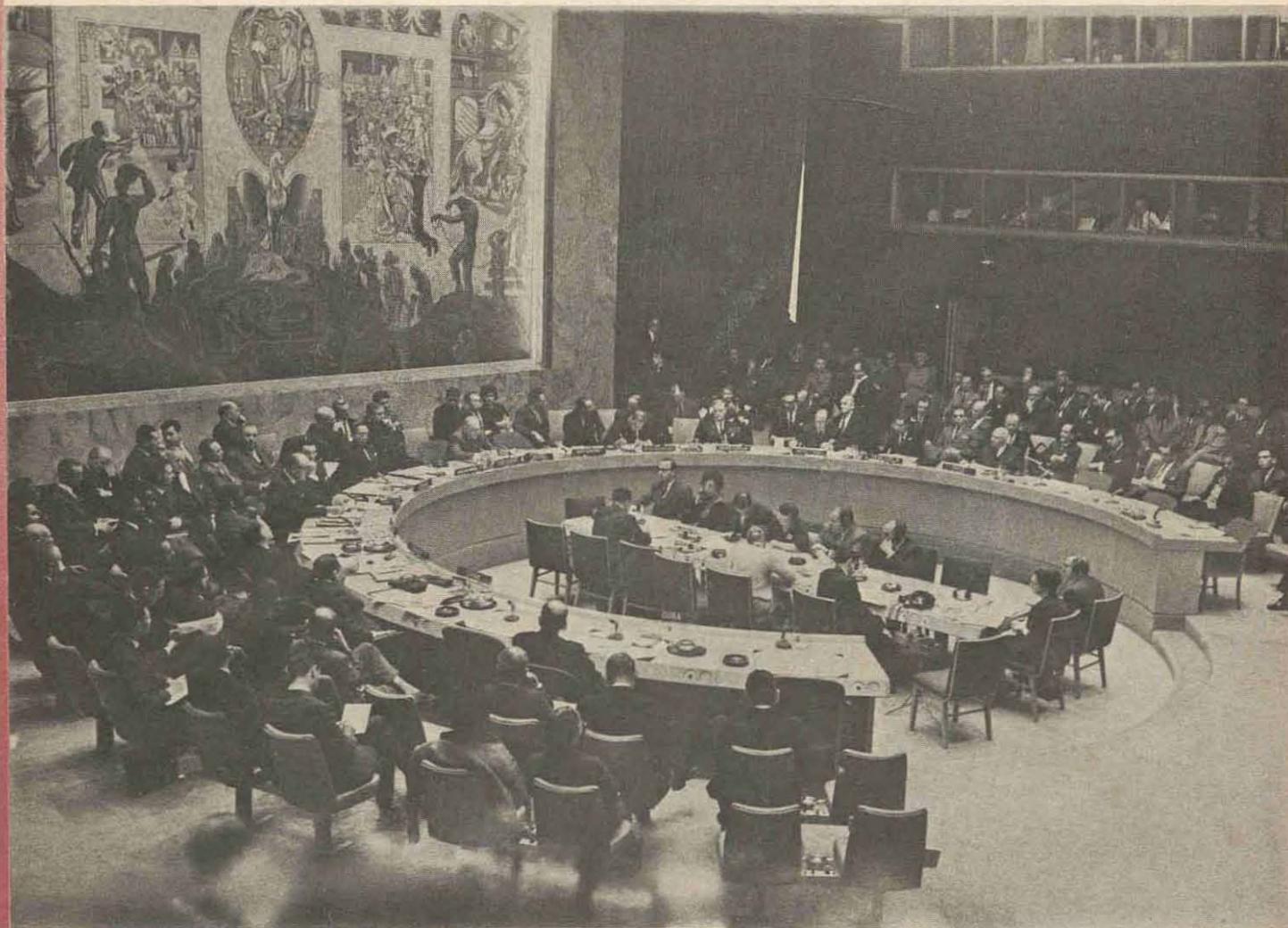


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UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL MEETS IN CUBA CRISIS. This is a general view of proceedings as United Nations Security Council meets for the second day in New York to discuss the Cuban situation. Notice Cuban delegation seated back to camera. Lead article in this issue explains the real meaning behind the Cuban crisis—and where it is leading.

# What our READERS SAY

## PLAIN TRUTH in Public Library in Far East

"Dear Mr. Armstrong:

"I should be grateful if you would kindly send me a copy of The PLAIN TRUTH beginning with the next issue. I am a keen reader of your splendid magazine in my town library. I enjoy reading every issue immensely. I am looking forward to the pleasure of receiving my first copy from you soon." Man from Sibü, Sarawak, East Indies.

## Communism Exposed

"Some weeks ago I wrote and requested some information on Communism. I received a back copy of the May edition of The PLAIN TRUTH which had a very interesting chapter in it about the 'Real Origin of Communism.' I would be very happy if you would continue to send this magazine to me each month."

Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

## From Son of Ambassador

"I am a Liberian and I am living in Nigeria with my father, the Liberian Ambassador to Nigeria; and I listen to your Bible broadcast every day over the radio."

Listener on the new station in Lagos, Nigeria.

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"Everything you say on the radio or in The PLAIN TRUTH comes out in the news about a month or six weeks later as fact. I have found it amazing how far you are ahead of the newsmen and how accurate you are in your forecasts. My husband says, 'Turn on Armstrong and get the news.'"

Woman from Ohio.

## Response to German Broadcast

"I would like to express my thanks to you again for the magazine 'Die Reine Wahrheit.' I can only say once again that there is just not another magazine like it on this whole round

earth. The articles are so thrilling that you just don't want to put the magazine down until you have read every word. I can truthfully say that I always read each issue two or three times. It always seems to me that I did not find all the hidden pearls with the first reading. I must also confess that I have changed very much inwardly. I know now for the first time what a valuable treasure the Bible is. This magazine could not be paid for with gold. For those who are thirsting for the truth, this magazine is indispensable."

Woman from Garlitz, East Germany.

"I thank you very much for your explanations of scripture. Up until now I have found no one who could explain things as clearly as on 'Die Welt von Morgen.'"

Man from Leer, West Germany.

"First of all, I would like to thank you for the literature you have sent me. I am not by any means a 'convinced Christian,' but this magazine has at least changed my attitude toward religion, from one of disdain to one of doubt. Since I have now made this step, which is probably the most difficult of all, I hope to soon put aside the remaining doubts and become a true follower of God . . . I am 20 years old."

Young man from Weidenau/Sieg, West Germany.

"Last Wednesday at 7 a.m. I heard your very informative religious program and was surprised at the power of persuasion you have in fascinating your listeners and bringing the truth of God to them.

"For that reason I have decided to request your magazine 'Die Reine Wahrheit,' for I hope to learn more about these things, which we never hear in this godless society."

Man from Stuttgart, West Germany.

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# Personal from the Editor

**M**OST of our readers will remember my comments in this column a few months ago, concerning our vain peacock here in England.

Again I am writing from my study on our college grounds, just outside London, in England. I flew over, alone this time, for the opening of the third year of Ambassador College in England. I am here only briefly this time and it now appears I may need to fly to Australia soon after returning to Pasadena.

But I wanted to tell you about our peacock. I have missed him since returning here. He never comes around any more, to stand by the hour admiring his mirrored reflection in the full-length glass doors which open onto the terrace outside my study.

Once again, our head gardener came up with the explanation.

"Have you noticed that the peacock never comes up to your terrace to admire himself in your glass doors?" he asked with a chuckle.

"What happened to him?" I asked. "Did he get killed?"

"Oh no, not that—but he's lost his vanity for a while. It's the time of year when he's lost all his tail feathers. He hasn't any beautiful long tail feathers to strut in a circle over his head. He won't look at himself in the glass now. It gives him a painful inferiority complex." And Mr. Silcox laughed as if he enjoyed the proud bird's humiliation.

Candidly, I wondered a little, after writing that talk about vanity and self, if I could possibly be mistaken about the peacock's vanity. Could it be that it was not self-admiration, after all? Could it be that he supposed it was another bird? It didn't seem so—for he never started a fight with the bird he saw reflected in the glass, nor approached close. He simply stood at the distance where he could see himself reflected to best advantage. He would spend a big part of the day there.

But now he seems to confirm our

supposition of vanity. He is as free to strut up to the glass doors and admire himself as before. But he takes no advantage of the opportunity now. Without those glorious tail feathers there isn't much to admire.

I compared this silly vanity in the peacock to the vanity in human nature. There is one tremendous difference, however. The peacock has no mind to think about it. With him it is pure instinct. He cannot come to a realization that he is submitting to vain self-admiration. He cannot ponder about it being right or wrong. He cannot think it through, reason it out, and make the decision that he ought to restrain himself and be humble.

But when you women admire yourselves in a mirror, and begin to think vain thoughts of self-love, you are doing it knowingly with a *mind* capable of reasoning, making decisions, and enforcing self-discipline. When you men feel you are better or more important than some other men, you are doing it *rationally*, and not by instinct.

Of course it's human nature. Human nature is a tendency, with a definite downward pull. We all have it. But we also have minds. We also are capable of the knowledge of our own egotism—capable of the knowledge of what SELF really is, as I explained in the former editorial. We are capable of making decisions to restrain it. We have *wills* to resist self, the pride of life, lust, or coveting what we ought not have. We are held *responsible*—the beautiful but small-brained peacock is not. I hope many of our readers have done some thinking about it since my talk about SELF a few months ago. Are you *being changed*?

Before leaving the subject, let me say that I walked down to the small thatched-roof tool-house, beyond the Japanese Garden, the other day, to see the peahen and her lone remaining little one.

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### OUR COVER

U.N. Security Council sits for second day of discussion. U.S. delegate Stevenson demanded "Yes" or "No" answer from Russian delegate Zorin concerning placement of missiles in Cuba. Zorin refused to answer. Here, seated, listening to discussion, charges and countercharges are delegations from Cuba, back to camera; then China's delegation; French delegation; Ghanian delegation; Ireland's Frederick H. Boland, addressing the Council; Romania's delegation; U.N. Secretary General U Thant; Soviet delegate Valerian Zorin, Council president; vacant seat of under-secretary for political and security council affairs, Yevgeny D. Kiselev; delegation of United Arab Republics; Sir Patrick Dean, chief delegate of United Kingdom; Amb. Adlai E. Stevenson of United States; Venezuela's Carlos Sosa-Rodriguez; and Chilean delegation.

## Personal from the Editor

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It isn't so little any more. It's growing up. And, come April or May, old daddy peacock will probably be strutting back on my terrace to admire the new tail feathers soon to come.

And now, a brief comment on the late October Cuban crisis. Repeatedly I have compared the Russians to a bear. The large, ponderous bear goes lumbering along, kicking on doors. If the latch breaks and the door opens, he goes on in and takes possession. If it holds and resists, he kicks harder to see if he can break it down.

But if a ferocious lion comes roaring at him, he backs away. And if the lion shows real fight, he will retreat in a run.

Khrushchev will never back down before TALK. He will never retreat or give ground in a Summit Conference. Before Korea, I used to say that America had never lost a war, and had never won a Conference. I still say we have never won a Conference.

To the whole world, it appeared that President Kennedy was risking an all-out nuclear war that could destroy most or all Americans, when he ordered the United States to blockade Cuba, and to sink any Russian ships that refused to stop when ordered. Russian ship captains, steaming toward the blockade, said they were going to refuse to stop, and were going right through to Cuba. The Kremlin threatened that if a Russian ship were sunk, it meant nuclear war! Thousands in the United States were terrified—rushed to food stores, made bulk purchases, sought or frantically built bomb shelters.

But for once, the United States did not retreat before Soviet advancing force. Instead, when the bear kicked on the door of Cuba, the U.S. Naval Lion steamed straight toward advancing Russian ships in FULL FORCE! When the real show-down of United States FORCE came, did the Bear open fight on the Lion? No, the Lion showed his teeth,

roared and advanced toward the Bear—and, true to form, the Bear retreated.

In all the years I have been saying this, the Cuban crisis was the first time the American Lion showed any will to arouse from lethargy and advance with FORCE against the threatening, land-grabbing Bear. Until then America kept retreating.

A few years ago, we had the famous lion millions have seen in motion pictures on our Ambassador College campus in Pasadena, California. We used a number of shots of him in our television programs. He was a powerful-looking beast, yet he was allowed to walk freely over a portion of our beautiful campus grounds, entirely uncaged and unshackled. I stood not more than fifteen feet from him, unafraid—although I will admit I stood almost behind a large tree.

But there was no fight in him. Most of the time, he wanted to simply lie down on the grass and rest. His keeper said to me, "He isn't tired—he's just lazy." It took effort on the part of the keeper to arouse the lion to get on his feet and advance slowly toward the cameras.

It has seemed that during these years, while the Russian Bear kept foraging farther and farther from his lair, threatening the free world, the American Lion was too fat and well fed, or too tired, or else too lazy to arouse and drive back the invading Bear.

Yet, even if a Lion does arouse from sluggishness, and demonstrate his POWER, does this produce tranquil PEACE in a forest of wild animals? Of course not. Every wild animal is equipped by nature with some means of defense, for it also is the nature of most wild beasts to attack, to take, to kill and destroy.

There will not be PEACE in the jungle until that millennial day, described in Isaiah 11, when Christ shall be ruling the world with a rod of iron as KING of kings and LORD of lords. It is the picture that we were illustrating in our television program—when wild animals shall be no longer wild, but tame—and a little child, a lamb, and a lion shall play freely together.

Today, God Almighty is proclaiming to the whole world, through the instrumentalities of *The Plain Truth* and *The*

*World Tomorrow* program, the GOOD NEWS of the soon-coming WORLD TOMORROW, when nations will be FORCED to stop acting like wild beasts, and when men everywhere shall come to see at last it is, indeed, more blessed to GIVE than to receive—to get—to take from others. Then, when men realize that an outgoing concern for the welfare of others, as much as they have for themselves, produces PEACE, happiness, prosperity, universal justice, and love and abundant living, UTOPIA will be ours forever!

## What our READERS SAY

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Well, of Course!

"I have been listening to you on radio for about twenty-five years and things are happening just as you said they would."

Lady from Hayti, Missouri.

- Don't stop listening now. The most interesting part is still coming.

First with the News

"The newspapers the other day spoke of the Russians being 'jittery'; the first time I had seen it. You, however, long before had said they were scared of what they saw in Western Europe near their borders, in *The PLAIN TRUTH*. Mr. McEwen (Austr. Cabinet) said lately that things are moving very rapidly."

Co-Worker from Kernot, Victoria.

A Painful Experience

"It is a shame that such a blind man as you should try to lead others. I am referring to the article: "Did Jesus Have Brothers and Sisters?"

Reader from Sydney, Australia.

- We know how you feel, sir. It is rather painful to have cherished traditions refuted. Please notice, however, that your quarrel is with the Bible, not with *The PLAIN TRUTH*.

Accepted Challenge

"I accepted your often-quoted challenge of 'Prove it for yourself' and took a seven-day leave from the army pur-  
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# The CUBAN CRISIS . . . *what does it mean?*

*Breathlessly, the world waited for nuclear WAR! Frantic housewives bought hundreds of dollars worth of groceries, stored food and water in fallout shelters. Americans waited from hour to hour by their radios—wondering what would happen! The world waited with bated breath! But nuclear war between Russia and the United States did NOT come! Why?*

by Garner Ted Armstrong

WITH a sigh of relief, the world watched the two big powers retreat from the "brink of war" over the Cuban crisis. Almost unbelievably, Russia's Premier, Nikita Khrushchev, had *backed down* in Cuba—had agreed to have Russian missiles and bases dismantled and returned to Russia.

But who really WON in Cuba? What really DID happen? Does Bible PROPHECY have anything to say about the real outcome?

## How It All Happened

To really get the picture, you need to see a brief, accurate picture of what has *happened* in Cuba. On January 1,

1959, Fulgencio Batista fled to the Dominican Republic, in the wake of Castro's major victory in Santa Clara, Cuba. Castro was sworn in as Prime Minister on February 16, 1959. Only about two months later Castro said before the American Society of Newspaper Editors in Washington, D.C., "We are not Communists!"

What happened from then on is disgusting recent history. Castro began long TV and radio rages and screaming tantrums against the United States, charging violations of Cuban territory by U.S.-based airplanes. The huge American-owned King Ranch was seized, American industry, buildings, resort areas, airplanes and equipment were seized by the new regime—the same regime which later screamed "PIRACY" at the U.S. naval blockade.

Independent newspapers were seized by pro-government unions on May 11, 1960. Then, on August 7th of that year all remaining United States-owned property in Cuba was "nationalized."

On January 3, 1961, the United States severed relations with Cuba, and on January 20th of that year President Kennedy in his inaugural address warned Russia not to interfere in the Western Hemisphere.

## The "Bay of Pigs" Fiasco

Then, on April 17, 1961, an exile force of around 1500 men invaded Cuba (with United States support up to the point of their invasion), at the Bay of Pigs. By April 19th the invasion force had been *completely smashed*, and all survivors had surrendered en masse! Then followed, as you may remember from reading it in your own newspapers,



Wide World Photo

President Kennedy proclaims a U.S. Naval Blockade against Cuba. He announced the military move October 22 in a nationwide television-radio speech from the White House.

one of the greatest losses of prestige the United States has received in recent times!

The CIA was blamed by Castro and Khrushchev, and subsequently admitted its "guilt" for the engineering of the abortive Cuban invasion. The United States got the biggest black eye in the fabled "world public opinion" of recent years—and certainly no *bigger* a black eye than it *would* have received, had the invasion actually SUCCEEDED!

President Kennedy had made several *fateful decisions!* As the *U. S. News and World Report* said in its issue of October 1, 1962, "Hours before [the invasion] on Sunday evening, a small but potent force of B-26's was sitting in readiness on an airfield 500 miles away, waiting to take off for the Bay of Pigs. Those were planes of the invasion force, with Cuban pilots. But those planes didn't take off.

"The reason: President Kennedy forbade their use."

*That was the fateful decision* President Kennedy made on that Sunday evening. *He decided that the anti-Castro Cubans could not have the support of their own air force during the invasion.* Without that support, the invasion failed. The *U. S. News* went on to explain how two United States carriers, their decks jammed with fighting planes, were cruising offshore not far away throughout the entire invasion. Once again, during the early morning hours of Monday, April 17th, President Kennedy was approached as to the use of these aircraft in providing the struggling men in the swamp areas around the Bay of Pigs with adequate air support. He said "No" to the use of the U.S. planes.

The story is now history. It does not make very pleasant reading. On the beaches, in the Bay of Pigs, the invaders fought on—blissfully unaware that President Kennedy had taken away their air support.

What has happened since has been, to many Americans and peoples around the world, almost unbelievable. On December 2, 1961, Castro declared openly that he will be a "Marxist-Leninist" until the day he dies! He said openly for publication around the world that he had *hidden* his Marxist leanings for

*years*, and was quoted in American headlines as having said "I am a Communist!"

### The U-2 Pays Off

The high-flying U-2, the same type reconnaissance plane that once frustrated Nikita Khrushchev to the point of near hysterics, resulting in the calling off of the proposed summit conference, and the now infamous trial of U-2 pilot Powers—this was the aircraft which actually caught the Russians in the act in Cuba.

U-2 aircraft have been flying secret missions over Cuba almost from the day Fidel Castro took over. This turboprop jet, actually a modified glider with a wing spread of 80 feet, but only 49 feet in length from its nose to its tail, has tremendous speed and great operational height. It is the only known aircraft able to fly great distances at 14 miles above the earth!

With its amazingly accurate photographic equipment, which has been described as "fantastic" it was able to catch the Russians in the act of setting

up missile bases—even showing the actual missiles themselves, with their launching pads, fueling tanks and trucks, as they were being set up in mountainous areas in Cuba.

The pictures taken from these U-2 flights were presented to President Kennedy and his advisors.

Many of these pictures have since been published in United States magazines, showing plainly the Russian missile sites. Confronted with this irrefutable evidence, President Kennedy immediately ordered a complete U.S. naval blockade of Cuba.

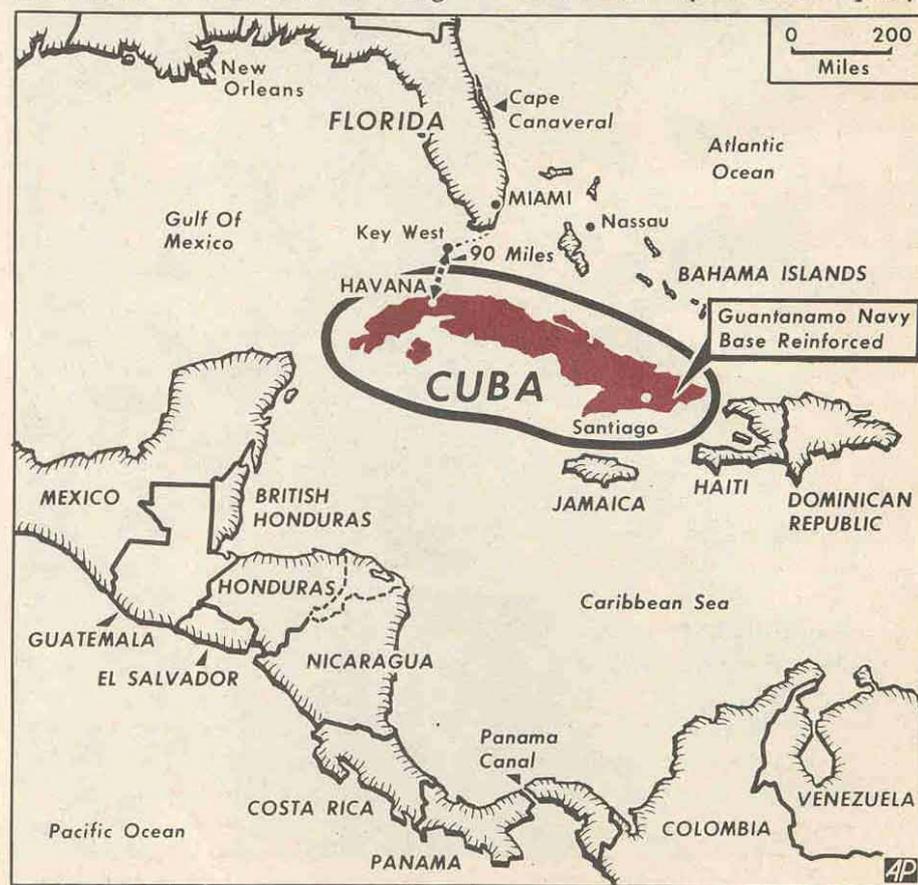
The world was electrified.

Some Americans were elated. Others were frightened. But nearly all were proud.

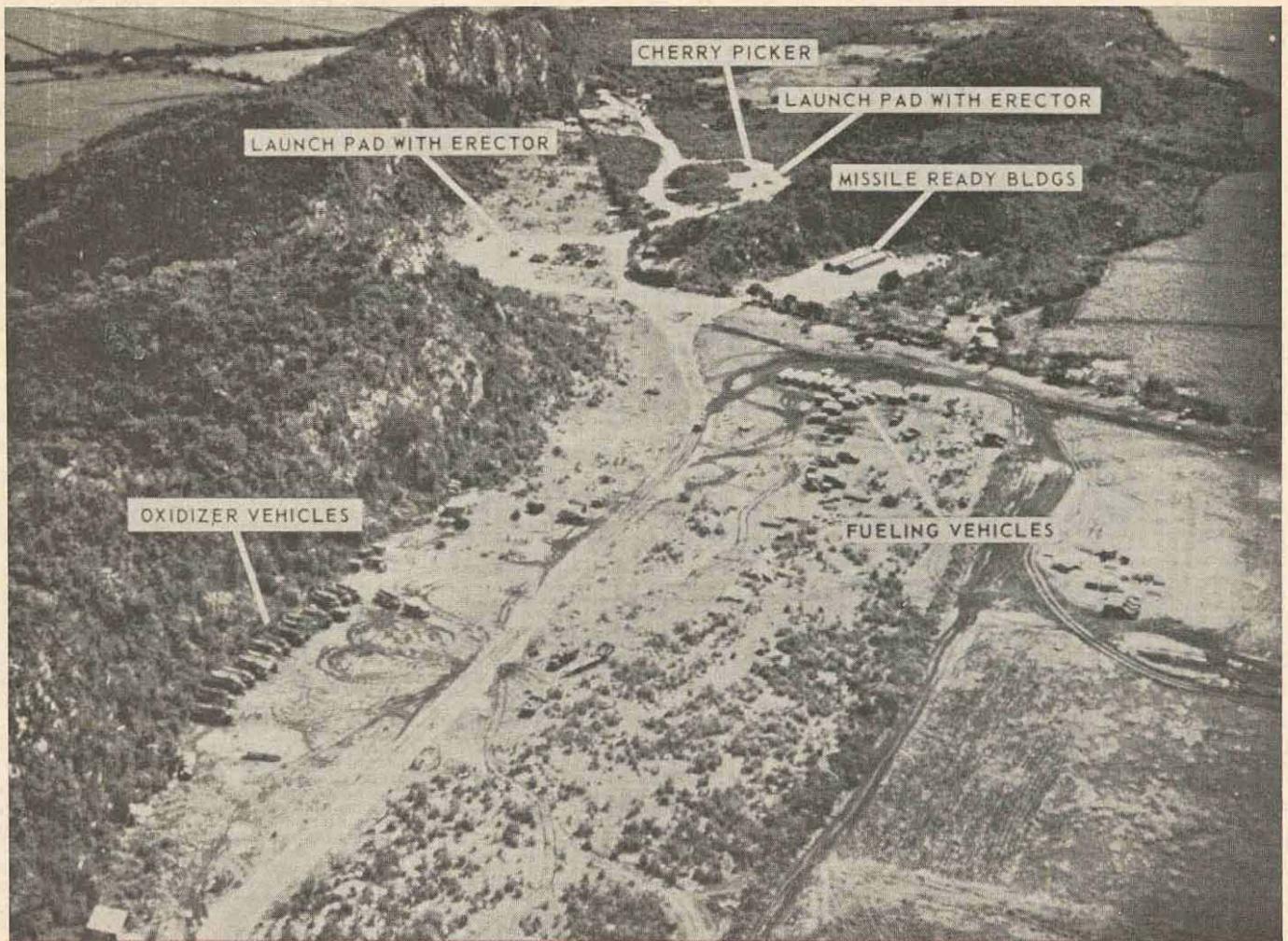
For a change—it seemed as if the United States was going to "stand up and fight" and demand its rights, instead of taking it on the chin repeatedly, and apparently refusing to give out anything in return.

### The Threat From Cuban Bases

It was now crystal clear to policy-



Map shows Cuba, circled, only 90 miles from U.S. shores. President Kennedy proclaimed a blockade of Island on October 22.



VIEW OF MISSILE BASE—The Department of Defense released this photo in Washington and said it was made in late October showing installations at the Medium

range missile base at Sagua La Grande in Cuba. U.S. reconnaissance planes made the photograph which carries identification of different installations.

