical and Biological Warfare was looked upon as "the worst form of military brutality." Now CBW is being looked upon by some as a "more humane" way of waging war! Dr. Clifford F. Rassweiler — adviser to the Pentagon — was quoted as saying:

"[Germ warfare] provides the most effective way known to kill masses of people — they [the germs] do not mangle men's bodies — makes war more humane, even benign" (Post, Jan. 30, 1965).

It used to be that wars were fought primarily between armies — with comparatively few civilian casualties, but this is not true of more recent wars.

In World War I, only 5 percent of those killed were civilians, but 48 percent of those killed during the Second World War were civilians. Some have reported 84 percent of those killed in the Korean War were civilians; and the percentage for Vietnam may be as high.

It is an indisputable fact that modern man's most horrible weapons — whether nuclear, chemical or biological — have been deliberately designed to be used against the civilian population of an enemy country, as well as against strictly military targets.

Chemical and Biological Warfare is a cheap means to massive offensive capability for the smaller nations. For this reason biological warfare has been called the "poor man's hydrogen bomb."

Twenty-four years have passed since Hiroshima and Nagasaki. And yet only five or six nations are members of the rather exclusive nuclear club!

It takes a lot of money, expertise and time to develop thermo-nuclear weapons.

But smaller nations could quite easily develop a potent CBW weapon with which to threaten more powerful neighbors. CBW weapons could thus become a sort of blackmail.

**Like Sitting Ducks**

Today, about eight tenths of all Britons are huddled into towns and cities; and about 60 percent of U.S. population lives in cities of 5,000 population or more. More and more, the people of America, Britain, Canada, Australia and South Africa are leaving the broad spaces of the country and are moving into the cities.

Long ago, One claiming to be God Almighty ordered His servants to make the following prediction. "When ye are gathered together within your cities, I will send pestilence [disease epidemics] upon you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of your enemy" (Lev. 26:25).

Did this God know?

Think of the terrible slum conditions which exist today within most of our big cities. Plagues could easily break out — especially if a CBW attack were made on our big population centres. And ... it would be very easy for a well-trained corps of enemy fifth column agents to fan out through our nations and release chemical and/or biological agents which could easily pollute our water supplies, contaminate our food, befoul the very air we breathe. Overnight, millions of our people could be laid low by any number of lethal viruses or chemical agents.

Are the nations of this earth about to bring the plagues mentioned in the Book of Revelation upon themselves by and through the instrumentality of their own diabolical laboratory experiments? (Note chapter 9, verses 3-6.)

CBW weapons are cheap to manufacture, and are comparatively inexpensive to deliver to enemy targets. A small nation could develop a whole arsenal of CBW agents and deliver them with very little strain on its budget.

Will some covetous nation look with greedy eyes upon the property of another nation and decide it would be wiser not to blast into oblivion the target nation — but merely to kill most of the people, then take possession of their country?

Remember, one of the "advantages" of CBW is that an aggressor nation can take control of the enemy lands completely intact after an all-out assault.

**Science — Man's Pseudo-Messiah!**

Today all nations look to science as the great saviour of mankind. To them, science is the pseudo-Messiah through...
which they hope to achieve unlimited material benefits. And to science they look to develop the magic weapons with which to protect themselves.

But will the scientists develop the ultimate “super germ”? Will man soon be able to hurl nature itself at his foes? Will the scientists succeed in unleashing the awful plagues of nature — in hitherto unknown virulence — upon humanity?

Was the apostle Paul right when he warned that men naturally give themselves over to become “inventors of evil things?” (Rom. 1:28.) The horrible nuclear, chemical and biological weapons in today’s national armories!

Was Lord Ritchie-Calder right when he said: “The Doomsday Bug is under wraps”?

We are indeed living in “perilous times” (II Tim. 3:1).

A Ray of Hope?

Robin Clarke sums up today’s present peril very well in his book, *We All Fall Down*.

“Where does this leave us today? The situation is perilous. Vast sums of money are being spent on weapons which may prove as devastating in their effects as anything so far invented and which may turn out to be within financial reach of any country wishing to use them. The prospects for international control by inspection schemes and detection apparatus are remote.”

He then says that if there is a ray of hope — and he admits there is only an “obscure one” — then he says it will be the simple fact that the next war couldn’t take place without the cooperation of the scientists.

He then urges all scientists to refuse to have anything to do with the development of these horrifyingly destructive weapons.

He concludes by saying: “This is the scientists’ dilemma. But because of human nature I fear they [the scientists] will not grasp the opportunities for peace that are within their reach . . . If they choose to usher in the realm of biological warfare they must, this time, take the responsibility for it.”

Scientists must bear their full share of responsibility for their part in developing more deadly and virulent microbes which could unleash horrifying disease epidemics upon this world.

But where does this leave us? Will scientists cease their horrifying work? Hardly.

It leaves us precisely where the world’s most noted newscaster — Jesus Christ — said it would leave us! Speaking of our very day, he warned: “For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved [alive]: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened” (Matt. 24:21, 22).

But how?

The Only Solution

Make no mistake about it — man does not have the solution to his ever-accelerating arms-race problem. But God does!

We can be very thankful that the God of the universe is about to put an end to man’s hellish insanity toward his fellowman. His government will “rebuke strong nations afar off: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more” (Micah 4:3).

Mercifully, God Almighty will not let man destroy himself! If God didn’t keep His hand firmly on the controls, man would annihilate himself.

We can rejoice that total disarmament is very near. The day is soon coming when the nations will close down all of their chemical and biological establishments — and their munitions factories!

Then all of man’s scientific efforts will be directed toward construction — not destruction. Toward saving lives — not destroying them!

If you would like to know how total disarmament and world peace will come about — then write for our free, illustrated book: *The Wonderful World Tomorrow — What It Will Be Like*. You have never read anything like it.

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Modern science and technology came forward in our time as the messiahs to rescue society from its ills. In ten years scientific and technological knowledge has DOUBLED — and in the same decade humanity’s TROUBLES also have doubled!

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Science, technology, Communism have proved false messiahs. World troubles multiply, and today they are frightening. PLAIN TRUTH editors, scholars, researchers, analysts, realize that neither these, nor governments, educators, established religions, psychologists, nor any other human “authority” have the answers. None knows THE WAY to PEACE! None knows the PURPOSE of life. None seems to point out the true values from the false.

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### RADIO LOG

**"The WORLD TOMORROW"**

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THE MEANING OF BRITAIN'S ROYAL INVESTITURE

In July, one fifth of the earth's population watched Prince Charles' Investiture. The BIG question now is, will the Monarchy survive the space age? And what would happen to Britain if there were no Monarchy?

by Raymond F. McNair

Caernarvon, Wales

The royal pomp, splendour and circumstance surrounding the recent Investiture of Prince Charles was indescribable. No nation on earth can execute royal State ceremonial with such flawless precision as the British. They have, of course, had more experience in this than any other nation.

But why an Investiture?

Pomp and Pageantry

I have witnessed numerous royal processions, state occasions and splendid displays of papal pageantry. But none has equalled the marvellous display of regal dignity, glitter and pride which was recently displayed at Caernarvon Castle in North Wales.

Half a billion people followed the minute details of Britain's Royal Investiture via a worldwide TV hookup. Millions sat transfixed before their TV sets watching what must have appeared to many to have been a page of pageantry from the Middle Ages.

A quarter of a million (mostly Welsh) thronged the streets of Caernarvon to witness the Investiture and the royal processions.

A Massive Security Problem

Imagine, if you can, 250,000 people waiting to get a glimpse of members of the Royal Family — wanting to cheer them and wish them well. But such a vast number posed a gigantic security problem for those responsible for the safety of the Royal Family. The British Government marshalled about 2,000 policemen, plus nearly 2,500 from the armed services, to protect the Royal Family.

Recent nationalistic cries in Wales have stirred up anti-English sentiment to the point that there have been a score of bombings — blowing up utilities, buildings, bridges, pipelines, etc. In fact, two Welsh extremists were blown up by their own bomb hours before the Investiture.

During the Investiture Procession we heard the roar through Caernarvon of a bomb blast which exploded not far from the Castle.

Later, an egg was thrown by a youth at the Queen's royal carriage. The police had to move in quickly to rescue the misguided extremist from the enraged crowd who were yelling: "Lynch him!" and "Traitor!" Had the indignant crowd got hold of this egg-throwing hothead they would have surely taught him not to insult their Queen!

What is behind all this violence? Some in Wales have been clamouring for independence. They believe London has, in the past, tried to stamp out the Welsh language and culture, and they feel the London-based British Government has neglected Wales.

Other Welshmen now want Wales to become an independent member of the Commonwealth — like Canada or Australia. A Welsh political party, the Plaid Cymru, is gaining strength in Wales. Some fiery Welshmen are willing to die for their beliefs.

The Investiture Service itself was held within the walls of the 700-year-old Caernarvon Castle in North Wales. Of the 250,000 who crowded into the Royal Borough of Caernarvon, only 4,000 were actually invited to witness the processions and the Investiture within the walls of the ancient castle.

To see the many lords, ladies and dig-
nitiaries arrive and take their seats among the guests was an exciting experience in itself. Many men wore morning dress and most of the ladies were gaily attired for this Royal occasion. A number of top-ranking, highly decorated military men and other notables were in attendance as invited guests among the 4,000 in the castle.

But — the real pomp and pageantry was displayed during the two hours of processions which preceded the actual Investiture Service. Words fail to do justice to the gay and colourful dress worn by the many dignitaries. The King’s Heralds, Representatives of Welsh Youth, Members of the Bards and the National Eisteddfod Council, Mayors of the Boroughs of Wales, Her Majesty’s Sheriffs of the Counties of Wales, Members of Parliament for Welsh Constituencies, the Representatives of the Churches — including the Archdruid of Wales, Peers of Parliament, Her Majesty’s Bodyguard, the Queen’s Yeomen of the Guard, Peers and Gentlemen, followed by members of the Royal Family, including Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II.

Britain’s Prime Minister, Mr. Harold Wilson, and other Government ministers attended the Investiture. Foreign dignitaries and notables included Mr. Hubert Humphrey, Tricia Nixon, Ambassadors and high-ranking government officials from many countries — especially the Commonwealth.

**Impressive Investiture Ceremony**

Queen Elizabeth II, seated on her throne, listened while the Secretary of State, on behalf of Her Majesty, read the Letters Patent, announcing the Investiture of Prince Charles as Prince of Wales. “Elizabeth The Second, By the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland . . . Know Ye that we have made and created and by these Our Letters do make and create Our most dear Son Charles Philip Arthur George . . . PRINCE OF WALES and EARL OF CHESTER . . .”

Prince Charles then knelt before Queen Elizabeth II, placed his hands between those of Her Majesty and declared: “I, Charles, Prince of Wales, do become your liege man of life and limb and of earthly worship, and faith and truth I will bear unto you to live and die against all manner of folks.”

Shortly afterward the Queen and Prince exchanged the “Kiss of Fealty.”

Then after a prayer for unity, a hymn was sung and a blessing was pronounced. This was followed by the Queen (accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh) thrice presenting Prince Charles as Prince of Wales to the people of Wales at the Queen’s Gate, the King’s Gate, and the Lower Ward of Caernarvon Castle to those assembled inside the Castle.

When the Queen had presented the Prince to the people of Wales, all members of the Royal Family made a dignified departure from the Castle beneath the Royal Air Force fly-past over Caernarvon. The Royal Family were wildly cheered along the two-and-a-half-mile procession out of Caernarvon.

**The Meaning of Investiture**

Just what is an Investiture of a Prince? And why?

Queen Elizabeth II had actually bestowed the title of “Prince of Wales” upon Prince Charles when he was only nine years old — in 1958.

The Royal Investiture at Caernarvon Castle was merely a confirmation service at which the Queen could present her son formally, before British dignitaries and commoners, as the Prince of Wales, the heir apparent to the world’s most prestigious, most glamorous throne!

The answer, in part, may be found in a significant part of the Investiture Ceremony, the conferring of the five symbols of the office of the Prince of Wales — the Sword, the Golden Rod or Sceptre,
the Coronet or Crown, the Gold Ring and the Mantle.

Why was the Investiture of Prince Charles necessary?

For many centuries it has been customary for the heir apparent of the British Throne to be given the title of the Prince of Wales — until his actual accession to the Throne. Prince Charles is the 21st Prince of Wales.

The first English Prince of Wales was Edward II, who was made Prince of Wales in the 13th century. Later, the English and Welsh Royal lines were blended together by intermarriage. So — Prince Charles actually has royal Welsh blood flowing in his veins.

Is Monarchy Necessary?

Many in Britain — as well as abroad — have asked: “Is the British monarchy needed any longer?” “Does the Royal Family have any relevance in the space age?” “Is Prince Charles necessary?”

“Why should the British have to support a monarchical institution that is obsolete — an anachronism in this modern age?”

One influential British critic, Malcolm Muggeridge, has referred to the British monarchy as a “royal soap opera!" And some Britons look upon government expenditure on the Royal Family as needless, extravagant, burdensome.

But are these criticisms justified?

