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THE ROOTS OF AMERICAN SUCCESS

"WASHINGTON PRAYING AT VALLEY FORGE"
SCULPTED BY DONALD DE LUE
There is no question I am asked more often, it seems, than "What is the secret of your long life, youthful vitality, energy and drive?"

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

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

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

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

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

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

Even since I was twenty-one years old, I have been interested in this question of youthful longevity. This life-long interest was sparked by a Chaufaqua lecture I heard in 1913. The speaker's name I do not remember, but he had been physician and physical trainer to President Howard Taft, whose term in office expired March 4, 1913. This doctor-physician therapist had interviewed every person in the United States of 100 years or older. He had questioned every one used tobacco, but others had used tobacco all their lives. Some gave credit to the products, but that calcium seems to dominate. Therefore I have tried to always consume a reasonable amount of milk, cheese, butter and other milk products, because they are strong in calcium. Could that be the reason I have not had to see a dentist in the last 48 years — although I did, prior to learning this point of health?

I haven't a perfect régime of diet, but I'm sure I have made careful study of the food I eat than most people. I have not apparently, but I have at least satisfied myself with the proper amount of calcium in my every meal. I have learned that some famous doctors say that approximately 90% of sicknesses and diseases are caused by faulty diet. So I have been to the dentist in the last 48 years, and I do not sample the strange foods of other nations, but stay on the plain and simple foods I've accustomed myself to these 48 years.

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

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

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

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

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

The 6th law is perseverance — "stick-to-it-iveness." Never give up, never just lie down and quit! Many a time I've felt like it. Sometimes I have given up and quit at bedtime, but after a night's sleep it's all a new ball game, and next morning I'm plunging into it with renewed vigor and enthusiasm!

Then comes the most important of all, the 7th law, which is the guidance of, and faith in and reliance on God the Creator. I'm in constant contact with him all the day long — every day! I seek his guidance, constantly. I seek and rely on his help, his deliverance from troubles, his protection from physical 

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THE ROOTS OF AMERICAN SUCCESS
by Jeff Calkins

With the passing of America's 190th birthday and with preparations being made for the coming bicentennial celebrations, one largely overlooked fact is that the United States is the world's oldest surviving republic and one of this planet's oldest continuing governments. Even more remarkable than the political stability of the American republic is its unprecedented economic success. Americans enjoy, on a mass scale, material well-being undreamed of even by the royalty of bygone days.

Obviously, something, somewhere, went right.

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

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

1. Propitious Circumstances

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

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

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

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

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

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

The relationship between the ancient Israelites and the Americans is more than metaphorical. It is ancestral.

American people are not blessed for their own righteousness, but for Abraham's. The geographic and natural factors in the equation were God's doing.

II. Checking Human Nature

But external surroundings do not explain the whole of the American success.

Trees, minerals, even 12 acres of land, aren't necessarily valuable in themselves. They must be developed. And to the degree that an act of government encouraged that development, it is responsible.

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

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

"The fierce and destructive passions of war reign in the human heart with much more powerful sway than the mild and beneficent sentiments of peace, and to model our political systems upon specula-tions of lasting tranquility is to calculate on the weaker springs of the human character," wrote Alexander Hamilton in Federalist Paper Number 51.

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

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

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

WEEK ENDING JULY 12, 1975
REACTOR SALES: SHORTCUT TO NUCLEAR NIGHTMARE?

Two recent nuclear power deals raise the specter of a worldwide atomic race among nations which have up to now been excluded from the nuclear club.

The Soviet Union has agreed to provide the hard-line Libyan regime of Colonel Muammar Qaddafi with a nuclear research center, including a reactor. And the West German government plans to build a nuclear power plant in Brazil with a "complete fuel cycle" system, which makes conversion to nuclear weapons relatively easy, even though Brazil, under pressure from both Bonn and Washington, especially the latter, has "pledged" to limit the production of the new facility to peaceful uses.

Everybody Goes Nuclear?

These two potentially disastrous deals come at a time of growing interest among many nations in nuclear technology and hardware, both for peaceful and military purposes. Increasingly, the distinction between the two is becoming blurred.

The Shah of Iran is quoted in a French magazine as saying that his country would be one of the next to go nuclear militarily. Turkey's defense minister declares that Turkey also "has the potential" to go nuclear.

In Latin America, Chile, Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela, and Ecuador all possess the raw materials and are currently exploring the construction of reactors. Brazil's purchase of the West German nuclear system is believed partly to be in reaction to the growing use of nuclear power facilities in neighboring Argentina, Brazil's natural rival for South American influence. Argentina already has several reactors in operation in addition to a plutonium reprocessing plant, which theoretically allows her technicians to build a bomb at will.