Wide World Photo

makers in Washington, and to the public in general, that the Russian Ilyushin-28s, which had actually been photographed as being stationed in Cuba, could bomb all of Florida, reaching as far as Atlanta, Georgia and New Orleans, Louisiana.

Also known to be in Cuba were medium-range *ballistic missiles*! These missiles, which have already been *set up* in Cuba, could rain nuclear bombs on an *entire third of the United States!* Within their reach would be such giant centers of population, industry, government, and the military as Dallas, Texas, St. Louis, Missouri, and Washington, D.C.!

What was even more shockingly frightening to the United States was the actual beginning of the installation of intermediate-range ballistic missiles!

When these bases were completed, *should they be completed*, they would be able to reach nearly the entirety of

the United States, including New England, raining nuclear destruction and death from the skies without warning!

The only small part of the United States which would have been beyond the reach of these intermediate-range ballistic missiles would have been small portions of the Pacific Northwest!

Knowing this—knowing full well that accurate Russian missiles were already on their launching pads, zeroed in on dozens of the United States' large cities, in the hands of such a madman as Cuba's Castro, President Kennedy could afford to delay no longer!

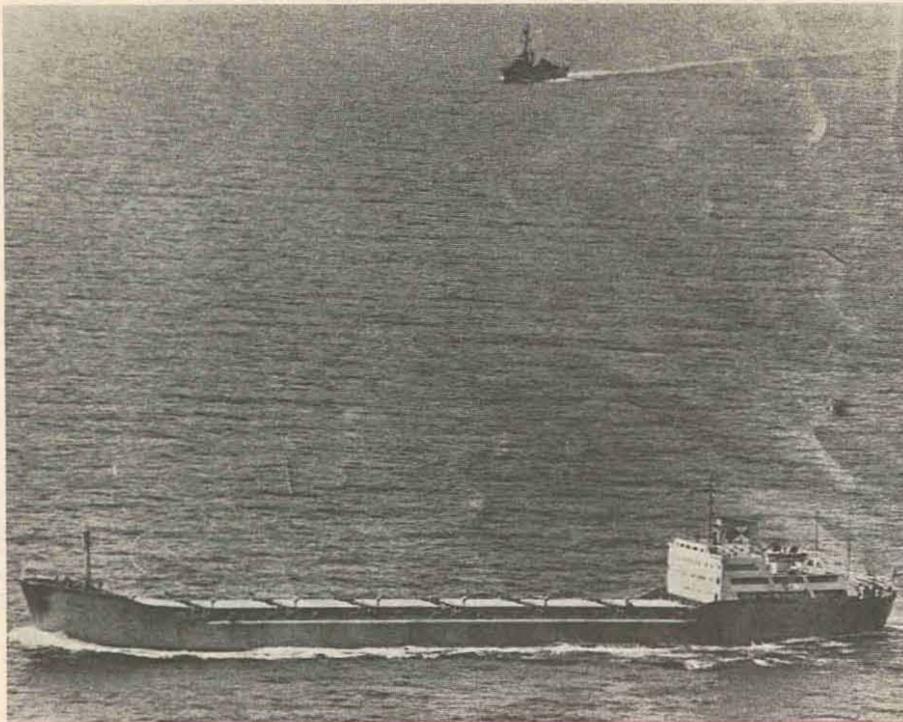
Suddenly the problem had grown to awesome proportions! Now Washington planners realized that just short of 20 months ago, Castro could have been erased by a relatively simple United States' decision to *back up* the Bay of Pigs' invaders with the necessary arms and planes.

Today, that problem has grown to proportions not even dreamed of in the wildest nightmares of policymakers in Washington.

President Kennedy had to act—and act fast! President Kennedy said in his October 22nd address to the nation, "It shall be the policy of this nation to regard any nuclear missile launched from Cuba against any nation in the Western Hemisphere as an attack by the Soviet Union on the United States, requiring a full retaliatory response upon the Soviet Union."

This is now being called "the Kennedy Doctrine," and is being compared with the Monroe Doctrine, or considered as a corollary to it.

A few hours after Mr. Kennedy returned to the White House from a planned 7-state political tour, he ordered the naval blockade. The blockade was actually put into effect at 10:00 A.M.,



Wide World Photo

**U.S. DESTROYER INTERCEPTS TANKER.** The Norwegian tanker "Mylla" out of the port of Oslo, Norway, continues under way in a southerly course as a U.S. Navy destroyer bears down on it to make an interception in the Windward Passage, east of Cuba.

October 24th.

Then, Russia's Premier Nikita Khrushchev ordered the dismantling of all "Russian missiles" in Cuba, and their return to Russia. After a temporary letup in the U.S. naval blockade, it was again ordered to search any ships arriving in Cuban ports for Russian arms of an aggressive nature (presumably, arms which could be called purely "defensive" in nature were excluded) and also to inspect ships departing from Cuba to insure that the missiles were being returned to their Russian places of origin.

But what really *did* happen in Cuba? Who really *won*? Did Khrushchev really suffer a serious setback over the Cuban crisis? Is all going to be well now with world Communism and the Western powers? Are all nations going to finally live at peace—and the Cuban crisis, or the letup of the crisis, is merely a signal that this time of peace is about to begin?

### What Really DID Happen!

Senator Barry Goldwater, noted Republican Conservative, was greatly indignant at the President's promise to Nikita Khrushchev that IF the Cuban

missile bases are dismantled, and their Russian missiles returned to Russia, the United States absolutely *guarantees* it will not attack Cuba! President Kennedy received severe criticism in the Press and from political rivals across the country for this decision. It has been called the most disastrous policy-making de-

cision of recent years—and perhaps one of the most disastrous of all times!

Think for a moment!

If you are being beaten and whipped consistently about the face by the neighborhood bully, and you constantly beg, adjure, and implore the bully to quit hitting you—and then the bully ceases. What should you do? Wouldn't it look a little ridiculous if you said, "If you please promise to stop hitting me, I will promise not to hit you in return?"

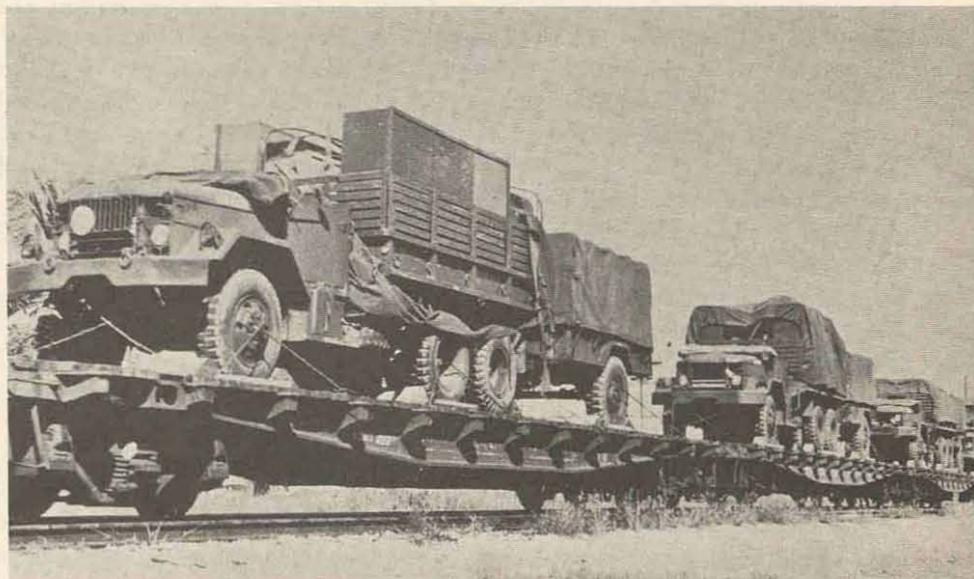
Speaking of carnal, *warring nations*, this would be certainly a disastrous policy to follow! What the United States demanded of Premier Khrushchev was that which was merely **REQUIRED** in the first place! It was *mandatory* that Premier Khrushchev remove Russian missiles and their bases from Cuba—and certainly not a gesture on his part which should have warranted or received even any measure of *thanks* from the United States or the free world.

But not only did Premier Khrushchev receive our "thanks" for his apparent backing down—but the *positive assurance* that he may now have a free hand to pursue his policies in Cuba without any further interference from the United States!

Notice it!

Cuba is *now* free to begin shipping in the various *component parts*, in in-

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Wide World Photo

**TROOP CARRIERS ARRIVE.** Military troop carriers are pictured on railroad cars which brought them to Fort Lauderdale, about 30 miles north of Miami, as tempo of military activity increased in south Florida.

# And Now— Hot War in India!

*Obscured by Cuban crisis is a developing major hot war in Asia. At stake: 438 million Indians, vast agricultural and industrial wealth which Communists sorely need. Can U.S. forestall Red conquest of India? Prophecy reveals startling answer—and what it forebodes to YOU!*

by Herman L. Hoeh

**A** CUNNING 2-point Red thrust has again caught the West off guard. While Soviet Russia was secretly establishing a missile beachhead in Cuba, the Red Chinese were assembling immense supplies, 100,000 men and heavy armor for an attack on India.

Red Chinese have already captured more than 50,000 square miles of Indian territory. A hot war of major proportions—temporarily quieted by a cease-fire—is developing in the towering heights of the snow-clad Himalayas. India's tottering economy has been put on a war footing.

The Red attack on India was perfectly timed. It caught the West off guard. It occurred at the very time the Cuban crisis riveted the world's eyes on the Caribbean.

## Part of World-wide Communist Strategy

Western leaders have been lulled into believing that the Chinese thrust into India came without Khrushchev's knowledge or approval. Some even assume that the Red Chinese double-crossed Moscow and are attempting to break up Khrushchev's political "love affair" with Nehru of India. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Kremlin knew in advance what the Chinese would do. More than three years ago they plotted the attack together, as we reported to you in the pages of *THE PLAIN TRUTH*. Khrushchev's love affair with Nehru was part of the Communist strategy. It was aimed at lulling India to sleep.

Moscow's arms sales to India were cunningly planned as part of the strategy. With Soviet equipment for her army the Indians would have to rely on Soviet

Exactly three years ago we warned the readers of *The Plain Truth* that the Communist Chinese were plotting an invasion of India. Many scoffed. The original Red plan called for an attack in the spring of 1960. We said: "Chinese Communist plans may have to be delayed slightly." They were. Drought and famine plagued the Reds. But now they have begun their big drive to capture the Himalayas, Ladakh and rich Assam.

munitions. When the Chinese attacked, the Indian government hoped Moscow would side with India and continue its military agreement to arm her. Moscow did neither. The Kremlin warned India that China had a legitimate claim to Indian territory that ought to be arbitrated—in favor of China, of course!

All this put India years behind in its military build-up. Nehru, hitherto too proud to call on the West for military assistance, is now begging for financial and military help. He hopes the West has forgotten his seizure of Goa from Portugal.

But can the U.S. really save India? The answer to *that* question lies with Pakistan, India's immediate neighbor. The U.S. has made immense military commitments to Pakistan in order to keep that country strong and free from Moscow's domination. But Pakistan and India are quarrelling with each other—especially over Kashmir. The Pakistanis have warned the U.S. not to arm India, for they fear India would use the arms against Pakistan.

It is the U.S., not Moscow, that is now in the dilemma. If the U.S. continues

to support Pakistan, the Indian economy will eventually collapse under the strain of war and Communism will engulf India. If, on the other hand, the U.S. sends massive aid to India, Pakistan will be alienated. The result will be that Pakistan will have to seek aid from Moscow to protect itself from India. Either way the West stands to lose.

Besides all this, the Indian crisis comes at the very time the U.S. is embroiled with a far graver threat—Communist missiles 90 miles off-shore aimed at the very heart of America, and for which no missile warning system was set up! So long as the Cuban crisis threatens the world, the war between India and China will take second place in U.S. thinking. And that is exactly what Moscow wants. Almost no one, it seems, is aware that India is far more important to Communist leaders than is Cuba. Cuba is an extra prize which the Communists chanced upon. But the **NEXT BIG GOAL** in Communist thinking is India.

## What's Behind Communist Strategy?

Khrushchev is leading the world to think that China is merely a bad boy of the Communist world. He supposedly is trying to keep the rebellious Chinese in line—according to the propaganda line from Moscow.

The little-known fact is that Khrushchev's propaganda is a smoke screen in order to cover up the real goal of the Communists in Asia. The petty jealousies between Moscow and Peiping are not deterring either from their *joint goal*: world conquest.

This is all part of the great Communist plan enunciated by Lenin thirty years ago.



Wide World Photo

Indian casualties in the border war with Red China are brought from a forward outpost on Northeastern front to a waiting helicopter for evacuation. The helicopter is a Russian-built M-14, purchased from the Soviet Union by India.

Russia's program is not to take Western Europe and to attack the United States, first. The Communist program, which our leaders should know, calls first for the seizure of Eastern Europe and then Asia. Lenin wrote that the way to Paris, London and New York is via Peiping and Delhi! Peiping, the capital of China, has been under Communist control for almost 15 years. The next great step in the Communist program is the gradual seizure of India!

The renewal of a hot war in Asia is augmenting that program! The Chinese Communist strategy is to gobble up India, state by state—not all at once—but a little at a time!

Plans further call for aggressive action and terror campaigns against the British Commonwealth nations of Pakistan and Ceylon as well as Malaya and Hong Kong—in an ultimate effort to force these nations and other weak nations of Southeastern Asia into a great Red combine.

#### Top-Secret Red Meeting in 1959

Red China's bloody timetable for control of Asia was presented to Asia's Communist leaders in two top secret meetings in 1959-1960. These meetings were called by Mao.

In the first meeting, top Reds from Cambodia, Ceylon, Hong Kong, Japan, Malaya, North and South Korea, North and South Viet-Nam, the Philippines and Thailand attended. Indian Communists were invited, too, but they turned down the invitation!

A second conference included Communist delegates from Australia, Canada, Nepal and Indonesia.

The first meeting mapped plans for a stepped-up campaign of Communist activity throughout all Southeast Asia in Laos, South Viet-Nam and Indonesia. Included was a discussion of the final timetable for the invasion of India.

The second parley pinpointed specific targets in the British Commonwealth nations. In these countries, Communists are first to re-establish the prestige Red China lost because of the much-publicized invasion of Tibet. Plans mapped when and where to incite riots, strikes, political demonstrations and armed uprisings to terrorize and enslave Asia's neutralists.

As a result of these secret meetings, China sent warnings to Nehru to pull Indian troops out from "disputed" border posts. India was accused of sheltering Tibetans who have fled from Communist-controlled Tibet. Chinese liberation forces next seized—by force—vital Indian territory in 1960 and 1961 and subsequently demanded "peaceful negotiation."

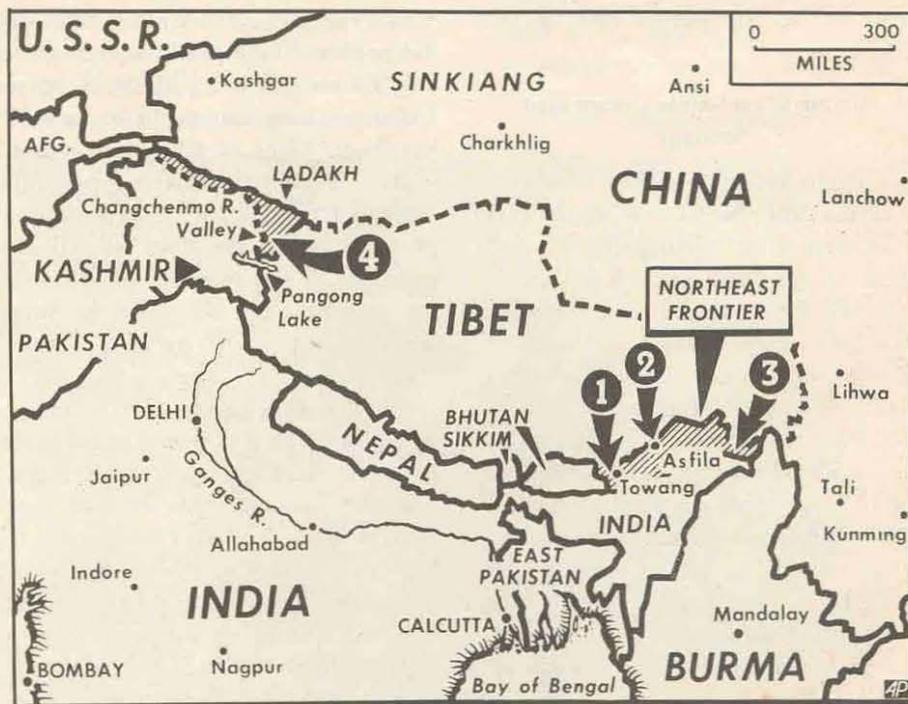
This plot, when fully executed, will give Red Chinese Communists ultimate

control of almost one-half of the world's population. We in the West hardly grasp the full significance of this Communist program. Not in all the world will so many people have been enslaved so quickly.

Westerners, blind to the program of Communists, are asking: "How could China possibly gain from invading India?" Their assumption is that the Chinese wouldn't be any better able to feed India's hungry millions than the Indians, themselves, have been, and that India would thus be only a great headache for the Chinese. But *the Communist program does not call for the feeding of India's hungry millions*. It calls for a planned STARVATION of the people, the slaughter of all anti-Communists, and the inevitable enslavement of the Indian peoples to the Communist ideology.

#### Firsthand View From India

In the summer of 1957, Dr. C. Paul Meredith, Director of the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course, and I had the opportunity to go to India, Kashmir, Afghanistan and the Arab Near East. We were within 175 miles of the scene of the present fighting



Wide World Photo

Map locates places where Chinese Communist troops are advancing in India. Reds have captured (1) Towang and (2) Asfila, and are driving down Luit Valley (3). They are also attacking in the Changchenmo River Valley (4) on the northwest. Immediate aim of drive is Assam on east, Ladakh on west—ultimately all of India.

in Ladakh, near Tibet, and only 125 miles from Nepal. Even five years ago it was clear, from firsthand reports we received, that China was planning a take-over of India, piece by piece.

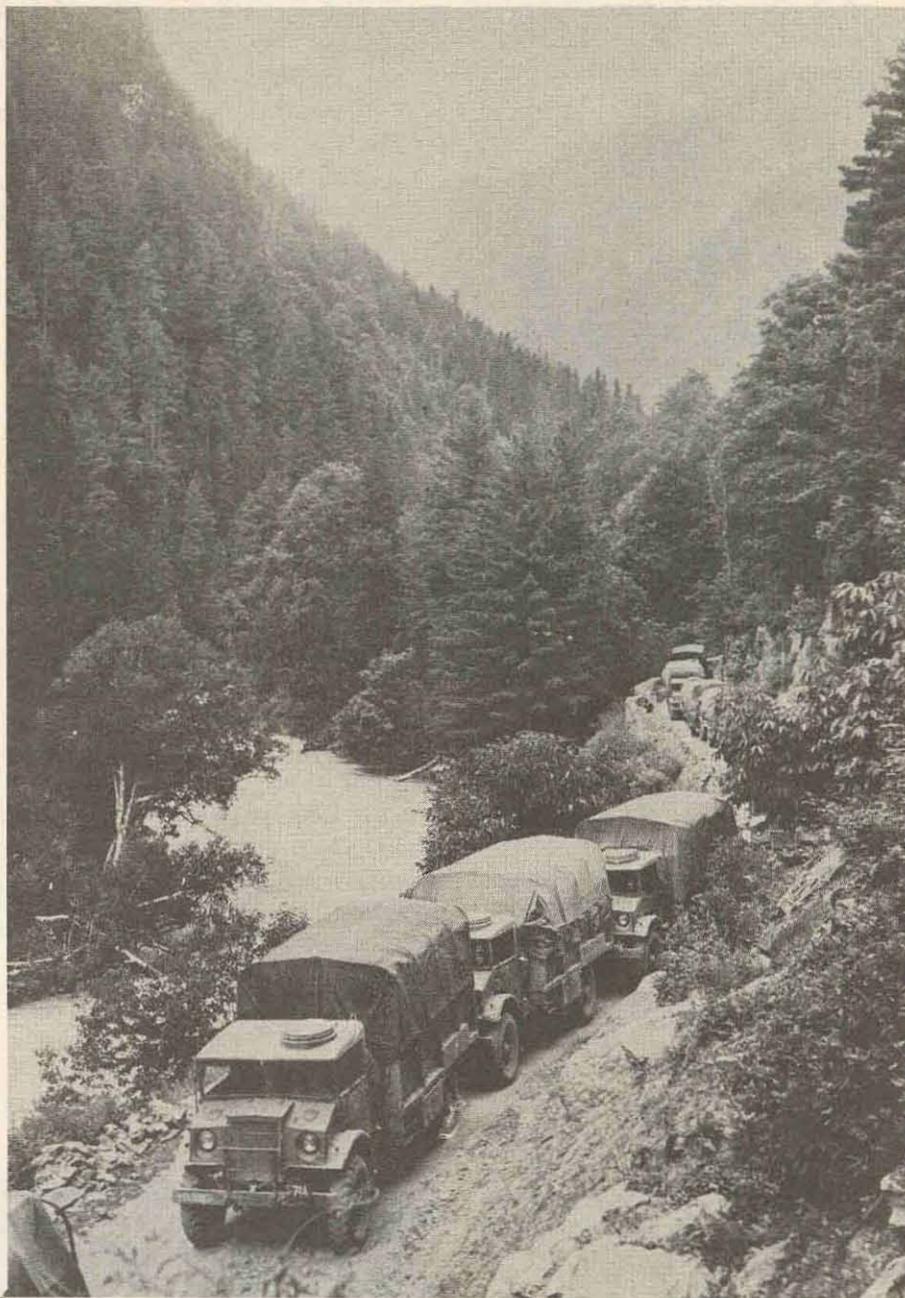
While in Kashmir, an Indian State bordering on Tibet, we noticed the great influence which the Mongol invaders of a few centuries back have everywhere left. The Mohammedans of Kashmir constantly told us—time and time again—that the Communists would soon be taking over the country. They recognized that China's take-over of Tibet was the first step in this program. Numerous times we saw written on the roads expressions telling the Indian neutralists to go home. They told us that the Indian government would not be able to defend Kashmir against a Communist seizure.

It finally came to the ears of official Washington—though it has been known in other parts of the world for a long time—that the Chinese Army which did take over Tibet was told that its seizure of Tibet was merely training for its coming invasion of India.

In 1957 we also noticed the surprising headway made by the Russian Communists in Afghanistan, northwest of India. Everywhere in the capital city of Kabul we saw Russian-paved streets. The U.S. has also built highways from Kabul to the Pakistan border. Russian Communists will soon be using them to reach the border of Pakistan. Many U.S. officials admitted, "The Afghans are playing with both sides—the Russians are supplying them militarily; we, economically. The Russians will inevitably win if circumstances do not change."

This is all part of the Communist plan to place India and Pakistan in a giant vice between Russia and China. Nearly 500 million brown men are about to be engulfed by rabid Communism.

Russian concern is more and more being diverted to a revitalized Europe and a revived Germany. While the Russian Communists continue to strengthen their borders in Eastern Europe against the coming revival of Nazi-Fascism, they are, however, supplying the Chinese with technical know-how and letting China's six hundred million people gobble up the rest of Asia!



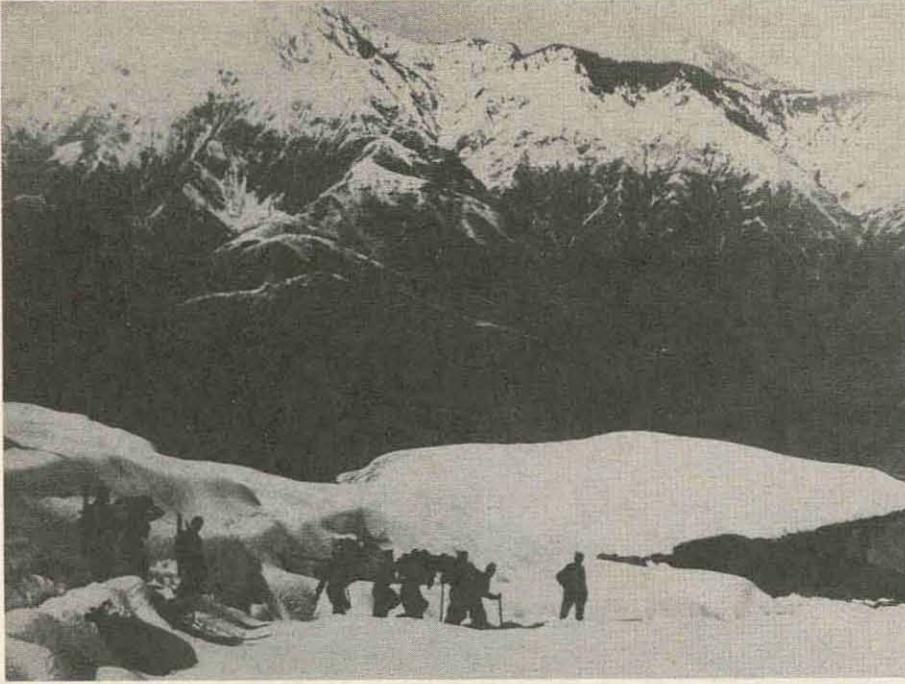
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It is along tortuous supply lines like this that India has to supply its troops in battle against the Chinese Communists along the disputed Himalayan frontier. These Indian army motor units are shown moving through mountainous Kashmir sector.

### Red China's Claim

Red China insists it has a legal right not only to Tibet but to many parts of India and Southeast Asia. It is part of their propaganda that these areas once were under Chinese control. The millions of Chinese scattered outside of China, throughout Southeast Asia, are providing a hard core of local Communists in paving the way for an ultimate Chinese take-over of these "rightfully Chinese" regions!

Here is the story behind Red China's claims. Recent maps published by Red China and later published by Russia show thirty thousand square miles of Assam in India's Northeast and twenty-two thousand square miles in Ladakh as Chinese territory. Their most recent maps also lay claim to parts of Nepal and Bhutan. When these maps first appeared, India's Nehru *talked* to the Red Chinese. The Chinese in return demanded "peaceful negotiations" to settle these "undetermined border areas"



Wide World Photo

Indian troops on patrol. This is the type of terrain in which Indian and Chinese Communist soldiers are battling along the disputed Himalayan frontier.

between China and her neighboring countries.

The Indians insist that the boundary between India and China is settled on the basis of the British-determined MacMahon Line. The story goes back to 1914 at a convention held in India between Nationalist Chinese, the British government in India, and Tibet. In drawing the MacMahon Line, the British sought to keep Chinese armies at a safe distance from India's frontiers. Britain insisted on incorporating vast areas of mountainous countries along the Sino-Indian frontier *which China originally claimed.*

China's unrealistic claim goes back to the Mongol invasion of India commenced by Barber as early as 1525. The real founder of the Mongol or Mogul Empire in India was Akbar the Great in the days of Queen Elizabeth I of England. It was from his weak descendants that the British later took India.

