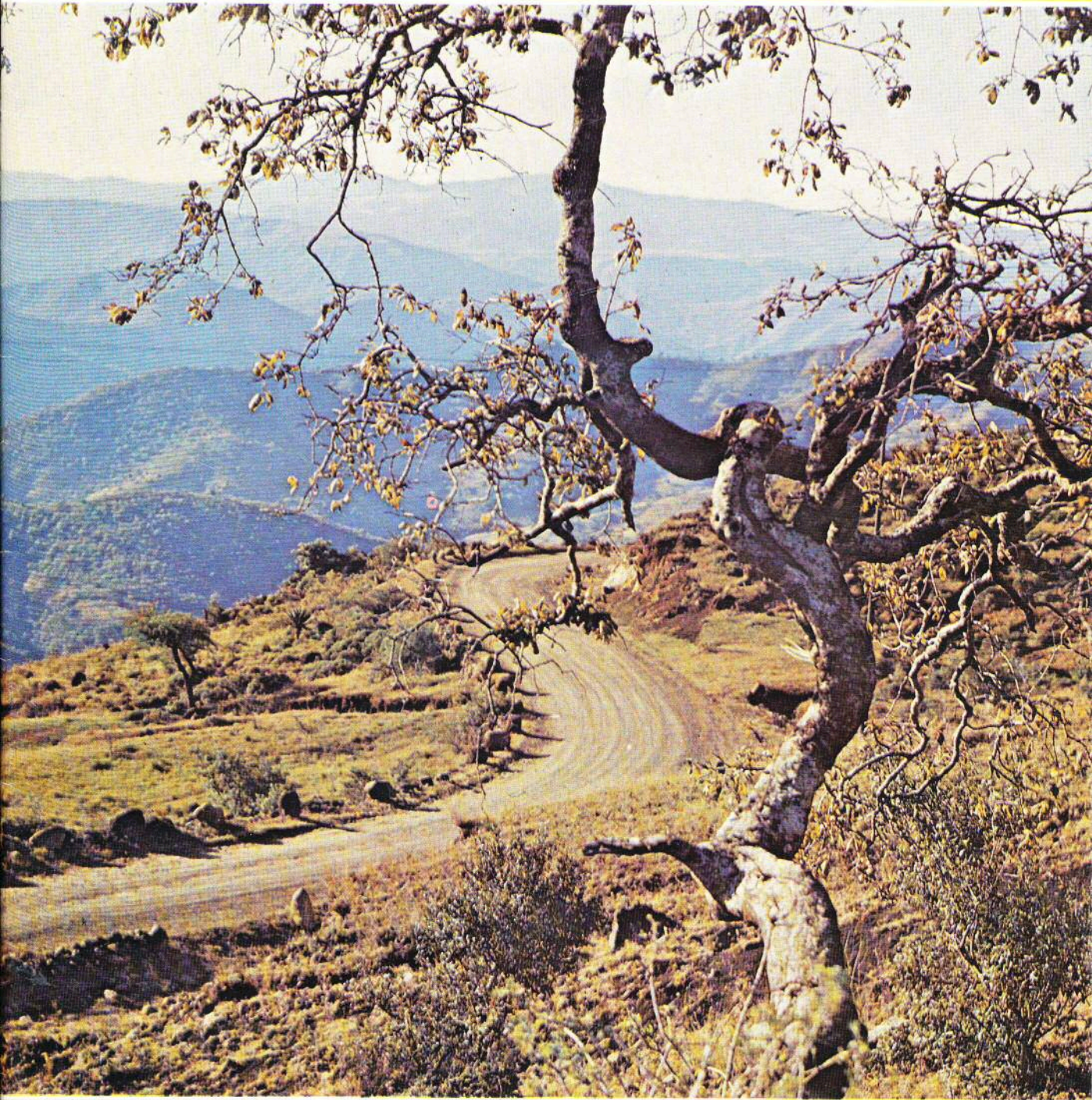


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Dear Reader,

As advised in March 1984, beginning with this copy, *The Covenant Message* will no longer be published monthly but by issue with ten issues covered by the present subscription rate. This issue thus becomes Vol. 52 No. 5.