In Asia, Pakistan, Taiwan, and South Korea are already in the market for reactor technology. A group of South Korean assemblymen have advocated that their country develop nuclear weapons in case the American nuclear umbrella is withdrawn. Japan could also go nuclear at will with its plutonium reprocessing plant. Indonesia has a research reactor and the oil money to purchase weapons technology.

India is moving steadily ahead on nuclear weapons research and production. India joined the nuclear club in May 1974 with the explosion of her highly publicized "device."

Since that time, the antibomb lobby in the Indian government has collapsed. The only question now is how fast India's nuclear weapons program will progress.

South Africa is more advanced in nuclear technology than India and, according to the vice president of its atomic energy board, has the ready capability of making a bomb.

In Europe, West Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, and Belgium all possess several reactors. Plutonium reprocessing plants give West Germany, Italy and Belgium an immediate nuclear option should they ever desire it. While West Germany is under a 1954 treaty not to manufacture atomic weapons on its territory, Italy has yet to complete the ratification of the non-proliferation treaty - a reluctance stemming from the fear that other Mediterranean countries - Spain, Egypt, or Israel - may go nuclear.

The fear is highlighted by Spain's possession of a plutonium reprocessing plant, access to uranium, and several reactors.

With each new entry into the nuclear club, the chances of nuclear holocaust increase geometrically - despite "pledges" of peaceful intentions and "safeguard" procedures which can too easily be breached.

Japan Debates Defense Posture

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

The director general of Japan's Defense Agency, Michita Sakata, stresses that "now is the time we should review Japan's security," has ordered his staff to prepare an in-depth white paper on defense to take a broad look at where things currently stand. The paper will coincide with Sakata's planned meeting with U.S. Defense Secretary Schlesinger this fall.

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

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

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

It is believed that Japan, with its vast financial and tech.

Assuming Athens' bid is successful, the blue and white Greek flag won't immediately be run up the empty tenth flagpole in front of EEC headquarters. Now begins a process of complex negotiations which could last several years while participants work out exactly how to integrate Greece's economy with the others. Any one member of the Community could veto the process, but assuming this does not happen, the best guess for full membership is 1976 or 1979.

Clearly Greek Premier Caranalis feels that potential hazards to Greece's economy posed by hasty entry are less important than the need to anchor post-junta Greece firmly in Europe. As he said, "Greece is politically, economically and culturally a part of Europe."

It is interesting to note that he also listed "external security" as a reason to join the EEC - since he had ended Greek military participation in NATO.

The significance of the move by Greece - as widely reported in the world press - is this: Bible prophecies foretell a coming ten-nation revival of the Roman Empire at the close of this age (see Rev. 17:12). The Common Market may or may not be a forerunner or predecessor of this system. But it is noteworthy that nine nations are presently linked together economically with developing political and military bonds. Now Greece, once part of the old Roman Empire, has asked to join.

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

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

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

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

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

Some bombs now exist that are as much more powerful than the first atomic bomb as an anti-aircraft rocket is more powerful than a shotgun blast. The nightmare that was feared thirty years ago has now become a reality. What has happened is that the ability of nations to fashion devastating new weapons has far outraced their ability to maintain control over them or even to understand the full peril they represent to life on earth.

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

The danger of this jargon, of course, is that it becomes an acceptable way of discussing the murder of hundreds of millions of human beings. For the jargon obscures the most hideous fact of all about nuclear warfare: namely, that the nations using these weapons have not confined the death they produce to the enemy population. The main identifying characteristic of the new warfare is random annihilation -- radioactivity is no respecter of orders.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A-PLANT SALE GOES ON

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

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau and External Affairs Minister Allan MacEachen defined the government's position in the House of Commons today after Conservative opposition leader Robert Stanfield called for suspension of a planned sale to a South Korean reactor.

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

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

Mr. MacEachen refused and said South Korea had ratified the new non-proliferation treaty.
ART BUCHWALD

The $40 Billion WANGO

WASHINGTON: While the rest of the country is fast asleep, there are men in Washington working on new defense weapons that will protect us from any enemy foolish enough to test our will.

One of them is Kissinger who lives down the street. The other day at an outdoor barbecue, Kissinger told me about a new weapons system he was involved with which would make all other systems obsolete.

It was called WANGO, which stands for Walter Arthur Neil George and Oscar. Kissinger said, "I don't believe I'm speaking out of school because we're going up to the Hill in a few days and ask for $15 billion to get off the drawing board."

"What is it?" I asked.

"Well, as you know we now have submarines that can fire 10 multiple missiles at once. WANGO is a system that can fire 10 submarines from a missile at the same time."

"That's a lot of submarines," I said. "But what good is it to fire submarines from the air at the enemy?"