Most people in the West have forgotten that in the last thousand years the Mongols and Chinese have been on the march not only throughout Southeast Asia, but also westward into the Arab world as far as Jerusalem and Central Europe. Their constant dream for centuries has been ultimate world conquest! The Chinese *Communists'* program is

but the latest phase of this grandiose dream. China knows, however, that in this highly industrialized age she can accomplish this dream *only as an ally of Russia.* Yet even in this alliance the Chinese, who have always called their land "The Middle Kingdom," would like to regard China as the inevitable, ultimate center of Communism.

This dream of world conquest was gradually lost sight of as China went

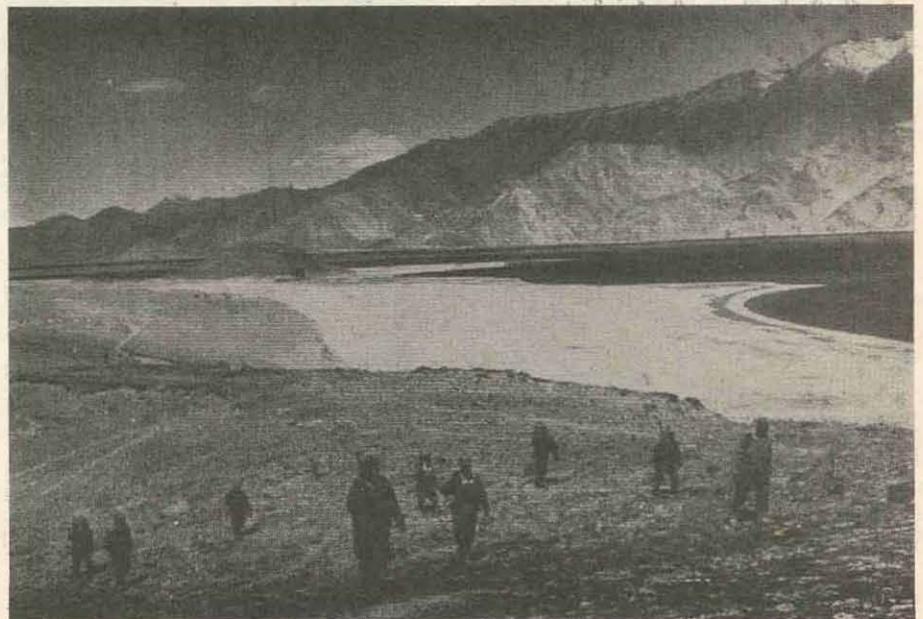
to sleep for the last century and a half, during the Western "Industrial Revolution." Over 150 years ago Napoleon recommended to the Europeans to "let the sleeping dragon lie undisturbed."

But the sleeping dragon has awakened!

The Communist party centered in Moscow has awakened her. For 25 years the Communists mapped plans in North China for the ultimate control of the six hundred million Chinese alive today. It was not till after World War II that they were ultimately able to take over the whole mainland. Only the island bastion of Formosa escaped them.

In 10 years since the occupation of the China mainland by the Communists, all China has been brought under the *direct* control of the Communist party. The Chinese will to resist was quickly broken. Well over twenty million Chinese were "deprived of life" as a warning to others never to rebel against their Communist overlords. *In no previous war, revolution, holocaust—even including Hitler's reign of terror—have so many people perished in so short a time.*

In fact, the Communists in 10 years have done what no Chinese ruler in the previous 4000 years of history has ever been able to do—to fully unite the sprawling Chinese domain under one central government. This was achieved only through modern combat. *(Please continue on page 41)*



Wide World Photo

Indian soldiers on patrol in a forward area along the edge of Pangong in the Ladakh area which Red Chinese troops invaded November 1.

# The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

*The surprising manner in which beautiful Ambassador College campus was providentially opened; and the first nation-wide baptizing tour.*

## INSTALLMENT 50

**Y**ES, THAT eventful year 1946 marked the very *beginning* of the ORGANIZED Work of God in these last days. And, as *TWELVE* is God's number of *organizational beginnings*, this was *twelve* years after the start of the end-time Work of God in 1934.

The most exciting and important events of that pivotal year were yet to occur. Up to this point, it had been virtually a one-man operation. But God did not intend His great mission to be carried out by any one individual. Not even the one man, Jesus Christ. It was to become the organized commission of His Church.

### Not Even CHRIST Alone

The WORK OF GOD, proclaiming to the whole world the GOOD NEWS of the KINGDOM OF GOD, was started by one man—Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ was human, born of the human virgin Mary, tempted in all points like the rest of us mortals, subject to death—and He *did* die for us all, though resurrected afterward to immortal GOD-life. He was *human*, with human nature to fight, control and hold in check.

But, unlike all other mortals, He was also *divine*. He was also GOD, as well as man, for He was begotten not by human man, but by Almighty God, and He allowed men repeatedly to worship Him. To worship any but the true GOD is sin in the first magnitude—breaking the very first Commandment.

But even though *this* man was God in human flesh, the WORK OF GOD was only *started* by Him as an individual person. The same Power of the Spirit of God that had actuated His one individual body entered into the COLLECTIVE BODY of His CHURCH—and started the organizational operation of GOD'S WORK through the TWELVE

apostles. That same day there were 120—ten times twelve, or ten twelves—who *first* were baptized by God's Spirit into CHRIST'S BODY, the CHURCH OF GOD. But, later that same day, three thousand were added. The Church, as a collective, *organized* Body, multiplied rapidly in numbers and power.

Jesus Christ, who as a mortal human had *started* the WORK OF GOD, did not bow out. As the living resurrected Christ, He *sent* the Holy Spirit to empower His organized BODY, the Church of God. And He has remained continually the guiding, directing HEAD of this Body.

### The Three Oppositions

This organized Body started out proclaiming the GOOD NEWS of the KINGDOM OF GOD with great power. It was a phenomenon. It multiplied and grew. The Gospel was spread to Europe and Rome. But persecution multiplied also.

First, there was the persecution of unbelieving Jews. The opposition, those first 19 years, was primarily against the NAME of Jesus Christ.

Then came the opposition of believing Jews, who entered the Church. They clung to and taught Judaism. *Judaism was not the teachings of Moses*. It was the *pagan* system of justifying past sins by *doing penance*. The Jews construed the physical, ritualistic laws of Moses—washings, carnal ordinances with Talmudic additions—and circumcision, as doing penance by our own works. The Apostle Paul fought this, preaching that only the sacrifice of CHRIST could justify past sins, and reconcile the guilty to God.

This Judaizing opposition demanded *not* abolished law, but *more law*; the arduous works of the physical, laborious rituals originally given to teach them *the habit of obedience*. They had been merely a physical substitute *until* Christ

and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit should come.

But as the second 19-year time-cycle wore along, a new and totally different opposition entered. *This was PAGAN*. It was *an organized* conspiracy.

It was the masterpiece of Satan, by which he deceived the whole world regarding Christianity.

False apostles—"wolves in sheep's clothing"—entered in from without. They did not deny, they *accepted* the NAME Jesus Christ. That is what they came in to *get!* They attributed the phenomenal growth of God's Church to this NAME—the preaching *about the Person* of the persecuted, martyred Jesus of Nazareth, who came back through a resurrection as a conquering HERO—a great CHAMPION who triumphed over his persecutors.

Of course these pagan Nicolaitanes and pre-Christian Gnostics, who actually were the surviving priests of the Babylonian Mystery religion, did not believe there had been a resurrection. To them it was a clever gimmick. It had tremendous mass-psychology crowd-appeal. People are prone to take the side of the underdog. People in mass will follow a great CHAMPION, and shower on him HERO-worship. These pagan conspirators did not oppose the NAME of Christ, as did the unbelieving Jews. They *wanted* the NAME!

But they *did not want* the MESSAGE of Christ. They *did not want* THE GOSPEL of Christ, or any teaching about being literally *born* into the Kingdom of God—the very God-Family. They *did not want* any teaching about a coming return of Christ as KING OF KINGS to RULE THE WORLD. Neither did they want any teaching about *being governed by GOD*—either now in this life, or in a coming millennium ruled by THE KINGDOM OF GOD. They knew the carnal mind is *hostile* to the spiritual LAW

OF GOD. They wanted to gain possession of THE NAME of this HERO, but they wanted none of His WAY of life or of His Message.

Jesus Christ foretold these wolves in sheep's clothing. Paul warned the Elders of Ephesus that they would enter in. Jude, writing years later, warned that they had already entered, turning GRACE into LICENSE to flout God's spiritual Law—license to SIN and still have GRACE. John, after 90 A.D., wrote about them and their doctrines of lawlessness and disobedience to the Commandments of GOD.

The Jewish opposition died out by the end of two 19-year time-cycles. But the "NO-LAW," "NO WORKS" opposition from fifth-column pagans grew. *It remains today!*

### The Church "Asleep on the Job"

After one 19-year time-cycle, "A DOOR" was opened for the Apostle Paul to take the true Gospel of Christ to EUROPE (II Cor. 2:12; Acts 16:9-10). Near the end of the second 19-year time-cycle, the Roman armies under General Cestius were marching toward Jerusalem. Jesus had warned His disciples (Mat. 24:15-16; Luke 21:20-21), that when they saw invading armies approaching to Jerusalem, they were to flee to the mountains. For some reason orders from Rome brought the armies to a halt before they reached Jerusalem. The disciples of the true Church finally fled, on the east side of the Jordan river, far north to a town called Pella. Cestius' army was called back, and in 70 A.D., under General Titus, the army actually besieged Jerusalem.

That was the end of the effective ORGANIZED WORK OF GOD, proclaiming the Gospel of God's Kingdom to the world, for 18½ centuries! As revealed in the parable of the ten virgins (Matthew 25), when Christ did not return to earth as soon as many of that day expected Him, "While the Bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept." So far as the JOB of proclaiming the true GOSPEL Message to the whole world was concerned, the Church went to sleep on the job.

### The Great False Church

The pagan counterfeit, injected by the fifth-column priests of the Baby-

lonian Mysteries, had entered under false pretenses to embrace THE NAME of Jesus Christ. Then they went out, with CHRIST'S NAME tacked onto their pagan Mystery religion, branding the true Christians as heretics. In order to set up a public prejudice against the true Christian WAY OF LIFE, taught by Christ and the Apostle Paul, they introduced anti-Semitism, calling true Christian ways "Jewish."

In the Book of Revelation are pictured two utterly contrasting churches. In the 12th chapter the true Church of God is shown to be a persecuted Church, having to "flee to the wilderness," for 1260 years through the Middle Ages. It is the Church which suffers the wrath of Satan. It is described as those "which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

But in the 17th chapter is pictured an entirely different church, symbolized as a "Great Whore." This is a gentile church, because she committed fornication, whereas the true Church, being spiritually Israelitish (Eph. 2:11-13, 19-22), would have been described as committing adultery. Instead of accepting the resurrected *living* Christ as Lord and coming KING—the Husband to marry and *rule* the Church—she entered a fornicating relationship with the human kings of *this world*. But she is pictured as the WOMAN who "wore the trousers," ruled *over* the nations of this world. Thus she is pictured as a large, powerful, rich and GREAT church. She is guilty of the persecution and martyrdom of the saints of the *true* Church of God!

This apostate church masquerades as being CHRISTIAN. But she is not, and never was.

Her true *origin* is *not* the Church which Jesus Christ built. Her true origin is plainly labeled in verse 5: "MYSTERY, BABYLON." Or, BABYLONIAN MYSTERIES.

She is the church of ancient Assyria and Babylon. She is the church of the Satan-led priests of the Babylonian Mysteries who, as fifth-columnists, entered temporarily in, pretending to accept Christianity, in order to steal and appropriate THE NAME of Jesus Christ for their Babylonian paganism. She is the outgrowth of Satan's GREAT CON-

SPIRACY, by which he has deceived the whole world with a *counterfeit* "Christianity."

And she is a MOTHER church! Her daughter-churches came out of her, in PROTEST. They, too, clung to the "NO-WORKS," "NO-LAW" teachings. They, too, brand the true ways taught Gentile converts by the Apostle Paul with the epithet "*Jewish*."

But they do not themselves know their true origin. They are part of this whole world which is DECEIVED by this clever deception of Satan. This is Satan's world. He is the GOD OF THIS WORLD. This world has been deceived into accepting Satan as GOD. And these are his churches, actually believing they are Christ's!

### The Church AWAKES!

Yes, during more than 18½ centuries, "while the Bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept." But, as the living Christ kept His Church *on the job* proclaiming HIS Gospel for two 19-year time-cycles *after His departure* from earth, so He has purposed to AWAKEN His Church to PREPARE THE WAY BEFORE HIM, by proclaiming the GOOD NEWS for two 19-year time-cycles *PRIOR to His return* to earth as KING of kings and LORD of lords to set up THE KINGDOM OF GOD to rule the peaceful and happy and joyful WORLD TOMORROW!

And so, beginning the first week of January 1934, the living Christ "*opened a door!*" (Rev. 3:8). It was the "door" of radio and the printing press, mass-media through which Christ's true Gospel could be proclaimed to the multitudes.

It was the "midnight hour," when began the fulfillment of Matthew 25:6: "There was a CRY made, 'BEHOLD, THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH; GO YE OUT TO MEET HIM.'"

And though, as always, God started HIS WORK through humans in the very smallest manner, it came about that AFTER TWELVE YEARS occurred the BEGINNING of the ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITY of His Work.

### Seeking College Location

Through much of the year 1946, I was searching for a suitable location in Pasadena for the college I now knew it

was God's will to establish.

But I did not yet know CHRIST's mind as to what constituted a suitable location. My conception was merely a building with three or four classrooms, and a small auditorium or assembly room. Of course there had to be office space for our growing mailing office. There was no thought, then, about dormitory space or housing.

After flying to Los Angeles from attending the opening session of the Security Council of United Nations in New York, at which time Mrs. Armstrong joined me, we remained for some two or three weeks recording the daily program in Hollywood recording studios, and spending all available time searching for a location in Pasadena.

It was a long, arduous, tiresome search day after day. Finally, I found a vacant lot west of the arroyo which seemed somewhat near my conception of a suitable location. It was in a residence section, where two streets joined like the base of a V at an intersection. This lot was triangular in shape, rather rounded at the base of the V. It con-

tained perhaps a third of an acre of ground. I envisioned a triangular, V-shaped building to be erected on this lot. The idea of spacious campus grounds simply did not occur to me.

With this concept in mind, I consulted two architects in Hollywood who worked in partnership. They designed preliminary sketches of the building I had in mind. When laid out on paper, the building occupied nearly the whole of the lot, leaving room only for a small patio.

We returned to Eugene, Oregon, with the problem of how to manage the purchase of the ground, and the financing of construction. This problem proved to be a real headache. We had the money for neither. The income for the work must have been between \$50,000 and \$75,000 per year at that time, but operational expenses of the broadcasting and publishing work had a habit of keeping equal with, and always trying to run ahead of income.

In June we returned to Hollywood, accompanied this time by our two sons. Dick was then approaching 18,

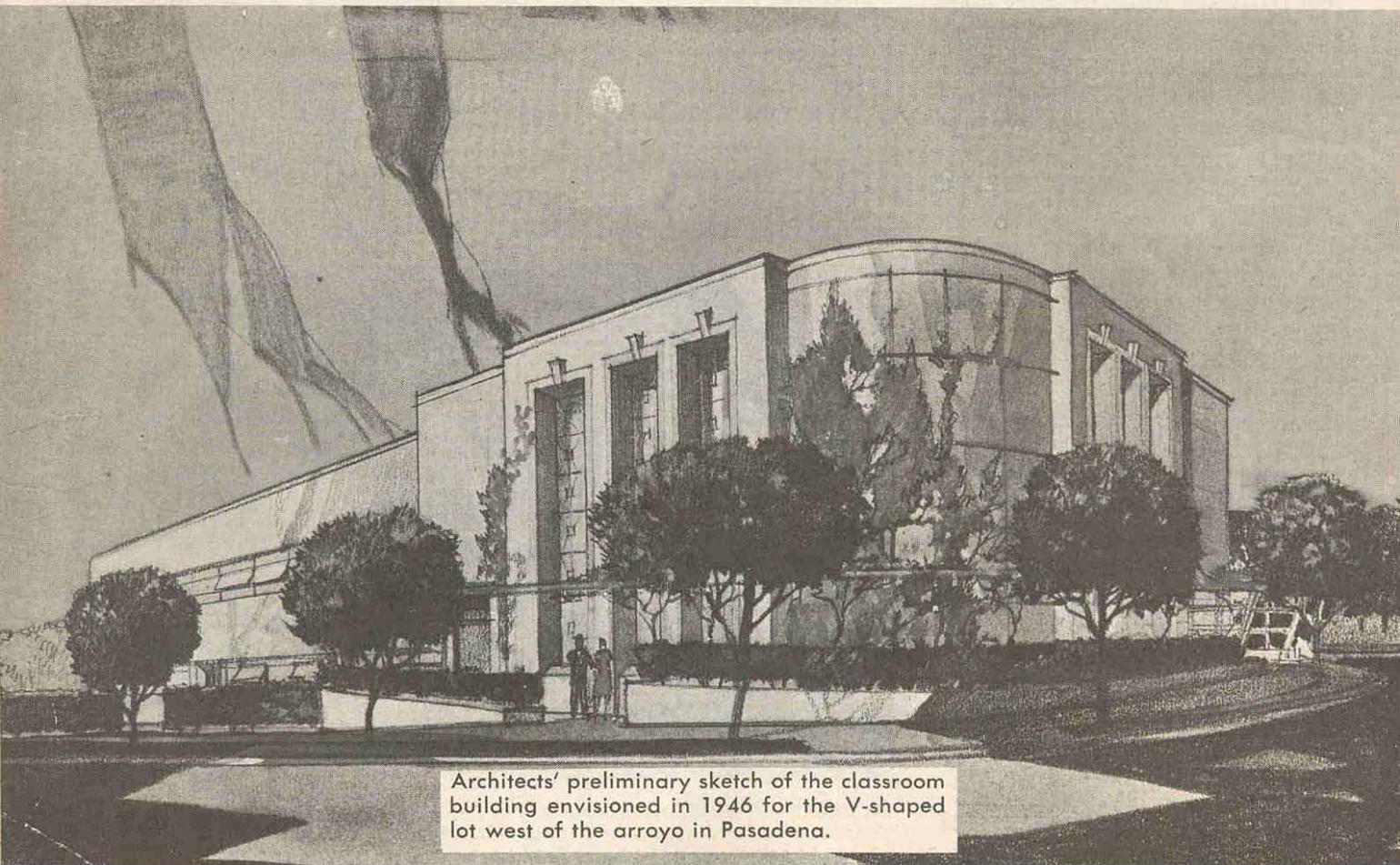
and Ted was 16. I began to feel we needed more ground. I continued the daily trips to Pasadena. Finally I found a vacant plot of some four or five lots—perhaps 250 feet by about 100 feet, on California Street, on a corner. This site would at least make possible a larger patio.

I made preliminary plans to buy it. The money was not on hand at the moment. But I planned to set aside a definite amount each week, until enough for a down payment would accumulate. I hoped to have this within three months.

### The First Baptizing Tour

Meanwhile, scores of letters had been received from radio listeners Coast to Coast requesting baptism. There were requests from all over the South, the Middle West, and even Florida. You've heard people speak of things tugging at their hearts. If ever anything tugged at our hearts these appeals did. Mrs. Armstrong and I felt they could be deferred no longer.

So we had planned a nation-wide



Architects' preliminary sketch of the classroom building envisioned in 1946 for the V-shaped lot west of the arroyo in Pasadena.



During a brief stop at the Grand Canyon, while on the tour, Garner Ted made friends with a deer.

tour to visit these people personally and baptize all who were found ready. We were still driving our 1941 DeSoto. It was one of the best cars ever manufactured in America, but it was now more than five years old. While recording in Hollywood, and searching further in Pasadena, we left the car for about a week in a Hollywood garage for a complete overhaul.

Meanwhile, I spent many hours in our hotel room sorting out many scores of electrical transcription discs that had been broadcast six months or more previously, for repeat broadcast during the weeks of our tour. These had to be sent to the stations so that the program would continue daily until our return to Eugene, when I would resume recording new programs.

I felt that by our return from the baptizing tour we might have enough accumulated in a special fund for a down payment on this Pasadena plot of ground. The hope was that we would be able to pay off the balance within a year, and then, with the ground paid for, obtain a loan with a mortgage on the ground for construction of the college building.

We started the baptizing tour one evening, so that we could drive through the heat of the desert to Las Vegas during the cooler hours of the night. It must have been near 2 A.M. when we arrived in Las Vegas. The car was now in good shape mechanically, even though 5½ years old—it was in good shape, that is, all except the tires.

Perhaps many of our readers will remember the scarcity—almost non-

existence of good tires after those war years. Our tires were mostly recaps. The rubber supply had been largely shut off during the war, and tire makers had turned to synthetics. They were not yet perfected in quality as they are today.

I think it was the next day out of Las Vegas we began having our tire troubles. Time after time we had blow-outs. At one filling station a dealer sold us a recap tire which lasted just long enough to get us far enough away that we could not afford to turn back and demand a replacement. Finally, at a town in Texas, we found a man, whom I believe I baptized, who had ration coupons or some kind of priority for two or three new tires, which he insisted we take, at his sacrifice. After this we had little tire trouble.

### Bathtub Baptizing

I think a few of the unique experiences of that first Baptizing tour are worth recording.

Some time before this, I had obtained in Eugene a lightweight rubber wader's suit. The soles of the feet were of heavier rubber, and the suit came up the body almost to the armpits. I used this rubber suit for baptizing. In nearly all cases we were able to find a local stream, river, or small lake suitable for the baptizing ceremony.

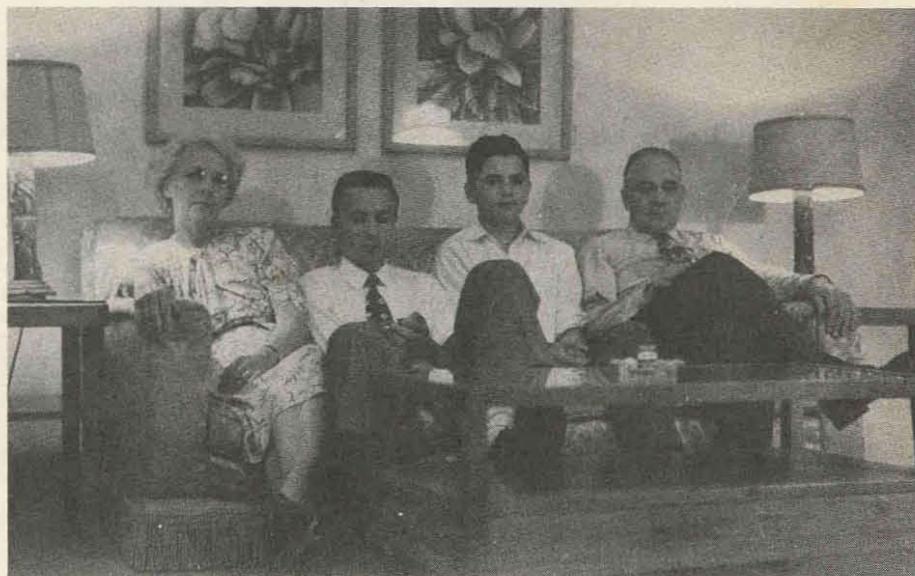
One night we had been delayed by previous visits by some hours in reach-

ing Lake Charles, Louisiana. It was rather late in the evening—perhaps 10 o'clock—when we arrived. We had made appointment by letter to meet a number of people at this home. They were all patiently waiting when we arrived. But there was no available river or lake for baptizing. I do not remember the details specifically. I am writing this current chapter at Ambassador College in England, and Mrs. Armstrong and Garner Ted, who might remember the details better than I, are in Pasadena. But I seem to remember that there had been rains, and there was swamp water, and it was positively unsafe—either because of snakes or poisonous matter in the water.

I do remember these people said there simply was no available water anywhere for baptizing. The idea of using the bathtub was suggested. I had never done this, or heard of it—but the requirement was enough water to "bury" the candidate in the "watery grave," and so I decided the bathtub could serve in the absence of anything else. It was a struggle to get the candidates completely "buried" in the water, but I succeeded.

We had to forego baptizing one man in Florida altogether. He said the swamp waters in the area were so dangerous he would not risk his life going into them. There was no bathtub!

On this tour we zig-zagged up and  
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In a Galveston, Texas, motel. Left to right, Mrs. Armstrong, Richard David, Garner Ted and Mr. Armstrong. Mr. Armstrong took picture by setting camera before dashing to sofa.

# Does CHRISTMAS Celebrate Christ's Birthday?

*Did you know that Christmas was observed 2000 years before the birth of Jesus Christ?—that neither the apostles nor the inspired New Testament Church observed it? Here are the astounding FACTS!*

by Herman L. Hoeh

WAS CHRIST really born on December 25th? Did Paul and the other apostles—and the early New Testament Church — celebrate Christmas? WHY is Christmas not so much as MENTIONED anywhere in the New Testament?

What is the origin of the Christmas tree—of "Santa Claus"—of the mistletoe and the holly wreath?

We grew up practicing these customs, taking them for granted, but *never questioning WHY!* It is time we learned the FACTS!

## 4000 Years of Christmas

Christmas was celebrated by pagans 2000 years *before* Christ was born. Yet it was *not* celebrated *in Jerusalem*—where Christ founded the inspired New Testament Church—*until* 385 A.D., over three centuries after the true Church fled from Jerusalem!

Why?

Did you know that the pagan Romans long *before* the birth of Christ celebrated the Christmas season? That they called December 25 *Natalis Invicti Solis*—the Birthday of the Unconquerable Sun. For seven days—from December 17 to 23 inclusive—the Roman world took a holiday. On these days—called the *Saturnalia* in honor of Saturn—Banks were closed, also the Schools, the Senate and the Law Courts. The *Saturnalia* was a legal holiday. On December 24—called "Christmas Eve" today—the pagan Romans celebrated the *Brumalia*. And on December 25 the Birthday of the Sun God.

Gifts were traded, greeting cards exchanged, feasting and games were indulged in by the whole pagan world during the *Saturnalia*.

In the Hibbert Lectures for 1932 Dr. Robert Seymour Conway compares

Christmas with the *Saturnalia* in these words: "You see at once in how many ways the pagan *Saturnalia* resembled our Christmas—greetings out of doors and indoors, great hospitality, feasting and games of make-believe . . . dolls, candles and all sorts of presents, and greetings in verse."

He continues: "Now what were the early Christians to do about it? The festival was linked with some of the pleasantest features of pagan life as well as with a great deal of what was less desirable—drunkenness, for example; you were thought to be a quite unsociable person if you were sober all through the *Saturnalia!*" (*Ancient Italy And Modern Religion*, Cambridge University Press, 1933, pages 125-126.)

So common was gift-giving in the pagan world that the Roman poet *Martial* found it profitable to write an entire book containing over 120 little verses which could be put on gifts or sent as greeting cards with gifts for the *Saturnalia* holidays!

## You Can KNOW the Facts

Every one of these FACTS you can find in the leading encyclopedias, in your own public libraries!