What are the benefits — the blessings — which the British Royal Family brings to the British peoples?

Unfortunately, many do not really understand the vital part which the British Royal Family (the monarchy) plays in Britain, the Commonwealth, and to a lesser degree, in the world.

A widely read U.S. news magazine recently made the following comment: “By any standard of rational judgment, the monarchy, of course, is no longer necessary.”

But having lived over 11 years in England, and having travelled widely throughout Britain, I find among the people deep emotional and sentimental feelings toward the monarchy. Most Britons still have deep regard for the Royal Family. They well know that Britain would not be the same without it.

A Royal Blessing

What are some of the benefits which the Royal Family brings to Britain? The monarchy provides an emotional and sentimental rallying point for the nations comprising Britain (England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland) and for the Commonwealth.

The Queen is the Head of State of thirteen Commonwealth nations, and has influence in all of the 28 Commonwealth countries. The English language, the Common Law and customs, and the Monarchy are still potent forces in today's Commonwealth.

Many argue that the Crown really pays for itself, because of the revenue from its Crown lands which amount to almost $13.2 million annually. Many millions of dollars flow into England as a result of the added impetus to tourism provided by the Royal Family and various State functions and properties.

Queen's Manifold Duties

Is it true, as some say, that the Queen and other members of the Royal Family “never do a stitch of work”?

The actual civic and religious duties of Queen Elizabeth are legion. She makes speeches, launches ships, opens Parliament, presents awards, receives heads of State and grants audiences to many scores of British and non-British dignitaries throughout the entire year.

Besides all this, the Queen is the mother of four children whom she and her husband have dutifully brought up in such a way that they would be a credit to the nation. She and Prince Philip have striven to give all of their children a well-rounded, balanced, general education.

The Royal Family sets a very good example for the rest of Britain so far as family life is concerned. The Queen is respected and admired — not only as the Sovereign — but also as a truly feminine woman, a real lady, an exemplary mother, a devoted wife. In spite of her many duties, she has made sure she sets aside sufficient time for her family.

Her Majesty sets a fine example in her dress, speech, carriage, in her dedication to her work. When she appears in public, she is always dressed modestly, becomingly. And very importantly, she nearly always manages a smile for her subjects — in spite of her gruelling, demanding duties which would wreck the spirits and health of many who don't possess the character traits of the Queen.

Prince Philip’s Example

The Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip, also sets an example for Britons to follow. No one would ever think of the Duke as one who would lower himself to the hippie practices of much of Britain's younger generation.

He is a well-rounded man with a background of rich experience. He has many interests, is a keen sportsman—especially at polo.

Though Prince Philip often has to walk several paces behind the Queen at State functions or take a back seat — yet in Britain it is generally understood that the Duke of Edinburgh rules his home wisely and firmly. Those who know him and who understand his temperament would find it hard to conceive that he wouldn't be a real leader in the home — both toward his wife, the Queen, and toward his children.

Prince Philip is a very industrious man — carries out many civic responsibilities and belongs to many organisations. He has been greatly interested in helping Britain to overcome her productivity gap — the gap which Britain is experiencing relative to her low production compared with other nations.

He recently said Britain must really get going if she is to close the gap. He warned that the productivity of the average American worker was significantly higher, for example, than that of a typical British worker.

And Prince Philip is a real man's man! He is respected and admired by his wife, children and by the whole British nation. He is also known to be a refreshingly frank, outspoken person.

Not long ago while he was speaking, he kept being interrupted by a young heckler. Prince Philip finally told the youthful heckler to "shut up and grow up."

Prince Charles Sets Pace

But what about Prince Charles? What kind of an example does he set?

Many Britons have recently com-
mended the Prince for setting his own standards — rather than following the mod or hippie trends of his own "groovy" generation. Some of Prince Charles' own age group have criticized him for being a bit of a "square" for wearing a sensible haircut, etc.

British youth, like the youth of America and most western nations, often tend to look down upon their elders — tend to ignore, if not despise, the advice, correction and instruction of their parents. Not so Prince Charles!

On British television, Britons were somewhat surprised to see that their Prince is a young man of considerable charm, intellect, and character. During the interview Prince Charles was asked: "How much influence has your father had on you? Is he as tough a disciplinarian inside the Palace as he appears to be outside on occasions?" Prince Charles, somewhat surprised at this question, asked: "Does he appear to be a tough disciplinarian?"

The television interviewer answered: "Well, he (Prince Philip) seems to tell people exactly what they ought to be doing, or to sit down and shut up. Has he ever said that to you?"

"The whole time, yes. It's very good for me, I think," answered Prince Charles. "He has quite a strong influence on me, particularly in my younger days... my father has been a great help... a moderating influence, and an influence of great wisdom."

Speaking of his mother, the Queen, he said: "She is just a marvellous person and a wonderful mother. I think I tend to think of my family as very special people... The Queen has a marvellous sense of humour and is terribly wise." Prince Charles loves, respects and honours his parents.

In the mixed-up era of this mad, mad world where old values, morals and standards are being swept aside, it is refreshing to see a family like the Royal Family have the common sense and the intestinal fortitude to limit the present "groovy," trendy tendency toward degeneracy. It is heartwarming to see their exemplary family life, their sense of duty, and their loyalty and dedication to their country.

**The PLAIN TRUTH**

**Monarchy — "A Waste of Money"?**

One British hippie recently confessed his ignorance. He protested: "My friends and I sit all day and they call us long-haired layabouts because we don't work. But the Queen and the rest of them don't do a stitch of work from the day they're born, and they get away with it. They're privileged people. People my age think the whole monarchy thing is just a waste of money."

Happily most of the younger generation are not this lacking in knowledge of the facts. They are loyal to the monarchy and don't look upon the Royal Family as idlers. A recent British Sunday Times poll revealed that most Britons still favour the monarchy. Of those questioned: 58% said that the monarchy prevented the ruling party from becoming too powerful, 61% believed it sets standards of morality and family behaviour, 64% thought the monarchy makes violent revolution less likely, and 69% felt that it helped to keep the Commonwealth united.

This survey clearly showed that many in Britain strongly believe the monarchy has a powerful and very salubrious effect upon the British nation — including its morals and family life.

But to the older generation of loyal Britons the splendour of Caernarvon is a painful reminder of Britain's former Imperial Greatness — when the roar of the British lion really did echo all the way from Whitehall to every corner of the earth! They now see Britain being referred to as "the sick man of Europe" — see her being refused admission into the EEC until she gets her economic house in order. They witness the shaky pound become more shaky — see Britain slowly strangling itself through repeated strikes, ineffectiveness and dowdy indifference.

A few of the older, wiser generation see the moral and spiritual decadence that grips Britain. They see the continued weakening of the pound. They regrettfully hear their capital city, London, referred to as "Swinging London," "the gambling capital of the world," "the abortion centre of the world." Instead of seeing London's streets filled with thousands of bright-eyed young men preparing to go out and help rule a globe-circling Empire — they see its streets filled with hippies, layabouts, dropouts from society who have no higher ambition than TV, the pub, gambling — wine, women and song.

The older generation heave a sigh, and wonder where it is all going to lead this tiny, sceptred island that boasts the world's oldest, most prestigious throne — a throne that has been the envy of every nation on earth!

A young British actress summed it all up very well: "You know, in a sense England is its tradition and its monarchy. We've lost all the empire stuff, but we still have the monarchy. If we didn't, England would be just a miserable little island. The monarchy reminds the world [and England] that England was once a far more powerful country."

**British Throne — a Glorious Future**

Will the monarchy continue to survive? Will the old, revered throne upon which Queen Elizabeth II sits continue through this space age and on into the miracle age of tomorrow's world? Will it still have relevance in the 21st century?

Surprising as it may seem to some, the British Royal Throne will continue to exist and thrive for a very, very long time to come. An amazing Coronation is yet destined to take place in the near future that will pale into insignificance the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II.

Yes, the Throne of England — the ancient, majestic, highly coveted Throne — despite calamities is yet destined to become a very powerful force in bringing real peace, happiness, stability and prosperity — not only to Britain — but to the whole world!

If you wish to learn just how and why the Royal Throne of England will become that potent means of bringing peace, stability and happiness to Britain, the Commonwealth of nations — and eventually to all nations! — then you need to request a vitally important, and gripping free book, The U.S. and British Commonwealth in Prophecy.

It will give you the amazing history of this Royal House, and will show you the place the Royal Throne of Britain will occupy in the 21st century!
THE ERODING DOLLAR

In the past thirty years the American dollar has dwindled by almost two thirds. This means that $100 put in a safe deposit box in 1939 will now buy only $38 worth of goods and services.

A married man with two children had to earn $14,440 in 1968 to buy what just $5,000 bought a man in his position thirty years ago. That is 188.8% more — just to stand still!

Now look at what has happened in just the last decade. One hundred dollars in cash put away as recently as 1958 will now buy only $79 worth of the essentials of life.

View the problem in another way. You were a man earning $7,500 in 1958. Today you earn $12,000 a year and have a wife, two teen-agers and a home in the suburbs.

How much more actual spending money will you have?

The Tax Foundation figures you have a mere $1,954 left after taxes and inflation.

And basically the same problem has afflicted the British public the past several years. Inflation and a crushing tax load have robbed many laborers in Britain of the incentive to work harder or put in extra hours on the job.

Living costs as measured by the U.S. Government's Official Consumer Price Index have gone up every year for the past decade. From 1960 through 1964, the average annual increase was about 1.2 percent — "just a little inflation." But when the U.S. began to send large numbers of troops to Vietnam in 1965, inflation accelerated rapidly. The increase in the price index was 1.7 percent in 1965, 2.9 percent in 1966, 2.8 percent in 1967, 4.2 percent in 1968.

This year it has spurted upward alarmingly at an annual rate of 7.5 percent! A dollar received as late as January is worth only 96 cents today, and if the present rate continues, it will shrink to about 92 cents in value by the year's end!
The U.S. is plagued with spiraling inflation. Americans and Britons find it increasingly difficult to make ends meet. Why? How can you, personally, best cope with the rising cost of almost everything?

by Eugene M. Walter and Gene H. Hogberg

Inflation is, after Vietnam, the U.S. Government's biggest worry. For years this insidious economic disease had been virtually unnoticed. It quietly—but steadily—ate away, little by little, at the vitals of American economic strength.

Now the pace of inflation has abruptly accelerated! Almost overnight, it seems, it has turned into an economic cancer.

So serious has inflation become that leaders in government and business are now calling it the number one domestic and political issue of the country—a problem more serious than civil rights, crime, campus unrest.

Economist Turns Prophet

In a rousing speech in Copenhagen, Denmark, the Chairman of the U.S. Federal Reserve System, William McChesney Martin, Jr., shocked his audience. It is more important to the world, he said, for America to solve its mushrooming problem of inflation than to settle the war in Vietnam.

Martin called for a return to the basic economic principles of supply and demand, sound credit and limitation of debt.

"I'm not here to predict collapse and decline. . . . But if we throw these principles to the wind, there is no gadgetry in monetary mechanisms and no device that will save us from our sins," concluded Martin.

He predicted: "We're going to have a good deal of pain and suffering before we can solve these things."

But not even Chairman Martin envisions just how much pain and suffering our peoples might have to go through in order to learn our lesson.

Inflation: Disguised Theft

Inflation is nothing less than disguised theft—and we once believed that it was wrong to steal. But gradually, as the nation began to accept the foolish philosophy that there are no absolutes—no eternal truths—people began to think that under certain circumstances it is all right to steal "just a little."

On the national level, some influential "growth-happy" economists and political leaders have propounded that inflation is all right—so long as it was "just a little."

As international economic consultant S. J. Rundt so aptly puts it: "What used to be heresy to all Americans is now increasingly taken for Gospel truth by many or even most, namely that one can comfortably live with a little inflation, that annual price rises of 1%-1.5% serve a dynamic society."

Now the United States is heading into deep economic trouble both at home and abroad. National leaders are beginning to see the error of this "New Economics" philosophy.

Inflation exacts a terrible penalty, both nationally and individually. Inflation distorts the entire economy. One news magazine stated it bluntly: "Inflation is to the economy what pollution is to the environment—a corrosive force that unbalances everything."

And leading investment analyst, Dr. Pierre A. Rinfret, said in The Institutional Investor: "I feel passionate about inflation. I abhor it, I detest it, and I fear it. It guts the very fabric of freedom and turns topsy-turvy all the things that made this country great."

According to Mr. Rundt, if the purchasing power of money erodes by 1 percent a year, it takes 70 years for prices to double. But at 2.5 percent per year, a man starting to work at 18 sees prices double by the time he is 46.

And at the rate of 5.4 percent, at which the U.S. economy was clipping along early this year, a person who begins working at 18 will find that prices have doubled before he is 31. They will have doubled again before his 44th birthday, and redoubled at 57 when he begins to think of his retirement.

Mr. Rundt concludes by asking: "Is that not theft from what a man earns by the sweat of his brow and from savings he manages to put aside for his advanced years?"