"It's not good," Kissinger said, "except that it's a chip in the SALT talk poker game."

"I'm not too sure what the SALT talk poker game is all about."
In my book *The Missing Dimension in Sex*, there appeared a chapter on the best age for marriage. It was, of course, speaking only of a first marriage of young people. And even then, only of the best age. But what about widows and widowers who, at various ages, contemplate another marriage? And what of the "missing dimension" is revealed knowledge. The Bible reveals remarkable case histories of remarkable biblical personalities of various ages and circumstances—set forth as examples for us today. They will prove an eye-opener for many.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

In this installment the purpose is to cover the question of "the best age for marriage" in the case of a second marriage, considering a marriage by a widow or widow, or a second marriage at any age by those eligible for marriage.

If the parties concerned are of the same age, or, say, even within five to ten years of the same age, then age is no problem. But where there is a considerable age difference between the parties concerned, there could be a question that needs understanding.

Does the Bible teach that age difference in marriage is wrong? Or is this feeling against a considerable age difference only a matter of prejudice, carelessly assumed?

What, then, if any, is God's teaching on the question? Probably most of our readers have never given a thought to this question.

But, surprising or not, there is no biblical teaching against such age difference?

But There Are Some Astonishing Examples

As stated before, there are some very outstanding biblical examples, involving some very outstanding personalities—some very well-known VIPs?

Suppose we start with the patriarch Abraham. No personage in the Bible (Christ excepted) ranks higher with God. He is called the "father of the faithful." All the promises of eternal salvation for us, today, were made to Abraham and his children.

To inherit eternal life you must be come one of Abraham's children through Christ. For, says your Bible, "If ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Gal. 3:29).

Again, "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made" (Gal. 3:16). Again, "...they which are of faith, the same are he children of Abraham" (Gal. 3:7).

The wife of Abraham's youth, Sarah, died when Abraham was 136 years old. And when he was 145 years old, some 9 years after Sarah died, he decided to take another wife. News suppose Abraham were living today. He would assuredly be the patriarch and human leader of God's people. And suppose some one should ask you, "What age woman do you think Abraham should marry?" Would you answer, "Why, some one very close to his own age?"

Now Abraham was very close to God. God spoke directly and personally to him. He was undoubtedly very familiar with God's will. If it were contrary to God's will that a man of that very great age marry a comparatively young woman, Abraham would have known it. Furthermore, must we not suppose that if so close to God we would actually have done precisely as I suggested in the book—have relied on God to choose his wife for him? He did rely on God to select the wife for his son Isaac.

Although Abraham was 145, undoubtedly he looked, acted, and felt very, very much younger. Abraham did not marry a woman near his own age. He married a comparatively young woman—young enough to bear him possibly twelve children. Probably Keturah, the young maiden whom he married, was in her twenties and quite surely not beyond her early thirties.

Keturah did bear Abraham six sons, named in the Bible, and the number of daughters is not recorded, but according to the law of average it should have been about six—probably a total of twelve children. And even in those days, with the possibility of a late-age menopause, a woman could hardly have begun with the first of twelve children if over forty years of age. I think I would be much safer to estimate that she was in her twenties or at least under the mid-thirties. And Abraham was 145! After all, God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone!

The next biblical VIP case history was with God? God's angel said to Joseph, "Joseph, thou son of David, Fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife" (Matt. 1:20).

These three biblical case histories concern age differences in marriage of from fifty to more than one hundred years—all very apparently approved of God, if not directly chosen by God.

Yet, in this world, many would think of an age difference of even 30 or 40 years as unusually common, but irregular, or even wrong. But that is not God's teaching!

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Now we come to Mary, mother of Jesus, the woman God chose and honored more than any other woman to become the mother of his Son and our Saviour Jesus Christ! The Scriptures indicate that Joseph, the husband of Mary, died before Jesus chose his disciples, Jesus being about age 30. Joseph is not mentioned again in the Bible after Jesus was a boy of twelve years. It is unthinkable that with Jesus continually healing all he encountered, that his mother's husband would have come to a premature death by any sickness or disease.

Undoubtedly Joseph died naturally from old age. More probably, if the Heli of Luke 3:21 is the Heli of the royal house of Britain (73-72 B.C.), Joseph might well have been nearer 75 years of age when he married Mary, a young woman undoubtedly in her twenties. Although no one can be sure, Mary may have married a husband at least 50 years older than she!

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different backgrounds or cultures may find it difficult or impossible to be like-minded.

What I said above about a mature person marrying an immature person enters in here. Age difference is no problem as long as there is like-mindedness.

A very large percentage of marriages of men many years older than I. Two people — both immature — are not like-minded.