Though the Bible is silent about the exact birth date of Jesus Christ, or recording any observance of it by the apostles or the early true Church, it *does* have something to say about the season of the year when Jesus was born. It was not in the winter! You can have the answer in an astonishing article "WHEN WAS CHRIST BORN?" It's free. Just write for it.

## What About the Christmas Tree?

Probably you have supposed that the Christmas tree dates back to the New Testament Church.

Did you know that the Christmas tree was also a modern revival of an old pagan custom? The Christmas tree was almost unknown until *Martin Luther revived an old pagan Germanic custom*. The Christmas tree "is a German creation, and even in Germany it attained its immense popularity only in the nineteenth century. The Christmas tree was introduced into France in 1840, when Princess Helene of Mecklenburg brought it to Paris," wrote *Clement A. Miles in Christmas in Ritual and Tradition*, pp. 263, 267. He adds:

"In England it is alluded to in 1789, but its use did not become at all general until about the eighteen-forties. In 1840 Queen Victoria and Prince Albert had a Christmas tree, and the fashion spread until it became completely naturalized."

But the Christmas tree is not really a new custom! In fact it is mentioned in the Bible—nearly 600 years before the birth of Christ! (Jer. 10:1-5.)

You can read the astonishing origin and history of the Christmas tree—how it crept into the churches—how the custom of trading gifts with one another commenced, instead of giving gifts to Christ—all these FACTS *and many others* in our FREE 16-page booklet, "The PLAIN TRUTH about CHRISTMAS!" No other booklet makes the truth about Christmas so simple, so plain, so intriguingly interesting.

Yes, it's time the mystery which surrounds the introduction of Christmas into the professing Christian world were unveiled.

Notice the plain facts.

## How Heathen Customs Crept into Christianity

No one knows the exact date on which Jesus was born. It has been hid-  
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# RADIO LOG

"The WORLD TOMORROW"

## MAJOR STATIONS— Heard over wide areas

### East

- WHN—New York—1050 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun.  
 WWVA—Wheeling, W. Va.—1170 on dial, 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 p.m. Sun., 10 p.m. Mon. thru Fri. (E.S.T.)  
 WNAC—Boston—680 on dial, 8:30 p.m. Sun.  
 WIBG—Philadelphia—990 on dial, 12:30 p.m. Sun.  
 WPTF—Raleigh, N.C.—680 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 8:05 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.

### Central States

- WLAC—Nashville—1510 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 7 p.m. daily and 5 a.m. Mon. thru Sat. (C.S.T.)  
 WSM—Nashville—650 on dial, 9 p.m. Sun., 12 a.m. Mon., thru Fri., 1 a.m. Sun. (C.S.T.)  
 WCKY—Cincinnati—1530 on dial, 7 and 9:30 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat. (E.S.T.)  
 CKLW—Detroit-Windsor—800 on dial, 7 p.m. Sun., 5:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri., 6:15 a.m. Sat.  
 KCMO—Kansas City—810 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun., 8:15 p.m. and 5 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 KXEL—Waterloo, Ia.—1540 on dial, 8 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 KXEN—St. Louis—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.

### South

- KRLD—Dallas—1080 on dial, 8:10 p.m. daily.  
 KTRH—Houston—740 on dial, 8:00 p.m. Sun., 8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 KWKH—Shreveport—1130 on dial, 10:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m. Sun., 9:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 p.m. Sat.  
 WGBS—Miami—710 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun.  
 KTHS—Little Rock—1090 on dial, 9:30 a.m. and 8:15 p.m. Sun., 9:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 8 p.m. Sat.  
 WNOE—New Orleans—1060 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
 WGUN—Atlanta—1010 on dial, 4 p.m. Sun., 11 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 KRMG—Tulsa—740 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 6:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 XEG—1050 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily. (C.S.T.)

\*Asterisk indicates new station or time change.

### Mountain States

- CFRN—Edmonton, Alta.—1260 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.  
 KOA—Denver—850 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
 XELO—800 on dial, 8 p.m. (M.S.T.) 9 p.m. (C.S.T.) daily.

### West Coast

- KGO—San Francisco—810 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 9:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 KIRO—Seattle—710 on dial, 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat., 5:30 a.m. Tues. thru Sat.  
 KGBS—Los Angeles—1020 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun.  
 KRAK—Sacramento—1140 on dial, 8 p.m. daily.  
 XERB—Lower Calif.—1090 on dial, 7 p.m. daily; 9:30 a.m. Mon. thru Fri.

## LEADING LOCAL-AREA STATIONS

### East

- WJRZ—Newark, N.J.—970 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun., 10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 WBMD—Baltimore—750 on dial, 12 noon daily.  
 WWIN—Baltimore—1400 on dial, 12 noon, Sun., 9:30 a.m., Mon. thru Sat.  
 WPIT—Pittsburgh—730 on dial, 3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 CKFH—Toronto—1430 on dial, 10:00 p.m. Sun., 9:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:00 p.m. Sat.  
 WMIE—Miami, Fla.—1140 on dial, 8:30 a.m. Sun., 12 noon Mon. thru Sat.

### Central

- WSPD—Toledo, Ohio—1370 on dial, 9:05 p.m. daily.  
 WJBK—Detroit—1500 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
 WADC—Akron, Ohio—1350 on dial, 9:30 p.m. daily.  
 WJW—Cleveland, Ohio—850 on dial, 10 a.m. Sun.  
 WOW—Omaha, Nebr.—590 on dial, 9:30 p.m. Sun., 10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 KRVN—Lexington, Nebr.—1010 on dial, 10:30 a.m. daily.  
 WNAX—Yankton, S. Dak.—570 on dial, 8:30 p.m. daily.  
 \*WEAW—Chicago—1330 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun. (105.1 FM, 8:00 p.m. Sun.), 7 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 WIBC—Indianapolis—1070 on dial, 10:30 p.m. Sun.  
 \*WFBM—Indianapolis—1260 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.  
 KWTO—Springfield, Mo.—560 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily.

- KFDI—Wichita, Kans.—1070 on dial, 12:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. daily.  
 KFH—Wichita, Kans.—1330 on dial, 9:30 a.m., Sun.; 6:30 p.m. daily.  
 KEVE—Minneapolis—1440 on dial, 10:00 a.m. Sun., 7:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 WEBC—Duluth, Minn.—560 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri., 11:30 a.m. Sat.  
 WOOD—Grand Rapids, Mich.—1300 on dial, 8:00 p.m. daily.  
 KFYR—Bismarck, N. Dak.—550 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.  
 CFQC—Saskatoon, Sask.—600 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.

### South

- KCTA—Corpus Christi, Tex.—1030 on dial, 2 p.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 4:30 p.m. Sat.  
 KCUL—Ft. Worth—1540 on dial, 1 p.m. Sun., 8:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 KMAC—San Antonio—630 on dial, 9:00 a.m. Sun., 7:15 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 KHEY—El Paso, Texas—690 on dial, 8 p.m. daily.  
 KFMJ—Tulsa—1050 on dial, 12:30 p.m. daily.  
 KBYE—Okla. City—890 on dial, 10:30 a.m. Sun., 12:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 KWAM—Memphis—990 on dial, 10 a.m. Sun., 11:00 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 WKYB—Paducah, Ky.—570 on dial, 12 noon daily.  
 KTLU—Rusk, Texas—1580 on dial, 7:30 a.m. Sun.

### Mountain States

- KPHO—Phoenix—910 on dial, 6:30 p.m. daily.  
 KLZ—Denver—560 on dial, 10:45 p.m. Sun. thru Fri., 10:30 a.m. Sat.  
 KCPX—Salt Lake City—1320 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.  
 KIDO—Boise, Idaho—630 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.

### West Coast

- CJOR—Vancouver, B.C.—600 on dial, 9:30 p.m. Sun., 7:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 KHQ—Spokane—590 on dial, 8 p.m. daily.  
 KVI—Seattle—570 on dial, 8 a.m. Sun.  
 KNBX—Seattle—1050 on dial, 12 noon daily.  
 KWJJ—Portland—1080 on dial, 10 p.m. Sun., 9 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
 KEX—Portland—1190 on dial, 8:15 a.m. Sun.  
 KUGN—Eugene—590 on dial, 7 p.m. daily.  
 KUMA—Pendleton, Oregon—1290 on dial, 7:00 p.m. daily except 7:30 p.m. Monday.

# RADIO LOG

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**KSAY**—San Francisco—1010 on dial, 7:30 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
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**KDB**—Santa Barbara, Calif.—1490 on dial, 8:00 p.m. daily.  
**KHJ**—Los Angeles—930 on dial, 7:30 p.m. Sun.  
**KRKD**—Los Angeles—1150 on dial, 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Sun., 6:15 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
**KBLA**—Burbank—1490 on dial, 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. daily.  
**KACE**—San Bernardino-Riverside—1570 on dial, 92.7 FM, 9:30 a.m. Sun., 7:05 a.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
**KNEZ**—Lompoc, Calif.—960 on dial, 9:30 a.m. Sun.  
 In Spanish—  
**KALI**—Los Angeles, Calif.—1430 on dial, 4:45 p.m. Sun.  
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**KFQD**—Anchorage, Alaska—730 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.  
**KULA**—Honolulu, Hawaii—690 on dial, 7:30 p.m. daily.  
*Canada (in French)*  
**CKJL**—St. Jerome, Quebec—900 kc., 10:30 a.m. Sun.

## TO EUROPE

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 In French—  
**RADIO LUXEMBOURG**—1293 metres—5:40 a.m., Mon.  
**EUROPE NO. ONE**—Felsberg en Sarre, Germany — 182 kc. (1647 m.)—5:45 a.m. Wed.  
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**RADIO UFAC, ELIZABETHVILLE** —OQ2AD—4980 kc. (60 m.) — 10 p.m. Sun., Mon. and Wed.; 9:30 p.m. Tue., Thur. and Fri.  
**WNBS**—Lagos — 602 kc. — 8:30 p.m. daily.  
**WNBS**—Ibadan—656 kc., 3380 kc., 6185 kc. and 9500 kc.—8:30 p.m. daily.

## TO AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

**2KY**—Sydney, NSW—1020 kc.—10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs., 10:45 p.m. Fri. and Sat.  
**2AY**—Albury, NSW—1490 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.  
**2GF**—Grafton, NSW—1210 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
**2GN**—Goulburn, NSW—1380 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
**2HD**—Newcastle, NSW—1140 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.; 6:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.  
**2KA**—Katoomba, NSW—780 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
**2KM**—Kempsey, NSW—980 kc.—10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
**2MW**—Murwillumbah, NSW—1440 kc.—10:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
**3AW**—Melbourne, Vic.—1280 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.  
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**3CV**—Maryborough, Vic.—1440 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.  
**3HA**—Hamilton, Vic.—1000 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.  
**3KZ**—Melbourne, Vic.—1180 kc.—10:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:45 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:15 p.m. Fri.  
**3MA**—Mildura, Vic.—1470 kc.—3:30 p.m. Mon. thru Fri., 10:00 p.m. Sat.  
**3SH**—Swanhill, Vic.—1330 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.  
**3SR**—Shepparton, Vic.—1260 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.  
**3UL**—Warragul, Vic.—880 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.  
**3YB**—Warrnambool, Vic. — 1210 kc.—10:15 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.  
**4AK**—Oakey, Qld.—1220 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:30 p.m. Fri.  
**4BK**—Brisbane, Qld.—1290 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Thurs.; 10:30 p.m. Fri.  
**4CA**—Cairns, Qld.—1010 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.  
**4TO**—Townsville, Qld.—780 kc.—10 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
**4KQ**—Brisbane, Qld. — 690 kc. — 10:30 p.m. Sun.  
**4WK**—Warwick, Qld.—880 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
**6GE**—Geraldton, WA—1010 kc.—9:30 p.m. Sun.; 10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.  
**6KG**—Kalgoorlie, WA—860 kc.—10:00 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
**6PM**—Perth, WA—1000 kc.—10:00 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.  
**6AM**—Northam, WA — 980 kc. — 10:00 p.m. Sun.; 10:15 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

**7AD**—Devonport, Tas.—900 kc.—3:30 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.  
**7HT**—Hobart, Tas.—1080 kc.—7:30 p.m. Sun.; 9:30 p.m. Mon., Wed., Thur. and Fri.; 10:35 p.m. Tues.  
**7SD**—Scottsdale, Tas.—540 kc.—4:00 p.m. Sun. thru Fri.  
**2XM**—Gisborne, New Zealand—1180 kc.—8:30 p.m. Wed.; 9:15 p.m. Thurs.; 10:00 p.m. Sat.

## TO ASIA

**RADIO TAIWAN (FORMOSA)**  
 "The 3rd Network, B.C.C."—  
**BED23** Taichung 1380 kc.;  
**BED55** Taipei 960 kc.;  
**BED78** Tainan City 1540 kc.;  
**BED79** Kaohsiung 1220 kc.;  
**BED82** Chiayi 1460 kc.—  
 18:00 T.S.T., Wed. and Fri.  
**RADIO OKINAWA—KSBK**—880 kc. Sundays: 12:06 noon.  
**ALTO BROADCASTING SYSTEM**  
 —PHILIPPINE ISLANDS:  
**DZAQ**, Manila—620 kc.—8:30 p.m. Mon. thru Sat.  
**DZRI**, Dagupan City—1040 kc.;  
**DZRB**, Naga City—1060 kc.;  
**DXAW**, Davao City—640 kc.—  
 9:00 p.m. Sunday.  
**DYCB**, Cebu City—570 kc.—9:30 p.m. Friday.  
**RADIO GUAM—KUAM**—610 kc., 6 p.m. daily.

## TO LATIN AMERICA

In English—  
**RADIO AMERICAS**—Swan Island—1160 kc.—6:30 p.m., E.S.T. Sun.  
**RADIO AMERICA**—Lima, Peru—1010 kc.—5:15 p.m. Saturdays.  
**HOC21**, Panama City—1115 kc.—7:00 p.m., Sundays.  
**HP5A**, Panama City—11170 kc.—7:00 p.m., Sundays.  
**HOK**, Colon, Panama—640 kc.—7:00 p.m., Sundays.  
**HP5K**, Colon, Panama—6005 kc.—7:00 p.m., Sundays.  
 In Spanish—  
**RADIO AMERICAS**—Swan Island—1160 kc.—9:00 p.m., Sun., 9:30 p.m. Sat. E.S.T.  
**RADIO LA CRONICA**—Lima, Peru—1320 kc.—7:00 p.m. Sun.  
**RADIO COMUNEROS** — Asuncion, Paraguay—970 kc.—8:30 p.m. Thursdays.  
**RADIO SPORT**—CXA19—Montevideo, Uruguay—11835 kc.—4:00 p.m., Sundays.  
**RADIO CARVE**—CX16, 850 kc., and CXA13, 6156 kc.—Montevideo, Uruguay—3:30 p.m., Saturdays.  
 In French—  
**4VBM**—Port au Prince, Haiti—1430 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.  
**4VCM**—Port au Prince, Haiti—6165 kc., 7:45 p.m. Wed.

# CHRISTMAS

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den because God *didn't intend His church to celebrate the birthday of Christ.*

Only pagans, during the days of the early church, were celebrating December 25—in honor of Sol, the sun god.

In most any public library you can get proof of this in a book entitled *4000 Years of Christmas*, by Earl Wendel Count. The very name of this book proves that the Christmas holiday isn't Christian. It was celebrated 2000 years before the birth of Christ in honor of pagan gods! Therefore it was, *and is, IDOLATRY!*

Notice what God does say *about the Christmas holiday season* and other customs by which the heathen served their gods: "Take heed . . . that you do not enquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods?—that I also may do likewise.' YOU SHALL NOT DO SO TO THE ETERNAL YOUR GOD; FOR EVERY ABOMINABLE THING WHICH THE ETERNAL HATES THEY HAVE DONE FOR THEIR GODS" (Deut. 12:30-31).

The Christian-professing world today rejects this commandment of God so it can hold the traditions of men.

Jesus commands us *not* to worship Him by pagan holidays like Christmas.

Even though gift-giving during the Christmas season did come from paganism, you ask, "Isn't giving gifts at Christmas still scriptural? Didn't the wise men give gifts at the birth of Christ?"

## Does Bible Teach Exchanging Gifts?

Just where did the Christmas SHOPPING spirit really originate?

Here's a surprise! "The custom of giving presents was a feature of the Romans during their winter festival the Saturnalia," says John Then, in his book, *Christmas*, page 91. Professing "Christians made presents to their children on Christmas morning, *under the pretense* that they were the gift of the Christ child . . . this age-old custom can be traced to the dawn of history"—to paganism!

Did trading gifts at Christmas come from Scripture? No! It came from pagan tradition and was falsely labeled

"Christian"—a deception to fool little children. And millions using the name of Christ are practicing this *lie* today.

Millions of sincere, deceived people spend precious dollars to give gifts to *friends* on a day that doesn't honor Christ. How silly to claim to honor Christ, when giving gifts to *one another* on a day that isn't His birthday at all.

The wise men didn't give gifts to one another! Notice what they did: "Then, opening their treasures, they offered HIM gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh" (Mat. 2:1-11).

WHY were the wise men giving gifts to the Christ child? Was this his birthday? No!

Jesus had been born many days before! Then why did they give gifts to HIM? Because Jesus was born "KING of the Jews."

The wise men were not coming on Jesus' birthday as an example for us. Instead they came to worship Jesus and present Him gifts because he was KING.

Since Christmas isn't the birthday of Jesus and was *not* observed by the early true Christians, how did it get into the churches?

## The Astounding Answer

Following the death of the apostle Paul, false teachers began to lead away many from the truth. Paul wrote Timothy: "For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own likings, and *will turn away from listening to the truth and wander into myths*" (II Tim. 4:3-4).

Notice it! People would reject the truth and begin to follow myths. Instead of continuing to observe the days God sanctified, as the first Christians did, the many turned aside to follow false teachers who crept into the true Church in order to get hold of the name of Christ—in order to label their pagan customs "Christian!"

These fifth-columnists—as soon as they had created a mass following—left the Church and carried the name of Christ with them. They stamped the pagan *Saturnalia*, the *Brumalia* and the *Natalis Invicti Solis* with the name "Christian," falsely calling December 25 Christ's birthday! In the Bible these

fifth-column teachers of the Babylonish Mysteries are condemned as "Nicolaitanes" in Revelation 2:6 and 15. It is time you understood the connection between the Nicolaitanes and St. Nicolas of the Christmas season.

## Who Were the Nicolaitanes?

Here are the facts. The word "Nicolaitane" has *nothing* to do with the deacon Nicolas (Acts. 6:5), or a later bishop, Nicolas of Myra, as some have assumed.

The original Greek word "Nicolaitane" means one who is "*a follower of Nicolas.*" Who was *that* Nicolas of whom these fifth-column conspirators were followers? The God of Heaven declares He hates the doctrine of that man Nicolas (Rev. 2:15).

The answer is found in the *meaning* of the name "Nicolas."

"Nicolas" comes from two Greek words—*nikos* and *laos*. *Nikos* means "conqueror" or "destroyer" and *laos* means "people." The original Nicolas was the conqueror or destroyer of the people! That was merely the Greek word for Nimrod—the original arch-rebel who conquered the people and founded man-made civilization within two centuries after the flood! (Genesis 10:8-10).

## Nimrod Deified as "Saint Nicholas"

While Nimrod was alive, by his *dictatorial rule* he put himself in the place of God. And when he died, his admirers CONTINUED TO WORSHIP HIM AS A DIVINE HERO—as the SUN GOD. The Phoenicians CALLED HIM "BAAL," a name found throughout the Old Testament. "*Baal*" means "*master*" or "*lord.*" It was only natural that Nimrod should bear that name, for he put himself in place of the true Lord or Master of all the universe.

But "Baal" was not Nimrod's only other NAME! HE HAD MANY others. One of these names was "*Santa,*" *commonly used throughout Asia Minor.* This name of Nimrod may be found in *Lempriere's Classical Dictionary*, article "Sanctus."

Now you might ask, "Is there any connection between Nimrod, who was called 'Santa,' and 'Santa Claus'?"

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# Where Did Jesus Command You to Observe SUNDAY?

*The resurrection of Christ was NOT on Sunday morning. Yet today it is almost a universal custom among professing Christians to celebrate Sunday as the "Lord's Day." WHY? The incredible TRUTH about the origin of Sunday observance is published for the first time in The PLAIN TRUTH.*

by Herman L. Hoeh

**B**ELIEVE it or not, Sunday was celebrated by pagans as the "Lord's Day" over 2000 years *before* the resurrection of Christ!

It was *on Sunday* that the worshippers of BAAL met every week. How did this heathen practice invade the Christian Church?

It is time we peer behind the curtain for the *facts!* It is time we understand **HOW, WHEN** and **WHERE** Sunday observance originated. The facts of history will shock you!

## Christ NOT Resurrected on Sunday

You have probably assumed that Sunday was called the "Lord's Day" to honor the resurrection of Jesus Christ. But have you ever stopped to prove on which day of the week Christ was resurrected? How can you figure three days and three nights between Friday sunset and Sunday morning? Did you ever notice that Jesus Christ *was not there* when the women came to the tomb Sunday morning?

"But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came unto the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared. And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. And they entered in, and *found not the body* of the Lord Jesus" (Luke 24:1-3). Of course not! He was already risen the evening before—exactly three days and three nights after he was buried.

There is not space in this article to explain it in full. But you can have the full proof in Mr. Armstrong's astounding free booklet "The Resurrection Was Not on Sunday!" It explains which day was the resurrection, which day the crucifixion. In it you will find the Biblical proof that Jesus was resurrected shortly before sunset on the Sabbath,

Most of our subscribers will have read the three previous issues of the Plain Truth containing Mr. Armstrong's series "Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?" They will shortly be published in booklet form. If you have not read them be sure to request the new booklet: "Which Day Is the Christian Sabbath?"

exactly 72 hours after He was buried.

Then there is a companion article "The Crucifixion Was Not on Friday." It contains the seven proofs from history that in the year Jesus was crucified the Passover was not on Friday.

Now to continue.

Since Christ is not the "Lord" whose resurrection is honored on Sunday, then who is the "Lord" whom the churches worship today when they observe Sunday?

## Why Pagans Named Sunday the "Lord's Day"!

How did Sunday become known as the "Lord's Day"?

The answer is found in I Corinthians 8:5. "Gods many, and lords many," wrote Paul to the Corinthians, filled the heathen world. Each of these gods and lords was honored on certain specific days. The chief day of the heathen Mysteries was known as the "Lord's Day." It was celebrated in honor of the supposed *Sunday* resurrection of Baal, the Sun God. Baal means "Lord" in the Semitic languages. That is how Sunday became known as the "Lord's Day"—Baal's day—more than 2000 years before the resurrection of Christ.

**WHO WAS THIS "LORD" BAAL WHOSE FABLED RESURRECTION WAS CELEBRATED BY THE PAGANS ON SUNDAY?**

It is none other than Nimrod, the world's first recorded *false* Messiah! He is mentioned in your Bible in Genesis 10:8-10.

The heathen had been led by their priests into commemorating the death of Nimrod on Friday and his supposed resurrection on Sunday morning. The Gentile nations celebrated their Mysteries every Sunday in Abraham's day and in Paul's day, and professing Christians are celebrating Nimrod's supposed resurrection on Sunday to this very day without knowing it!

But how is it possible that Nimrod—who was known among the heathen as "Baal," the "lord," and the "Sun-God"—came to be honored on Sunday as the "Lord" among Christians? How is it that *his* day—Sunday—instead of God's Sabbath, has become the chief of "Christian holidays"?

## Prophesied to Happen

"Why," you might ask, "does the Bible not warn us that Sunday would be substituted for the Sabbath?"

The answer is that the Bible **DOES** WARN US! It was prophesied in advance—over 800 years before Sunday crept into the professing Christian world!

Turn to the Book of Hosea. The prophet had a message for the future—for our day! It is a warning to the churches of our land.

Read it!

"And I"—God is speaking—"will punish her"—our people Israel—"for the FEAST DAYS OF THE BAALS."

*Sunday* is a feast day of BAAL.

Israel "forgot Me, says the Lord"—because they rejected the Sabbath. "And in that day"—the very near future when Christ intervenes in world affairs—"you [Israel] will call Me, 'My husband,' and

no longer will you call me, 'My Baal.' For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be mentioned by name no more' (Hosea 2:13, 16-17, RSV).

How plain! Israel today—and that means the English-speaking world—has adopted the feast days of Baal—and *that includes Sunday!* Here is a prophecy that the churches of Israel would be celebrating the festivals of Baal—that they would even call God by the names of Baal! That is exactly what they do when they call Sunday the "Lord's Day"—that is, Baal's Day—thinking that they honor Christ.

Our land is filled with the names of Baal. The greatest of Church holidays—Easter—is named after Ishtar, the wife of Nimrod, and yet Christians think that they honor Christ by celebrating this Babylonish feast!

God warns in this prophecy that He will punish our people—and the ministers who have misled them—for rejecting His way and His Sabbath (Ezek. 20:18-21) and adopting the ways and feasts of the Babylonian 'mysteries.

The apostle Peter sounded the same warning: "But there were false prophets among the people, even as *there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them*"—by substituting the doctrines and customs of Baal worship and the Babylonian Mysteries in place of the Bible, but still calling these heathen customs "Christian."

Peter continues: "And many"—not the few, but the MANY—"shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth"—the teachings of your Bible, the practice of the original, inspired true New Testament Church—"shall be evil spoken of"—people call it "Jewish" today! (I Peter 2:1-2.)

These false teachers—conspirators of the Babylonian priesthood—deliberately, but secretly, entered into the Church in order to clothe their religion with the name of Christ and present it as a new religion to the world.

Now let us consider when and how the Babylonian priesthood wormed its way into the New Testament Church, took the name of Christ, then left—but still claimed to be the true Church—and

finally introduced sun worship in the cloak of Christ.

### The Surprising Answer

Sunday is directly connected with Easter. Easter is the pagan counterfeit for the New Testament Passover, or Communion service. It was at the Passover—not the Sabbath—that the Babylonian priests, who masqueraded as Christ's ministers, struck first!

Anyone who keeps the Passover *knows* that Jesus Christ was not resurrected on Sunday. And without a "Sunday resurrection" they could not attach the name of Christ to their Babylonian sun worship!

They knew that they could not introduce Sunday worship services until they had first counterfeited the New Testament Passover, or Communion service, which Paul and the whole New Testament Church celebrated once each year as a memorial of Christ's death. (The booklet "How Often Should We Observe 'The Lord's Supper'?" explains this New Testament ordinance.)

Those who kept the paschal MEMORIAL of Christ's DEATH were taunted as "Jewish." The Gentiles, of course, didn't want to be called "Jewish." They wanted to do what their pagan neighbors are doing.

And what was that?

They were celebrating each Sunday a kind of communion called the "sacred mysteries" in honor of the supposed RESURRECTION of the false Babylonian savior Nimrod, known as Baal or Tamuz. The *natural* thing to do was to introduce this pagan custom into all the churches each week supposedly to honor the resurrection, instead of commemorating the death, of Christ.