The reason for this step is a sincere attempt to offset the ever rising cost of production and postage which, if things continue, could well place magazines such as *The Covenant Message* beyond the reach of readers. This may appear to be a dark speculation but the fact is that our longer term view is extremely positive and highly optimistic. We believe that a return to traditional values must take place. Meanwhile, every effort has to be made to continue our efforts to alert our people.

Sincerely yours,

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A PROPHET

I WILL RAISE THEM UP A PROPHET FROM AMONG THEIR BRETHREN, LIKE UNTO THEE, AND WILL PUT MY WORDS IN HIS MOUTH; AND HE SHALL SPEAK UNTO THEM ALL THAT I SHALL COMMAND HIM (DEUT. 18:18).

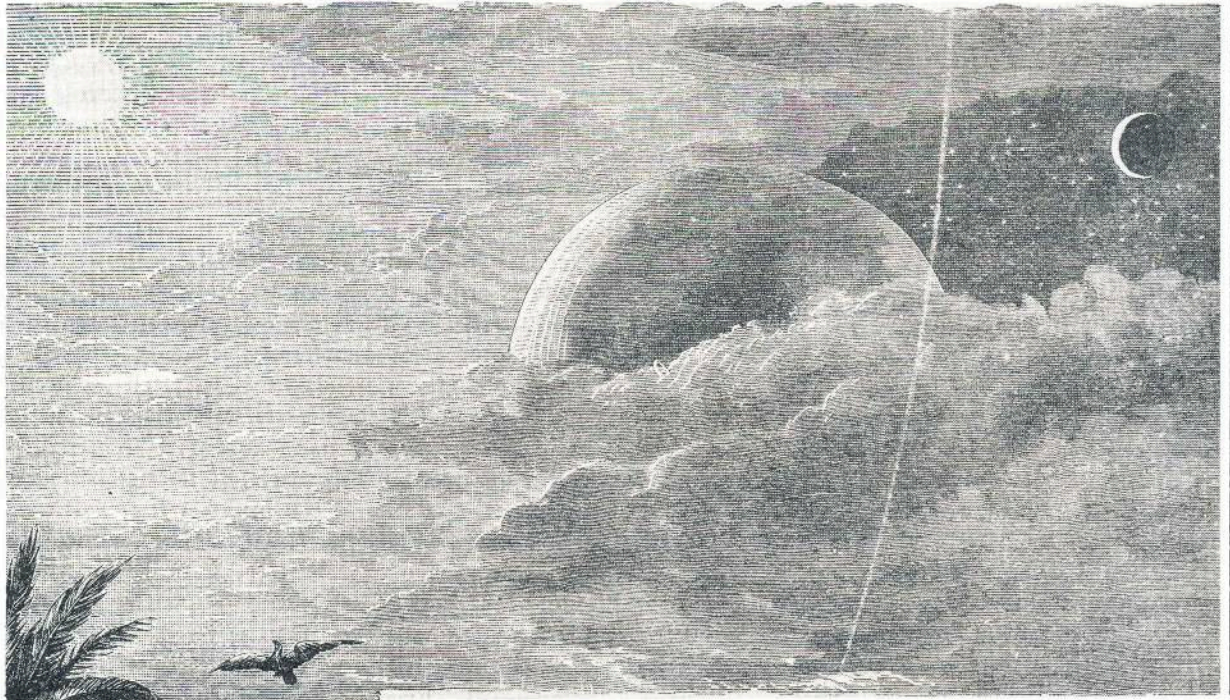
While this article has as its theme the subject of a Prophet like unto Moses, it goes further and discusses many points which need to be re-examined. Naturally, in all scriptural voyages of discovery it is necessary that the scriptures quoted should be checked and re-checked in both text and context for no discussion can take place without agreement on the accuracy of the statements being made. For far too long so much has been taken for granted.