"It certainly is!" inflation hurts everybody—but some are hurt more than others. "The impact falls most notoriously on those who have the most meager means to withstand it—the poor, the black and the aged. It cheats the thrifty, taking money from every owner of a U.S. savings bond and every depositor in a savings account" (TIME, June 20, 1969).

The Deadly "Psychology of Inflation"

For those on low fixed incomes, inflation can be a personal tragedy. For
those who have a means of increasing their income, inflation creates a vicious cycle that feeds on human greed and lust. It destroys moral and spiritual character.

This grasping, selfish attitude of “out-grabbing” the other fellow, getting now before prices rise still further is politely called the “psychology of inflation.” It appeals to human nature. And once this attitude gets a grip on a nation, that nation is in deep trouble.

As an example of the vicious circle of inflation, the gross pay of construction industry workers in New York City jumped from $170.69 weekly in 1965 to $201.12 weekly in 1968 — an increase of $30.43 a week. But the real net gain after inflation and higher taxes? $1.36 per week!

So in this dog-eat-dog world the union worker all too often tries to get more from his employer (without necessarily producing more) and to get it faster than the government will get more from him in taxes. The producers of goods and services he needs will soon get more from him by upping their prices!

In order to keep ahead of the game, some unions are now talking of annual contracts. If they sign a two or three year contract they fear that inflation will increase so much that their workers will come out on the short end.

The longer this upward inflationary spiral continues, the more vicious it becomes.

The dilemma in coping with inflation is the psychology of inflation. Inflation psychology feeds on itself. Labor demands higher wages because it anticipates higher prices. Management raises prices and capital expenditures because it anticipates higher costs. The investing public turns to speculation.

As inflationary expectations turn to reality, inflation takes on a snowballing effect. Once inflation reaches this point, the entire nation is in danger.

Four Penalties of Inflation

What happens to a nation when it becomes locked in an inflationary spiral? Answers Dr. Pierre A. Rinfret (whom we quoted earlier), “It is a country without savings to speak of. That means that everything is dedicated to the present and nothing to the future. Live today, because tomorrow it will cost more.”

“If there are little or no savings,” explains Dr. Rinfret, “there are no housing loans, and consequently little housing construction.”

The first penalty of inflation therefore is a drop in housing construction.

The second penalty that inflation brings is the destruction of long-term lending for business purposes. The economy becomes unable to make the investments that ultimately maintain its position in the industrial world.

The third major penalty of inflation is the fostering and abetting of dishonesty. “It fosters, condones, necessitates and rewards dishonesty,” says Dr. Rinfret. “Faced with inflation, people grasp for ways to avoid the deterioration in their purchasing power.”

We would add that inflation produces a fourth result: It causes a nation to lose out in world trade. Here, for example, are two instances of the effect inflation is having on U.S. foreign trade:

“Rampant inflation’ in the United States is making it increasingly difficult for Caterpillar Tractor Co. and other domestic companies to sell their products abroad.

“Caterpillar President William H. Franklin said here today that his company, which is the nation’s largest exporter of machinery, is finding it increasingly difficult to compete, say, in Brazil, with Italy’s Fiat, which enjoys lower labor and material costs.


Japan’s largest stock brokerage house, Homura, recently told Japanese businessmen the outlook is rosy for Japanese exports. Because of continuing inflation, it said, “The United States is losing its ability to compete in the world market.”

The Borrowing Binge

The curse of inflation has other ugly ramifications.

For example, even though 16 percent of America’s industrial capacity is standing idle, businessmen have been expanding their factories at a record rate. Why? In order to buy machines and materials now to beat expected price boosts and economize on scarce and increasingly more costly labor.

Prime interest rates have been raised to an unprecedented 8.5 percent — and still the borrowing continues.

What galls the government economists most in attempts to control
inflation is that they completely misjudged consumers and businessmen. Both cashed in on present prosperity by buying now and paying later whatever the interest cost might be. Instead of high interest rates slowing down borrowing and buying, consumers find ways around this problem.

Americans are reducing the amount going into savings accounts. They are cashing savings bonds, and borrowing on insurance policies. Households, hard-pressed in the midst of plenty, find this the quickest means to offset swiftly rising prices and taxes.

Personal savings as a percent of disposable income dropped from 7.1 percent a year ago to 6.1 percent in the first three months of 1969. Savings and loan institutions had withdrawals in April of $520 million. Mutual savings banks lost deposits of $200 million in the same month.

High interest rates charged by banks and other lenders drive firms and individuals into borrowing on life insurance. Loans on policies have spurted so far this year from $400 million to $12 billion. The money is going into down payments on homes, cars and into business operations. The reason: Insurance companies generally are obligated to lend the legal loan value of a policy to the holder at specified rate ceilings. These rates are usually well below the best bank rates.

Insurance company officials are also concerned about the tendency of policyholders to let a policy lapse after they have borrowed on it rather than repay the loan!

And at the same time, government statistics reveal a swift growth of consumer debt. At the end of this year’s first quarter, consumer debt outstanding totaled $112 billion. This represents an 11 percent increase from a year ago. Commented the Wall Street Journal: “Never before have so many Americans owed so much to so many.”

Morris Rabinowitz, president of Financial Counsellors in San Francisco, estimates that a good third of American families that use installment credit are on the brink of serious financial trouble. Since 65 percent of U.S. families use installment credit, that means one-fifth of all U.S. families are in financial hot water!

Personal bankruptcies — once rare — now outnumber corporate bankruptcies ten to one in the U.S.

All this is what happens when people become obsessed by “inflationary psychology” — the neat little phrase coined to explain the phenomenon of people borrowing to buy things they don’t need now to escape higher prices later. This only feeds more money into an overheated economy, and drives prices up still higher.

Inflationary psychology has a strong grip on American minds. The job of bringing inflation under control is therefore proving, said Secretary of the Treasury David M. Kennedy, to be “much more difficult” than the Nixon administration expected.

The Price of Deflation

The longer inflation spirals upward the more drastic the medicine required to cure it.

The United States has experienced an unprecedented economic expansion — fueled largely by inflation — for 101 consecutive months.

Economic planners, proceeding from unproven “New Economics” theories have intervened at key points during this 811/2-year period to keep the boom going. The economy simply has not been permitted so seek its own level, with occasional ups and downs,

The “patient” has been forced to grow FAT — but not healthy!

The nation has simply gotten accustomed to continued “growth.” Americans, as a whole, have become so spoiled, that the merest hint of a business slowdown — yes, even a mild recession, which would be for the nation’s good right now — causes fear and anxiety.

Despite inflation, despite growing debt, the average consumer is spending more than ever before. The reason is greed!

Consumers continue to spend because they don’t want to take any back-steps in the standard of living.

At the very time Americans should be
tightly at all levels of government—national, state and local—is not in the offing, either. Not with the ever-increasing burdens of defense and welfare and social programs.

We also see a severe crisis of confidence dividing government and public. Neither seems to believe the other can do anything to stem inflation.

The government, so far, has been reluctant to take the drastic steps that may eventually be necessary to halt the spiral.

Officials are well aware of the fact that an economic slowdown means a rise in the unemployment rate—a political "hot potato."

The people, on the other hand, apparently have lost confidence in their elected officials to solve the dilemma. Hence the "every man for himself" attitude. "Why save? The money will only depreciate. Why tighten my belt? Nobody else will!" So goes the unfortunate reasoning.

Human Nature on Display

Self-centered human nature goes into full play in a runaway economy.

A couple of examples will suffice.

In the middle of May, George Romney, U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development had an experience he probably won't forget for a long time.

Addressing a building trades union conference in Washington, Romney was first cheered by the 3,000 delegates when he reviewed the recent fat wage settlements in the construction industry.

But when he urged building workers to increase their productivity he was greeted with a loud chorus of boos and catcalls. And when he advised the unionists to end other restrictive practices that have contributed to an astronomical rise in building costs—more boos, more jeers.

Do you recall the story of a few British secretaries who over a year ago volunteered an extra unpaid hour a day on their jobs for the good of their country? Britain had at that time recently experienced the devaluation of the pound.

A few thousand patriotic Britons applauded. But the overwhelming majority reaction, including that of most trade union officials, was one of contempt, disdain or disinterest!

What has happened to our peoples?

Belt Tightening That Worked

Today the West German mark is regarded as the world's most solid currency. According to New York's "Journal of Commerce," "The Germans...are pretty close to ruling the roost in international finance."

But it wouldn't be this way if Bonn hadn't acted quickly on an internal financial crisis that began four years ago.

In 1965, the West German "economic miracle" was beginning to get out of hand. A serious inflationary spiral had set in—roughly in the same scope as affecting the United States today.

Wages were soaring 10 percent a year, twice as fast as worker productivity. Prices were rising at a rate of 4 to 5 percent.

The German Federal Government was forced to step in. It curbed credit, made money more expensive—much as Washington is trying to do now. Government spending was also curtailed.

But the big key was the attitude of the German citizens themselves! They stopped buying so much, forcing business to slow down production and expansion.

Labor unions, moreover, cooperated with the government program. They voluntarily scaled down all wage-increase requests.

Result? A minor—but necessary business slowdown in 1967. Unemployment was held within tolerable limits.

West Germany has long since rebounded from the 1967 slump. It has reached its greatest economic heights since then. Factories are humming, profits soaring—another 4 to 5 billion dollar trade surplus is expected this year—and jobs are plentiful, with about five jobs available for every German wanting work.

It pays to fight inflation!
Accidents don’t “HAPPEN”—they are CAUSED!

Around the world, accidents rank among the chief killers of mankind. What CAUSES accidents? What can be done about them?

by William F. Dankenbring

At the present rate of automobile carnage, one of every two Americans living can expect to be killed or injured in a traffic accident during his or her lifetime!

From nation to nation, statistics are equally grim wherever the automobile is extant — and in many nations, the statistics are even more macabre!

And not only the automobile.

Around the world accidents of all sorts cause more deaths than any single illness except cancer and cardiovascular diseases. In many nations, more children from 5 to 19 die from accidents than from all other causes combined! Accidents take a greater toll in young lives than war!

Shocking?

Now consider this frightful fact: the 55,000 Americans who were killed in automobile accidents in 1968 were more than the total combat fatalities of the original 13 colonies in the American Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, the Mexican War, the Spanish-American War and the Korean War combined.

Or consider this: Since the invention of the automobile, more than 1,700,000 Americans have been killed in auto wrecks — more than the total Americans killed in World War I, World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam and all other wars involving the U.S.

The Saddest Words in Any Language

“I’m sorry — but it was an accident.” Perhaps these words are the most tragic, heartbreaking, saddest words of any language.

Seven-year-old Denice Marie Sanders ran up to her father and teased: “Shoot me, Daddy.” She died a few hours later.

But Denice Marie was dead — and all the tears on earth could not change that brutal fact!

Lana Knowles, 5, was teasing her little brother George, called Butchie. “I shoot you,” giggled Butchie, picking up one of his father’s matched pair of derringers which the children sometimes played with when father was gone.

Butchie pulled the trigger. Lana slumped to the floor with a bullet in her left temple.

Horrible? Of course.

Accidents are so needless! But every year over 100,000 die and another 50 million are injured accidentally in the United States alone!

The news is constantly filled with accounts of airplane crashes, drownings, train wrecks, mine disasters, cave-ins, accidental explosions, speedway catastrophes. But most accidents never make the newspapers.

Approximately one fourth of the population of the United States is sidelined by injuries each year! Leading the list of mishaps are falls, which account for about 12 million injuries annually. Then another 4 million individuals are
struck by a moving object such as a stone; about 4 million are injured yearly in automobile accidents; 3.5 million are injured by bumping into an object or person.

Of all injuries, about 44.9 percent — or almost half — generally occur around the home!

The 50 million accidental injuries a year in the U.S. temporarily disable more than 10 million, and permanently impair another 400,000 persons.

Accidents at work, however, annually disable more people than automobile accidents! In 1967, a total of 2,200,000 persons suffered disabling injuries while at work, compared to 1,900,000 from motor vehicle accidents. Accidents on the job also cause about ten times as many lost working days as do strikes and other work stoppages.

On every work day, 55 persons are killed in industrial accidents in the U.S., 8,500 are disabled, and 27,000 hurt less seriously.

The three top jobs for accidents are coal mining, construction, and agriculture. The four million men who earn their living building skyscrapers, bridges and other major projects earn the highest workmen’s wages, but also have the deadliest jobs. They suffered 2,800 deaths and 240,000 severe injuries in 1966. In construction, accidents claimed 174 million man days a year, almost 30 times the time lost in strikes!

Nationwide in 1968, about 114,000 Americans were killed “accidentally.” These accidents cost the United States about $60 million every day, $40,000 every minute, or $700 every second! The cost of accidents totalled a whopping $22,500,000,000 — including wage losses, medical fees, insurance settlements, property damage, destruction by fire, etc. Over half this figure is attributable to injuries and property damage resulting from automobile collisions.

WHY Accidents?

But why do accidents occur? What causes them? Why do they occur more frequently at certain times than at others?

Are accidents simply part of life — to be expected? Are they simply due to a “run of bad luck”? Is life itself like a game of chance?