This is exactly what occurred!

But wait—since Christ was resurrected on Saturday, that would mean weekly communion would customarily be held on the Sabbath. The Sabbath, remember, was the day on which *all* Christians were meeting.

Does that mean that the early Babylonian priests who entered the New Testament Church as ravening wolves to devour the flock (Acts 20:29) actually induced the people to observe communion *every Saturday?*

Indeed it does!

### Weekly Communion On Saturday

Here is the testimony of Socrates, the Catholic historian who lived after 400 A.D.:

"In Asia Minor [that was where Paul mainly preached, and where John spent his last years] most people kept the fourteenth day of the [first] month"—the true date of the Passover. "While therefore some in Asia Minor observed the above mentioned day, OTHERS IN THE EAST KEPT THE FEAST [THE COUNTERFEIT OF THE PASSOVER — EASTER] ON THE SABBATH indeed. . . ." [The "SABBATH" always means Saturday, not Sunday, in early Catholic literature.]

Why the Sabbath? Because it was still the common knowledge, *even among those who had fallen away*, that Jesus rose on the Sabbath!

But this is not all the evidence! Here are more incredible facts from the pen of the church historian Socrates:

"For although *almost all churches* [the *false* churches, not God's Church] throughout the world celebrate the sacred mysteries ON THE SABBATH of every week"—this was about 400 years after Christ—"yet the Christians of Alexandria and at Rome, on account of some ancient tradition, *have ceased to do this* [though they did so at a prior time]. The Egyptians in the neighborhood of Alexandria, and the inhabitants of Thebais *hold their religious assemblies on the Sabbath*, but do not participate of the mysteries in the manner usual among Christians in general." (*Ecclesiastical History* of Socrates, book V, chapter 22. Quoted from Vol. 2 of *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*, pp. 131-132.)

Do you really grasp the astounding significance of this historical record? If the Sabbath had not been kept—if the resurrection were not on the Sabbath, there would have been no reason to introduce the pagan "sacred mysteries"—the heathen counterfeit of the passover—on every Sabbath.

Here is absolute testimony to the *Sabbath resurrection* of Christ. If Christ had been resurrected on Sunday, certainly the Catholics would have instituted the "sacred mysteries" on Sunday, the day that their heathen neighbors always celebrated the "sacred mysteries,"

which originated in Babylon! Though they adopted the "sacred mysteries"—the mass or communion—from the pagans, they celebrated it on the true day of Christ's resurrection!

Notice further that it was at Rome and at Alexandria—in Egypt, the land of SIN—that Sabbath services first ceased! And it was at Rome—as we shall see—that Sunday was first introduced as a "Christian holiday."

### The Testimony of a Roman Governor

In support of Sunday, many preachers and writers turn to a letter written about 112 A.D. by Pliny, the Roman governor of Bythynia-Pontus. This was the area to which Peter addressed his first letter (I Pet. 1:1).

But Pliny's letter does not say what most ministers claim!

Pliny wrote to his superior, Emperor Trajan, seeking to know the legal steps he should take against Christians accused of crimes pertaining to their religion [These so-called Christians were those who had followed the leadership of the Babylonian priests who had secretly entered the Church of God to steal the name of Christ so that they could label their pagan religion "Christian."] Of these Christians under his jurisdiction Pliny related:

"They affirmed that the whole of their guilt or error was, that they MET ON A CERTAIN STATED DAY, before it was light and addressed themselves in a form of prayer to Christ, as to some god, binding themselves by a solemn oath . . . never to commit any fraud, theft, or adultery . . . after which it was their custom to separate, and then reassemble to eat in common a harmless meal" (Coleman's *Ancient Christianity*, pp. 35-36).

This letter, it is claimed, proved that Christians observed Sunday as early as 112 A.D.! But it proves no such thing! Pliny's letter merely mentions that Christians—these were apostate Christians—met "on a certain stated day," but he does not tell the Emperor which day it was! Let us not assume.

History proves that it was the Sabbath! As late as 400 A.D. the professing Christians of Bithynia-Pontus, and all the Eastern Roman Empire in general, met on Saturday to celebrate the pagan

"sacred mysteries." So wrote Socrates.

It was not on Sunday but on Saturday that early Catholics celebrated, without Biblical authority, the resurrection of Christ with the pagan "sacred mysteries"—the "common meal" mentioned by Pliny.

### Why Apostate Christians Met Before Dawn

The New Testament Church never followed these customs. So widely spread and in such numbers were these professing Christians that "the temples were almost deserted, and the sacrificial ritual was interrupted" (Ramsey, *The Church in the Roman Empire*, p. 198). Truly converted Christians were to be a "little flock" (Luke 12:32-40), not multitudes of Gentiles coming wholesale into the churches and bringing heathen customs with them!

Notice also that they met at dawn!—"before it was light." This was the common time for pagans to hold religious services in honor of the rising sun! Then they bound themselves by an oath—oaths are forbidden in Scripture (James 5:12). After dismissal, they would "reassemble to eat in common a harmless meal"—the "sacred mysteries" of Babylon!

Remember, Socrates admitted these apostates met on the Sabbath—just as some apostate churches still meet on the Sabbath today. Sunday—in Pliny's day—had not yet been widely introduced among professing Christians. Pliny's letter, then, is not proof for Sunday, but for church services on Saturday!

And this was more than 80 years after the resurrection of Christ!

### Sunday Emerges for the First Time —at Rome

Now we come to the astounding origin of Sunday in the professing Christian world! Here we shall find WHO began to enforce the first "Sunday worship services"!

It is at Rome particularly that we first notice the custom to observe the "sacred mysteries" on Sunday! This was a result, Socrates wrote, "of an ancient tradition." But how early was the Sunday tradition?

Here are the facts!

Irenaeus, a bishop in France, living

toward the close of the second century, wrote a letter to bishop Victor of Rome. He names specifically the men who first began to enforce not only every Sunday, but also "Easter Sunday" and who forbade the passover and the Sabbath to be observed in accordance with the practice of the apostles! Here is what Irenaeus wrote:

"We mean Anicetus, and Pius, and Hyginus, and Telesphorus, and Xystus. They neither observed it"—the true passover on the 14th of Nisan—"nor did they permit those after them to do so."

Who were these men?—bishops of the Church of Rome!

Here is the first record, by a Catholic, of the fact that the Roman bishops ENFORCED the "sacred mysteries" on a Sunday!

It was bishop Xystus (his name is also spelled *Sixtus*) who was the first recorded individual to prevent the proper observance of the Sabbath and the passover, and to celebrate the "sacred mysteries" each Sunday morning and on "Easter Sunday." Irenaeus speaks further of him, declaring that his doctrine was in direct "opposition" to the practice of the remainder of the churches. Bishop Sixtus was living at the beginning of the second century, just after the apostle John died! According to Roman Catholic tradition, he enforced his new practice not later than about 115 A.D. to 125 A.D.

Thus it was not until nearly 20 years after the death of the last apostle that the first "Sunday worship service" is recorded in the professing Christian church!

Here you have the astounding origin of the first ecclesiastically enforced annual Easter Sunday in the Roman Church.

The "sacred mysteries" were also observed thenceforth in Rome every Sunday!—instead of every Saturday.

### Roman Custom Spreads

Now notice how this local Roman custom spread throughout the churches.

While at Rome, Polycarp, bishop of Smyrna, discussed the matter of Easter Sunday with the Roman bishop, Anicetus, about 150 A.D.

Irenaeus continued: "For neither

could Anicetus persuade Polycarp not to observe it"—the passover—"because he had always observed it with John the disciple of our Lord, and the rest of the apostles, with whom he associated; and neither did Polycarp persuade Anicetus to observe it, who said that he was bound to follow the customs of the presbyters before him" (Quoted from Eusebius' *Ecclesiastical History*, book V, chap. 24, in the *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*, Vol. 1).

Notice that bishop Anicetus had no Scriptural grounds—he determined to follow the "customs" of men!—Easter Sunday! It was Polycarp who followed the example of the apostles.

Shortly after Polycarp left, there appeared an amazing letter—said by many scholars to be a *deliberate forgery*. This letter is described by Bingham as follows:

"Pope Pius, who lived about 147, had made a decree, That the annual solemnity of the *Pasch* (*Pasch* is the Greek word for *Passover*), should be kept only on the Lord's day"—Sunday—"and in confirmation of this he pretended, that Hermes, his brother, who was then an eminent teacher among them, had received instruction from an angel, who commanded that all men should keep the *Pasch* on the Lord's day"—"Baal's Day"! (From pp. 1148-1149 of Bingham's *Antiquities of the Christian Church*. See also *Apostolical Fathers*, by Donaldson, p. 324.)

If this letter was a deliberate forgery, it was invented after Polycarp's time in an effort to lend weight to the pagan custom of Anicetus, bishop of Rome, who falsely maintained the Sunday observance of the eucharist. If it were not a forgery, then Pius himself was the author of this deceptive letter. (Pius died just prior to the visit of Polycarp to Rome.)

This is the kind of deception by which Sunday was introduced into the professing Christian world!

#### Other Spurious Letters Appear

As soon as the tradition of Good Friday-Easter Sunday had official Roman support, fraudulent letters, masquerading as apostolic letters, were circulated. These fraudulent letters are often quoted today as proof of the observance of Sunday in the *true* New Testament

Church!

These deliberate frauds demonstrate the foulness of the Babylonian Mystery. Neither the apostles, nor the Church of God ever had recourse to frauds! God's Sabbath is based on inspired Scripture. Sunday is based on a fraud—a LIE!

The first and most important letter was the spurious "Epistle of Barnabas." One fable claims that it was the work of the companion of Paul. Anyone reading it knows better. The weight of scholarship proves that *it is a deliberate forgery*—a spurious letter—composed about the commencement of the second century by *another* person assuming the name of Barnabas.

This epistle, or letter, is filled with many inaccuracies, triflings and absurdities. It is a complete contrast to the inspired New Testament epistles. It is written in *confused*, mysterious language. Yet this is the kind of rubbish that is used to support Sunday. Its origin is of the Devil himself.

The next letter—or rather forgery—to consider is that of Ignatius. His work, "The Epistle to the Magnesians," written shortly after the turn of the first century, is usually regarded as one of several spurious letters written by another and attributed to Ignatius. Whether or not Ignatius wrote it is of no importance. For it still typifies the satanic Babylonian Mystery which cleverly foisted on the world a day in honor of Baal!

There are two forms of his letters, one Greek, the other Syriac. Each is entirely different from the other. They are probably both forgeries. The Greek version of Ignatius was strongly influenced by Rome. It calls Sunday "the queen and chief of all the days"—an expression derived from the Babylonian mysteries.

But there is a longer Eastern version in Syriac that is truly remarkable. It indicated that in the Eastern churches, where the apostolic tradition was strongest, the false teachers had a much more difficult time uprooting the Sabbath. Here is what it reads in part:

"Those who were conversant with the ancient Scriptures came to newness of hope. . . . Let us therefore no longer keep the Sabbath after the Jewish manner, and rejoice in days of idleness; for

'he that does not work, let him not eat.' For say the . . . oracles, 'In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat thy bread,' *But let every one of you keep the Sabbath after a spiritual manner*, rejoicing in meditation on the law, not in relaxation of the body, admiring the workmanship of God, and *not eating things prepared the day before. . . .* And after the observance of the Sabbath, let every friend of Christ keep the Lord's Day as a festival, the resurrection-day, the queen and chief of all the days of the week. Looking forward to this, the prophet declared, 'To the end, for the eighth day,' on which our life both sprang up again, and the victory over death was obtained in Christ."

These words from the Syriac version of the forgery of Ignatius clearly demonstrate how difficult it was to suppress the Sabbath shortly after apostolic days.

The letter was deliberately forged in order to persuade the Gentiles that they should *no longer keep the Sabbath as they had been doing*. Henceforth they should work on the Sabbath day after attending church services on it. This command would not have been necessary if the Sabbath was not being observed. IT IS PROOF THAT THE SABBATH WAS STILL BEING KEPT BY MULTITUDES OF GENTILES!

#### The Spurious Apostolic Constitutions

During the second, third and fourth centuries, many documents appeared purporting to be written by the apostles. These were falsely called "Apostolic Constitutions."

They were circulated to create the impression that pagan tradition had Apostolic blessing! Although deliberate frauds, these documents, nevertheless, express the corrupt church teachings which filled the Christian-professing world during the centuries after the death of the apostles.

The following (from *Ante-Nicene Fathers*) are certain of the constitutions or statutes in part that formed the practices, not of the scattered remains of the true body of Christ, but in the Catholic churches, especially the Eastern. Here is what they say regarding the sabbath as a day of public worship:

"I Peter and Paul"—remember, *this* (Please continue on page 27)

# Germany in Prophecy!

*Khrushchev has promised the West a new crisis over Berlin. Will Russia sign a separate peace treaty with Communist East Germany? Here's what's really behind the struggle in Europe—and what history and prophecy say will be the outcome!*

by Herman L. Hoeh

WHERE is Germany mentioned in Biblical prophecy? Or are the German people mentioned at all?

The German people stand today in the very shadow of the Iron Curtain. Germany at this moment holds the key to Europe's destiny and to Western defense. German industry and transportation constitute the heart and arteries of Europe. Without the beating of the German heart, Europe would quickly stagger and fall before the ravages of atheistic Communism.

Germany has been the center of the world's two greatest wars and of the scourge of Nazism. Seventeen years ago, *two years after the Nazi movement went underground*, Germany appeared destroyed forever as a mighty nation. It seemed she could never rise again.

Yet today—seventeen years after Germany was completely destroyed—today, with the Iron Curtain still dividing her people, Germany is once again the vibrant heart of Europe.

We commonly hear of the economic "miracle of Germany." Never has there been anything like Germany's revival in history. But Germany's revival is also *military and political*. This time Germany does not stand almost alone—she is the leading power in a gigantic European Combine—the Common Market.

What does Germany's new power portend? Where will Germany lead Europe?

Will a Fascist revival once again succeed in taking over Germany and all Europe, this time from within, *before we realize what is happening?*

It is high time we faced these questions!

## Could Bible Prophecy Ignore Germany?

Consider also that Germany has set itself up as the bulwark of European civilization for well over a thousand years. Germany for centuries has claimed

Recently the West German Government arrested four editors of Germany's leading news magazine *Der Spiegel*. They were charged with treason for publishing an article exposing military weaknesses. The case has rocked the Government. Voices have been raised against the return of Gestapo methods under Adenauer. What is now happening in German politics forebodes DANGER to the West!

to stand as the eastern wall of defense against the barbarism of Asia. It was on German soil that the hordes of Asia, sweeping across eastern Europe, were more than once stopped.

The German Reich long endured as the oldest political institution in Europe—older than the government of France or England by centuries. The German people called their Reich the Holy Roman Empire. It bore rule over Europe for a thousand years. This "Holy Roman Empire of the German People" was officially designated by the Church in the Middle Ages as "The Kingdom of God" on earth. Its citizens, the Germans, felt themselves true Romans and bearers of the Christian Reich or Kingdom. *They* were therefore the *chosen people* of the Christian era, entrusted with a world-mission to be the protectors of Christianity.

The German leaders and philosophers have never forgotten this notion of the Middle Ages that the German, in place of the Jew, has a special mission from God. German politicians know that their dream of a world Empire can be created only if they maintain this claim of a world-mission.

This strange concept, which lies behind political thinking in Germany today, is plainly stated in a German work which I have before me as I write this article. The book is entitled *Die Tragödie des Heiligen Reiches*, or, translated, *The Tragedy of the Holy Roman Empire*. It is by Friedrich Heer. It is a remarkable volume. It lays bare the reason for *the secret moves of the Ger-*

*man Government toward a United States of Europe.*

## Hidden Till Now

Bible prophecies definitely mention such minor nations as Egypt, Libya, Jordan, Lebanon. It clearly mentions Russia, China, Italy, Turkey, Great Britain and the United States. Could Bible prophecy, then, ignore Germany? Could it overlook the German people who have played such an outstanding part in human history?

Assuredly not! Nor are the German people ignored!

Dozens of Bible prophecies are devoted to the German people. Yet the prophetic identities of Germany and Austria have remained hidden from the world. Why?

Because modern nations are not usually spoken of in Bible prophecy by their modern names, except in a few cases. Names often change over the centuries.

Usually, modern peoples in Bible prophecy are named after the ancestor from whom they sprang. Nations are merely families grown big.

For example, the Kingdom of Jordan is spoken of as "Ammon and Moab," because the descendants of ancient Ammon and Moab live in Jordan today (Genesis 19:37-38). The Spanish people are usually referred to as "Tarshish" in prophecy, because the bulk of the Spanish people descended from Tarshish (Genesis 10:4). The Great Russians are designated "Meshech and Tubal" in prophecy (Genesis 10:2). And joined with them in a Communist league is "Magog," the ancestor of the Mongolian hordes of Eastern Asia. Other nations, such as Egypt and Ethiopia and Greece and Persia, are referred to by their modern names, which they have retained unchanged over the centuries.

But where are Germany and Austria mentioned in the Bible prophecies?

The story of the ancestry of the German people, and their role in prophecy, is one of the strangest stories ever written. It is gripping with interest, amazing—yes, astounding!

### Germans Shape World Affairs

The German people have been the civilizers of Central Europe. It is they who have fundamentally carried the torch of this world's civilization from Roman to modern times. It is the German people who, often by the sword, brought the pagans of Europe into the fold of the Catholic Church.

"The History of Germany," writes Bayard Taylor, "is not the history of a nation, but of a race . . . Thus, even before the fall of the Roman Empire, it becomes the main trunk out of which branch histories of nearly all European nations, and . . . the connecting link between ancient and modern history. The records of no other race throw so much light upon the development of all civilized lands during a period of fifteen hundred years" (from *History of Germany*, page iii).

Germany has been a center of learning for generations. From German inventions developed one of the most powerful means of mass communication ever produced—the printing press.

Many of the world's most renowned musicians have come from Germany and Austria — Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Schumann, Schubert, the Strausses and Wagner.

German inventions have contributed greatly to the modern industrial world—Daimler invented the motorcycle (in 1885), and the gasoline-driven automobile in 1887; Rudolf Diesel invented the Diesel engine; Siemens, the furnace for steelmaking; Bayer, the synthesis of chemical dyes; Fahrenheit gave us the mercury thermometer; Benz, the internal combustion engine; Mitterhoffer, the typewriter; and Röntgen discovered the X ray.

And think how many children have read Grimm's fairy tales, translated from the German. German dramatists, essayists, historians, philosophers and poets—too numerous to mention—have mightily moulded world thinking.

Germany has contributed more military leaders than any other nation in

history. Its governments have, in the past, claimed the right to rule the "Christian world." The German State, from its beginning, has nearly always been a confederation of states—often an empire of German ruling over non-German. It is the German people who, more than once, have believed themselves to be the "Herrenvolk"—the Master Race.

German leaders once again—just as in centuries past—openly are attempting to unite all Europe in a United States of Europe—and, through Europe, to reshape the world in order to fasten German leadership and culture on all nations and peoples. German philosophers still regard this as a special calling from heaven itself.

Certainly the German nation, which now holds the key to the survival of civilization, *could NOT be overlooked by the Bible!*

### Where DID the Germans Come From?

The German people—who number over one hundred million throughout the world today—are one great family. But they are composed of numerous small tribes. Nations, remember, are families grown BIG. Take Israel for example. The nation Israel descended from one man, Jacob (who was renamed Israel upon his conversion—Genesis 35:9-10). But Israel had 12 sons. His family therefore was divided into 12 tribes. You read so often in the Bible about "the 12 tribes of Israel"—Judah, Dan, Ephraim, Levi, etc. (Genesis 49:28).

The same is true of the German people.

The Germans are composed of numerous small tribes divided today into three nations, Austria and East and West Germany. Of all these tribes, perhaps the most famous name to Americans is that of the *Hessians*. The British hired numerous Hessians in their effort to put down the American Revolution which began in 1776. But the Hessians are not the only German tribe. When the Germans poured into Europe nearly 2000 years ago, they were known to the Roman historians by various tribal names. Among the most important German tribes were the "Hatti" (the ancestors of the modern Hessians), the

"Alemani" and "Suabi," the "Quadi," the "Casuari" and others. The Romans called them collectively *Germani*, meaning "War-men" (from the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, article, "Germany").

But from where did all these Germanic people come?—for Europe was *not* their original homeland!

Here is the answer of history: "There can be no doubt that they . . . migrated into Europe from the Caucasus and the countries around the Black and Caspian seas," states *Smith's Classical Dictionary*, article, "Germania," p. 361.

The Germans, then, can be traced in historical records to the regions surrounding the Black and Caspian seas, which border on the ancient *Biblical land of Mesopotamia*. This is the region where civilization commenced and from where the Bible patriarchs came!

### The Bible Answer Is Found!

Ancient German records claim that their oldest city, Trier, was founded by a son of Ninus—the Nimrod of the Bible—who founded civilization (Genesis 10:8-12). "The inhabitants of Trier maintain that their city is the oldest in all Europe," writes Josef K. L. Bihl in his textbook *In deutschen Landen*, page 69. "Trier was founded," he continues, "by Trebeta, a son of the famous Assyrian King Ninus. In fact, one finds . . . in Trier the inscription reading, 'Trier existed for 1300 years before Rome was rebuilt.'"

But how is it possible that the oldest German city, Trier, founded over 2000 years before Christ, should be built by a son of Ninus, the renowned King of *ancient Assyria*?

Notice! Ninus (his Bible name was Nimrod), according to Genesis 10, led the ancient Assyrians from Babylon and supervised their building of Nineveh, the capital of ancient Assyria. (In 1957 Dr. C. Paul Meredith and I viewed in Iraq, the ancient Mesopotamia, the very cities originally settled with the Assyrians by Nimrod.) From there the Assyrians began their conquest of the ancient world. They, too, called themselves "the Master Race." But why do the German records speak of the son of an *Assyrian* King as the builder of their first city? What connection have the German tribes *with the Assyrians* of

history?

Jerome, who lived at the time when the Indo-Germanic tribes were invading Europe, gives the answer: "For 'Assur (the Assyrian) also is joined with them'!" (Letter 123, § 16, quoted from Psalm 83:8; from *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*.)

### Did the Assyrians Invade Europe?

Yes! Jerome said so! But how did he know?

He saw them! He was an *eyewitness* to their migrations from Mesopotamia and the shores of the Black and Caspian seas!

Only 300 years before Jerome, the Roman naturalist Pliny the Elder de-

Below are three photos of Assyrians who still live in the ancient land of Assyria in Mesopotamia. Notice their similarity to the Germans of Europe. See how different they are from their Arab neighbors.

Photos Courtesy Chicago Museum of Natural History



clared the "Assyriani"—the Assyrians—were dwelling north of the Black Sea (*Natural History*, IV, § 12, page 183). But the Assyrians did not remain there! They are not there today! Of course not—they migrated into Central Europe—where the Germans live today!

History lost sight of the Assyrians, just as it did of the "Ten Lost Tribes of Israel" whom the Assyrians took captive (II Kings 17 & 18). But when we rediscover the "Ten Lost Tribes of Israel" as they migrated to the British Isles, the Low Countries and Scandinavia, they were separating from the Assyrians or *Germans*, who took them captive.

### Germans Are Assyrians

The Germans, remember, came into Europe from the shores of the Black Sea and its environs. Now consider what Sylax, the author of the "Periplus," who lived about 550 B.C., writes of this region: "*The coast of the Black Sea . . . is called Assyria*" (from page 261 of Perrot and Chipiez's *History of Art in Sardinia, Judaea, Syria and Asia Minor*, Vol. II).

How plain! The Germans came from Assyria!

(To be continued)

## SUNDAY

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is a forgery—"do make the following constitutions. Let the slaves work five days; but on the *Sabbath-day* and the Lord's day let them have leisure to go to church for instruction in piety. We have said that the Sabbath is on account of the creation, and the Lord's day of the resurrection" (Ch. XXXIII, p. 495).

These spurious laws continue:

"*Thou shalt observe the Sabbath*, on account of Him who ceased from His work of creation, but ceased not from His work of providence" (Ch. XXXVI, p. 413).

"On the day of the resurrection of the Lord, that is, the Lord's day, assemble yourselves together, without fail" (Ch. XXX, p. 471).

But the resurrection was not on Sunday! This decree is nothing but the tradition of MEN—inherited from Babylon! The Constitutions continue:

"You must fast on the day of Preparation, because on that day the Lord suffered the death of the cross under Pontius Pilate. But keep the Sabbath and the Lord's day festival, because the former is the memorial of the creation, and the latter of the resurrection" (p. 469).

Notice that Saturday and Sunday are being observed side by side!

"But assemble yourselves together every day, morning and evening, singing psalms and praying in the Lord's house: in the morning saying the sixty-second Psalm, and in the evening the hundred and fortieth, but principally on the Sabbath-day. And on the day of our Lord's resurrection, which is the Lord's day, meet more diligently" (p. 423).

"Every Sabbath-day excepting one, and every Lord's day, hold your solemn assemblies, and rejoice" (p. 449).

Notice—Gentiles assembling on the Sabbath as well as on Sunday centuries after apostolic days. It took centuries before the ecclesiastical power was able to suppress the Sabbath!

Daniel prophetically gazed upon this ecclesiastical system that would "think to change times and laws" (Daniel 7:25). Jesus condemns it as "Mystery, Babylon the Great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth"! (Rev. 17:5.)

### Origen Instructs Gentiles How to Observe Sabbath

Now we come to Origen who wrote about 230 A.D. What did Origen of Egypt say about the Sabbath?

He spoke in no uncertain terms about Sabbath keeping within the Gentile churches in Egypt. What follows is not said by a Judo-Christian, as those who obeyed God were called. This was written by a Catholic to Catholics concerning the seventh day of the week at the beginning of the third century:

"But what is the feast of the Sabbath except that of which the apostle speaks, 'There remaineth therefore a Sabbathism' (Hebrews 4:9), that is, the observance of the Sabbath by the people of God? [Notice how this man understood his native Greek tongue!] Leaving the Jewish observances of the Sabbath, let us see how the Sabbath ought

to be observed by a Christian. On the Sabbath day all worldly labors ought to be abstained from. If, therefore, you cease from all secular works, and execute nothing worldly, but give yourselves up to spiritual exercises, repairing to church, attending to sacred reading and instruction . . . this is the observance of the Christian Sabbath" (*Origen's Opera*, Book 2, p. 358).

These are mighty strong words, expressed by an Egyptian church leader. Here is the teaching of this world's churches 200 years after the crucifixion!

This is not spoken of Sunday, *but the seventh day of the week*—around 230 A.D.!

### Constantine Enforces Sunday!

The opening of the fourth century was tumultuous for the Roman Empire. It witnessed a final struggle between the pagan Roman Empire and a pagan religion masquerading in the garb of Christianity. It was a deadly fight in which the State sought to protect itself against church domination. *The State did not triumph.* Diocletian, Maximian and Galerius were the Roman Emperors foremost in proscribing every form of Christianity. The persecutions lasted nearly a decade. But they failed.