It is a tragic fact that in the past many have taken the King James or Authorised Version of the Bible and, finding a text which appears to support some

event, have propounded this as the inerrant Word of God. Few have checked as to whether they are correct or not.

Having made such a state-

ment and in order to promote a discussion an example is obviously necessary and Daniel 12 is an excellent starting point for it introduces the popular



LIKE UNTO THEE

"time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time": In turn this verse is followed by a reference to the Resurrection of the dead and then in verse 4, Daniel was instructed: "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

DISCUSSION POINT NO. 1

It cannot of course, be denied that in our times, many are indeed "running to and fro"

and knowledge has undoubtedly increased. However, while this is a picture of present day society, is it in fact, an accurate translation of the original scriptural text? This question being asked not because the scholarship of the translators is being questioned, but because a society characterised by an increase in knowledge appears to be incompatible with the "time of trouble" preceding this statement and also, the picture of the same 'time of the end' which the Lord Jesus Christ equates as being synonymous with the days of Noe. At this time a *lack of*

knowledge characterised THAT society.

The most logical course of action now is to investigate the phrase — "*knowledge shall be increased*" — and in doing so and examining several translations of the Bible, it will be seen that each translator reveals that there is something not quite right with the text.

The Septuagint states: "And thou Daniel, close the words and seal the book to the time of the end: until many are taught, and knowledge is increased."



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The *Authorised Version's* "many shall run to and fro" being replaced by "until many are taught".

Ferrar Fenton translates it as "many will travel and knowledge shall be increased".

The *Berkley Version* states: "many shall investigate and information shall advance."

Dr. Bullinger's *Companion Bible* meanwhile contends that before the Massoretic scribes began revising the inspired primitive text of the scripture, Daniel 12:4 spoke of a *spread of apostasy with "wickedness" rather than "knowledge" being increased* and if this is compared with what our Lord and other prophets said of the end of the age, it will be found to be in complete agreement.

While not specifically pin-pointing the book of Daniel, it is interesting to note too that the *Jewish Encyclopaedia* confirms Dr. Bullinger's contention concerning the Massoretic scribes whose subtle additions in the time of Maccabees i.e. approximately in 167 B.C. gave a different meaning to the original texts. And here it will be remembered that our Lord did not spare His condemnation of the scribes whose work He contended made the Commands of God of none effect.

Thus, it is very necessary to search the scriptures and apply the Law of witness for in this way it is possible to ascertain whether or not that which appears in any translation is in fact, true or not. In the above case, while the statement — "knowledge shall be increased" — applies to our technology today, it is NOT an accurate depiction of what Daniel was

told concerning the "time of the end".

DISCUSSION POINT NO. 2

What though of the theme — A PROPHET LIKE UNTO THEE — which has relevance in the context of true Israel and the Law? And here again it is necessary to discuss the reason for such a statement before arriving at any conclusion. Consider for instance, Israel's reaction to Moses when he came to them during their affliction in Egypt. Moses came to them in the Name of YHVH; The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob but notwithstanding the tangible evidences of the Divine appointment of Moses, the people vacillated between trust, suspicion and outright rejection. Only accepting him later when, in the company of Aaron, he apparently presented two signs i.e. the rod changing into a serpent and his hand becoming leprous and then immediately being healed again.

The third sign — as far as is known — that of the water of the river poured on dry land becoming blood — was not necessary for the people had already accepted, bowing their heads and worshipping.

However, this acceptance was to change later with Moses blamed for the people's misfortunes when the Pharaoh imposed almost impossible demands upon them and, according to Exodus 6:9: "...they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage."

Later Moses took a decisive lead, but almost immediately again found himself facing the antagonism of the people who maintained he had made a mistake in not taking the short-

est route to the Promised Land. No matter the problem, they continued to complain especially when they thought the Egyptians would capture them. However, despite this demonstration of lack of confidence in him, Moses stood firm but three days after their delivery from the Egyptians, they again questioned his leadership.