Around the earth, millions believe life was foreordained to be a certain way, and there is nothing they can do to change it. If they run into reverses, they blame their stars. If they become sick, or hit by a car, or gored by a bull, they blame “the fates.”

Millions believe there is nothing one can do about accidents. Like a soldier in Vietnam who says, “If the bullet has your number on it, then it’s all over for you. There’s nothing you can do about it. Your time has come.”

Are accidents unavoidable? Why do some people seem to be more “accident-prone” than others?

A Leading Cause of Death!

For all ages, accidents are the fourth leading cause of death in the United States, after heart disease, cancer, and stroke. In 1966, heart disease claimed 727,002 lives; cancer claimed 303,736 lives; stroke killed 204,841; and accidents killed another 113,563.

However, among all persons aged 1-37, accidents are the NUMBER ONE cause of death! In fact, more students in college die accidentally than succeed in taking their own lives purposefully!

For children aged 1-14 years, accidents claim more lives than the six leading diseases and other causes combined — cancer, congenital malformations, pneumonia, heart disease, meningitis, and homicide. For youths 15-24 years of age, accidents again are the leading cause of death, causing eight times as many deaths as the next leading cause — cancer!

Every five minutes, somebody somewhere in the United States dies from an accident. There are thirteen such deaths every hour, or 310 every single day (on the average).

Every three seconds there is an injury due to accidents. That’s 20 every minute, 1,200 every hour, or 30,000 every single day.

But the amazing thing is — the overwhelming majority of these deaths, injuries, and the awesome expense could be AVOIDED! It is all so tragic — so unnecessary!

Highway Horror

Every two-and-one-half minutes, someone, somewhere in the world, from South Africa to Chile, or Norway to New Zealand, dies from an automobile accident.

Since the first automobile chugged noisily down cobblestone streets in 1889 till the present, about 70,000,000 Americans have been killed, crippled, maimed or disabled in car accidents!

But the United States is not alone facing this vicious killer. In many nations around the world, automobile deaths have reached “epidemic proportions.”

Declared Dr. William Haddon, Jr., National Safety Director, the violence committed against the public by automobile accidents “exceeds all crimes of violence by a ratio of ten to one.”

“People just do not realize the magnitude of the problem,” asserted the chief of highway safety in the U.S. “It is naïve to approach violence in the United States by not talking about the most common form of violence, the automobile accidents.”

Strong words, but true!

Not long ago three Yale University professors agreed that the automobile is “public health enemy No. 1 in this country”!

It pollutes the air, congests the cities, contributes to heart disease because people hardly walk anywhere any more — besides the grisly toll of automobile accidents.

Said Dr. H. Richard Weinerman, professor of medicine and public health, “For the first time in human history, the problem of man’s survival has to do with his control of man-made hazards.” He was referring particularly to the automobile and related hazards.

Part of the blame, said Dr. Paul B. Sears, professor emeritus of conservation, lies with “a society which regards profit as a supreme value, under the illusion that anything that’s technically possible is, therefore, ethically justified.”

No. 1 “Accidental” KILLER

In June, 1968, a Harvard traffic safety specialist estimated that your chance of being seriously hurt or killed in a traffic accident within the next 15 years is one
in ten. Not very good odds! Said Dr. Ross A. McFarland, the frequency of automobile accidents “has reached epidemic proportions.”

There is a motor vehicle death every ten minutes, six every hour, 150 every day, over 1,000 every week! There is a disabling injury resulting from a car wreck every 17 seconds, 220 an hour, or 5,200 every day!

National Safety Council figures indicate that driver error is a major cause of nearly 90 percent of all accidents. In 1964, statistically, one driver out of every five was involved in an automobile accident.

If present trends were to continue, indications are 100,000 would die annually on our highways by 1975.

Traffic accidents are the leading cause of death for young men between 16 and 24. Young men drivers amount to one eighth of all registered drivers but account for a third of all fatal accidents.

Researchers at the University of Michigan found that the young man driver sometimes uses his car as an instrument to blow off steam or to gain relief from worries about school grades, the draft, or as an outlet for other bothersome frustrations. Unconsciously, they found, he is releasing suicidal and homicidal impulses in his automobile.

And there is the added tendency among many young men especially to use the automobile as a masculinity symbol. They love to show what their cars can do—or what they can do with their cars—in traffic. Many young men are not real men—they have swapped their manhood for a machine. Instead of doing really manly deeds, they tally up a higher accident rate than the girls they consider such poor drivers.

Girls don't normally use the automobile as a symbol—only as transportation. They tend to recognize their driving limitations. Young males without enough manhood to rescue a child from a raging torrent or a girl from an attacker may nevertheless consider themselves invincible when hanging onto the steering wheel with one hand and the top of the car with the other. But a fool and a flimsy contraption are not an invincible combination.

The Automobile — Around the World

Take a look at car carnage around the world. Judging by the number of deaths per 100 million miles driven, the accident fatality rate in Japan is almost four times the American rate! If the Japanese drove as many miles as Americans did, they would have 200,000 fatalities a year all by themselves!

The fatality rate in Finland isn't much better, nor in the Netherlands. Both nations have about three times the number of deaths per 100 million miles driven as do Americans. West Germany and France are neck-and-neck concerning fatalities per 100 million miles, both slightly over double the U.S. rate. And next on the dubious list of distinction comes Italy, with about double the U.S. rate of accident-deaths per 100 million miles.

Everywhere automobiles have been introduced, deaths increase.

In some areas, drivers play a game called “matador.” The driver is the bull and the pedestrian the matador, trying to escape. In some South American countries, highways are regarded as a “field of honor.” One's manhood is held in question if he allows another driver to bluff him at an intersection or to pass him on the open road.

Now compare national population with death rates by auto accidents. In 1966-1967, per 100,000 population, West Germany had the most fatalities (28.4). Next came Australia (27.6), with Canada right on its heels (27.1), closely followed by the United States (26.9).

Holding the distinction of having the most fatalities per 100,000 registered motor vehicles is West Germany, far out in the lead with 126.

No matter where you go, however, driving isn't nearly as safe as it could and should be! All nations could improve their records with safer vehicles, better roads, and stricter enforcement of traffic codes.

The “NUT” Behind the Wheel

Statistics reveal most car accidents and deaths are due to breaking laws! The more often one breaks traffic laws, the greater his chances of being involved in an accident.

In 1967, speeding beyond safe limits was involved in 30 percent of all fatal highway accidents; failing to yield right of way, passing a stop sign, or disregarding a signal was involved in 20 percent; driving on the wrong side of the road, 12 percent.

But drunkenness is a factor in over half of all fatal highway accidents! Drunkenness causes one to break safety rules.

In 1967 nearly 3 out of 5 fatally injured drivers tested in California, who were responsible for accidents, had been drinking.

Drunken driving takes a yearly toll of some 25,000 lives and causes some 800,000 crashes. Said a report by the U.S. Department of Transportation, “Alcoholics and other problem drinkers, who constitute but a small minority of the general population, account for a very large part of the overall problem.”

The report declared that the probability of having an accident is about 1 in 20 if the driver registers a level of alcohol in his blood of 100 milligrams per 100 milliliters—a concentration which means intoxication. A concentration of 150 means drunkenness. At that point, the accident risk rises to 1 in 5!

Since drinking more commonly occurs during the late afternoon, evening, and at night, this is the time to be on the lookout for drunken drivers. Also, it is wise to be extra alert during weekends, particularly on Saturdays.

Drunken drivers are “the No. 1 problem on our highways,” said Dr. William Haddon, Jr., Director of the National Highway Safety bureau, who has studied the problem for over ten years. Therefore, follow the old adage: If you drive, don't drink. If you drink, don't drive!

In over 80 percent of all highway accidents, the driver is at fault—not the car, not the road, not the weather, although they may contribute. But the driver can usually avoid their dangers by being careful. Alcohol impairs a driver's skill; so do many drugs, including pep pills or amphetamines.

Dr. James L. Malfetti, who has spent many years researching the causes of auto accidents, declared: “In its most simple form the results come to this—man drives as he lives.” He added, “Evi-
evidence shows that people who adjust well to life's institutions will adjust well to the highway complex. A man who has trouble with a credit agency will have trouble in traffic. The poor driver is likely to be hostile, impulsive and in trouble with social agencies."

Dr. Malfetti continued, "There's no truth to the rumor that a man's personality changes when he gets behind the wheel of a car."

Interestingly, one of Dr. Malfetti's recent studies showed that smokers behind the wheel of a car are four times as likely to be involved in an accident as nonsmokers!

What CAUSES Accidents?

Accidents are not the result of bad luck. There is a cause for every effect. Every accident has a direct cause!

Of course, carelessness is often involved. Ignorance is often partly responsible. But in every case, some law was broken. When a boy falls out of a tree through carelessness and breaks a leg, the law of gravity exacts its penalty. When an automobile collides with a telephone pole or another vehicle, the law of inertia exacts penalties. Often as not, man-made laws were also broken — such as speeding, following too closely, etc.

However, if people would be more law abiding, the terrible toll of accidents would be lowered tremendously!

But "law," today, is a much disrespected word. People often despise the "law." Some call police officers "pigs" out of contempt for law and order.

In such a lawless age, is it any wonder there are so many accidents?

Sociologists, psychologists and scientists often teach there are no absolute truths — no absolute laws. They believe everything is due to random chance. The world and life itself, they say, slowly evolved — by accident!

No wonder we live in an accident-prone world!

But whether we realize it or not, active laws are all around us. They govern our lives. They act upon us continually. If obeyed, they protect us and keep us from harm. When broken, they break us, lead to injury, suffering, and sometimes death.

In the physical realm there are laws of physics, chemistry, optics, metallurgy, refraction and reflection, heat, density, motion, gravity, expansion and contraction, electricity, magnetism, and so forth.

If scientists ignored and rejected the laws of aerodynamics, for instance, airplanes would never fly. They'd never get off the ground! Unless scientists worked with laws, they would never have invented the telegraph, telephone, electric light bulb or the radio.

Laws are basic to life! When obeyed, they are the most wonderful protectors and bring great rewards. When disobeyed, they result in frightful curses.

Don't Live Life ACCIDENTALLY!

Don't let life just "happen" to you. Don't live "accidentally." Don't live daringly. Don't take risks.

It is foolish to live life "accidentally," getting nowhere fast, wasting precious minutes, hours, days and years stumbling from one job to another, falling into one accident after another, trusting to blind luck.

If you live accidentally, without planning, foresight, preparation, or goals in life, then someday you will wake up with rueful regret. But if you determine to know what life is all about, the laws of success, what the true goals of life should be, and strive to avoid accidents by proper caution and preparation, then you will be eternally glad you did!

The final choice — by no accident — is yours! Write for our free, illustrated booklet The Seven Laws of Success. It will explain that there are laws governing life and success. True success and happiness are not the result of accidents! There is a cause for every effect.

In a forthcoming issue, watch for another article about the slaughter on the highways, automobile safety, showing not only the causes of highway accidents but positive steps for safe driving, prepared in co-operation with the California Highway Patrol. Don't miss it.
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CHAPTER ONE HUNDRED THIRTY

ELIJAH'S LETTER

The king of Israel learned that the Syrians had left their camps around besieged Samaria. (II Kings 7:1-11.) He believed that it was a ruse to get the Israelites outside the city so that the enemy, hiding all around, could attack and get through the gates.

"But suppose the Syrians aren't hiding?" One officer remarked. "Suppose they have gone home. Are we then to continue staying here day after day?"

"We'll have to send scouts out to look for them," another suggested. "Let us take five of the best horses that are left and scour the country around the city. If we don't return within a short time, you will know that the enemy is close by."

Jehoram nodded in approval. But only two good horses could be found. The others had been eaten or were too weak from lack of food. The main gates of Samaria were opened to allow two riders to speed off on their mounts to search the low points of the terrain around the city and the Syrian camp for concealed enemy troops. None were found.

The riders turned to the east. Right away they found clothing, weapons and other items scattered over the ground. This was certain evidence that the Syrians had fled toward their home country. The two Israelites followed the trail of dropped articles
as far as the Jordan. They were satisfied that their enemies had departed from Israel, though it was a mystery why they had done so in such haste. (II Kings 7:12-15.)

It was early afternoon when the riders reported to Jehoram, who was greatly elated with their news. Not before then did he allow anyone to go out to the Syrian camps. The people had been eagerly staring at the tents, horses, donkeys and cattle all morning. They were anxious to get to the cattle, and they wanted to see if the tents contained food.

So that there would be order at the main gates, Jehoram assigned one of his officers to take charge there. It happened to be the one who had spoken disrespectfully to Elisha just the day before, and who had been told by the prophet that he wouldn't share in the food that would come to the people of Samaria.

The officer took his place at the gates and gave the order to open them. As soon as they swung inward, out rushed the mob of starving people, wildly intent on getting to what the Syrians had left behind. The officer shouted at them to restrain themselves, but no one paid any attention to him. He was knocked down by the running crowd. Hundreds of feet trampled his body into lifelessness within a very few minutes, carrying out Elisha's prophecy that the officer wouldn't share in the food God would supply. (II Kings 7:1-2; 16-17.)