Another important factor: It is a great mistake to count age by the calendar. I, myself, for example, am not, in actual age, 50, but in my calendar age. Few indeed will believe I am at the calendar age of 82. Recently I asked a man who had not seen me before, and knew nothing of my age, how old he would guess me to be. "Tell," he said thoughtfully, "I might be approaching sixty — probably late fifties." And even that advanced age, I suspect, was estimated because of my white hair.

Because of my white hair. In body and mind come primarily not from earlier physical impairment and personal neglect. Few indeed will believe I am at the calendar age of 82. I, who had not seen me before, and knew me to be younger than I by the calendar, who could not possibly carry on with the vitality, drive, determination and personality that have nothing to do with the calendar. Age is not chronological — a mistaken idea that has caused much mischief and misery — but physio-psychological. Alarming changes in body and mind come primarily not from advanced age (by the calendar) but from earlier physical impairment and emotional disorders, often previously neglected.

I have seen many men 25 or 30 years older than I. But I find it just as true that a man of my age might appear younger than I by the calendar, who actually look, act, and feel older than I do and who could not possibly carry on with the vitality, drive, determination and endurance that I do.

To be like-minded, a marriage must be based on love. Love is an outgoing concern for the good and welfare of the other and must not be selfish. But it is more. I can only ask, what is that undefinable mysterious something that causes one person to come to be IN LOVE with a youth who is the opposite of myself? something that defies the calendar or the clock? One thing it is not is lust. Too many confuse sex desire with love. There is also a 'you might be approaching sixty — probably late fifties.' And even that advanced age, I suspect, was estimated because of my white hair.

Monday — the first day of the week?

by Victor Root

BONN: Beginning January 1976, the German week will officially begin each Monday. Sunday will no longer be the beginning of the week for Germans. The decision was made by the German Committee for Norms and Standards, and it was dubbed Norm 1355. The new norm is based on a previous German ruling of 1943 to "fit with present internationally recognized customs." By doing so, West Germany became the 27th country to ratify an agreement for a united division of the week.

The traditional calendar, as we all know, lists Sunday at the beginning of each week; yet every working man and woman automatically relegates Sunday to his weekend. Monday is universally the first day of the work week, even though churches still recognize Sunday as the biblical "first day of the week." Although church councils in the fourth century decided that the "first day of the week" would be kept as the "sabbath" day, churches still recognize the "Jewish" sabbath, or Saturday, as the seventh day of the week. According to both major church denominations in Germany — Lutheran and Roman Catholic — this traditional order of days is still regarded as correct by the Christian Church. These two major denominations voiced their consternation over not having been consulted by the Committee for Norms and Standards.

Interestingly enough the prophecy of Daniel 7:23 contains a puzzling remark that men who "seek to change times and seasons" could 1355 be an initial step in this direction. Only time will tell.

The World in Transition

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

But this is not the only change that has occurred in Southeast Asia during the past two months. Today's newspaper in Bangkok, for example, announces a July 4 anti-American demonstration. The prime minister, meanwhile, has stepped up his demand for withdrawal of U.S. forces and has begun his country's "reengagement" with Peking. Thailand's foreign minister is scheduled to visit Peking later this month (and coincidentally, one of our very best friends in Thailand, a member of the new national legislature, is already in Peking at this moment). In Korea tension mounts as both North and South Korea accuse the other of provocative acts and preparations for war. Malaysia has already received the Chinese ambassador, President Lee of Singapore has sent his foreign minister to Peking, and only President Suharto of Indonesia seems to still remember the communist-inspired difficulties of some ten years ago.

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

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

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

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

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

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

This state of the world and what is prophesied for it was once again part of Mr. Armstrong's powerful message delivered to thousands during his two-week visit in Nairobi, Kenya. Asked, as an ambassador for world peace, how he intends to bring about peace in such an unsettled world, he has answered steadfastly that he is not commissioned to bring about peace, but he points the way to peace, as he has for more than forty years — the way to which many people and many world leaders grant only lip service.
New evidence is increasingly coming to light proving that Columbus was a relative late comer to the New World. Others reached the shores of the Americas thousands of years before Columbus was born. Who were they? Here is the intriguing story.

by William F. Dankenbring

Dr. Alexander von Wuthenau, a white-haired patriarch with a redoubtable intellect, resides in Mexico City. After living in Latin America for 36 years, von Wuthenau has devoted his life to studying the mysteries of pre-Columbian art and is without peer in his field. I interviewed the learned professor for many hours in his home recently, and we discussed some of the most controversial and astonishing archaeological findings in recent decades.