When they came to Marah, they could not drink the bitter water but the Lord vindicated His choice of Moses. The water was made sweet and the people were able to drink.

Forty days later, Israel was at it again. "Would to God we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh pots, and when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger," but once more Moses' leadership was vindicated for the Lord provided manna in the morning and quails in the evening.

Then when Israel came to Rephidim, they again rebelled and charged Moses with killing their children and cattle through thirst and this time Moses cried: "What shall I do unto this people? They be almost ready to stone me." Answering this cry the Lord provided for His people as He did in the subsequent battle with the Amalekites and one would have thought that by this time there would be no remaining doubt concerning the appointment of Moses by the Lord.

For a more comprehensive picture of this time it is suggested that the appropriate scriptures are examined for it

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will be noted that despite their covenant of obedience and despite the evidence of the Lord's appointment of Moses as leader and later as lawgiver, the people continued to show what can only be called a slave mentality. From Sinai to Kadesh-barnea a spirit of insecurity and unbelief continually broke out with even Aaron and Miriam contaminated by the doubt of the people and finally, there was more than a little sternness in Moses' parting message to Israel. Two words — THOU SHALT — were the key-words almost as though the aged man was desperately trying to get the concept of obedience through to them and yet knowing that it would require something infinitely greater to bring them into line with the only mechanism which had meaning to the people — the Law of the Lord.

"Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as the LORD my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it. Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people" (Deut. 4:5,6).

There was incredible sadness in Moses' speech when he finally added: "... I must die in this land, I must not go over Jordan: but ye shall go over, and possess that good land. *Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you...*"

DISCUSSION POINT NO. 3

At this point a further matter

should be discussed and in order to do so it is necessary to turn to Leviticus 26. To the account of the promised blessings for obedience to the Law and the details of the judgments which would come into operation for transgression of this Law.

In his speech already mentioned Moses instead of being a leader assumed the mantle of prophet for he added the words: "*I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed*" (Deut. 4:26).

However, something seems to be wrong here for later in Deuteronomy 4:30, he was to declare that when Israel was in tribulation and all the punitive clauses of the Law came upon them, IF THEY TURNED in obedience, the LORD would remember the Covenant made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

If Leviticus 26 from verse 18 through 33 is examined, it will be noted that a phrase — "seven times" — is recorded four times as being part and parcel of the prescribed punishments. This "seven times" being extremely important in the context of what Moses said and also having a bearing on the subject of a Prophet like unto him.

In order to understand more fully it is necessary to turn to the Book of the Revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, chapter 12 where, in the 14th verse there is an expression — "a time, and times and half a time". The English word "time" being translated from the Greek KAIROS which literally means

"a specific period" or "a set season". So then, in this passage in the Revelation there is a specific collection — three-and-a-half specific time seasons or periods with the sum total here being 1 260 days or 42 Biblical months of 30 days each or exactly three-and-a-half Biblical years. Now, if "one time", plus "two times", plus "half a time" equals three-and-a-half Biblical years, it is patently obvious that "one time" must be equal to one Biblical year comprising 360 days — 12 x 30.

However, in prophecy — and the Revelation is dealing with prophecy — one day indicates one year. See Numbers 14:34 and Ezekiel 4:6. Thus "one time" or "set period" means 360 literal years.

Turning back to the Old Testament and once again to the Book of Daniel, the 4th chapter and in the context of Nebuchadnezzar, the English expression — "seven times" is used on four occasions with the word "times" translated from the Hebrew ID DAWN, ID DAN and which, as with the Greek KAIROS, means "a set time period". (*Incidentally, and just by the way, if the writing on the wall in Balshazzar's palace as recorded in Daniel 5:25 is examined — MENE, MENE, TEKEL UPHARSIN — if these words are used as they figure in the Chaldean economy, MINA equals 1 000, UPHARSIN indicates the dividing of a thousand or 500 while TEKEL is the sum of 20, which means the writing adds up to 2 520 — the same number as found in the sum total of "seven times" or 360 multiplied by seven.*)

Recall now the opening words of this article where it was stated in italics that: "*For far too long so much has been*

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taken for granted." One example being that for years the fact that Anglo Saxon history seemed to date 2 520 years from the time of Israel's deportation from the Promised Land, was taught.