The Israelites swarmed into the Syrian tents, snatching up everything. Within a short time all the enemy's possessions, including animals, were taken inside Samaria. There was great celebrating in the city. People traded Syrian articles. Those who hadn't raided the Syrian camps were able to buy food at reasonable prices from those who had gone after it. Elisha's prediction had come true that plenty of food would come to Samaria within a day. (II Kings 7:18-20.)

For a while the people of Samaria were pos-
possibly better off regarding edibles than were many people of Israel. Crops hadn't been plentiful for a long time. The Israelites hadn't had enough to eat, and the situation continued for seven years before plenty of rain and full crops came again to the land.

Elisha knew how long the famine would last. He had suggested to some of his followers that they go to some other nearby country to live until the famine was at an end. Among them was the woman of Shunem whose young son had died of sunstroke, and to whom God, through the prophet, had restored life.

Leaving their home and property rented out, the woman and her family went to Philistia to live. In those years the Philistines weren't troubling Israel with their army. The two nations were never completely at peace, but people of both countries often crossed the indefinite borders without unfriendly incidents. (II Kings 8:1-3.)

Miracles Fascinate the King

Years later, when they heard that food was again plentiful in Israel, the woman and her family returned to their home. To their dismay, the renters treated them as strangers.

"What are you doing back in Israel?" they coldly asked. "We thought you had gone to become loyal subjects of the king of Philistia."

"We had an understanding that we would return as soon as crops became better," the woman reminded them. "You agreed that you would then move out."

"It's been so long ago that we don't remember making any such foolish agreement," the renters answered. "We feel that we have a right to this property. If you want to try to get what is ours, take the matter to the king. For now, you had better start looking for a place to live—unless you want to return to your Philistine friends."

The woman and her son took the matter to the king. It happened that at that same time Jehoram had become especially curious about Elisha's past. He had summoned to his palace Elisha's former servant, Gehazi. Because the fellow had become a leper, conversation between the two took place outside, and at a respectable distance.

"Which one of Elisha's miracles do you consider greatest?" was one of Jehoram's many questions.

"I can't say which was truly the greatest," Gehazi replied, "but the one that impressed me most was his bringing life back to a boy who had died of sunstroke, and who had been dead for several hours."

At that moment an aide approached the king to point out a woman who was anxious to consult Jehoram.

"That's the woman whose son Elisha saved!" Gehazi excitedly exclaimed. "The young man with her is the son Elisha restored to life!"

After Jehoram had heard their complaint, he immediately decided to help them. Possibly he would have decided otherwise if they hadn't had an association with Elisha, whose life fascinated him. He sent police to remove their renters from their property. The evicted people were even required to turn over to the rightful owners all the rent owed for the produce that had been harvested since their leaving for Philistia. (II Kings 8:4-6.)

Meanwhile, the hasty and empty-handed return of his army from Samaria greatly bothered Ben-hadad, the king of Syria. He had a strong feeling that events had some connection with Elisha and the God of Israel. He fell severely ill about that time, and felt that he might die.

Then one day he was told that Elisha had come to Damascus, the capital of Syria. Ben-hadad became excited at this report. His first thought was that the prophet could foretell what would happen to him. He hoped that Elisha might even ask the God of Israel to heal him. He sent forty camels to carry costly jewels, rare food and fine clothing to the prophet. Each of them carried something special so that there would be a great display for Elisha.

"After you give him the gifts, find out from Elisha if and when I shall recover from this sick-
ness,” Ben-hadad instructed Hazael, the man next in rank under the king in the government of Syria.

**Betrayed By One’s Closest Friend**

Elisha was impressed and grateful when the camels were paraded before him to display the presents. Most probably the prophet didn’t accept them. Taking them back to Israel would have been impossible unless some of the camels could be sent with him.

“As you probably know, the king is quite ill,” Hazael told Elisha. “He would like to know from you if he will die of this sickness.”

“You can tell him that I know through my God that his illness won’t cause his death,” Elisha answered. “But something else will soon cause him to die.” (II Kings 8:7-10.)

Hazael was puzzled by this statement. He was also puzzled by the prophet’s sudden strange behavior. Elisha turned from Hazael to hide his face. It was evident that he was trying to hide tears that had come into his eyes.

“What is the reason for your sorrow?” Hazael asked.

“I am thinking of the terrible things you will do to the people of Israel,” Elisha replied. “Forts will be burned, young men will be slaughtered, children will be thrown to their deaths and pregnant women will be ripped open with swords. Syrian soldiers will do these things by your orders!”

“My orders?” Hazael queried in surprise. “I don’t understand. How can a man of so little consequence do such great things?”

“When the time comes, you will demand that Syrian soldiers perform such cruel acts,” the prophet continued. “Within a few days you will become king of Syria, and you will exert the power of a merciless ruler on Israel.” (II Kings 8:11-13.)

Hazael was stunned at this prediction. He was not as concerned with what he might do as king as he was at the sudden news that he would be Syria’s next ruler. Now that the probability of it was brought to him, his desire for such a high position was abruptly consuming. Struggling to contain his elation, he showered Elisha with questions. But the prophet would say no more.

When Hazael returned to Ben-hadad, the king was anxious to know at once what the prophet had said about his future.

“He said you would not die from the illness you have,” Hazael told his superior. He mentioned nothing about the king dying soon because of something else.

The answer gave Ben-hadad great satisfaction. That night, instead of going through sleepless hours of concern for his life, he relaxed and fell into deep slumber. It was his last night of sleep. Before dawn Hazael managed to slip into his bedroom and forcefully cover his face with a heavy, wet cloth to suffocate him. The king soon woke up, but he couldn’t shout for help and he didn’t have the strength to fight off the treacherous Hazael, who was determined to become ruler of Syria as soon as possible.

His new, consuming ambition was shortly realized. As soon as Ben-hadad was buried, Hazael became king, fulfilling the first part of Elisha’s prediction. The other dreadful parts were to take place before long. (II Kings 8:14-15.)

**Judah Follows Israel**

About this time, down in the House of Judah, a son of Jehoshaphat became king. His name was Jehoram, the same as that of the king of the House of Israel. His wife Athaliah was the sister of king Jehoram of Israel and the daughter of Ahab and Jezebel, worshippers of Baal. Athaliah strongly influenced her husband toward idol worship in Judah, insomuch that the people were encouraged in the same evil pursuit. If God hadn’t promised David that there would always be someone on the throne of Judah from David’s family line, the Creator probably would have destroyed Judah at this time. (II Kings 8:16-19; II Chronicles 21:5-7.)

Jehoshaphat, Jehoram’s father, died four years after granting co-rulership to Jehoram.

Jehoshaphat had seven sons, six of whom he made governors before he died over as many cities of Judah. Four years after his eldest son became king, the new ruler ruthlessly sent men to do away with all six of his brothers, as well as a few other prominent men in Judah. (II Chronicles 21:1-4.) Besides being a depraved and dangerous man,
Marching through rough and arid land, Jehoram’s army went to Edom to try to force that nation into continuing paying a tribute that was long overdue.

Jehoram was suspicious of others who had authority. He didn’t want to be opposed, and he reasoned that those who might threaten him should be put out of existence. Old Jehoshaphat, now dead, never knew what happened to his six other sons. (II Chronicles 21:1-4.)

During Jehoram’s reign, the Edomites, who had been paying tribute to Judah ever since Solomon’s time, refused to make any more payments. To Jehoram, this was cause for war. He took many foot soldiers, chariots and cavalry to Edom, the rugged country south of the Dead Sea. The Edomites mustered their scattered forces to defend themselves, but without success.

The army of Judah returned triumphantly to Jerusalem, but the victory proved to be a hollow one because the Edomites still refused to send tribute to Judah. This infuriated Jehoram. He wanted to return to Edom and wipe out the inhabitants, but the thought of another miserable march into the rough, arid mountains there kept him at home.

To make matters worse, another nation ceased sending tribute to Judah. It was Libnah, a small city-state close to Edom. No more tribute was ever forthcoming from these two nations. Jehoram never did anything more about the matter except to continue threatening the governments of Edom and Libnah. (II Kings 8:20-22; II Chronicles 21:8-10.)

Elijah Warns the King

One day a messenger came to the palace to deliver a letter to the king, who perused it with a combination of anger and fear. Here is what he read:

“To the king of Judah from Elijah, the prophet of God:

“You have chosen to live like the pagan-loving kings of the House of Israel instead of like the God-fearing kings of the House of Judah. You have caused your people to live in the same manner.

“Because of this, and because you murdered
King Jehoram was amazed to receive a letter from the prophet Elijah, who had been pulled into the sky by a whirlwind several years before.

your brothers, who had greater character and ability than yours, terrible trouble and sickness will come on your people. Misery will overtake your wives and children. Your property and possessions will be taken from you. You will become increasingly ill in your intestines. Day after day you will suffer until the insides of your body become so diseased that they will fall out. That is the day you will die, and it is not far off.

"God has told me to inform you of what will happen. Because I am old and unable to come and tell you in person, a capable messenger will bring you this letter." (II Chronicles 21:11-15.)

Jehoram was infuriated.

"Bring to me the man who came to the palace with this paper!" the white-faced king shouted.

Men scurried to obey, but the messenger couldn't be found. Jehoram felt frustrated. From then on he lived in fear of what would happen. He tried to dismiss from his mind the thought that Elijah, who had been miraculously taken up in a whirlwind several years previously (II Kings 2:1-18), was still alive and knew of his wickedness. Regardless of his fears, he made no change in his disreputable way of living.

God's Punishment

His predicted troubles started one day when he received a report from an excited scout that a Philistine army was approaching from the west. While Jehoram tried to decide whether to confront the Philistines or stay within the protection of Jerusalem's walls, another scout arrived to disclose that hordes of mounted Arabs were sweeping toward Jerusalem from the south, and had already plundered several towns in the southern territory of Judah.

Now the king couldn't decide whether to send his army south to oppose the Arabs, order it west to battle back the Philistines, split it and go after both intruding armies, or keep it in Jerusalem and risk a siege. There was more sensible strategy, but Jehoram didn't have the will to plan. He was overcome with the gloomy belief that this was the beginning of the end, and that any military action would be futile.

Jehoram turned matters over to his officers, but by then the Arabs and Philistines had arrived at Jerusalem at the same time. In some manner which God had made possible, they managed to get the gates open and pour inside. The defenders were thrown into confusion and fell in heaps before the fierce invaders. (II Chronicles 21:16-17.)

Terrified, Jehoram fled with his family to his palace. On the way they were overtaken by Arabs on horses. As he ran, the king glanced back to see his screaming wives and children snatched up by powerful riders.

(To be continued next issue)
MENTAL health is a priceless possession. But today all too many are losing this most precious gift.

In the United States, one in ten are mentally ill or suffer from emotional instability and less serious mental disorders in some degree. A similar situation — though usually less serious — exists in other nations of our modern Western society.

But WHY?

Is it natural to be mentally or emotionally ill?

Our False Delusion

Modern Man has thought that if he could have high living standards, a good income, more leisure time, education, and the freedom to do as he pleases — including sexual freedom — he would automatically be happy.

Today more people are experiencing these conditions than ever before. And the result?

"Instead of mental health, these conditions have led to an unprecedented increase of mental disease, and even to new forms of mental disorder..." So said Dr. Ludwig von Bertalanffy, noted Canadian psychiatrist, before 400 doctors and psychiatrists gathered at a widely acclaimed "Symposium on Schizophrenia," held in Shreveport, Louisiana some months ago.

Something is clearly missing in Modern Man's pursuit of happiness and peace of mind. Something is causing his appalling mental illness.

But what?

Too Many Pressures?

Dr. von Bertalanffy went on to explain: "One may say it is the stress of modern life that leads to mental disturbance, and certainly this is true in individual cases. But it is no good as an explanation in general."

He then showed that World War II "in Europe imposed a stress incomparable." Business, homes and marriages were disrupted; hunger and fear of death were ever-present; and political suppression was ruthless. But in spite of all this, psychoses and neuroses "decreased and improved, instead of the expected opposite."

And so it has been many times throughout history! Times of stress and trial have often brought out the best that is in man. Such times can strengthen character and actually improve mental health.

On the other hand, if mental and emotional weakness is already present and deeply rooted, but has been submerged, stress may bring this weakness to the surface and expose it. If a person is incapable of coping with this stress, it may be the factor which triggers serious mental and emotional disorders.

But stress is not the basic cause of mental disorder. Many people have proved that it is possible to successfully withstand stress — including those unusual pressures of our hectic modern world — without "going to pieces."

But if stress isn't the primary reason for mental illness, what is?

And why does stress strengthen some people and break others? What makes the difference?

Comments by a well-known doctor at the symposium give a valuable insight into these questions.

The Penalty of Permissiveness

Dr. Robert Prall is a leading child psychiatrist and the father of five children. In a personal interview he told Plain Truth reporters:

"I am a firm believer in discipline. I don't mean spanking a child all the time, but making children behave themselves is a thing that can go a long way in preventing a lot of emotional problems and particularly delinquency problems."