According to Dr. von Wuthenau, there is significant evidence of Mediterranean and African influences on the "new continent" at a very early time! Several years ago Dr. von Wuthenau observed on a six-foot stela in the national museum of Mexico a "Star of David" design engraved in the earring of a Mayan dignitary. The same Mayan figure has a hat which is very similar to the papyrus craft Thor Heyerdahl piloted across the Atlantic, patterned after the reed boats of ancient Egypt. Intrigued, von Wuthenau investigated reproductions of rock drawings in the Jewish necropolis of Bet-She'arim. Here he was surprised to find a very similar drawing, with an interlaced six-pointed "Star of David" and an authentic ancient reed boat.

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

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

The Paralba Stone

In 1966, Jules Piccus, professor of Romance languages at the University of Massachusetts, bought an old scrapbook containing a transcription of mysterious stone markings found in 1872 by a slave in the tropical rain forest of Paraiba state, Brazil. Intrigued, Dr. Piccus brought the material to the attention of Professor Cyrus H. Gordon of the Department of Mediterranean Studies at Brandeis University, Massachusetts. Dr. Gordon, a scholar of the first rank and author of some thirteen books, is an expert in ancient Semitic languages.

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

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son is a forger can know everything I do, or anyone else. But a forger cannot know what’s going to be discovered in the next century.”

Gordon translated the script as follows: “We are Sidonian Canaanites from the city of the Mercantile King. We were cast up on this distant shore, a land of mountains. We sacrificed a youth to the celestial gods and goddesses in the nineteenth year of our mighty King Hiram and embarked from Ezion-geber into the Red Sea. We voyaged with ten ships and were at sea together for two years around Africa. Then we were separated by the hand of Baal and were no longer with our companions. So we have come here, twelve men and three women, into New Shore. Am I, the Admiral, a man who would flee? Nay! May the celestial gods and goddesses favor, well!”

The Bat Creek Stone

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

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

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

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

The Metcalf Stone

In 1968 at the U.S. military reservation at Fort Benning, Georgia, Manfred Metcalf was looking for slabs to build a barbecue pit. Several strange-looking flat stones caught his eye. Metcalf picked up a large flat piece of sandstone about nine inches long and while brushing it off noticed odd markings. He gave the stone to Joseph B. Mahan, Jr., Director of Education and Research at the nearby Columbus Museum of Arts and Crafts at Columbus, Georgia.

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

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

To this very day, some Jews observe the first three of these same features. Neither Mahan nor Gordon believe the Yuchis to be one of the so-called lost ten tribes of Israel. However, they both believe that the evidence shows that both the Yuchis and Hebrews share certain cultural features rooted in the ancient East and Mediterranean of the Bronze Age.

Mahan sent a copy of the stone discovered by Metcalf to Cyrus Gordon in May 1968. Gordon published an article on the stone in Manuscripts, a quarterly of the Manuscript Society, in the summer of 1969. Gordon reported: “After studying the inscription, it was apparent to me that the affinities of the script were with the Aegean syllabary, whose two best known forms are Minoan Linear A and Mycenaean Linear B. The double-axe in the lower left corner is, of course, reminiscent of Minoan civilization.

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

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SIX EXAMPLES of Caucasian and Negroid clay sculptures, found in Ecuador and Mexico during preclassic and classic periods ranging from 1500 B.C. to A.D. 900. The photos on the left are from Ecuador in the late preclassic (300 B.C. to A.D. 300). Note the Caucasian features. To the right are three African types discovered in Mexico: a Negroid (above), an Egyptian princess (above right), and a Ubangi tribesman (below right).
Have we lost our national pride?

Have Vietnam and Watergate dealt a fatal blow to America's national pride? American character to America's national pride? American character to America's national pride? American character to America's national pride? American character to America's national pride? American character
during the middle of the second millenni
nium before Christ (or about 3,000 years
ago). Columbus was sufficiently informati
enough — and not all scholars are prepa
ted to accept it — but even more startling
discoveries are upsetting a number of
cherished theories about the
early history of the New World.

More and more, those who believe the inhabi
tants of the New World developed their
cultures in virtual isolation, cut off from the
developing societies of the Middle
East, are having to face new evidence
which is weakening their theory.

In excavations throughout Central
and South America, Dr. von Wuthenau
has found hundreds of thousands of
sculptures often showing human types, most of them of clay. Naturally, a
person would assume that such clay ob
jects would show distinctive "Indian"
features — that is, the objects would
look like the typical Aztec, Maya or
other similar Indian type. In his book
The Art of Terra Cotta Pottery in Pre
-Columbian Central and South America,
von Wuthenau published scores of pho
tographs of these art objects. He relates
his astonishment when he observed that
of the early human figures in the early,
lower levels of each excavation, not a
single "Indian" head was to be found.
Instead he encountered heads with
Mongolian, Chinese and Japanese fea
tures, as well as those of Tartars, Ne
groes and "all kinds of white people,
especially semitic types with and with
out beards."