However, neither a *Strong's* or a *Young's Concordance* shows the English word "times" as this appears in Leviticus 26. In the *Strong's Concordance* there is a blank opposite the relevant text while *Young* makes no mention of it at all. This being all the more amazing when, as already noted, the Hebrew ID DAWN is used in Daniel to indicate the "set period" of 360 years. In point of fact, the Hebrew language did contain an expression which adequately portrayed "set or specific time periods", but this does not appear in the Hebrew text of Leviticus 26. Its inclusion in the English translation was either the work of some scribe or translators who saw fit to include the word "times" as an adjunct to the word "seven" thus making punishment for Law transgression an inflexible rod demanding 2 520 years servitude — *this was never any part of the Law itself.* True repentance alone, and at any time, invalidates the punishment period of the Law and immediately brings about the promised blessings.

DISCUSSION POINT NO. 4

This discussion point is directly linked to Discussion No. 2 and follows the departure of Moses. Eight centuries of Israel history in the land of Canaan reveal that they continually followed the alien who seemed to have a fatal fascination for them.

Throughout the writings of all the prophets the factor of Law violation dominates until Israel's awareness of its identity began to diminish as well. Now the honour and integrity of the YHVH Name was involved and the result was deportation.

It will be recalled however, that a Promise had been made of a Prophet like Moses and in this context Acts 3:20 is of extreme importance for here Peter made use of Deuteronomy 18:18: "And he shall send Jesus Christ *which before was preached unto you:* Whom the heaven must receive until the times of the restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began. *For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.*"

If further confirmation is required consider Hebrews 2:16: "For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham. *Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren...*" The word "brethren" being translated from the Greek ADELPHOS — a genetic context.

Like Moses, the Lord was intent on the Law: "Think not that I am come to destroy the law and the prophets, I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil." The Greek word translated as "fulfil" being PLEROO — indicating a "levelling up". Filling in something which had been depleted.

Then finally, John 8:26. "I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent

me is true; and I speak to the world (i.e. the kosmos — a particular system) those things which I have heard of him. They understood not that he spake to them of the Father. Then said Jesus unto them, when ye have lifted up the Son of man, *then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself; but as my Father hath taught me, I speak these things.*" These words linked to that great prayer to the Father. "... I have glorified thee on the earth, I HAVE FINISHED THE WORK WHICH THOU GAVEST ME TO DO..."

Note these words again — "I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do..." Or, if a modern translation is wished; "I have completed the work which you gave me to do..." He had indeed fulfilled the role as had been stated by God to Moses and when He later stood before Pilate the victim of the Judaeen pretenders, He said, "To this end was I born and for this cause came I into the world, THAT I SHOULD BEAR WITNESS UNTO THE TRUTH..."

There can be no doubt that much of the work of our Lord has been lost to His people for immediately upon His departure, there were others only too ready to step in to ensure that Israel did not repent and turn back to the Law of the Lord. Thus, true Israel is still lost but there is assurance that THE WORD will return when indeed, His People WILL LISTEN. ▲



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A SELL-OUT?

Britain's Protestants are likely to face a major test of their loyalty and faith during the next four years.

The reason? A decision by the Church of England to unite with the Roman

Catholic Church and restore Papal authority once more in England.

Such a move, however, will have far reaching consequences both for the United Kingdom – and the monarchy.

For union with Rome will mean constitutional changes involving both the Bill of Rights and the Act of Settlement.

Evidence that the English and Roman Churches are close to agreement on unity was made clear last February when, in a joint statement, the two Churches announced that if they are reunited the Pope at that time will be their universal primate. The statement added that the relationship between the Pope and the Archbishop of Canterbury was the last remaining theological problem between the two sides.