"Delinquency begins in the home, very early in life. The child who runs wild at three or four is the juvenile delinquent at 17. Sensible child rearing wipes out delinquency."

Dr. Prall says that "freedom of expression" child rearing has gone too far. "There are too many people," he says, "who read articles by child psychiatrists and child psychologists and think they don't want their child to grow up 'inhibited' or 'repressed.' They let the child 'get away with murder' and go overboard in terms of permissiveness."

"Parents today can't say no. But good mothers and fathers say no. They say enough is enough. They set reasonable
bedtimes for the little three- or four-year-old and then make him go to bed. Likewise, they give teen-agers a time to come in."

And what does all this have to do with mental illness? It has everything to do with it!

Mental and emotional discipline must be learned. These vitally important character traits need to be taught to children by parents beginning at a very early age.

But today, because of foolish permissive ideas, relatively few parents teach their children mental and emotional control. Then when the child grows up and is faced with adult responsibilities, it is too much for him. He cracks under the pressure. This is one important reason why there is such an alarming increase in mentally and emotionally disturbed young people.

It seems that about the only place many parents put any pressure on their children any more is in academic matters. It's strange paradox, but parents who are utterly permissive with a child's social and emotional life can be very severe in the academic demands they make of their children.

And why do parents have this warped approach?

Because the almighty dollar or pound is the parent's goal in life. And they relate high grades with status, a good future job and a high income for their children. So they pressure their children in this one area of their life and neglect nearly all others!

Dr. Prall says that "too much academic pressure is put on children today while the parents neglect training the 'whole child.' This causes capable children with high IQ's to rebel, develop emotional blocks, and drop out of school and society."

Permissiveness breeds mental problems. It's just that simple. Society today is beginning to reap the penalty for this false philosophy.

But there is a second — and even more basic — cause that goes "hand in hand" with permissiveness in creating today's widespread mental and emotional sickness.

Does Life Have a Purpose?

If the world really grasped the purpose and meaning of life, we would not be suffering mental and emotional sickness as we are today. We would have a real goal in life — both individually and collectively — and would be striving with vigorous purpose to achieve that goal. When stresses and difficult situations arise from time to time — as they inevitably do — we would understand the reason for such tests. And we would overcome instead of succumb.

We would know what man is, why we are here, how to achieve that purpose. We would know where we are going. We would understand the laws which govern happiness and promote well-being.

But today we have lost our way. We have rejected the only Source that can give the answers to the big questions of life. And we are breaking with seeming impurity those inexorable laws which regulate human conduct and guarantee our well-being. We have substituted all kinds of vain and harmful pursuits for the true values.

And then we wonder why we are mentally and emotionally disturbed!

Take, for example, the current drug craze.

Today we take an aspirin for headache, a pill to go to sleep, a tablet to wake up, an alkaizer for an upset stomach, and an unending stream of cigarettes, coffees, cola drinks, etc. to meet various stresses throughout the day. We seem to believe that these things can meet every need in life.

Some even seem to believe that drugs can meet religious needs!

Dr. Albert Moraczewski, who participated in the Symposium as an expert on drugs, said: "Everyone yearns for God, but today's young people don't find this yearning fulfilled in religious circles so they turn to drugs... Some have been told drugs will answer the questions of 'Who am I?' and 'What is the meaning of the world?' But this is a false road which leads to despair."

As Dr. Moraczewski went on to explain, it sometimes also leads to modern forms of witchcraft. Cults of witches and wizards are springing up in many cities, often in or near the areas of drug activity. Such experimenting can lead to the most serious kind of mental tragedy (read our articles on spiritism). Yet this is the destructive path some are choosing.

Permissiveness and lack of a true goal result in failure to understand the purpose of life — and the laws which govern this purpose.

Since this is the cause, then the cure is to find the meaning of life.

When one knows the purpose of life, then one can see his or her problems in true perspective. And long before a problem becomes serious enough to cause mental illness it can be solved.

But is this the cure being used on the mentally ill today?

Treating the Effect

Doctors and psychiatrists treating the mentally ill admit that they do not have the answers to the big questions of life. Therefore it would be unreasonable to expect them to provide their patients with this information or to show them how to apply it. They must use other methods of treatment — methods which treat the effect, not the cause.

One such method is psychoanalysis. Here the patient lies on the couch and tries to explore his subconscious mind to see if he can discover what is really bothering him. In other words, he looks inside himself for the answers. But that's where the problems are — not the answers! He must look outside himself — to the One who created him — to find the answers.

Another method is to use "shock treatments." But listen to this candid admission by Dr. Wilfred Dorfman, eminent doctor and writer. He told the Symposium: "I would like to go on record by saying that electric shock treatment does produce damage to the brain — and it is not only temporary." He went on to explain that he has known many patients — including some who today are doctors and psychiatrists — who are suffering such damage. He said he has seen people who now have "blank spots" in their memory from only three or four treatments — and he can only imagine the effects on those who have had 30 or 40 such treatments (which is not as uncommon as you might think)!

Drugs are another widely used treatment. But as any of the doctors will admit, "Any drug has side effects. The
problem is to find the right drug for the right patient.” This is largely a process of experimentation. The doctor using drugs feels he has to weigh the disadvantages with the possible advantages.

Some doctors use yet other methods of treatment, or various combinations of treatments. But none of these methods treat the cause, none teaches the patient what life is all about so that he can once-and-for-all overcome his problem.

Like mental health itself — the knowledge of why we are here, what is life’s goal, how do we achieve it, is priceless, yet free! You can have it by writing today for our free booklet The Seven Laws of Success and the articles “How to Conquer Your Fears” and “The Universal Lack of Self-Confidence.”

Don’t you become a victim of mental and emotional illness. Prevent such a tragedy by resolving to learn the purpose and meaning of life now.

What our READERS SAY

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Jack W.,
Santa Rosa, California

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GALAXIES?

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of light — let’s take a look at the distances we’re talking about in journeys to the stars, and beyond.

Presently, it takes about four days for astronauts to go to the moon — four days to return. That’s at speeds which vary drastically as the space capsules are affected by earth and moon gravity, and the propulsion achieved by stored fuels.

But, even assuming the practical impossibility of pushing spaceships up to the speed of light could be surmounted — let’s take a look at other barriers around us.

With a ship traveling at the speed of light, it would take over eight and one-half years to journey from earth to the nearest star and back. You believe that is possible? Does your mind think of a space-age “Noah’s Ark” complete with chemically fertilized soil plots, cattle, and everything aboard for life support? Do you imagine how men would experience no great difficulty in traveling under continual stress and strain for over eight and one-half years? Millions have no problem imagining such accomplishments. After all, they have read a great deal of “science fiction” novels.

But what about a moderately distant star — one further away than Alpha Centauri? Well, even traveling in our fictitious spaceship with a happy colony of travelers aboard, that trip would require a minimum of 200 years!

You’d get a little tired of critical TV broadcasts by the time that mission was over, wouldn’t you? “You?” No, not “you,” since “you” would not be here — but then, neither would the original astronauts. They would have been forced to procreate children, educate them to do what they have been doing, and then be either ejected somewhere en route to drift lifeless in space, or buried aboard in an “earth plot” to become organic fertilizer.

You would never be bored by a mission taking a longer time than the whole history of the United States as a nation — since you could not live to see the end of such a mission. And all this, at the IMPOSSIBLE speed of light, to only a MODERATELY DISTANT star.

But what about the claims of TV
broadcasters, austere scientists, and former astronauts as you sat transfixed, watching the various stages of the Apollo 11 flight? Remember the comparisons?

Remember how some said this was the "most important step for mankind since he strode ashore from the seas," and other such evolutionary dogma?

Remember the sober projections? Some said, "And now the moon — but soon the galaxy, and then distant galaxies, and then the whole universe!" But they got just a little carried away.

What about our own galaxy — this "Milky Way"? Will men ever explore it?

Well, if they could travel in that spaceship at the speed of light, it would require the minimum time of more than 25 times all recorded human history — ONE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND YEARS.

That's just to the other side of our galaxy!

Still think it's possible "we" may get to the "universe" — out to other "galaxies?" No, "we" won't — of course — but will man?

I suppose some, whose minds are brainwashed beyond belief with evolution, may muse idly about how man may become a totally different "creature" even unlike modern man — and that some such accomplishments will some time, in the endlessness of foreseeable future, become possible.

But even to reach one of the closest galaxies outside our own would take about FIVE MILLION YEARS, traveling at the speed of light.

You can't change that. Science can't change it. It's hopeless to do anything about it one way or the other — that's just the way things are.

**Other Laws of Survival**

But speeds and distances are not the only walls built around us. They are not the only limits to mankind.

The very nature of our bodies and minds, and their absolute dependence on the earth, and its environment — these are limiting, too.

Man must carry his energy source with him, in the form of measurable quantities of fuel. He must also carry with him a measurable food supply — and this, too, presents another wall, another barrier beyond which man cannot trespass. This food supply is MAN'S source of "fuel" or energy.

And the dispensing of energy is superhumanly tabulated by a fantastically accurate method of "bookkeeping" done by the universe itself.

The same energy cannot be used over and over again, since an absolute law (the second law of "thermodynamics" as scientists try to define it) occurs which does not allow the re-use of expended energy. While the first law of thermodynamics states that "energy is always available" — the second law, nevertheless, states that the energy becomes less and less available for useful work as it is transferred from one form to another.

And, notwithstanding the fictitious imaginings about tiny capsules like grains of sand giving off enough energy to approximate a steak dinner — there are absolute volume requirements of the human body.

Only so much energy can be derived from so many atoms of food ingested. It's that simple. It is a fact that the body MUST ingest a LARGE ENOUGH SUPPLY OF ATOMS, or the body simply dies.

The barest minimum to survive (and even then only under terrible strain, and as yet unknown physical damage after so long a time) would be seven ounces per day of the most energy-filled, nourishing substances possible.

Nothing less. And there is NO way to make that quantity less. Not if you wish to remain alive.

Based upon this seven ounces per day, it is possible to program a computer to analyze the exact amount of room aboard a spaceship required to carry a food supply for any given period of time.

FIVE MILLION YEARS? What size should the missile be? Certainly large enough to contain somewhere in the neighborhood of 800,000,000 pounds of stored food which would have to be carried along, or enough to give all the 750 million Chinese, 525 million Indians, 240 million people in the Soviet Union, 100 million Japanese and about 200 million Americans a spaceman's meal. That's a lot of food — even at the rate of seven ounces a day.

So there are limits — walls — barriers.

Man has been enthralled at his abilities to reach ever more closely toward those walls, and has begun to assume the walls don't exist.

Enraptured by scientific achievement, millions have assumed science is the only god worth worshipping — that science holds the answers to all the problems of mankind, not only survival in space, but survival here on this earth.

Not so. Science, too, has definable limits. These are not limits science has imposed upon itself temporarily because of lack of knowledge — but limits that are, by the very nature of things, imposed upon science by a higher power of which they know nothing.

The universe is out there — so endless, so vast, so awesome that feeble human minds with feeble human expression cannot accurately define it.

Man has reached the moon. But each journey will prove equally as hazardous as the last — and the moon will remain the same bleak, inhospitable, airless, waterless, foodless place it has always been.

The idea that man will "live on the moon" or "vacation there" is as remote as the likelihood of man vacationing more than a mile deep in the ocean.

"Vacationing" is hardly the term to describe the most demanding technical tasks needed to survive in a most deadly environment.

So, while we stand in admiration of technology and admire the courage of men, we must not lose our balance.

We must not set up a Dagon, or a Diana, and bow before the altar of scientific achievement.

We must cautiously appraise what has really been accomplished, and that appraisal must take place in the calm acknowledgement of the many problems confronting man here on earth.

We must still ask — for all the splendor, drama, terror, excitement, apprehension or disappointment of the space race — what, on earth, good is it?

And, in the words of one observer of the blast-off of Apollo 11, "The time to worry is when you see them bringing animals aboard one of these... in pairs."
The MODERN ROMANS

PART I

The FIVE MAJOR CAUSES for the collapse of the Roman Empire are rife in modern America and Britain. Tragically, modern man has not learned from historical mistakes. Millions today believe America is too big, too powerful, too wealthy to suffer a similar fate. But the cold facts present a bleak warning — a warning we simply must not ignore!

by Garner Ted Armstrong and Gene H. Hogberg

“HO, HO!” they laughed at the warnings of Seneca. “Rome fall? Never!”

To Roman citizens living in the glitter of empire — enjoying an explosive frenzy of building, with huge cities, bejeweled with rising marble columns, with paved, pleasant tree-lined avenues and rushing fountains; seeing the victory parades through triumphal arches of yet additional conquests; hearing of the exploits of this or that great general — Rome was impregnable. She was the world — and the world was Rome.

To speculate for one brief moment that all this could soon collapse — that the ravages of wars, taxation, mounting crime, race riots, subversion from within, political assassinations, natural disasters and public apathy would one day bring Rome to utter collapse and ruin, was not only unimaginable to them — it was folly to the heights of idiocy.

And to millions of American and British people today — the thought that America and Britain could suffer a similar fate — though with more modern consequences — seems equally ludicrous.

But Rome fell.