As a result of these discoveries, one
personally has not been able to discover among
these distinguished personages a single
"real Indian."

"A terra cotta head from
Guerrero, Mexico, was remarkably similar to the Egyptian god Bes, and similar
images of this peculiar deity are found
at almost all Phoenician excavation sites
around the Mediterranean. In the
Guerrero district terra cotta heads of Ur
weizter or "ancient Whites" have also
been discovered. Around Acapulco von
Wuthenau found evidence that Mediter
ranean peoples dwelt together in con
siderable numbers. Female figurines
from the area are markedly Caucasian, with delicate eyebrows, small mouths,
opulent coiffures, etc.

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

Evidence From the Old World

As remarkable as the unfolding story of the early Western Hemisphere may
be, there is a corresponding line of hard
evidence in the Eastern Hemisphere.
The evidence has been read time
and time again by scholars and students of
classical literature, but it has never been
fully comprehended.

Scholars for many years have been aware of cultural parallels between Cen
tral America and the Middle East. The
Mericans: Indians, squired, royal purple
dye out of the snail Purpuraria patula of
the Pacific Ocean; the Phoenicians per
formed the same feat with the snails
Murex truncatus and Murex brandaris found in the Mediterranean. Read ra
fts used by both races: "Indians" used similar ones from the Pacific coast of California to Chile.

Like the peoples of the Middle East, the early peoples of the Americas wor
shiped the sun, built giant stone stat
ues, wrote by hieroglyphics, performed
cranial surgery, and mummified the
dead. Were all these traits developed
independently and in isolation?

"There are a number of cultural ele
ments so strikingly alike in the two hemi
spheres that the possibility of their
transoceanic spread to America must be
seriously considered" (Steward and Fa
ron, Native Peoples of South America,
p. 41).

But aside from the cultural sim
ilarities, what are we to do with state
ments in ancient literature?

In the fourth century B.C., a Greek
writer, named Theopompous mentioned
an enormous "continent" outside the
Old World, inhabited by peoples with
strange life-styles. Diodorus of Sicily, who lived in the first century B.C., wrote: "For there lies out in the deep off Libya (Africa) an island of considerable size, and situated as it is in the ocean it is distant from Libya a voyage of a number of days to the west. Its land is fruitful, much of it being mountainous and not a little being a level plain of surpassing beauty. Through it flow navigable rivers ..." (3. 19 1-5). There is no island with these attributes unless Diodorus was re
ferring to the West Indies or the West
ern Hemisphere!

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

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

Suggestion for an Old World

Similar noteworthy statements were
made by Plato, who lived about 400
B.C. In Timaeus, Plato wrote of an ear
lier time: "In those days the Atlanti
can be navigable; and there was an island
situated in front of the straits which you
call the columns of Hercules; the island
was larger than Libya and Asia put to
gerther, and was the way to other is
lands, and from the islands you might pass to the whole of the opposite continent, which surrounded the true ocean.

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

The explorations in the New World and the incredible cultural similarities which existed, these enigmatic and mysterious peoples contributed much more meaning to modern scholars.

Quetzalcoatl, god of the Mayas, for instance, is depicted in Mayan myths as being unusually blond. The Spanish conquistadors commented on Montezuma's unusually light skin. Classical statements take on much more meaning to modern scholars.

It is significant that the pre-Inca tradition of creation of the world and of the primitive happy state of men, their corruption by sin, the destruction of the earth, and its regeneration is a distinct analogy to the Mosaic chronicle of the earliest epoch of the history of the human race (Rivero and von Tschudi, Peruvian Antiquities, p. 149).

Ancient Maps

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

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

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

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AND NOW... Homosexuals Allowed to Wed

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

After World War I, morals in this world began to deteriorate. After World War II, they called this moral deterioration the "new morality." That of course, was a play on words for the world to "kid itself" that gross immorality was perfectly acceptable morally. You may call a leopard a house cat, but it still hasn't changed its spots. Since the catch phrase "new morality" caught on, gross immorality has won public acceptance as being right!

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

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

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

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

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

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

The details of such marriages are too revolting to describe here. In 1964 I published a book titled God Speaks Out on the New Morality. And now, eleven years later I think it's time for the living God to speak out again.

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

From Romans 1, "The wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold [back] the truth in unrighteousness... Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools... Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own heart, to dishonor their own bodies between themselves: who changed the truth of God into a lie..."

Furthermore, God says: "If such a perversion as homosexuality were good for its participants, God would approve it. He condemns it because it destroys, it perverts!