The professing Christian religion suddenly emerged to freedom under an Edict of Toleration. The nature of such an edict could mean but one thing, that Christianity was looked upon by the political leaders of the Roman Empire as the future State religion. Events now happened fast.

In 321 A.D., on the seventh of March, an unusual edict was issued by Crispus and Constantine, often designated as the earliest Sunday law. It read thusly:

"On the venerable day of the sun let the magistrates and people residing in cities rest, and let all workshops be closed. In the country, however, persons engaged in agriculture may freely and lawfully continue their pursuits; because it often happens that another day is not suitable for grain sowing or for vine planting; lest by neglecting the proper moment for such operations the bounty of heaven should be lost." (*Codex Justinianus*, lib. 3, tit. 12, 3; translated in *History of the Christian Church*, by Schaff, Vol. III, p. 380).

This edict was a civil statute, *not* an ecclesiastical one. It was a *heathen institution* of which Hutton Webster says:

"This legislation by Constantine probably bore no relation to Christianity; it appears, on the contrary, that the emperor, in his capacity of Pontifex Maximus [a title the popes later took from the emperors], was only adding the day of the Sun, the worship of which was then firmly established in the Roman Empire, to the other ferial days of the sacred calendar" (*Rest Days*, pp. 122, 123).

That is how Sunday became the official "MARK of the Beast." (The Beast is the Roman Empire.) It was imposed by the STATE! The professing Christian world voluntarily accepted it. All who would not obey the new decree were forced to flee the confines of the Western Roman Empire. *Only in the East did Sabbath keepers remain.*

Now we shall see how all Sabbath keeping was finally stamped out of the Eastern Roman Empire.

### The Council of Laodicea Prohibits Sabbath Keeping

About 365 A.D. the Council of Laodicea was called to settle, among other matters, *the sabbath question!* One of its most famous canons was the twenty-ninth, which reads thus:

"Christians must not judaize by resting on the Sabbath, but must work on that day, rather, honouring the Lord's Day; and, if they can, resting then as Christians. But if any shall be found to be judaizers, *let them be anathema from Christ.*" (*Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*, Vol. XIV, p. 148).

The force of the Roman State had already been utilized in 325 A.D.—after the Council of Nicaea—to confiscate the property and to destroy the lives of any who obeyed God's command to keep the Passover. So now, in 365 A.D., the heavy hand of the State fell upon any who would be faithful in resting on the Sabbath and worshipping God as commanded in the Bible.

*Why give such a command if there were no true Christians observing the Sabbath?*

Although Sabbath keeping was absolutely prohibited by this Council, yet

the whole Greek world still continued to attend church services on the Sabbath and work the remainder of the day!

Notice what canon sixteen of the Council reads: "The Gospels are to be read *on the Sabbath*, with the other Scriptures" (*Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*, p. 133). The "Sabbath" mentioned is the seventh day of the week!

Notice. Although the people were required to work on Saturday, they were still commanded to attend church that day! *Saturday then was observed much as Sunday is now!*

Says Socrates, the Catholic historian, in speaking of the Eastern churches during the life of Chrysostom (345-407). "'Saturday and the Lord's day [were] the two great festivals, on which they always held church assemblies.' And Cassian takes notice of the Egyptian churches, that among them the service of the Lord's day and the sabbath was always the same" (*Bingham's Antiquities*, p. 656).

Public worship on the Sabbath was far from expelled in the churches of the East even after four centuries!

Gregory, Bishop of Nyassa, a representative of the Eastern churches, about ten years after the Council at Laodicea dared to tell the world: "With what eyes can you behold the Lord's day, when you despise the Sabbath? Do you not perceive that they are sisters, and that in slighting the one, you affront the other?"

### Sunday Finally Made a Rest Day

Observance of Sunday as a day of total rest was not strictly enforced for almost two centuries more. We even find *Jerome, the translator of the Latin Vulgate Bible, working after the Sunday services several years following the enactments at Laodicea.*

But Augustine, around 400 A.D., declared: "*The holy doctors of the church [not the Bible, but men] have decreed that all the glory of the Jewish Sabbath is transferred to it [Sunday]. Let us therefore keep the Lord's day as the ancients were commanded to do the Sabbath*" (Sabbath Laws, p. 284).

It was the Church which sanctioned the Roman Sunday as a rest day—and not merely a secular holiday. It was

the Church which claimed to have altered God's law (Daniel 2:21) and transferred the law of the Sabbath to Sunday.

It was another six hundred years before the last recorded semblance of public worship on the Sabbath was extirpated from the Eastern churches.

Pope Gregory of Rome, who reigned from 590-604, anathematized "Those who taught that it was not lawful to do work on the day of the Sabbath" (*History of the Popes*, Vol. II, P. 378).

That stamped the Sabbath out of the churches of the British Isles and the continent where, according to Webster's *Rest Days*, "The Celts kept Saturday as a day of rest, with special religious services on Sunday (A. Bellesheim, *History of the Catholic Church in Scotland*, Edinburgh, 1887-1890, i, 86)."

That's the record of history!

### The Protestant Attitude

Carlstadt was one of the few men in the Reformation who observed the Sabbath. But his teachings were rejected by the leaders of the Protestant movements. Luther admitted in His book *Against the Celestial Prophets*: "Indeed, if Carlstadt were to write further about the Sabbath, Sunday would have to give way, and the Sabbath—that is to say, Saturday—must be kept holy."

The only reason Luther could think of as an excuse for perpetuating the Roman Sunday is given in his Larger Catechism. Luther reasoned that "to avoid the unnecessary disturbance which an innovation would occasion, it should continue to be Sunday." (*Shaff-Herzog Encyclopedia of Religious Knowledge*, article "Sunday").

*This is why Protestants observe Sunday today!* They have voluntarily adopted the MARK of the Beast—the ROMAN EMPIRE'S national holiday!

The question you face today is What are you going to do? Follow the pagan traditions of men—or OBEY THE WORD OF GOD WHICH IS GOING TO JUDGE YOU?

## CHRISTMAS

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"SANTA CLAUS" is but a shortened form of "Santa Nicholas" or "Saint

Nicholas." Nimrod was the original Santa Claus!

Today, on what date is "St. Nicholas"—or Nimrod—especially HONORED? Is it December 25? Yes! But Why?

The Romans used to celebrate December 25 as the birthday of the sun god, Nimrod was the original sun-god. The Romans called him Sol. So the celebration of December 25 is in fact the old Roman celebration of Nimrod's birthday at the winter solstice. And is it any wonder that December 25, Nimrod's purported birthday, is STILL CELEBRATED IN HONOR OF "NICHOLAS"—NIMROD—THE FIRST GREAT DESPOT?

Yes, Santa Claus—just a shortened form of Nicolas, the Greek name for Nimrod—is Nimrod deified. It is he—and not Jesus Christ—whom the world honors at Christmas!

### Christmas Not Originally Celebrated on December 25

Did you realize that Christmas was not originally celebrated on December 25? Shocking? But it is true!

Even the church at Rome for nearly two centuries OBSERVED JANUARY 6 as the supposed date of Christ's birth! This festival was called Epiphany. (Bingham's *Antiquities*, Book xx, chapter iv.)

The celebration of January 6 was anciently introduced in Babylon as the birthday of Nimrod before 2000 B.C. when the winter solstice—the shortest day of the year—occurred on that date. (See page 35 of *The Evolution of the Christian Year* by A. Allan McArthur.) But the winter solstice did not continue to fall on January 6 because the pagan calendar was not accurate. When the birthday of Nimrod was first celebrated in Rome, the winter solstice had dropped back to December 25. But the Babylonian priests in Rome continued to celebrate January 6.

Then, how did December 25—the Roman festival in honor of Nimrod's birth—finally become the traditional date of Christ's birth in place of the earlier Babylonian tradition of January 6?

Bishops in the West, and especially at Rome, saw that by allowing converts to retain their pagan Roman holidays, they could induce many thousands to enter the church. Tertullian lamented

this trend when he said in 230 A.D.:

"By us who are strangers to Sabbaths, and new moons, and [GOD'S] festivals, once acceptable to God, the Saturnalia, the feasts of January, the *Brumalia* [December 24], the *Matronalia*, are now frequented; gifts are carried to and fro, new year's day presents are made with din, and sports and banquets are celebrated with uproar" (from *De Idolatria*, chapter 14).

In less than two centuries after Christ's death, professing Christians were following their former pagan practices—including December 25, the birthday of Sol the sun god.

Tertullian's testimony is one of the earliest indications that Christians were mislabeling the birthday of the physical s-u-n as the birthday of the S-o-n of God.

This adoption of idolatrous heathen festivals proceeded very slowly UNTIL CATHOLICISM BECAME THE STATE RELIGION OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE UNDER EMPEROR CONSTANTINE.

Almost immediately, the pagans flocked to the churches bringing their customs with them. Within forty years the celebration of the 25th of December became so widespread that a sudden change took place in Rome.

The last record of Pope Liberius' celebration of the nativity on January 6 occurred in 353 A.D. In the very next year he celebrated it on December 25! This is fully explained in the *Encyclopedia of Religion and Ethics*, by James Hastings, article "Christmas." Even the *Catholic Encyclopedia* admits that Christmas celebrations officially began by this year—354 A.D.

And that is how the Roman date—December 25—came to replace the old Babylonian date of January 6.

### Christmas Celebration Spreads Rapidly

From Rome in the West, the celebration of Christmas quickly engulfed the whole empire. But many preachers in the East still clung to January 6 as the traditional nativity. As late as 373 Ephraim Syrus said: "On the tenth day (of March) was His Conception and on the sixth day (of January) was His Nativity" (*Assemani Bibl. Or.* ii. 169).

Here is what Chrysostom said about

December 25 in his *Homily on the Birth of Christ*, written in Antioch about 380 A.D.: "It is *not yet ten years since this day was made known to us.*"

Christmas didn't come from the apostles. It came to Antioch, the city where Paul preached, *three hundred years after the apostle died!* It came from an apostate Rome, not from Jesus Christ.

Notice what Chrysostom continues to say about Christmas: "I know well that many even yet dispute with one another about it, some finding fault with it and others defending it." He admitted it was "new, in that it has recently been made known to us . . ."

The bishops at Rome claimed to have accurate knowledge of Christ's birth because they possessed the census papers of Jesus' family. Just why they kept this hidden for over three centuries they never say.

They forged many records in an effort to show that preceding popes celebrated Christmas on December 25. If this were really true, they would not have needed to forge these spurious records.

#### Forbidden in New Testament

The celebration of December 25 in Constantinople, near where Paul preached in Asia Minor, first took place between 378 and 381. And if this isn't enough evidence against the apostolic origin of Christmas, there is proof that December 25 was not celebrated in Jerusalem before 385. Yet Jerusalem was the site of the mother church in the very beginning.

The Catholic Bishop Chrysostom, who lived in the fourth century, admits that the superstitious "*times,*" which Paul forbids in Galatians 4:10, were

pagan Christmas customs practiced by "Christians" in his day, as by the pagans in the days of old. He says: "Many were superstitiously addicted to divination . . . upon them . . . In the celebration of these *times* [they] set up lamps in the marketplace, and *crown their doors with garlands*"—as is done at Christmas *time* today! (From *Bingham's Antiquities of the Christian Church*, pp. 1123, 1124).

Christmas became a universal practice in all but the Armenian Church by the fifth century. Hundreds of traditions and customs began to develop about Christmas in every land. In the *Schaff-Herzog Encyclopedia*, you can read this about Christmas: "Yet the festival rapidly gained acceptance and became at last so firmly established that *even the Protestant revolution of the sixteenth century* was not able to dislodge it." Protestants didn't get Christmas from the Bible. They got it from their mother church—Rome; and Rome got it from pagan sun-worship!

#### HOW to Honor Christ

Most people are dishonoring—yes, *robbing* Christ at every Christmas season and they don't know it!

Many of you have been robbing Him of His tithes and offerings by spending *God's own money* in Christmas gifts instead of giving Him what is due. Our people have turned aside from Him, our hearts have gone after pagan festivals—Christmas, New Year's Day, Easter.

The way to return to God is to obey Him—to *pay* Him your tithes and offerings. Why? "For where your treasure is *there* will your heart be also" (Matthew 6:21).

That is how you can really honor Him.

and Detroit. On to Chicago, Des Moines, then again south into Oklahoma, then west through Kansas and back to Canon City, Colorado, where I had held the evangelistic campaign a year or two before. Then northwest across the Rockies and on to Eugene, Oregon.

#### Led to GOD'S Location

By November, in 1946, I had again gone to Hollywood for recording, and was again making trips over to Pasadena in search of a location for the college.

I had not been able to save out the weekly amounts planned to accumulate a fund for the purchase of the site I then had in mind. And by this time I had learned that, being a non-profit Church, and not a commercial business, it would be impossible for us to borrow the money to construct a college building, even if we had the ground already paid for.

It seemed every door for opening the college was slammed shut in my face. Yet I knew God was leading me to start a college that would be HIS college. There was no doubt whatsoever of that!

It was discouraging. It was frustrating! But I was determined not to give up. One real estate broker I had contacted in my search was a Mrs. McCormick. Her husband had been a real estate broker, and after his death she carried on the business. I had found her to be an intelligent and experienced businesswoman in her field, who at the same time remained every whit a lady of culture and refinement. In going the rounds of real estate agents, I chanced to drop in once again at her office.

"Oh, Mr. Armstrong," she said, "I'm glad you dropped in. I have a property I'd like to show you. It isn't quite what you've had in mind, but I think it might be worth your while to take a look at it."

I was taken to a small mansion of some 18 rooms, on Grove Street just off of South Orange Grove Boulevard—Pasadena's "millionaire row" residence street. This was a 2¼ acre place known as the "McCormick estate"—because it had been built by a Mr. Fowler who was Vice-President of the International Harvester Corporation, and Mrs. Fowler was the daughter of the founder

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down, going north from New Orleans through Mississippi as far as Memphis, back down through Alabama, into western Florida, across to the east coast of Florida, up the Atlantic Coast through Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, into Washington D.C.,

New York, and as far as Portland, Maine. Then across New Hampshire and Vermont, and up to Montreal, Canada.

Then on to Ottawa and Toronto, with a side-tour by boat to Niagara Falls and return. Then across Canada to Windsor

of International Harvester, Cyrus McCormick.

The property was on a hillside. It had been magnificently landscaped, although it appeared not to have been maintained in good condition for a few years. Beside the main building, there was a four-car garage with two servants' apartments. To the east of these buildings was a beautifully contoured slope to a balustrade, and then a six-foot drop of ornamental concrete retaining wall under the balustrade, dropping to a long, level space known as "the lower gardens." This space was headed by an ornate concrete tempietto, and ended at the other end with a large square pool and a classic pergola.

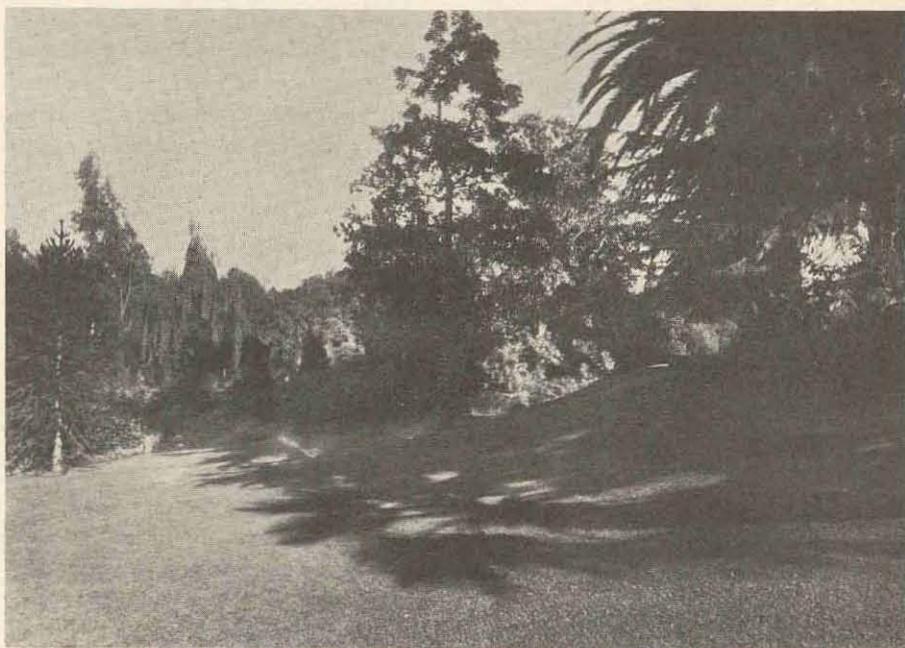
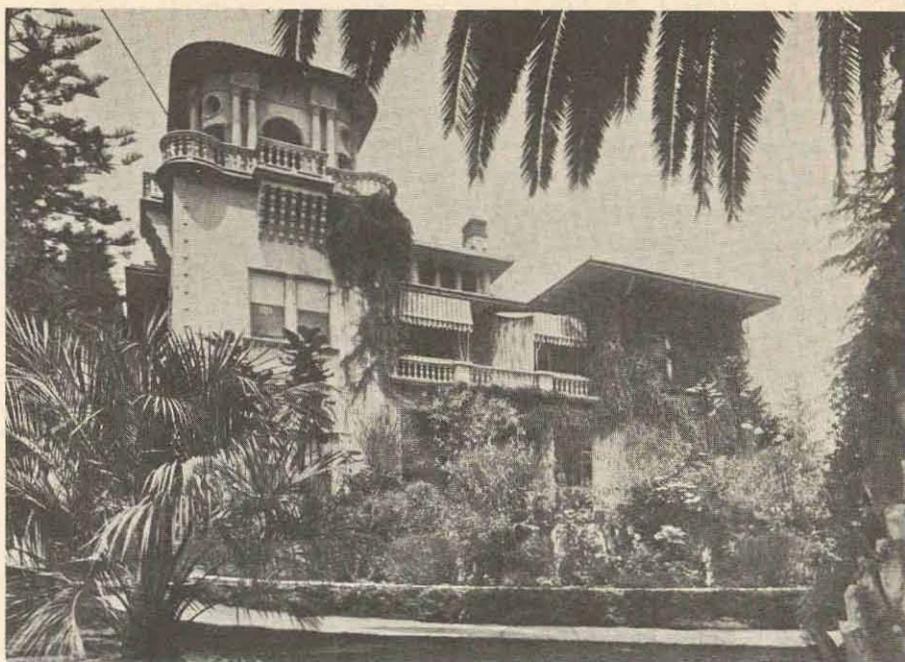
I could not see how we could use the building which had been a residence, or the large garage, but it did seem that the lower level space might become the building site for the classroom building I had in mind.

Of course this space was well grown up in weeds, but I knew we could clear that. Also there were two other fountains at either side of the tempietto, and built in as part of it.

But the price was \$100,000, and the owner, a Dr. B., whom I will not name for reasons that will be obvious, wanted cash. I shook my head. Indeed it was *not* quite what I had had in mind!

The next day, however, I began thinking it over. The thought occurred to me that it might be possible to use the big house as a classroom building. After all, I remembered suddenly that it was not designed in residential character, but was a concrete building with flat roof, architecturally of institutional appearance rather than residential.

Of course I didn't have the \$100,000 cash. Nevertheless, I called Mrs. Mc-



To the right are three early photos of the "McCormick Estate." Upper picture was taken of the elegant residence before it was remodeled. Center, the beautifully landscaped hillside, which extended from the residence down toward the lower gardens. Right, below, the lower gardens as they appeared when in the possession of the Fowlers who built the residence. The tempietto is in the distance, with square pool in the foreground. The photograph was taken from the pergola.

Cormick on the telephone, suggested this possibility, and asked if I could inspect the property once more, viewing it from this new and different angle.

She arranged another inspection with Dr. B. I could see on this visit—I had hardly taken notice of the inside of the building on the first visit—that the large living room, about 27 by 30 feet, could make a good library room, and even serve as an assembly room. The adjoining large dining room could serve as an additional library room. A small office room off the entrance hall could serve as a small classroom for ten or twelve students.

Upstairs there were three large bedrooms, of adequate size for classrooms seating from 30 to 65 or more students, beside other smaller rooms. There was a small three-room penthouse above.

Then I inspected the garage building again. The main garage room, intended to accommodate four automobiles (it had originally been horse stables, but had been rebuilt into a 4-car garage and servant-apartment building), by repouring a level cement floor, was even larger than our main larger office room in Eugene, Oregon, used as the mailing room. The apartment rooms to the rear could house our printing department. That left a small office in front, and the living apartments on the second floor could supply the other administrative offices.

For the first time I began to envision GOD's type of college location. Here were beautiful grounds to provide a small but, once cleared of weeds and relandscaped, a magnificent campus with beautiful and majestic trees—palms, deodars, magnolias and other fine specimens.

I asked the two Hollywood architects to inspect the property.

"Why," they exclaimed, "here is your college, already built, and with a small but outstandingly beautiful campus."

### The Proposition

I telephoned a boyhood Sunday-school friend at that time, Dr. Walter Homan, Dean of Student Personnel at San Francisco State College. I had previously consulted him about the found-

ing of a college. I described this property to him.

"Providential!" he exclaimed, "It sounds positively providential!"

I telephoned Mrs. Armstrong to come to Hollywood immediately, to have her opinion. She, too, felt it was just the place—and, if we outgrew it, perhaps adjoining estates could be some day acquired.

But how could we make the purchase without any money?

That, you may be sure, was the REAL problem, now. Besides, I was not yet convinced in my own mind this was the location God had selected.

An idea came to my mind. It was already mid-November. The first college term would not start until the next September—ten months away. Why not submit a proposition whereby we would start making the largest possible monthly payments, but not take possession until nine payments had been made, by the following July 1st. That would give time to prepare for a September opening.

I asked Mrs. McCormick who was the best attorney in Pasadena for the handling of a property transaction. She recommended Judge Russell Morton. I arranged an appointment, and went to his office.

Judge Morton recommended, under the circumstances, that a lease-and-option contract would be more attractive as an offer to the owner. I had suggested that we would make monthly payments of \$1,000 per month. That was certainly a maximum ambitious monthly payment for me to offer, in our financial circumstances. But 1% per month was rather common practice, and I feared any smaller offer would not even be considered. If this was where God wanted us, I felt I could rely on Him to increase the income enough to cover it.

Judge Morton suggested we draw up a contract providing for taking occupancy the following July 1st, continuing on a lease rental basis until the end of 25 months. Then the \$25,000 so far paid would become the down payment on the purchase, and we would then exercise our option, be given the deed to the property, giving Dr. B. a trust deed until fully paid.

### The "Catch" in the Deal

The proposition was drawn up in legal form, and I gave it to Mrs. McCormick to present to Dr. B., with my check for the first \$1,000.

Then I prayed earnestly. I asked God to reveal His will respecting His college by causing Dr. B. to accept if that were God's will, but to cause him to reject it, if this was not the place God had chosen for His college. I realized there did not appear to be one chance in a thousand that a man who wanted \$100,000 cash would let his property go for only \$1,000 per month, with no down payment at the start whatever—and taking two whole years and one additional month to build up a 25% down payment.

I was not at all sure this was the place God wanted us—and yet it had begun to look more and more like the finest place we could possibly have. But I knew God would cause it to fall into our hands if that were His will.

I did not hear from it for two or three days. Then Mrs. McCormick told me she had the contract all signed, sealed, and delivered!

For the moment I was elated, grateful, thankful!

But what I didn't know was that apparently Dr. B. had no intention of ever letting us actually get possession. He was not a medical doctor. He was a doctor of law. He had some nine letters after his name, including the highest possible law degrees from a university second to none. He had been the Dean of the Law School of a large University.

But apparently he trusted more in his knowledge of law, and cleverness in taking advantage of it than in honest work and effort in earning a living.

As time went along, it became evident that when July 1st, 1947, arrived, Dr. B. had no intention of letting us gain possession. It appeared that his intention was to keep the \$9,000 and keep the property too.

The many events leading up to July 1, 1947, and the strategy Judge Morton, his associate attorney, and I were forced to use to gain possession, and other troubles in getting the college founded will be covered in the next and succeeding installments.

# *The Bible Story*

by Basil Wolverton

## CHAPTER FIFTY

### THE CONSTITUTION OF ISRAEL

**T**HE Israelites continued to camp on the plains east of the Jordan river for many days. Water was plentiful. There was an abundance of grass for the animals. Living was also a little more pleasant for the people because of the shade trees in that area.

Meanwhile, the people didn't sit around doing nothing. Besides their regular duties, it was somewhat of a task to adjust to the thousands of Midianite captives, take care of the added livestock, purify the booty of war and re-fashion much of it, sharpen and repair the worn or broken tools of war.

#### Laws Are Needed

Time was required to do all this, but God's main purpose in allowing the people to stay so long in that place was to give them many instructions, through Moses, for their guidance and benefit. It was made known to them that when they crossed over the Jordan into Canaan on the west, it was their duty to execute the inhabitants there and to destroy all their idols, pagan altars, towers and groves where they burned some of their children in the fire and otherwise worshiped their heathen gods. (Numbers 33:50-53, Leviticus 18:21,24-29.)

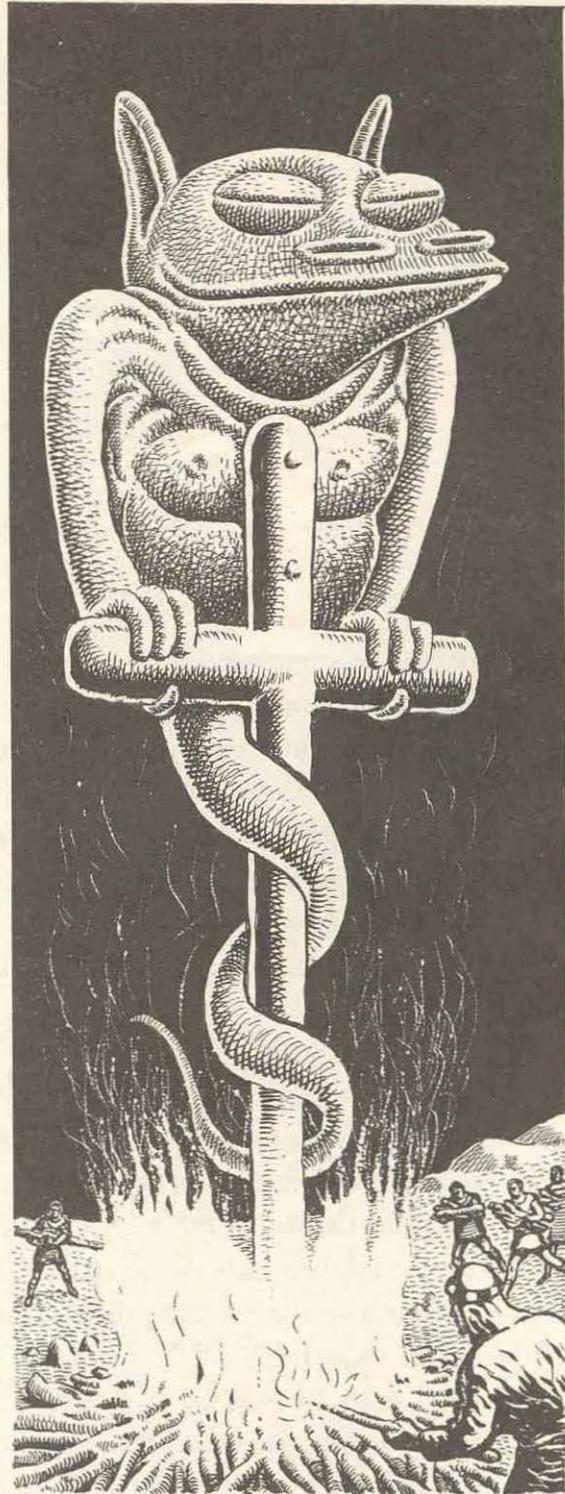
Then the land was to be divided fairly among the nine and a half tribes according to their numbers. However, if the Israelites failed to overcome the inhabitants of Canaan, God warned that Israel would suffer.