Now the voices of the ancient scoffers are as still as the silent war and the rubble of ancient Rome — mute testimony to a once-proud empire.

Unable to stem a tidal wave of violence, wild spending, wars, degenerating morals, and unbelievable public willingness to accept the society of their day — they were led to the final fate they all denied was possible. Millions of ancients lived to see the “impossible” happen.

Rome fell.

And there were causes for that huge empire’s drift into chaos and final collapse — specific, definable reasons.

and Today . . . ?

Today, millions the world over stand in open-mouthed awe of the achievements of space-age man. Moon walks, laser rays, heart transplants, computers — the dazzling advances of technology serve to convince millions that we have become scientifically secure; impervious, eternal.

Only dollars are needed, goes the vague thinking, and time. With money and time, science can deliver us from every trouble. Should our hearts fail, medical science can surely give us someone else’s; or perhaps one made of plastic. A cancer? Laser surgery must surely come.

Worldwide food shortages? We’ll “farm” the seas.

This supreme confidence in man’s own abilities is evident all around us. But unfortunately these are only a modern form of idolatry, and salvation from growing world troubles by the vehicle of science will prove as empty a dream as Roman prayers to Jupiter, Venus, or the Emperor.

We, too, can fall.

The Affluence of Rome

The Romans were the Americans and Britons (with Canadians, Australians,
South Africans and others included) of their day. They were the wealthy ones; those with the highest culture, fantastic buildings, institutions, and sprawling cities. They were affluent.

And they thought it could never end.

"If, at any time in history, a people could have looked confidently to the future, it was the Roman people of the second century of our era," wrote Dr. Robert Strauss-Hupé, noted historian and international relations expert.

"Within the empire, law and order prevailed, and never [before] did almost everybody 'have it so good'... no foreign power could challenge her."

Up until the last few years this could have sounded much like a description of our peoples. But Strauss-Hupé asks, "Why did this... civilization decline at all? And why did it decline so rapidly that, within another 100 years, the Roman Empire was plunged irreversibly into anarchy and penury, ravaged by foreign aggressors and doomed to extinction?"

Remember, when Rome was synonymous with splendor, power, wealth and dignity, no one thought such a thing remotely possible. But it happened.

How many millions believe "it can't happen here" of our nation? The same author says, "What can Roman experience teach us? Of course, it can teach us nothing if...we are satisfied with the...[notion] that the Romans of the second century were not Americans of the twentieth century, and that, hence, what happened to them could never happen to us."

But the striking parallels between our peoples today and the Romans of yesterday make such complacency very dangerous.

Are You Sure This Is ROME?

"Prodigious engineers...high-rise apartment houses...the cosmetic arts...spectator sports...sightseers and tourists." These are only a few of the words used to describe Romans of the second century.

Fortunately, Roman history is well documented. We know more about the Romans than any other great civilization of the past — and the more we investigate their lives, the more we are forced to face the true causes for their final collapse!

They built roads all over the known world at that time — and, believe it or not, some of those same roads are still in use today!

Romans cherished body hygiene, physical culture and health. "Roman baths" of a country club atmosphere are thoroughly documented, and their ruins are with us to this day. The Romans were travellers — invertebrate sightseers and tourists. Nothing was quite so dear to the Roman heart as languid vacationing, health resorts, mountain spas, or seashore villas. One of the most obvious marks of affluence was the possession of one's personal vacation retreat.

The cities began to become increasingly crowded, requiring the development of high-rise apartment complexes. Records prove many of these became so much like modern slums today (some were so poorly constructed that, despite stringent Roman building codes, they menaced the health and safety of infuriated tenants) that the parallel is inescapable.

And Romans had long since mastered the art of plumbing and built water supply and sewer systems perhaps only slightly inferior to ours, and some of them still function!

As the cities grew, Romans began discovering mounting urban problems. Traffic congestion became unbearable, slums, ghettos, unemployment and crime, all were crashing in on the big city dweller until Rome's cities and countryside as well became unsafe places.

Annals absolutely prove that various civic disturbances over some of these worsening conditions resulted in riots and configurations which literally destroyed whole towns!

Rome had her "long hot summers," too!

And her economy? Rome collapsed under the crushing twin burdens of confiscatory taxation and creeping inflation. The steady deterioration of Rome's currency was symptomatic of the increasingly serious financial situation of the empire.

But note this: What "average" pleasure-oriented Roman, living for the day, ever dreamed his proud nation would some day collapse into ignominy and be remembered only in the past tense in the pages of history?

There were those who warned the Romans of the inevitable end of their ways. Rome had its prophets, its seers, its political satirists. But their combined "jeremiads" fell on deaf ears. Romans, as a whole, would not listen.

And Rome fell.

Americans, Britons, Canadians, Australians, South Africans — as a whole — are not listening to the veritable torrent of shouts and warnings trumpeted by leaders in all aspects of national life. Will our nations also fall?

The Five Major Causes

The five major causes for the decline and fall of the Roman Empire deduced from the writings of Edward Gibbon and noted historians of the Roman world are these:

(1) The breakdown of the family and the rapid increase of divorce.

(2) The spiraling rise of taxes and extravagant spending.

(3) The mounting craze for pleasure and the brutalization of sports.

(4) The mounting production of armaments to fight ever-increasing threats of enemy attacks.

(5) The decay of religion into myriad and confusing forms, leaving the people without a uniform guide.

"Every one of these factors is brimful and running over today. You read it in your daily newspapers — growing incidence of divorce, broken homes and juvenile delinquency, inflation and taxation, the pleasure binge, the revelation of the gigantic "military-industrial complex," the startling growth of occultism and weird religion.

They are all part of our world — our society.

They were a part of Rome's, too.

Divorce, Roman Style

According to Roman authors such as Aulus Gellius, Valerius Maximus and Dionysius of Halicarnassus, divorces in early Rome were extremely rare — in fact, all but unknown.

But in the first century B.C. — about
the time of Cicero — marital breakdowns, especially in the upper classes, had become so prevalent that divorce became “normal.”

“From this time on, we witness an epidemic of divorces, at least among the aristocracy whose matrimonial adventures are documented,” writes Jerome Carcopino in his book Daily Life in Ancient Rome.

Regarding the Rome of the Antonine period (around A.D. 150), Carcopino quotes from Seneca: “They divorce in order to remarry. They marry in order to divorce.”

Martial declared that marriage had become merely a form of legalized adultery!

“Modern Roman” Divorce

Practically the same wording may be used to describe the American marriage-go-round today.

The divorce rate in the United States rose in 1968 to the second highest level ever recorded. Early indications are that the figures for 1969 will be even higher.

On a statistical average there is more than one divorce or annulment in the U.S. every minute — there being approximately 526,000 minutes in a year. For every three to four marriages performed in the United States, there is one divorce or annulment.

Dr. Clifford Rose Adams, professor emeritus of Penn State University, reported on June 8 that government statistics showing that about 28 percent of all marriages end in divorce are misleading. He said:

“If you take in annulments and desertions (about 100,000 yearly) which are not included, the figure would be nearer 40 percent. Add to this what we call the morbidity marriage, where a man and woman may continue living with each other just for appearances or convenience while actually hating each other, and you find that only about 25 percent of marriages are really happy. The other 75 percent are a bust.”

Around the World

The collapse of the home is by no means limited to the United States.

Britons are marrying earlier, having fewer children and getting divorced more frequently than ever before, according to official statistics. A Registrar-General 1968 population report for England and Wales reveals that the divorce rate is rapidly rising. There were 51,000 new divorce petitions — 4,000 more than in 1966.

In South Africa, authorities are greatly disturbed about the country’s divorce rate — one of the highest in the world. It has been found that between 35 and 40 percent of all new marriages between whites collapse within a year.

The number of marriages between couples under 21 has soared in the past two years. Last year the increase was 100 percent above the 1966 figure. Such marriages are causing great concern, as it has been found that at least one in four break down in a short time.

And Canada:

Since Canada’s new “easy” divorce legislation came into effect just a year ago, applications for divorce have more than doubled. At a conservative estimate some 25,000 petitions will be filed this year — and all but 50 or so eventually will go through — compared with 11,156 divorces granted in 1967. In Toronto, divorce applications are running at 50 percent of the marriage rate.

Older Marriages Breaking Up

A phenomenon now bothering the social scientists is the increasing number of marriages which are breaking up in divorce courts after enduring for 15 or 20 years and even longer.

It has previously been assumed that
the longer a marriage lasted, the stronger the marital bonds. But a sampling of divorce statistics across the United States in a recent year shows 24 percent of marriages that ended in divorce in the U.S. had lasted 15 years or more. A few decades ago they made up less than 10 percent.

Affluence, more liberal attitudes toward sex, divorce, inadequate courtship 20 years earlier, homes that are too child-centered — these are some of the reasons suggested for the rising breakup of older marriages.

What Happened to Father?

Divorce is but the tragic and publicized end result of a marriage that did not work — a family unit that was a failure, probably from the beginning.

Few families today have a firm foundation to build on — a correct understanding of government and a chain of authority in the family unit. Early Romans possessed this knowledge, at least in principle. Notice this from the book Rome: Its Rise and Fall by Philip Van Ness Myers:

"First, at the bottom as it were of Roman society and forming its ultimate unit, was the family... The typical Roman family consisted of the father... and mother, the sons, together with their wives and sons, and the unmarried daughters... The most important feature or element of this family group was the authority of the father...

"Such in briefest outline was the early Roman family. It would be difficult to overestimate the influence of this group upon the history and destiny of Rome. It was the cradle of at least some of those splendid virtues of the early Romans that contributed so much to the strength and greatness of Rome, and that helped to give her the dominion of the world."

This same strong family structure — with father in uncontested command — was a foundation stone supporting the national power of the British Empire and the United States in their zeniths of greatness.

We use the word "was" because, like Rome, this building block of national power, the strong family, has all but vanished!

Continued this astute historian:

"It was in the atmosphere of the family that were nourished in the Roman youth the virtues of obedience and of deference to authority. When the youth became a citizen, obedience to magistrates and respect for law was in him an instinct and indeed almost a religion. And, on the other hand, the exercise of the parental authority in the family taught the Roman how to command as well as how to obey — how to exercise authority with wisdom, moderation, and justice."

But stable Roman family life didn't last. By the beginning of the second century A.D., Roman fathers, in general, had "yielded to the impulse to become far too complaisant. Having given up the habit of controlling their children, they let the children govern them, and took pleasure in bleeding themselves white to gratify the expensive whims of their offspring. The result was that they were succeeded by a generation of idlers and wastrels..."

"The fine edge of character had been blunted in the Rome of the second century [A.D.]. The stern face of the traditional 'pater familias' [father of the family] had faded out; instead we see on every hand the flabby face of the son of the house, the eternal spoiled child of society, who has grown accustomed to luxury and lost all sense of discipline." (Carcopino, Daily Life in Ancient Rome, pp. 78-79.)

A modern historian couldn't better describe contemporary family life in the "developed" countries today.

Juvenile delinquency reaches shocking new highs every year in the United States. Half of all arrests for serious crimes involve juveniles under the age of 18. Joseph M. Kennick, past president of the National Conference of Juvenile Authorities, admits:

"Somewhere along the way, as parents and as a nation, we went wrong in the rearing of our children. We are now paying for having produced a generation heavily populated with hostile, rebellious, and lawless youths who have no respect for themselves or for us..."

"Where did we go wrong? We went wrong in many ways — in the laxity of our discipline... in indulging and pampering our children, by lifting from their shoulders the burdens they should rightly carry."

Another lesson not learned from the collapse of Rome.

History in Advance

Many, including historians, scoff at the accuracy of the Bible, deny that it is an infallible source of historical truth. That, we won't argue here. Our booklet, The Proof of the Bible, is offered free to those who are willing to take up the challenge.

The Bible foretold, in advance, the exact overall conditions that would confront the nations of the English-speaking world today — the end-time descendants of the ancient House of Israel. (Also write for our free book, The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy. It will be a good companion source to read along with this series.)

In this advance warning to our nations we read:

"As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee" — including sociologists and others who condone sexual freedom, espouse a "never punish" philosophy for child rearing — "cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths" (Isaiah 3:12).

Whether you believe this prophecy was directed toward our people or not — you have to admit it describes our day and age!

Regarding "women rule over them," we come to the next point in the downfall of the Roman family.

"Battle of the Sexes"

Along with the erosion of the father's authority in the home, historians note the emergence of a "battle of the sexes" in Rome.

Upper-class Roman society — and the average American would be "upper-class" by Roman standards — witnessed a growing force of wives who wanted to be "emancipated" from home life. Some
wives wanted “careers” of their own. Others didn’t want to have children for fear of “losing their figure.” Wrote historian Carcopino:

“Some evaded the duties of maternity for fear of losing their good looks, some took a pride in being behind their husbands in no sphere of activity, and vied with them in tests of strength which their sex would have seemed to forbid; some were not content to live their lives by their husband’s side, but carried on another life without him…”

“To live your own life was a formula which women had already brought into fashion in the second century. . . . It is obvious that unhappy marriages must have been innumerable.”