A date for union is already being mooted – 1988 – ironically the three-hundredth anniversary of the "Glorious Revolution" which saved England from Catholicism. It is even being suggested that the date has been specifically chosen in order to "rub Protestant noses in the dirt".

In order to convince the public that union of the two Churches is both desirable and workable the Roman Catholic Church is masterminding a massive propaganda exercise in Britain through the media. Much of the liaison between the Roman Catholic authorities and British newsmen set up for the Pope's visit to Britain has continued with the new emphasis on the advantages of ecumenism. Both in the press and television mediums a barrage of pro-Papal propaganda is already under way. In addition the film industry has been recruited to help promote features that show the Pope, and Roman Catholic Church in a more liberal light. The campaign almost parallels that of Dr. Goebbels who used Ger-



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many's press and film industries to promote Hitler and the Nazis.

Vatican gold is thus being pumped into this campaign to subvert the British public.

It should be emphasised that the ecumenical programme was temporarily disrupted by Argentina's "Operation Rosary" — the invasion of the Falklands. As a result the Pope's visit to Britain failed to achieve one of its major purposes which was a commitment by the British government to divest itself of its Northern Ireland connection within the period reckoned to be remaining for full unity between the two Churches to be achieved i.e. by 1988.

Not surprisingly little has been heard or said about a Foreign Office plan in early 1983 which called for a British withdrawal from Ulster within five years, and for resettlement of dissenting Protestants in Australia, Canada, or New Zealand. No one, however, considered that another more acceptable and workable solution would be for Ulster's Catholic population to be resettled in the Republic.

While union between the Church of England and Rome, and a commitment to pull out of Ulster are two of the main planks of the British Establishment's Rome oriented policies, there still remains the question of the monarchy. This is the third plank.

In this matter, the plan is for a gradual transition of power from the Queen to Prince Charles, the latter taking on more of the

Queen's public and official state duties thus preparing the public for the likely abdication of the Queen in favour of her son. This to be achieved within the next four years.

The argument in favour of this course is that union with Rome, plus a commitment on Ulster, would provoke a major constitutional crisis in which the future of the monarchy itself would be at stake. To get around this the pro-ecumenists in Church and Parliament plan for the "back door" solution. They recognise that it will be virtually impossible for the Queen to renounce her Coronation Oath to defend the faith without incurring a revolt by Protestants, possibly allied with political elements desirous of abolishing the monarchy for their own ends. The solution they have chosen is to allow the Queen to abdicate and Charles to succeed to the Throne with the Coronation Oath amended accordingly by Act of Parliament. This would remove the obligation of the monarch to protect the Protestant faith. Thus all members of the Royal family would in future be able to marry Roman Catholics without any loss of formal rights.

The proposals, however legitimately framed they might be, will amount to a sell-out. That is the inescapable message behind the current ecumenical dialogue that must now be brought to the attention of all who profess the Protestant faith in Britain. — *Lancs. Orange News*, by guest writer,

Geoffrey Borth.

Can This Also Be True? —

The *Religious News Service* reported on January 13, 1981: "Pope John Paul II was closeted for almost two hours with the Rev. Billy Graham, the world's best known Protestant evangelist."

"Following the New England Crusade, thousands of those who came forward are now in the process of being integrated into the Catholic Church. Meetings have taken place between the Graham Association and Catholic clergy for the transfer of these people to the Roman church. One such meeting took place at Pope John XXIII Seminary in Weston, Massachusetts, on the evening of June, 9, 1982; when the names of 2 100 inquirers were given to priests and nuns."

—*Faith For The Family*
Nov. 1982.