"If you spare any Canaanites," God said, "they will give you much trouble as long as they remain. Furthermore, I shall deal with you as I plan to deal with them.

That means that you could lose your lives as well as the land!" (Numbers 33:54-56.)

God then defined the boundaries of the Promised Land and appointed a committee to supervise the distribution of the land. (Numbers 34.) God also instructed Moses to tell the people that they should give 48 towns to the Levites, who were not to receive any land by inheritance. These were not necessarily to be large towns, but each one was to be surrounded by an area over a mile across, reaching out 1000 cubits (about 2000 feet) from the wall in all directions. In these suburbs the Levites could plant gardens, orchards and vineyards and have room to keep their flocks and herds. (Numbers 35:1-5.)

Six of these towns—three on each side of the Jordan—were soon to be appointed as "cities of refuge." As well as being centers of Levite habitation, these six towns were to be for the protection of anyone who accidentally killed a person. This was necessary because angered relatives or close friends of the dead man might try to kill the man who caused his death. For example, if two men were building a shed, and one man unexpectedly moved a heavy beam so that it fell and killed the other man, the man who moved the beam was to flee at once to the closest of the six towns, where he would be protected



The Israelites were to destroy all idols found in Canaan.

from anyone who might seek his life as a matter of vengeance.

On the other hand, if the man maliciously moved the beam with the purpose of killing his working partner, he was still entitled to the temporary protection of any of the six towns.

### Violence Condemned

Whatever the case, the man would be tried by authorities. If he were found guilty, he was either slain or allowed to fall into the hands of those who had set out to avenge the dead person. If he were found innocent, he still was to stay in the town for his own protection, until the death of the high priest. Meanwhile, if he ventured out of his protective town, and was found by any avenger, that was the end of his protection. There were to be no jails in Israel.

Moses now assigned three towns for refuge purposes east of the Jordan river. They included Bezer in the plain country of the Reubenites. Then there was the town of Ramoth for the Gadites and Golan for the Manassites. The other three cities of refuge were to be set aside later by Joshua. (Numbers 35:6-34; Deuteronomy 4:41-43; Deuteronomy 19: 1-13; Joshua 20.)

At this time Moses received many instructions, and rules and reminders from God. He faithfully passed them on to the people as they came to him. So that they would better understand matters, Moses gave them a detailed account of what had happened since they had left Mt. Sinai four decades previously. The book of Deuteronomy is a record of these proceedings.

During the lengthy account, Moses revealed to the people that God wouldn't allow him to go over into Canaan with them because of Moses' wrong conduct when he had struck the rock to obtain water.

"Later," Moses told them, "I asked God to forgive me and let me go into Canaan. He refused to allow me to go, but told me I could view much of the land from a high mountain, and that there I would die!" (Deuteronomy 3:23-28.)

The people were saddened to hear this. At the same time, they felt a greater fear of God. Many of them reasoned that if God would take the life of their leader, then their lives could be taken at any time because of their disobedience.

### Sabbaths Must Be Observed

Moses added to their serious thinking by warning them that God would never tolerate law-breaking without punishment. He reminded them also that God was more merciful than they could imagine, and that He would never forsake them or destroy them as long as they kept their agreement to observe His laws. (Deuteronomy 4:30-31.)

Among the matters mentioned through Moses for Israel's benefit was the strict reminder to observe the yearly Sabbaths. These Holy Days began in Egypt with the Passover. They were later more fully explained to the people at Mt. Sinai. The keeping of these holy days was to be a perpetual sign between God and Israel, just as the observance of the weekly Sabbath was to be an everlasting agreement. (Deuteronomy 12:1-14; 16:1-17; Exodus 31:17.)

The understanding of the Sabbaths revealed God's wonderful plan of salvation, without which understanding no church could rightfully claim God as its Head.

Today there are more than 700 church denominations that claim to be Christian, but almost all of them refuse to have anything to do with God's Sabbaths. Many weak excuses are given for not observing them, including the old, standard, groundless line that the days instituted by God were only Jewish days, and that they were done away with at Christ's death. The fact that most churches fail to observe them simply proves that most churches are not God's churches. This can be a shocking and perhaps unbelievable statement to many people, but it is a true one, completely backed up by the Bible. Scoffing at this Bible truth is the same as scoffing at God, the author of it. The Apostle Paul taught Christians to keep the weekly Sabbaths and yearly feasts many years after Christ ascended to heaven. (Acts 16:13; 17:2; 18:21; 20:16; 24:14.)

God made it clear that besides the first tithe (that tenth of one's increase that is to pay the expense of the work of God) the Israelites should save a second tithe to be used in observing the Holy Days. This was mostly for the Festival of Tabernacles, which was to be held apart from the usual habitations of the people at a place chosen by God. (Deuteronomy 12:17-19; 14:22-27.)

Today, as then, the people of God's church use this second tenth of their income for observing the Holy Days—especially the fall festival—at the place or places God indicates. Jerusalem was the main place in ancient Israel, and will be again when Christ returns not very many years from now. (Zechariah 14:16-19.)

God ordained the Festival of Tabernacles as a time when His people should worship Him with special joy, reverence, mirth and thankfulness. It was not to be a noisy "camp meeting" or what is so often referred to as a "revival" at some date set by man. Instead, it was and still is a time of joyfully worshipping God while taking in spiritual food (preaching) that is corrective, inspiring and character-building. It was and still is a time of dining, visiting, dancing, and enjoying sports that stimulate the body and knit the people of God together in spiritual harmony. (Jeremiah 31:12-13.)

Faithful saving of the second tithe makes it possible for God's people to enjoy this autumn vacation and return to their homes and to their work better prepared to live happier and closer to their Creator.

At this same time God also commanded that the people should rest their crop land every seventh year so the physical laws in nature can improve the soil's health-giving natural balance. (Leviticus 25:1-7, 20-22.)

Then God commanded that a third tenth should be saved for a very special use. This was to be taken out only every third and sixth year in a seven-year cycle. It was to go to the poor among the Levites, widows, fatherless children and poor strangers. (Deuteronomy 14:28-29; 26:12.)

In these days the obedient Christian puts aside his tithes plus what is required in taxes and such. God makes it possible. Many are the families that have enjoyed better incomes and other financial benefits since beginning to tithe.

### Good Civil Government

Many other matters were brought to the people at that time, among which were these:

When the seventh-year land rest came, any debt should be canceled unless the debtor happened to be a foreigner. (Deuteronomy 15:1-11.)

A servant should be freed after seven years of service. (Deuteronomy 15:12-15.)

Israel was to make no agreements of any kind with the nations that were to be driven out. (Deuteronomy 7:1-5; 20:16-18.)

No more than forty lashes of a whip were to be applied in punishment. (Deuteronomy 25:1-3.)

No fruit trees were to be cut down in times of war in the land Israel invaded. (Deuteronomy 20:19-20.)

The Israelites should consider themselves a holy nation, not because of their righteousness, but because God chose them as His people. (Deuteronomy 7:6; 14:1-2.)

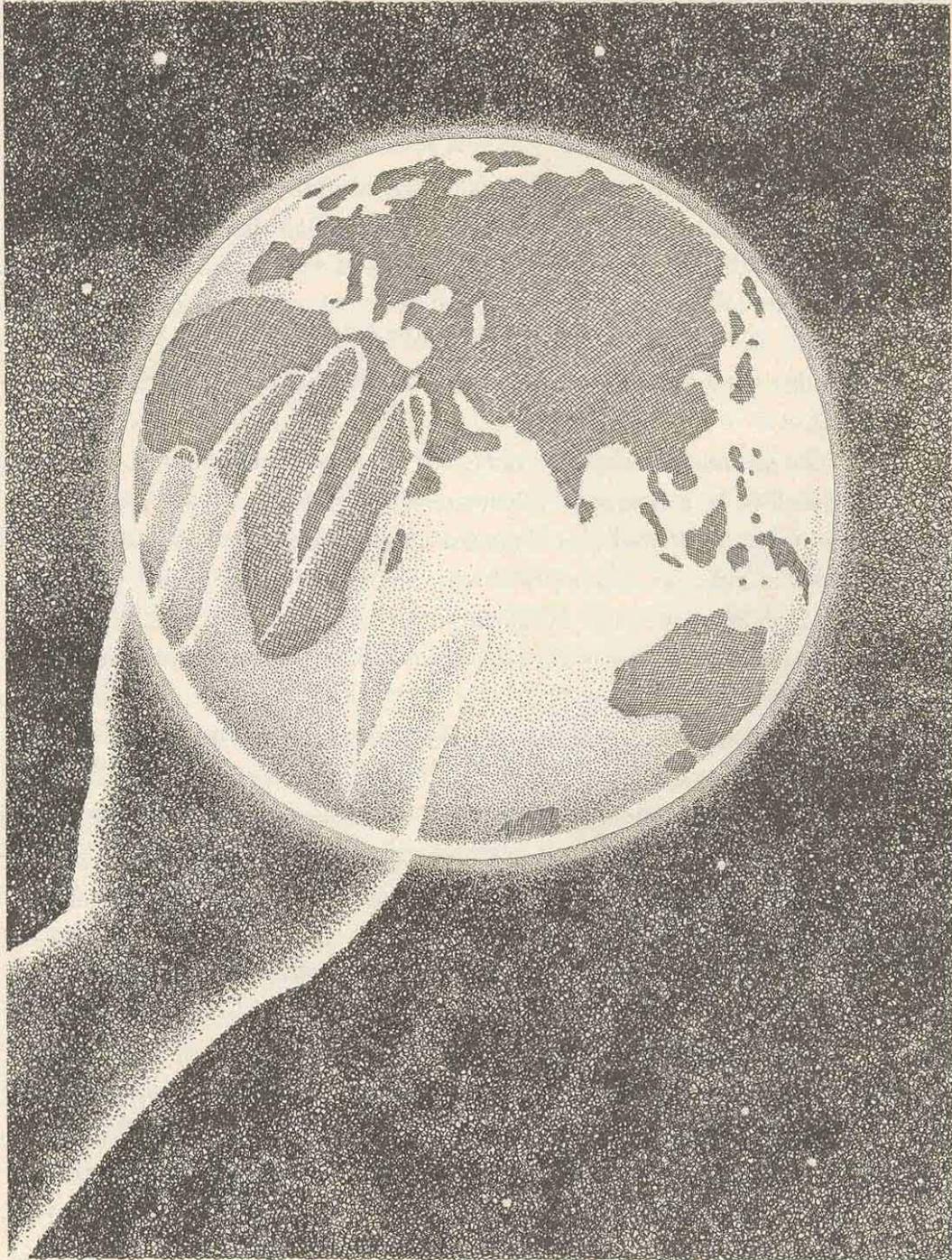
Any prophet or priest who falsely led the people into any wrong kind of worship was to be put to death. (Deuteronomy 18:20-22.)

Toward the end of the period of instruction, Moses repeated these solemn words from God:

"You, Israel, must choose between blessings and cursings from your Creator. Obedience to my laws shall bring wonderful blessings of prosperity, freedom from diseases, success in all you undertake, an abundance of healthy children and livestock, plenty of rain and water, good crops without blemish or pestilence, comfortable homes and protection from accident and from your enemies. I shall make you the head of all nations, and they shall fear and respect you. You shall lead long, happy lives, and so shall your offspring also be happy, healthy and prosperous into the far future!

"On the other hand, if you refuse to live according to the laws I have made plain

to you, I shall heap grievous curses on you. You shall cease to prosper. All kinds of diseases shall come on you, and you shall fail in all you set out to do. Your children



The mighty hand of God was set to give the Israelites everything they could desire if they would obey—or to crush them out as a nation if they disobeyed!

shall be sickly, but famine shall drive you to eat them. Your livestock shall sicken and die of disease or for lack of water and grass. The soil shall turn hard, and your crops shall be consumed by blight and pestilence. You shall be sick, frightened and miserable wherever you go. You shall become as depraved as animals and lunatics, and fatal accidents shall overtake you wherever you are. Your homes shall become filthy, miserable hovels. You shall become the least and weakest of all nations, and cruel enemies shall slay you. Those of you who aren't slain shall be taken captive and scattered among the nations as wretched slaves!" (Deuteronomy 28.)

### God's Laws Must Be Preserved

All the laws God had recently given to Moses to pass on to the people were written down at another time by Moses and presented to the priests to place beside the Ark of the Covenant. Copies also were given to the elders. Moses commanded them to read the whole book of the law to the people every seven years when Israel assembled at the Festival of Tabernacles during the year of release. (Deuteronomy 31:9-13, 24-29.) The priests and Levites were also commanded to teach the people portions of the law yearly at the festivals and throughout the year in all their cities. (Deuteronomy 33:8-10; II Chronicles 17:7-9; 35:1-3; Nehemiah 8:1-8; Acts 15:21.)

God then called Moses and Joshua to the tabernacle. As soon as they entered, the Creator descended to the tabernacle inside a glorious, radiant cloud. (Deuteronomy 31:14-15.)

"Before your life ends," God told Moses, "there are more things for you to do. One is to write a song to teach to the people. I know they shall go after other gods and shall forget my laws. They shall break my covenant. Then evil days shall fall on them, and though they shall seek my help, I shall let them suffer. The verses I give you must become a national song to be taught from generation to generation. The people shall remember it, and it shall become a witness against them because of their sins." (Verses 16-21.)

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## The CUBAN CRISIS

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nocent-looking crates and packages into her ports—and to assemble her own missiles! Apparently not *one word* was said about the *thousands* of Russian "technicians," military personnel and other citizens now living in Cuba. *Nothing* was said about the Cubans, with Russian sponsorship, financing and know-how, building their OWN inter-

mediate-range ballistic missiles!

Instead of ordering Communism out of the Western Hemisphere *completely*—instead of ordering not only Russian missiles but all missiles to be dismantled entirely in Cuba, and instead of following up its advantage, *while it had Cuba so totally off balance*, the United States made still another grave error in policy.

From the time of the Bay of Pigs fiasco, it would have been assumed President Kennedy was *looking for* whatever opportunity could have been at least vaguely "justifiable" in the eyes of the fabled "world public opinion" to attack Cuba, removing the threat of Castro and his Communist puppets from the Western Hemisphere forever!

This opportunity had certainly come! The time was ripe! Why did not President Kennedy order the all-out attack of Cuba, and the immediate removal of

Communism from this hemisphere?

*Because President Kennedy does not understand prophecy!*

I know, and *anyone who knows and understands Bible prophecy*, really KNOWS that Premier Khrushchev would NOT have ordered an attack upon the United States, upon Berlin, upon Formosa, or all-out attack upon India or *any other* area of the world as a result of the United States attack against Cuba! I *know* this, simply because any such attack would have meant instant retaliation from the United States, and the plunging of the world into all-out nuclear bomb war!

And prophecy says this *will not happen!*

The Prophecies of the Bible DO describe a gigantic nuclear-bomb struggle involving the hordes of the Red Army—but that war is NOT between Russia and the United States. Rather, it will be a supreme contest between the then world-powerful modern ROMAN EMPIRE, perhaps called "The UNITED STATES OF EUROPE" and the Soviet bloc of nations! For full details of this impending conflict, and the prophecies in your Bible proving it, write immediately for the amazing booklet, "1975 in Prophecy."

KNOWING that prophecy is TRUE, that prophecy is going to occur, just as it has been occurring, *exactly as the Bible says*—God's people are able to have CONFIDENCE in the face of world conditions.

But President Kennedy did *not* know exactly what Khrushchev might do in Berlin, in India, in Formosa, or elsewhere in the world should we attack Cuba. HAD he known, he could have acted so swiftly, and with such decisiveness, that he could have ridded the Western Hemisphere of the Communist threat forever—and, for that matter, could RID THE WORLD of it!

Your Bible describes the gentile nations as being ruled over by men with the minds of WILD ANIMALS! And how *true* a representation! But how would you *handle* a ravening beast? By careful coddling, soothing talk, and nice presents? Hardly! Ask any lion tamer, or anyone having worked with wild dogs or wolves! It takes forceful STRENGTH! It takes quick ACTION, it takes stinging REBUKES to handle them properly!

HAD the United States leaders understood the *prophecies of the Bible*, and, just as in the days of old, been able to TRUST THEIR GOD, instead of their allies, they could have DEALT with the animal-like minds of gentile leaders in

no uncertain terms! But President Kennedy had no way of really KNOWING that God says plainly RUSSIA WILL NOT EVER ATTACK THE UNITED STATES WITH AN ALL-OUT NUCLEAR BOMB WAR!

Who REALLY *won* over Cuba? The answer is, we have not yet won in Cuba—and we may yet lose! Make NO MISTAKE!

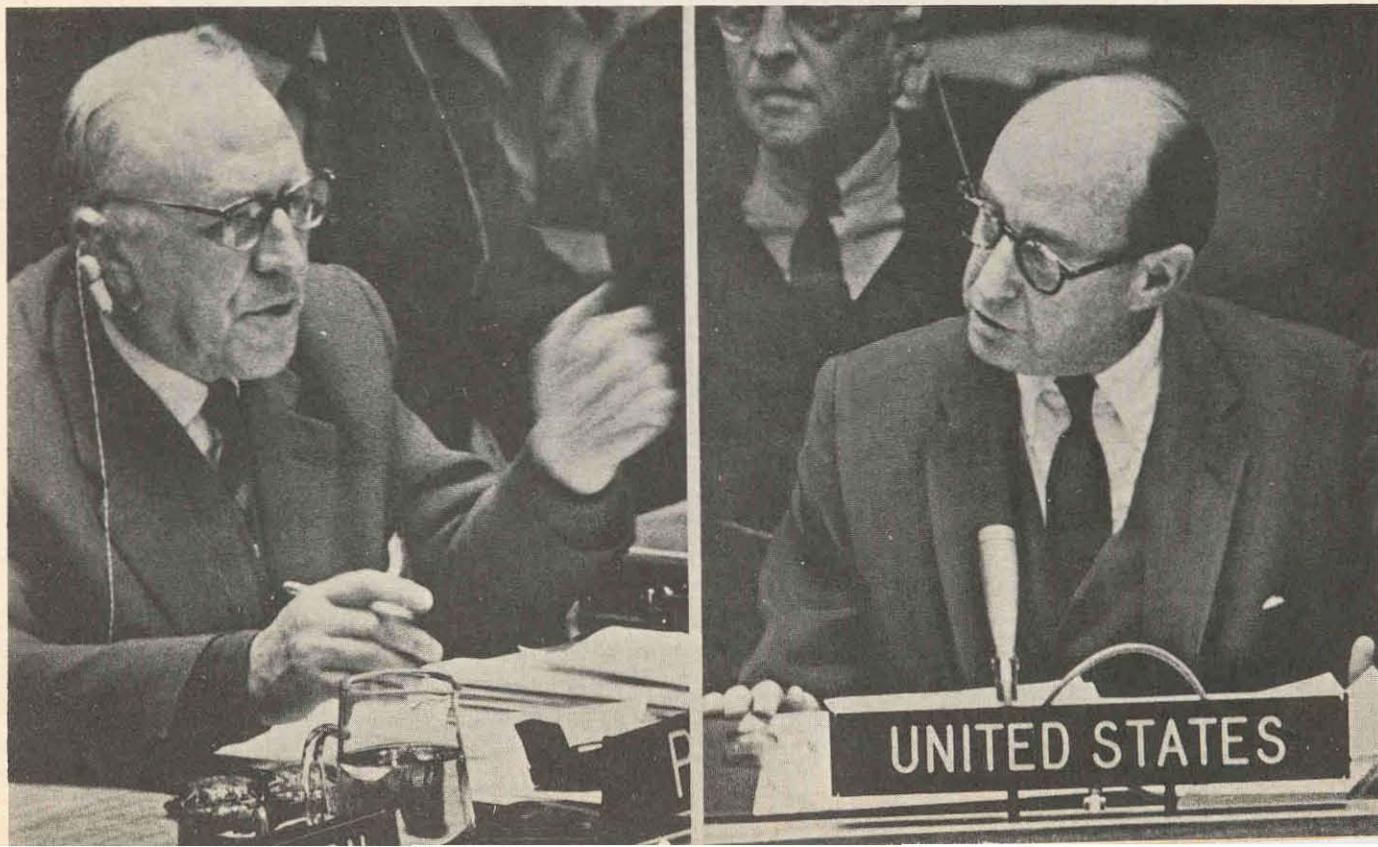
Even *with* the APPARENT backing up of the Communists—the advance and spread of Communism itself, with all that it means, has NOT been stopped in Cuba. Cuba remains, right now today, just as big a threat as EVER—just as big a steppingstone to this hemisphere as EVER—just as big a thorn in the side of policy-makers in Washington as EVER!

Under the terms of United States promises to Russia and Cuba—the Communists are now at liberty—with an absolute U.S. guarantee against any attack—to CONTINUE massive buildup of military strength of more conventional type weapons in Cuba, and even begin manufacturing their own missiles with Russian parts and technical help!

Cuba is STILL a threat! Cuba is STILL a problem. Cuba, minus Russian missiles, is STILL the Cuba of only months ago—just as lethal, just as dangerous as ever before!

Adlai Stevenson, right, and Soviet delegate Zorin debate while Cuban crisis continues.

Wide World Photo





A U.S. Air Force C135 jet transport, left, above, is fueled at the American Rhein-Main Air Base in Frankfurt, Germany, November 2, before takeoff with a first load of U.S. arms to aid India in its border struggle with Red



China. Flight launched a round-the-clock airlift of arms. Right, above, crewmen board U.S. transport at Rhein-Main Air Base in Frankfurt, Germany, for flight to India with a load of U.S. arms.

Wide World Photos

## And Now— Hot War in India!

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munications and unparalleled propaganda and brainwashing.

China is now ready to begin devouring the rest of Asia with Russia's secret military backing. The plans were laid bare in Korea. China, not Russia, intervened in Korea. Korea became divided. China, not Russia, launched attacks in Indochina and seized control of North Viet-Nam. Viet-Nam became divided. Next, the Chinese Communists took over all Tibet. From Tibet the Chinese plan conquest of India by dividing her and devouring her a piece at a time! The Communists—ever adept at creating strife—intend to charge India with aggression across "disputed borders," then take over these regions and demand "peace talks."

### What Prophecy Reveals

From time to time news commentators—in describing the coming catastrophic military struggle for world control—use the Biblical expression *Armageddon* found in Revelation 16:16. But what they do not mention is a striking prophecy about "Armageddon" found in Revelation 16:12. In this verse we read that "the way of the KINGS OF

THE EAST" is to be prepared! *China* is the very center of all the great Eastern kingdoms. Almost 2000 years ago Biblical prophecy declared China is destined to play a vital part in world affairs at

the end of this age!

Notice another prophecy about the ultimate westward advance of the Communist Chinese, in conjunction with the Russians, through the Arab world. It is found in Ezekial 25:2-4. God says, "Behold, therefore, I will deliver thee [the kingdom of Jordan, just east of Palestine] TO THE MEN OF THE EAST for a possession, and they shall set their palaces in thee, and make their dwell-



Crewmen stood at attention in front of Chinese Communist medium tanks during parade in Peiping. Chinese Reds are using tanks in their frontier drive into India.

Wide World Photo

ings in thee."

Who are these "men of the east"? The Communist hordes of Eurasia!

Now notice another prophecy in Daniel 11:44: "But tidings out of the east and out of the north [where China and Russia are today] shall trouble him [the coming Dictator of a European Fascist system which will control Palestine at the return of Jesus Christ]."

So prophecy shows that both Russia and China are ultimately to be involved in a struggle for the control of the Eastern Mediterranean, the Arab world and Palestine.

### Russia and China Will NOT Split

Many are saying today that the Chinese Communist leaders may pull "a Tito." Prophecy says this will not happen!

Turn to the prophecies in Ezekiel, chapters 38 and 39. In these two chapters we find the Communists of China and Russia in alliance. Notice, first, chapter 38, beginning with verse 2: "Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, and say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech

and Tubal" (marginal reading).

Here we find united in a great alliance the peoples of Rosh (the White Russians) and of Meshech and Tubal (the two divisions of the Great Russians) under the ultimate control of Gog and the land of Magog. Who are "Gog" and the "land of Magog"?

Here is what the *Jewish Encyclopedia* says about Gog and Magog: "Geographically they represent the extreme northeast, and are placed on the borders of the sea that encircles the earth."

Notice what the unrivaled *McClintock and Strong Encyclopedia* says about Gog and Magog: "The Arabians are of the opinion that the descendants of Gog and Magog inhabit the northern parts of Asia, beyond the Tartars and Slavonians [the Russians], and they put *Yajuj* and *Majuj* always in conjunction, thereby indicating the extreme points in north and north-east of Asia." (From article "Gog.") Some writers spell these Arabic words *Yagog* and *Magog*. Now, to what people are these names referring? To the Mongoloid peoples of Asiatic Russia, Mongolia, China, Manchuria and adjoining countries! So Russia and China are to remain allies!

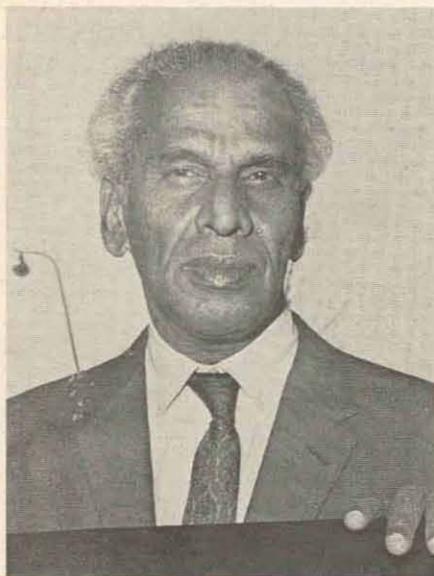
### India in Prophecy

But where is *India* mentioned in this prophecy? Turn to Ezekiel 38:5: "Persia, Cush, and Phut with them; all of them with shield and helmet" (marginal reading in KJV). Notice that joined with the Chinese and Russian Communists will be Persia and the Asiatic descendants of Cush and Phut—*mistranslated* "Ethiopia" and "Libya" in the King James Version. Any student of history knows that the descendants of Cush and Phut who journeyed eastward settled primarily in India! So here is a prophecy that the Communist party will ultimately control not only the Russian States, but China, Persia and India as well! Now notice verse 6:

"Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee." Gomer's descendants migrated to southeast Asia. So here, joined with the Communists, are other Asiatic hordes from southeast Asia—and the children of Togarmah (called the Tungus) who live today in Russian Siberia.