Yes, women in Imperial Rome “did their own thing” and the results were wretched marriages, divorce, growing juvenile delinquency.

And the same has happened since the close of World War II in America — “the land of working wives.”

The working wife has been singled out by many juvenile authorities as a major contributor to the mushrooming incidence of childhood crime. Right now, according to the U.S. Labor Department, there are 27,609,000 women with children under 18, and 9,527,000 of them — 34.5 percent — are working.

Working for what?

Undoubtedly, in the case of poorer families, to beat inflation, to make ends meet. But increasingly, report government analysts, the wife’s wages are being used to pay for children’s higher education, a color television, a second car (which probably wouldn’t be needed if the wife didn’t have to commute to her job), a retirement fund and holidays.

The disintegration of the family as the basic unit of our social structure has not come about overnight. It has been a gradual and insidious deterioration — a veritable “fifth column” movement attacking the stability of the home from within. The roles and relationships of father, mother and child have, in the process, become confused. Each has lost his identity and place.

Utter Confusion

In the Western, “progressive” world, the sexes already are beginning to dress alike and wear their hair alike — or, in some cases, switch styles.

“Unisex” fashions are becoming the “in thing” in some circles. Even leading department stores are featuring “unisex” lines in special boutique booths.

Leading magazines point up the growth of “hippy communes.”

“Unisex,” “free sex,” “swinging singles,” “wife swapping,” “the Pill,” “sexual revolution” — these are the phrases newspaper headlines are made of today. Utter confusion about sex, marriage and the family is rampant.

But where are all these changes leading us?

Many leading specialists who study family life admit that the family is changing profoundly. But they do not agree on what it is becoming or where it ought to go from here.

Some marital “experts” even predict that the very institution of marriage is “obsolete” and on its way out — perhaps to be replaced by the expression “pair-bound,” or some equally undefinable arrangement.

“Aversion to Marriage” in Rome

Decadent Rome lapsed into a similar irresponsible outlook toward sex and marriage, especially among the ruling classes who set the tone of life in the Empire.

“One cause of the decline in population [in the Empire] was the singular aversion that the better class of the Romans evinced to marriage... Penalties and bounties, deprivations and privileges, entreaties and expostulations are in turn resorted to by the perplexed emperors, in order to discourage celibacy and to foster a pure and healthy family life.

“But all was in vain. The marriage state continued to be held in great disesteem” (Rome: Its Rise and Fall, Myers, p. 447).

Respect for marriage and the home is at the lowest ebb it has ever been in the United States and Britain. Marriage, to many, means little or nothing. And in any society where marriage means nothing, where a solid family relationship is no longer desired — THAT SOCIETY IS THREATENED WITH EXTINCTION.

Rome travelled this road. It perished. America and Britain are speeding along the same roadway to oblivion Rome travelled.

These are not just “interesting comparisons” or quaint analogies for casual amusement — but very real historical causes and shocking, frightening effects.

It is the TRUTH that crime and the disintegration of the home are directly linked; the TRUTH that divorce and decaying moral standards threaten the very existence of any society!

Our peoples are living, daily, the exact pattern of the first major cause for the collapse of the greatest empire of the ancient world.

It’s about time we listened to the voice of history!

No, the voices of the scoffers can’t be heard. They, too, are dead and buried long ago — their voices as still as the quiet sands drifting over the shattered shards, and stones of once-proud buildings and monuments scattered over much of Europe, North Africa and Asia. But we can hear the voice of history. We can study how the Romans lived, and see why they failed. And we can apply those lessons to us, here, now.

So far, we have not listened to the warnings. Neither did the Romans.

Vital Information for You

Next month, we will cover part two in this series.

In the meantime you need to read three vital booklets we have published, in the public interest, on the subject of marriage.

The first booklet, of prime import to young people, is Modern Dating — Key to Success or Failure in Marriage. This shows that the major thing wrong with modern marriage is modern practices of courtship! This booklet explains the purpose and importance of dating prior to marriage.

Then, another key booklet is Your Marriage Can Be Happy. Multiple thousands of our readers and listeners have been helped by the positive keys to a happy marriage presented in this clear, easy-to-read booklet.

Lastly, a very helpful booklet entitled, True Womanhood — Is It a Lost Cause? Write for all three of these handbooks to happiness in marriage. They’re free, of course, in the public interest.
"Diseases of civilization" pose a growing threat to human existence.

So warned leading microbiologist, Professor Rene Dubos of Rockefeller University on July 16. He was addressing the 22nd assembly of the World Health Organization, meeting in Boston.

"The more a population is exposed to modern technology," said Professor Dubos, "the more it appears to be subject to certain forms of chronic and degenerative diseases, diseases called, for precisely that reason, the diseases of civilization."

Professor Dubos cited "that the expectation of life beyond the age of 35 has appreciably lessened during the last few years in the big cities of the United States."

Ironically, Professor Dubos delivered his speech on the launch day of Apollo 11, one of technology's foremost ventures.

DDT a "Time Bomb"

Professor Dubos told newsmen before his speech that environmental pollution would wreak havoc on future generations.

"The world will get into trouble with DDT," he said. The insecticide is stored in man's cells like a time-bomb and under stress its side effects become dangerous, he said.

"I'm well aware of the immense usefulness of DDT," he said, but "my suspicion is we will come to regret it."

Professor Dubos warned that the apparent ability of man to adapt in some cases to a steadily polluting environment often masks perverse reactions. He cited the example of biological changes stimulated by smog in major cities.

The lungs secrete increased mucus to prevent irritation from the dirty air, but years later, the comforting adaptation becomes a major cause of chronic bronchitis, "a nationally important medical problem in the United Kingdom and Europe, and becoming so in the United States," he said.

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Von Braun Speaks Out

One man above all has been responsible for the remarkable success of America's manned space program. That man is Wernher von Braun.

In a recent interview, Von Braun said this:

"Manned space flight is an amazing achievement, but it has opened for us thus far only a tiny door for viewing the awesome reaches of space. Our outlook through this peephole at the vast mysteries of the universe only confirms our belief in the certainty of its creator."

Von Braun said he personally finds it as difficult "to understand a scientist who does not acknowledge the presence of a superior rationality behind the existence of the universe as it is to comprehend a theologian who would deny the advances of science."

On another occasion, America's topmost space scientist said:

"One of the most fundamental laws of natural science is that nothing in the physical world ever happens without a cause. There simply cannot be a creation without some kind of spiritual creator."

On yet another occasion Von Braun stated emphatically:

"Anything as well ordered and perfectly created as is our earth and universe must have a Maker, a master designer ... There must be a Maker; there can be no other way."

Von Braun's unequivocal statements may come as a shock to some who have unthinkingly equated scientific discovery with atheism.

Few people have ever taken the time to inspect the breathtaking marvels of our universe. To bridge this "knowledge gap" we have published, free, a new booklet, Our Awesome Universe. Just off the press, it is full of mind-staggering statistics and breath-taking color photographs. Write for your copy today.

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NPD Scores Vote Gain

West Germany's National Democratic Party (NPD) racked up another impressive gain June 8. It was the last
state election before the national poll this fall.

The extreme right-wing party, labelled neo-Nazi by its critics, scored between 6% and 15% of the vote in the 10 Rhineland-Palatinate districts where it ran candidates in local elections. The cautious NDP policy makers put up candidates only in areas where they felt reasonably sure of winning enough voter support to impress electors in the Sept. 28 national elections.

Even discounting this "safety" factor, the party’s continued success and growth appears to confirm its own prediction that it will get 8-10% of the national vote and send a sizable group of deputies to the federal parliament in Bonn.

In many cities and districts, the NPD ran well ahead of the Free Democratic Party, the third national party and the sole opposition in the federal parliament to the Christian Democratic-Socialist "grand coalition" government. All three major parties lost between 1% and 2% on the statewide level.

**Shift to the Right**

The biggest effect the NPD is having on West German politics is this: the big parliamentary parties have all shifted to the right to meet the challenge of the National Democrats.

Illustrating Bonn’s political “domino theory”:

1.) Franz Josef Strauss’ Christian Socialist Union, the most nationalist faction of the ruling coalition, has determined not to be overtaken on the political right flank. According to neutral observers, Mr. Strauss’ party newspaper, the Bayern Kurier, has taken rightist editorial positions which are virtually identical to those of the NPD paper, Deutsche Nachrichten.

2.) Chancellor Kurt Kiesinger, his party intimates claim, views Strauss as a potential rival for the chancellorship. He is determined, says an aide, not to let his Finance Minister "overtake him on the right" either. Hence Kiesinger’s recent shift to a staunch nationalist stand on key issues. He vigorously opposed the revaluation of the deutsche mark, and supports the delay of attaching Bonn’s signature to the nuclear non-proliferation treaty.

Pay close attention to the upcoming West German national elections.

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**Red Giants on Collision Path**

Just how wide is the rift between Red China and Russia? Wide and growing wider from all indications.

Border units of both armies clashed several times last March along the Ussuri River in the Soviet Far East. The series of bloody skirmishes were the most volatile of the approximately 5,000 border incidents along the 4,500-mile border between Russia and China over the past few years.

Much of the trouble stems from China’s historic claim to thousands of square miles of Siberian real estate now in Soviet hands. Then too, there is the tremendous ideological struggle between the two camps for leadership of the Communist world.

It is well known that the Soviets have substantially reinforced elements of their Far East command. According to New York Times correspondent Harrison E. Salisbury, estimates of the size of the Soviet forces east of the Siberian city of Irkutsk now range as high as 1.5 million men. In the Mongolian People’s Republic, an Asian satellite of Moscow, up to 200,000 Soviet troops have been stationed under terms of a defense treaty.

Foreigners have been barred from travel along most of the Trans-Siberian Railway since June 1 so as not to disclose the full extent of the Russian military buildup.

At sensitive spots along the border the Russians have lined up missiles aimed at key Chinese areas. Specific targets are known to be China’s few nuclear testing and research sites. Close to 200 Soviet airfields are located within easy reach of the border.

Scattered across the open grasslands of Mongolia are small earthen shelters, each housing a single Soviet fighter plane. The planes can take off and land almost anywhere on Mongolia’s flat terrain.

Militarily, the Chinese appear to be no match. Intelligence analysts believe the Chinese have deployed nuclear weapons on their side of the frontier. But the present primitive state of Chinese missile development limits this threat. The Chinese have few good airfields near the border.

But the Russians are not resting on their present military superiority. They believe the Chinese capable of highly irrational military activity. And they know it is just a matter of time before Red China has an operational nuclear force.

The Soviets believe they can understand the American or the German mind. But the Chinese mind — that’s another story!

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**No Two Fronts**

Though not apparent at first glance, the Sino-Soviet struggle is destined to have a big impact on Russian relations with the nations of Western Europe.

Red army leaders, true to a principle of Lenin, have argued that Russia should never split its strength between its eastern and western flanks. Today the Chinese have made this necessary.

When the Ussuri squabble first erupted, the Kremlin went to great diplomatic pains to give its detailed version of the trouble to Western governments from Washington to Bonn, and to Tokyo.

West Germany, France, Italy, Canada and Japan were all gently but firmly warned against strengthening economic ties with Peking, or in any way attempting to exploit the Chinese-Russian rift.

Yet indications are that Russia’s troubles with China will increase. At the recent communist summit conference in Moscow, Soviet party boss Leonid Brezhnev delivered a scathing verbal attack against Peking — despite an earlier agreement not to even discuss Russian-Chinese relations.

Kremlin leaders may soon be forced to soften relations with Europe and arch-enemy West Germany; to seek “peace” in the cold war on their western — European — front in order to concentrate forces in the troublesome East.

Continue to watch the effects of the Chinese dispute on USSR’s relations with Europe.
AND NOW — ON TO THE GALAXIES?
Prepare for a shock! The answer is an absolute NO! Mortal man WILL NEVER get outside his immediate solar neighborhood — NEVER get out to the limits of his own galaxy or to other galaxies. See page 3.

“YANKEE GO HOME!”
But what’s this? Now, even Americans scream anti-American slogans. Here is the shocking story of the CAUSES behind the ugly SIMILARITIES of student riots around the world. See page 5.

AND NOW — THE DOOMSDAY BUG
See page 9.

THE MEANING OF BRITAIN’S ROYAL INVESTITURE
In July, one fifth of the earth’s population watched Prince Charles’ Investiture. The BIG question now is, will the Monarchy survive the space age? And what would happen to Britain if there weren’t a Monarchy? See page 19.

WHAT INFLATION IS DOING TO AMERICA — AND TO YOU!
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ACCIDENTS DON’T “HAPPEN” — THEY ARE CAUSED!
Around the world, accidents rank among the chief killers of mankind. What CAUSES accidents? What can be done to prevent them? See page 29.

WHY SO MUCH MENTAL ILLNESS?
What is the cause of today’s alarming increase in mental illness — and what is the cure? Here are primary answers to the crucial questions — with personal comments by eminent doctors and psychiatrists. See page 39.

THE MODERN ROMANS
The FIVE MAJOR CAUSES for the collapse of the Roman Empire are rife in modern America and Britain. See page 43.