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

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

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

God labeled this degenerate perversion a very grievous sin.

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

God says such shall not enter the kingdom of God (Gal. 5:19-21; I Cor. 6:9-10).
 Garner Ted Armstrong

SPKEA OUT!

For Peaceful Purposes Only?

et ready to live in a nuclear world — with 10, 20, 40 or more nations armed with nuclear weapons. No matter what the SALT talks are, we are being led to believe that the nuclear power construction, with the “have” nuclear nations in advantage of the “have-not” nations into the once-select Atomic Club.

It was recently revealed by Sena- tor Abraham Ribicoff that nuclear machinery with the potential for creating destructive weapons was being supplied by France to Paki- tain, Taiwan, South Korea, and Ar- gentina. As a matter of fact, West Germany is also supplying nuclear power plants to South American countries, including Brazil.

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

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

I have also said for years that some kind of configuration, pact, or alliance would eventually unite ten nations of Europe into a nuclear superpower and that Japan would be the corresponding power of the East.

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

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

For instance, it was recently an- nounced that the Soviet Union would be willing, at least in principle, to provide Libya with a nuclear research center, which would in- clude a reactor for “peaceful pur- poses only.” According to the agreement, the Soviet Union would provide details for the project to Liby- an authorities no later than Novem- ber of this year, and the Soviets would also train Libyan officials to run that center.

Libya was very proud. Now she can turn to Tunisia, Morocco, Alger- ia, Egypt, Sudan and say, “Hey! Look at us. We’ve got our own brand-new, gleaming, Soviet-built nuclear reactor … uhhh, for peace- ful purposes only.” “Then when they explode a bomb in the desert, they will be very careful to call it a “nu- clear device,” and not a bomb. (It seems to me, however, that if it blows up, it’s a bomb!) But we’re supposed to be reas- sured when these small but hostile have-not nations are provided with nuclear reactors “for peaceful pur- poses.” We’re supposed to believe that they will use these reactors peacefully, even though they don’t use their guns, planes, tanks, and other weapons quite so peacefully.

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

And that doesn’t include the more powerful strategic “incredible weapons” delivered by missiles. Once the de- ployments allowed by the SALT talks are completed, the two super- powers would possess 17,000 war- heads on missiles alone, plus several thousand more nuclear bombs ca- pable of being delivered by strategic bombers. That’s a doubling of their present stockpile.

If such a nuclear holocaust struck, there might be a few Stone Age- level survivors here and there, eking out an existence in Africa, central Australia, in New Guinea or the Andes in South America, but that’s no concern of yours or me. If you can be reached by a mailman to receive your Plain Truth magazines, you are also within the target sight of an adversary’s nuclear bomb.

The SIPRI yearbook further stated that by 1980, just five years hence, the nuclear powers would have acum- nulated 770,000 pounds of pluton- ium, the key ingredient for building nuclear bombs. And even if safeguards would be 99.9% effec- tive by 1980 (which they can’t, we won’t, and aren’t today), enough plutonium could be diverted without much difficulty to create new nuclear weapons at the rate of one a week.

Interesting? No, it’s more than that. It’s mind-bending!

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

You can bet they won’t all be used for “peaceful purposes only.”

In the May 9, 1975, edition of New Scientist, Dr. Frank Barnaby, director of SIPRI, cited some shock- ing statistics:

World expenditure on military research and development has for some time been running close to $20 billion annually — about five times the money spent worldwide on medical research. Nearly half a million scientists and engineers — half the world’s total scientific and technical manpower — are employed on improving existing weaponry and developing new weapons. An effort of this magni- tude cannot fail to produce striking results. But it is tragic that so much of the world’s talent is being de- voted to developing military rather than civilian products.

“Thirty years ago, only five coun- tries — the U.S., the U.S.S.R. , the U.K., Canada, and Sweden — were major weaponry producers. In the meantime, the number has steadily increased so that today there are over 30 countries involved in this activity. Others are manufacturing weaponry under foreign design under lic- ense.”

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LOOKING AHEAD TO EUROPE'S FUTURE

An Exclusive Interview With Prime Minister Leo Tindemans of Belgium, conducted by Plain Truth
Editor Garner Ted Armstrong

Q: Mr. Prime Minister, in opening remarks yesterday at the NATO Summit Conference, you expressed hope for progress toward European unification. Has there been any substantial progress in this direction?

A: Well, let me say that we are still working in Europe on the basis of the Treaty of Rome and the Treaty of Paris, with the Coal and Steel Authority. At one of the [European] summits in the month of December '74, I was charged with making a report on the future of Europe. What does it mean to make a European Union? You know in the sixties, European political leaders were always speaking of a community - economic and political community. In the 60s, it was a political union. Now it is "European Union." What is it exactly? What does it mean? I have to make a report to define the concept of a European union.