In the light of the report on the plans of the Anglican and the Catholic churches to amalgamate and with regard to Graham's recent meeting with the Queen and the Royal visits to Rome, this situation is serious indeed. ■



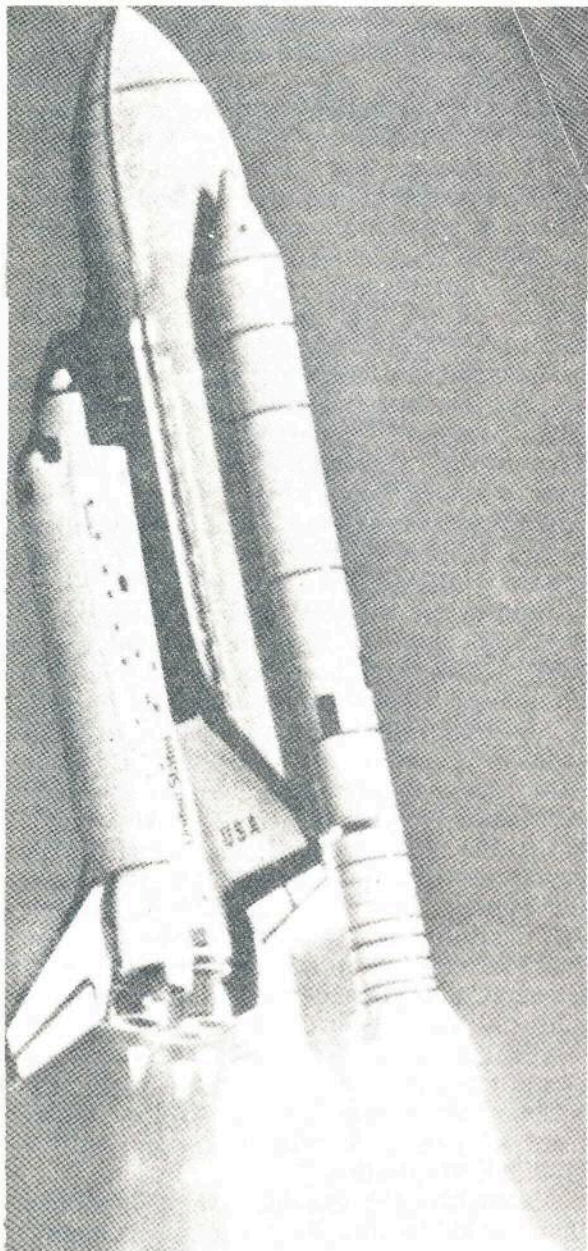
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EXODUS

from the present

World Order

-Richmond Stuart



The malaise is omnipresent:

Rampant inflation and chronic unemployment, world-wide; a malignant debt-money system consuming the nations' economies and around the globe the twin spectres of famine and internecine "wars of liberation".

Detente is dead, consigned to a watery grave in the Sea of Japan with the 269 civilians aboard the South Korean airliner, shot down by a Soviet fighter plane.

In the Middle East, multinational forces including 1 600 U.S. Marines were caught in a murderous cross-fire in the chaotic mosaic of Lebanon's civil war, the bloody aftermath of an Israeli invasion.

Economists and statesmen, as well as theologians, who observe the world in ferment, sense that some kind of Apocalypse is imminent, a Day of Reckoning... of Judgment.

The buoyant generation of Norman Vincent Peale's rose-coloured glasses is long gone.

Even those durable optimists, the sociologists, whose prime preoccupation as Third World advocates is to write, teach and expound humanistic solutions to the world's ills, are worried. People aren't listening. What was the unthinkable yesterday now intrudes every strata of consciousness. It is difficult to project Utopian concepts of a future one-world "Global Village" under the threatening pall of a nuclear holocaust.

Is a Confrontation at Hand? _____

In historical terms, World War III may have already begun.

The following observations appeared in the October 4, 1983 *Editorial Letter* by Howard Rand: "Naval gunfire by our Sixth fleet precipitated us into the conflict that

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week" — referring to events of mid-September 1983.

"Under the title, *Crisis Clouds Hang Over the World*, the *H. du B. Report* in its 1983 July-August issue stated: "Lebanon could become World War III's 'Sarajevo' " — a poignant reference to the place where World War I was ignited in the fateful summer of 1914.

The economist observed the repetitive pattern of history in the present world crisis: "It gives us a chilling sense of *deja vu* much like the summer of 1939 when the world was sliding inevitably into World War II, while most people preferred to ignore the signs and talked about the weather."