Wide World Photo  
Jawaharlal Nehru, 73-year-old prime minister of India, gives traditional Hindu friendship gesture in public appearance in New Delhi. There is increasing talk that Nehru's leadership of India may soon end because of an illness which has plagued him for more than eight months.



Wide World Photo  
India's Defense Minister, V. K. Krishna Menon, resigned his post shortly after Chinese attack. Menon favored cooperation with Reds, left India's borders relatively undefended, now finds Reds double-crossed India.

Some think this union of China and Russia and their allies will attack the United States. Absolutely not! You will find the surprising reason why in Mr. Armstrong's article "Will Russia Attack the United States?" which explains Ezekiel 38 and 39. If you have not already read this surprising article, write immediately for it. The answer will surprise you!

In the meantime, God is sending His Gospel—His final warning Message—just before the end of this age to the peoples of China and Russia and India through this great work—"The WORLD TOMORROW" program. Are you earnestly praying for it—praying that Jesus Christ will open new doors into the Communist world for His Message—that the true "Gospel of the Kingdom" may go to these nations as a witness before the end of this age comes?

We need to be as busy about God's work as the Communists are about their evil work.

# Do You Really KNOW the True God?

*What KIND of God do you worship? Where did you get your concepts of God? Here is the TRUTH on this vital subject!*

by Roderick C. Meredith

“DO YOU know the Lord Jesus Christ tonight? Do you feel His presence in your heart?” asked the emotional evangelist.

That’s a good question.

But is an emotional “feeling” the WAY you come to *know* and *understand* the true God?

Most religious people have simply grown up mimicking from childhood the type of religious talk and attitude their elders displayed. They have never PROVED why they believe as they do—or why they “picture” God and think of Him as they do.

Yet, to really KNOW God—to become acquainted with—and to ultimately be BORN as His literal SON—this is the supreme PURPOSE of your life!

How, then, can you truly KNOW God—His thoughts and attitudes—the WAY He will act—what *kind* of personality He really is?

## God Reveals His Nature

There are three basic means by which you can come to know and really understand the true God—the Creator of Heaven and Earth. The first way is by carefully studying what God has produced—His creation—the thing we sometimes call “nature.” The apostle Paul knew this. He was inspired to write in Romans 1:20, “For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, *being understood by the things that are made . . .*”

So evident is the supreme intelligence of God in His creation, that the atheist is totally without excuse for denying God’s existence. This is a *law-abiding* universe. God is clearly revealed in nature as a God of LAW and order—of supreme wisdom and purpose behind every creation.

Try to break the law of gravity sometime! The unity of nature—the constancy of its inexorable laws—all point to the nature and character of the Creator. God’s creation *did not evolve!* Its laws remain the same. Charles Darwin’s own son said, “*We cannot prove that a single species has been changed.*” God decreed (Gen. 1:25) that every plant and animal should bring forth “after his kind.” Not once in six thousand years has this decree been violated.

God’s laws do not change! All nature thunders forth this truth. This principle applies to *spiritual* as well as physical things. *Study God’s creation if you truly wish to understand your Creator.* The Bible and “nature” both teach that God’s plan and His laws do not alter. “The works of his hands are verity and judgment; *all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever, and are done in truth and uprightness*” (Ps. 111:7-8).

## Second Witness Needed

In contrast to the united testimony of nature, human beings are divided and confused in their ideas of God. It has been said, “Man creates God in his own image.” In the *majority of cases*, that is *true!*

People of every nation and tongue have always worshipped something. But their “god” was usually a product of their imaginations—a god that would conform to their current *human* standards, laws, and ways of looking at things.

Even today, most professing “Christians” *read their OWN idea of God into the Bible.* We all know of “sweet old ladies” who think of God as a kindly, sentimental, and *very prudish* old fellow who would be shocked to tears and completely upset if any of his children

should go to a movie. Their conception of God is just as narrow and limited as their own environment, training, and mental outlook has been.

Other people go to the opposite extreme. They think of God as a far-off spiritual power with little or no direct concern with the human family. They imagine that God is “wise” enough to *let us alone* to choose our own amusements, society, laws—*our own religion* the way *we* want to have it. They think they are philosophic, cosmopolitan, “modern.” *So they make God in their own image!*

In every nation, city, and family there are people with differing *human* ideas of what God is like.

Let’s QUIT trying to make God in our *own image!*

The Holy Bible is the *revealed* Word of the Creator God. It was written to show us the nature of God, and how we should live and worship Him—that we might be His children. Diligently *studying* your Bible is the second way to come to know God. It is the *second witness* needed to dispel man’s confusion in his ideas of God.

## The Bible Carries Authority

If you have proved and really *believe* that the Bible is the inspired revelation from God to man, then you should clearly realize that God’s Word is not to be argued with—or falsely interpreted to bolster pet doctrines.

We may have had our own preconceived *human* idea of God. But if we want the *truth*, let’s put that aside and search God’s Word to find out how He *reveals* Himself to us. Remember that “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for *doctrine*, for *reproof*, for *correction*, for *instruction*

in righteousness" (II Tim. 3:16). The Bible is to correct and reprove us—to show us where we are wrong. Will we let it?

God says, "I am the Lord, I *change not* . . ." (Mal. 3:6). We find that Jesus Christ is, "the *same* yesterday, and today, and for ever" (Heb. 13:8). The Father and the Son do not whimsically change their plans and principles, OR THEIR LAWS. They "change not."

At this point, it is important to realize that Christ *was* the God or "Lord" of the Old Testament! In John 1:1-5, we find that Christ was the "Word" or "Spokesman" who was with the Father from the beginning. All things were created by Jesus Christ (v. 3 and Col. 1:16). Christ was the spiritual "Rock" that went before and protected the children of Israel, and *that gave them the Ten Commandments* (I Cor. 10:1-6).

God *in the person of Jesus Christ* is the one who gave the LAW that most preachers *hate* today! *Why* do they hide their eyes from the Christ who is supreme LAW-GIVER? Do they think that Christ has changed?

Your Bible says NO!

God's methods and laws are basically the same from Genesis to Revelation. Apparently not realizing this, most self-appointed preachers will tell you about the "God of the Old Testament" in contrast with Christ in the New Testament. Then they go on to say that Christ preached one gospel, and the Apostle Paul preached a *different* gospel! They are in CONFUSION.

In Rev. 17:5, God names this mixed-up, divided system of churchianity "Babylon the Great" which literally means "*Great Confusion*." God's true people are commanded to *come out* of this system (Rev. 18:4). Why?

Because they *don't know the true God!* Satan has his own *false* ministers who *appear* to be the ministers of righteousness (II Cor. 11:15). These *false* ministers are deceiving people, "In whom the god of this world hath *blinded* the minds of them which believe not . . ." (II Cor. 4:4).

How can these people be so easily deceived? *First*, because they blindly follow human tradition and these false ministers and therefore have a FALSE conception of God. *And second*, be-

cause they are spiritually too LAZY to *study* their Bibles and come to know the true God and *His way*.

### The Bible Is Consistent

From Genesis to Revelation, God is revealed as the *Creator*, the *Ruler*, and the potential *Spiritual Father* of mankind. In Genesis 2:17, God *commanded* the man *not* to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good *and* evil. Stubborn man *disobeyed* this command and incurred the death penalty. God had shown himself as RULER, and man had *disobeyed*.

Long before the old covenant was instituted, Abraham was blessed because he *obeyed* God's laws and *kept* His commandments (Gen. 26:5). He recognized God—he *KNEW* God—as Supreme RULER.

After Israel had come out of Egypt (a type of sin) to become an independent people, God gave them His commandments which they had *lost* since Abraham's time. They were to be *ruled* by God's laws—which alone can bring happiness. Having the same human nature as we do, they *disobeyed* God and were driven into captivity.

Why? Because they refused to recognize God—to *KNOW* God—as their Supreme Ruler.

### Jesus Reveals Father

Jesus came in the flesh to "reveal" the Father. He showed that God's law would be in force until heaven and earth should pass away (Mat. 5:18). He didn't come to destroy God's law, but to *fulfill* it (v. 17). And *fulfill* means to do or *perform*, NOT to do away with. When a young man came to ask Jesus how to be saved, he was told, "*keep the COMMANDMENTS*" (Mat. 19:17).

Indeed, Jesus' whole ministry was one of revealing God as the supreme Law-giver and Ruler. He preached the good news of the coming kingdom or GOVERNMENT of God (Mark 1:14). That is the *true gospel*—the good news of God's government, God's RULE.

The very foundation of Jesus' teaching was that, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by *every word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" (Mat. 4:4). What *word*? What *God*? Those Jews knew very well that Christ

was referring to the God of the Old Testament—the giver of the LAW—the God who was to RULE Israel. The only "word" of the *true* God—at that time—was the Old Testament as contained in *your Bible!* Jesus referred to the "law"—the Old Testament writings—as *scripture*, and He said, "*the scripture cannot be broken*" (John 10:35).

### Christ Our Example

Most professing "Christian" ministers talk about Christ as some sort of hero and Saviour, but they *refuse* to acknowledge His *gospel*, His *teaching*, and His *example*. They picture Jesus as a sweet *but helpless* little baby at Christmas time and as a Saviour who has gone "way off to heaven" at Easter time! Their conception is that He came to die for men, but that *His teaching carries NO AUTHORITY* today!

Your Bible says the *exact opposite!*

In John 1:4, we find that Jesus' life was the "light" of men. It was to show them *God's way* to live. Peter was inspired to write, ". . . Christ also suffered for us, *leaving us an example*, that ye should follow his steps" (I Pet. 2:21).

Now read I John 2:6. It is more properly rendered in the Moffatt translation. Speaking of Christ, John wrote, "He who says he 'remains in him' (Please continue on page 48)

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# Is God FAIR?

Why has God permitted 6000 years of human woe and suffering?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

**L**OOK AT THE WORLD TODAY! War, famine, pestilence! Poverty, inequality, hunger, want! Sickness, disease, suffering, death! Crime, graft, dishonesty, corruption! Insanity, degeneration, decay! Unhappiness, fear, wretchedness and woe!

How, so many are asking, can a supreme, all-powerful God of LOVE permit it?

WHY does God allow devil-inspired communists to run amuck? WHY is He permitting civilization itself to crumble?

## Is God FAIR?

Listen! Some men are saying, "God isn't fair!"—or "Is there a God, after all?" But what do you suppose men would say if God took away their right to think and do as they please? For God could never stop this awful carnage without FORCING men to act according to HIS will—denying them a free will of their own!

It is *men's ways*, so contrary to God's ways, that have brought this unhappy state. And they have brought on all the world's sorrows and anguish *in spite* of the pleadings of God. He says, "Your ways are not my ways."

God's ways, had they been followed, would have led inevitably to peace, happiness, prosperity and joy. God always has revealed to men His ways. Always He has pleaded with the human family.

Suppose God had taken the only alternative. Suppose He had FORCED men, against their wills, to have lived according to HIS laws?

Can't you almost hear the defiant, rebellious, stiff-necked human race indignantly screaming at the Almighty: "You can't cram your religion down *my* throat!" For it *is* a matter of religion. Can't we see that, had God followed that course, more than ever men would have shouted, "GOD ISN'T FAIR!"

For six thousand years men have lived in defiance of God's laws. Had God denied them this right to be wrong, men would have accused God of injustice, demanding freedom to follow their own ways.

God's Plan has for its purpose the creating of perfect CHARACTER in beings that are separate entities from God yet members of the very family of God. Character cannot be created automatically by fiat—it must be developed through *experience*!

Nor could character be instilled without free moral agency. To achieve this great purpose—that of producing the supreme pinnacle of all God's creation, sons of God having perfect character, man has to be *convinced*, of his own free will, that God's laws are JUST, and that His ways are the only right ways for man! Man must turn to them, voluntarily! This lesson could be learned *only by EXPERIENCE*!

In the beginning, Satan appeared to contest the wisdom of God's Law. This law is, simply, LOVE for God, and love for neighbor, as defined in the ten broad principles of the Ten Commandments. A fundamental, spiritual, eternal law. The philosophy Christ taught is that it is more blessed to GIVE, than to receive. But Satan argued for the GETTING way. Competition, he argued, is the life-blood of activity. Self-desire provides incentive to endeavor. Vanity spurs to action. And so, in Satan's philosophy, self-desire, competition, strife, provide the root-principle for accomplishment. The way of GETTING is the way to progress and advancement.

Had not God permitted this selfish way to be tried, tested, and demonstrated, God's creatures could argue throughout eternity that they had been denied the better way.

## The Devil's WEEK

And so God turned over to Satan ONE WEEK, consisting of seven thousand-year days, in which to *demonstrate* the falsity of this way—the way of greed.

During this week of seven thousand years Satan was permitted to retain DOMINION over all the earth. "Six days," God said, "thou shalt labor and do all thy work"—his work of deception and hate—"but the SEVENTH day is the Sabbath

*of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work."* Six thousand-year days have been permitted Satan for his labor of DECEPTION. Even then his dominion has been limited to the power of influence and suggestion. Never has God permitted even Satan arbitrarily to force men against their wills.

And so for six thousand years men have been left free to accept the self-seeking competitive philosophy of Satan, or to follow the Golden Rule of God. And for six thousand years Satan has labored. And mankind has fallen for his delusion!

Satan's philosophy is the philosophy of the world today. On it our present civilization has been built. A civilization men love and cherish, and for which they patriotically sacrifice their lives! A civilization developed on desire for self-gain, competition, strife! In it success is determined by HOW MUCH a man has been able to GET, not on how well he has served.

God has never left men in ignorance of the TRUE way of life. Always He has made known the true values—the way of His spiritual law of Love! Continually God has pleaded, with patience and in love. He pleaded through Noah in the days before the flood. He set up a nation of His own on earth, pledged to follow HIS laws, dedicated voluntarily to God's ways of life. But Israel turned from God's ways, and persecuted and killed God's prophets!

God sent His only begotten Son to point men back to the true paths. And Him, too, men rejected and killed!

During these six thousand years since Adam, men continually have spurned God's love, rejected His Law, turned a deaf ear to His prophets and His true ministers. They have built a world after the false philosophy of Satan, replete with its pagan customs, traditions and beliefs. Today people are hopelessly engulfed in these false ways, but, being deceived, realize it not at all!

Satan is revealed as the "GOD of this world" (II Cor. 4:4). The original *inspired* Greek should properly be trans-

lated, "the god of *this* AGE." And this worldly civilization worships its GOD. The appalling fact unrealized by the world is that Satan, not the Eternal, is its god! The Creator God "is *not* the author of confusion," we read in I Cor. 14:33. Its real author is Satan, the world's god! And so he has his many denominations and sects, all striving in a babylon of confusion!

### The Devil's WORK

There is just one thing, it seems, that *all* Satan's ministers can agree upon. "God's LAW," they chorus in unison, "is DONE AWAY!" Yes, they have to tell that in order to draw their salaries! Today the people of organized religion refuse to HEAR the Law of the Lord (Isa. 30:8-11). They demand that their ministers preach the soft and smooth things—the deceits! They have turned away from the TRUTH, and are accepting and believing FABLES (II Tim. 4:2-4). They are BITTER against God's Law, and against the few who have courage today to proclaim the PLAIN TRUTH of God's Word!

Yes, Satan has *organized* religion. He himself appears, not as a devil with horns and a tail bearing a pitch-fork, but "is transformed into AN ANGEL OF LIGHT" (II Cor. 11:14). His ministers are transformed *as* the ministers of righteousness, appearing AS the apostles of Christ! (Verses 13, 15). But they are preaching "another Jesus" (Verse 4), in the power of "another spirit," and deceiving men with "another Gospel" than the true Gospel of the Kingdom which Christ brought and Paul and all the apostles preached! (Gal. 1:6-7).

Satan's congregations go in for much FORM. "Having a FORM of godliness, but denying the POWER thereof: *from such turn away*," plainly warns God's Word! (II Tim. 3:5). The present wordly order—its competitive principle, its customs and traditions, its political systems—are upheld by Satan's churches within every land! Truly, ALL nations are deceived! (Rev. 17:2, 18:3).

Jesus Christ appeared 1900 years ago as a messenger bearing a Message from God. He brought to an unhappy world steeped in false ways the "GOOD NEWS of the KINGDOM OF GOD." A Kingdom

## THE BIBLE ANSWERS

# Short Questions

## FROM OUR READERS

"I have heard you say many times that the Bible does not contradict itself. Now Matthew 27:9 is supposedly a prophecy from Jeremiah. Yet it cannot be found in Jeremiah. How would you explain that?"

Many carelessly *assume* that Matthew 27:9 is quoted from Jeremiah. Let's not assume! Read this scripture and see what it actually states.

Matthew, under inspiration, wrote: "Then was fulfilled that which was SPOKEN by Jeremy (Jeremiah) the prophet, saying, And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was valued, whom they of the children of Israel did value" (Matt. 27:9).

Notice! the Prophecy was SPOKEN,

now, soon, to replace these crumbling governments of earth!

That Kingdom today is near at hand—even at the doors! (Luke 21:31).

Thank God, we are near the END of the six working days allotted to Satan's dominion. God's thousand-year Sabbath day is just about to dawn!

There is a saying that it is darkest just before the dawn. Now we see on every hand the final fruitage of men's ways. Written in unerasable blood, in human misery, anguish and despair, is the six-thousand-year record of EXPERIENCE!

Even now men will not heed this horrible lesson—not until they are FORCED to see it!

But, as Satan's sixth "working day" closes, God is about to step in and supernaturally to interfere!

The coming seventh millennium—typified by the feast of tabernacles—shall see Satan restrained. Christ will return to rule the earth with all the power of God. God's New Order for the next thousand years will restore peace, happiness, and joy.

Then men may look back over this

written, by Jeremiah!

Some so-called "higher critics" say the word *Jeremiah* should be amended to read *Zechariah*, as this prophecy is found written in Zechariah 11:13. This is not so! The original Greek used here is, in all authoritative texts, Jeremiah, not Zechariah.

The answer is simple!

Jeremiah *spoke* a prophecy. Zechariah, writing at a later time, was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write this prophecy as a part of the very Word of God.

If only people would believe what is written and not *reason* their way around it, they would plainly see the Bible doesn't contradict itself. "The scripture cannot be broken" (John 10:35).

present world, and COMPARE! *Never* will God FORCE a single human being, against his own will, into salvation and eternal life.

But, with the seven-thousand-year record of EXPERIENCE set plainly before seeing eyes, do you think anyone will *want* to return to these ways we seem now to love? Not many, you may be sure of that! Yet some, even then, will rebel.

Finally the world shall acknowledge, of its own free volition, that God's ways are right. "Christ," says the Scripture, "learned obedience by the things which He suffered!" (Heb. 5:8). Even He who never did wrong! "And *being MADE perfect*"—through experience—"He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him."

Some day we shall look upon GOD'S Plan with breath-taking admiration and awe! The suffering of this present time shall have faded completely from mind. The lessons of experience we shall have with us for eternity! Finally humanity shall accept God's ways of life, KNOWING that they are right ways. The happiness and joy we shall then experience

cannot be conceived by our minds today! Thru all eternity we shall worship and praise the Eternal God for His wisdom, His mercy, His LOVE!

Do you think anyone, then, will look back and say, "God isn't fair?"

## What our READERS SAY

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posely to determine the truth of the Sabbath Day. For one week I poured through historical literature from the greatest minds of the centuries, and the product of my search, without a doubt, firmly convinced me that the true Sabbath is not, as I have always been led to believe, Sunday, but rather the traditional Jewish Sabbath; Friday sundown to Saturday sundown."

A sergeant from Fort Bliss, Texas.

### Some Won't Like It

"My son and his wife have been listening to your program each night. Why, I don't know, but now they tell us that you said anyone celebrating Christmas was doing the same as the heathen who worship idols. I don't like that and I am sure there are millions of people all over the world who won't like it either."

A Mother from Utah.

- It is too bad some don't like what the Bible says. We didn't write the Scriptures, but any who really wish to obey God and would like to know what the Bible has to say about celebrating Christmas should read Jeremiah 10 and write for the FREE booklet "The Plain Truth about Christmas."

### Received Personal Help from Broadcast

"Just how you can give so much personal encouragement and instruction is almost supernatural! I know you speak to millions, but often it seems you have 'read my troubles and questions.' Dozens of times I have thought I should write you a thank you. Several weeks ago a program about husband-wife relationship was especially helpful."

Woman from Powell, Nebraska.

- We have no way of knowing how

many marriages the article "How to Have a Happy Marriage" has actually saved, but those who have written us are multiple hundreds!

### "I Don't Read Your Magazine"

"Would you please stop sending me The PLAIN TRUTH magazine. I am just 15 years old. I don't read your magazine and I don't understand it, besides my pastor said it was not good to read. You are wasting God's money by sending it to me."

Young Girl from Texas.

- Well, of course, you can't understand if you don't read it. But your pastor wouldn't know anything about The PLAIN TRUTH unless he were a regular reader himself!

### In a Position to Know

"I want you to know that I consider the Bible Correspondence Course the MOST worthwhile project I have ever undertaken. How easy it is to connect the things I am learning in it with the things I have seen in my travels in Europe and here in the Far East. It is truly an eye-opener in these perilous times of confusion. Oh! how I hope we in the U.S.A. will wake up to the truth."

An American traveling in Japan.

### Defends Tradition

"Boy, if I couldn't think of something better to say than to condemn some of the oldest traditions known for children—such as decorations and Christmas trees, Halloween disguises and merriment, as well as Easter-egg traditions—I'd sure get off the air and stay off! If you knew what the average public thinks of you, you would go hide."

From Missouri.

- If the Apostle Paul had cared what the average public thought of him he could have avoided being stoned and imprisoned. But he did his job regardless of what some few thought. Anyone can check the truth of what we say in his own public library!

### Couldn't Afford to Tithe

"We haven't been tithing for some time, but we should have been. After we quit tithing, things did get rough. It seemed as if there was always something popping up to take twice the amount of our tithes. And we have gotten

further in debt than we ever were before. Things aren't any better than they were a year ago, but I have decided to tithe anyhow. In fact, things are a lot worse, but this time I have already promised God that I will tithe, even if I starve to death."

Albright, West Virginia.

- More of our readers need the booklet "Ending Your Financial Worries."

### Guilty of Lying

"I was shocked almost to my knees when I read this article in The PLAIN TRUTH, 'Is there a Real Hell Fire?' I have been brought up to believe so many false things about hell and heaven. I have been teaching my children falsely about hell and also heaven. But, I promised God I won't be guilty of lying about this any more. Since, I look into the plain Word of God."

Woman from Ridgeway, South Carolina.

- If any have not read this revealing article in the July PLAIN TRUTH, write for a back copy immediately and also another eye-opening reprint "Will You Go to Hell?"

### Was Teaching Precepts of Men

"Since last February I have been seeking the Word of God. I found that in the Sunday School Class I have been teaching, the lessons outlined for us to teach are precepts of men. I tried to teach what the Bible tells us about these subjects and the class members said I was teaching false doctrine. I am having difficulty in dividing the Lord's Word from man's word. Your magazine has helped me more than any other source."

From Utah.

### Brings about Change in Children

"I take the Correspondence Course and gather my three children around me every night and ask them questions from the course and tell them where to find the answer. They, in this way, get acquainted with the scriptures and get a knowledge they need so desperately. It is bringing about a great change in them also and they look forward to these sessions."

Man from Grand Rapids, Michigan.

- That's the way to study the Bible with your family.

# Do You KNOW the True God?

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*ought to be living as he lived.*"

Jesus is our *perfect* example! If we say we are a Christian—that we "remain in Him"—we ought to be LIVING as He lived! Are *you*? If you don't believe in and try to follow Jesus' example, you don't understand *what kind* of God the *true God* is. You are *ignorant* of how to worship and obey the God and Father of Jesus Christ.

What *was* Jesus' example?

Jesus entire life is a perfect example of OBEDIENCE to God's law and His rule! He said, ". . . I have *kept* my Father's commandments" (John 15:10).

His own teaching was simply a magnification of God's law (Isa. 42:21). Actually, He came in the flesh to magnify *His own law*—the Ten Commandments! Remember? He *was* the God of the Old Testament who *gave* the Ten Commandments and dealt with Israel (I Cor. 10:1-6).

When He came in the flesh, Jesus KEPT that law to *set us an example*. He was our "light," our *example*. A *true Christian* is simply one who follows Christ—*who follows that example*.

Do you begin to see the true nature of the living God?

He is the ONE who has set all physical and spiritual *laws* and *energies* in motion. He has an overall plan for this earth—He is Supreme Ruler.

## God's Character

God is RULER. If we become His children through *repentance*, *baptism*, and receiving the *Holy Spirit* (Acts 2:38), we may be "born again" (Jn. 3:1-8)—changed into, actually *born of spirit* as a *literal* son of God! God is reproducing Himself! He—the Creator and Ruler of the universe—is begetting human beings through His Spirit to be *born* as His sons—to be in His own family—to inherit eternal life. But we must *first* learn *how to live* before God will grant us eternal life and make us His own sons.

We must develop God's *wisdom*, God's *character*. We must "*live* by every

word of God." Realizing that our Creator knows best, we should OBEY Him. To deny this is to admit a profound *ignorance* of the Eternal God's great wisdom and purpose! It betrays a lack of understanding of the *character* of the *true God*.

The apostle John summed it all up when he wrote of Christ—the God of the Old Testament, the giver of the LAW—"He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a LIAR, and the truth is not in him" (I John 2:4).

God himself calls these lawless ministers *liars* when they try to deny the authority of His RULE, the wisdom of His LAW, and the very basis of His great PURPOSE.

It is time to wake up! May God help you to *repent* of *defying* His rule, of *breaking* His laws, and guide you to accept Christ as your Saviour *from* sin. Then you may begin to develop the *character* of God and be born of the Spirit as His son in the resurrection. You *need* to come to know the *true God* as your Father.

## Talk to God

Once you come to really know the true God—the God revealed by Jesus Christ—you will want to talk to Him. You may do this in prayer. This is the *third way* you may come to really "know" the true God.

As you come to know God in this way, you will soon realize that here, too, you have to OBEY God if you expect an answer. But you will find that God is LOVE—and that He will gladly grant any request that is good for *you* under the circumstances. You will also discover that He has POWER to *heal* you when you are sick, to *deliver* you in miraculous ways from trouble, and to *bless* you in a manner beyond human comprehension.

So *get to know God* by talking to Him often.

And remember—the combined testimonies of *nature*, of the *Bible*, and of *answered prayer* all reveal the same *true God*. He is the All-Wise, All-Powerful, Law-Giving RULER of the universe.

Are *you* willing to *acknowledge* His government, *obey* His laws, and inherit eternal life as His child?

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