But, for the moment, I think with the economic difficulties, and the energy crisis, Europe is not in good shape. We don't know for the moment exactly what we want. So there is a need for more thinking and discussion about the future of Europe. I think we must know in Europe what we want together, and even within the framework of NATO we will be stronger and unity will be much more consolidated if we in Europe know exactly what we want.

Q: Just how much are you prepared to say in advance of the release of your report to the heads of state?

A: Well, it is difficult for the moment; I am just like the novelist that said, "My novel is made. I've just to write it. It's not prepared. I have to do the work and to write it." Because in Paris they asked if we each could make a report on the basis of three other ones, prepared by the Court of Justice, Parliament and the Commission in Europe. I have to make my own report and express my very personal views, having a single voice in world politics. I have visited, up until now, two capitals and the other ones will be visited in the month of June and in the month of July. It is very interesting for me to hear how political leaders, trade union leaders, organizations, of farmers' organizations, of women's organizations - how they think about Europe. And you talked to all the people, to take into account what the political leaders of the future are thinking at the moment. Europe is ahead of their own government, their own political parties. That is what I found already, in my preliminary report.

Q: I would like to point out a problem that is obviously common to many European countries - yours [Belgium] in particular. That is runaway inflation and unemployement, as viewed from the potential of a new Arab oil embargo. Now, as we know the southern flank of NATO is its weakest point, with Greece and Turkey the problems there. And of course, NATO is not equipped to deal with it, with Turkey, with Greece. Should there come renewed hostilities and the resultant energy crisis, which would further really impact on the economies of Europe, what do you feel would be the European response?

A: Of course, I think one of the biggest dangers for Europe - for the whole Western world, but especially for Europe - is a new possible oil crisis. Our economy is based on oil as you know, and if there is a rise in prices, or boycott of supplying oil, we will be in a very difficult situation, that's clear. One of the weak points of Europe is that we don't have a common energy policy for the moment. It's a very difficult problem, and let me say that the smaller countries in Europe like to be protected by the American umbrella. Now with the revolution in Southeast Asia, and other energy problems in Europe, some voices are speaking of the credibility of the American protection, and are working on the [independent] French nuclear defense. I think, for the moment, we don't like that. But how it will be seen in the future, I don't know.

For the moment, it is only a question of cooperation between Great Britain, between France - because they have a certain nuclear defense, as you know. And when they are possessed by several nuclear weapons, as you know. And when they are possessed by several nuclear weapons, as you know. I think we must put these arms together as much as possible, and there is an international agreement against spreading nuclear weapons, as you know. Should the French and the British decide to put their nuclear arms together, I think, it would be a good thing to think. But on the other hand, I must repeat, the smaller countries in Europe still have confidence in the American umbrella.

Q: Mr. Tindemans, in your opening remarks at the NATO Summit Conference, you once mentioned the need for creating a climate in which we can tackle and overcome the main problems confronting humanity together. And you stressed the need for a United Europe in that regard. Now obviously, the main problems confronting humanity are manifold; such as food, population, the deep inflation of money in Europe, the joblessness which afflicts the United States, as well as Belgium. Would you like to tell us more about the kind of tackling some of these problems in any united sense? We might have problems - inflation, unemployment, of youngsters. And it's not easy to fight these problems because we have problems - inflation, unemployment, of youngsters. And it's not easy to fight these problems because we have problems - inflation, unemployment, of youngsters. And it's not easy to fight these problems because we have problems - inflation, unemployment, of youngsters. And it's not easy to fight these problems because we have problems - inflation, unemployment, of youngsters. And it's not easy to fight these problems because we have problems - inflation, unemployment, of youngsters. And it's not easy to fight these problems because we have problems - inflation, unemployment, of youngsters. And it's not easy to fight these problems because we have problems - inflation, unemployment, of youngsters.

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Of course, I don't expect you to publish my comment as it exposes an ignorance and fallacy in your views of astrology. You suppress the most intelligent criticisms. Stop misquodering as the plain truth. You are profoundly ignorant, sincerely deluded, valueless manipulators. I know about the subject of what tobacco does to you.

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Read "The Health Consequences of Smoking" issued out of the U.S. Government printing office, Washington, D.C., 20402 for 1972. This particular issue carries a great deal of information about what tobacco smoke does to the nonsmoker.

V. A. Haven, Seattle, WA

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Your admiration of Thieu of Saigon was truly premature. He escaped (in our Air Force plane) with 10 tons of possessions, close relatives and $73 million. The actions of a truly "noble" man? I hope you print this but I doubt you will.

Nadine Krueger, New York, NY

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