Escalation of the three-year Iraq-Iran war still threatens to become an even more dangerous operation than Lebanon for the U.S. peace-keeping role in the Middle-East. The war began when Iraq's Saddam Hussein, in a disastrous miscalculation, attempted to overthrow the Khomeini regime which was provoking a fundamentalist revolution in Iraq. Syria's president, the wily Hafez Assad, with whom the U.S. has a nearly open confrontation in Baghdad, sided with Iran and cut the pipeline that carried Iraq's oil to the Mediterranean.

This, plus Iranian guns covering Iraq's narrow access to the gulf, all but dried up Iraq's oil revenues. Iraq exists and continues fighting on subsidies by Saudi Arabia and the gulf emirates who fear Ayatollah Khomeini's influence on their own subjects. But such largesse is not without limitations. The world oil glut and falling prices has brought warning signals that this "protection money" cannot continue indefinitely.

Faced with the probable loss of subsidies and cut off from world oil markets, Iraq needs a decisive weapon to force Iran to end the stalemated war, and a weapon of this magnitude is the French Super Etendard plane with Exocet missiles of the type that sank a British warship in the Falkland war. Iraq wants the planes and missiles to threaten Iran's oil exports unless the war is quickly terminated. The French agreed to deliver on the naive assumption that the Iranians could be intimidated to give up the war. Too late they realised the Ayatollah is not so easily bluffed.

When the day to deliver came, France

hesitated but dared not renege and lose credibility in the Arab world. Iraq already owes \$4 billion the French hope to recover in oil if the war ever ends. Five Super Etendard planes with Exocet missiles were delivered on October 7, 1983.

The following day another factor compounding the Middle-East crisis, which U.S. Intelligence had anticipated, was reported by President Reagan: He expressed grave concern over the Soviet's move to arm Syria with a new generation of mobile missiles. In his radio address the president said: "Syria today has some 5 000 Soviet advisors, technicians and a massive amount of new Soviet equipment including new surface-to-surface missiles, the SS-21." With a range of 75 miles, the new class of missiles, mobile on six-wheeled transporter launchers, could hit major population areas in Israel, Lebanon or ships of the U.S. Sixth Fleet offshore.

U.S. Intelligence officials report the Soviet Union has replaced Syrian tanks and planes lost during fighting Israeli forces in Lebanon. In addition, SAM-5 surface-to-air missiles were installed by the Soviets with personnel to operate the weapons. The report also noted that the Soviets have provided Syria with an integrated air defence system and built facilities that allow Soviet Military advisors in Syria to communicate directly with Moscow.

Reinforced by this massive infusion of new arms from the Soviet Union, the tough Syrian army has been expanded. Once a six division force with three brigades in each, it now has eight divisions of four brigades each. In Damascus, hard-line President Hafez Assad saw a Syrian-dominated Lebanon and eventually, a Syrian-led Arab-world committed to the destruction of the Israelis. Syria's perception that the United States favours the Israelis over the Arabs is not without justification. Said Assad on television: "The United States is fully biased in favour of Israel. It grants Israel military, financial and political aid which enables it to launch aggression, to continue expansion and to perpetuate its occupation of Arab-territories. This disqualifies the United States from playing a constructive role on the Middle-East question."

Meanwhile, the Israelis, having abandoned their cold-blooded invasion in Lebanon

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watch the Iraq-Iran war with apprehension. Jerusalem would not relish seeing Ayatollah Khomeini win but a victory by Iraq's Saddam Hussein would be even less palatable.

On a much larger scale, the Western capitals are fearful that a series of threats and counter threats will ignite the Persian Gulf powder keg which would inevitably cause a superpower confrontation between the United States and the Soviet Union.

Are U.S. Rapid Deployment Forces Over-Committed? _____

While in a state of national trauma from the shock of the bombing of the U.S. Marine barracks in Lebanon, the U.S. Administration was suddenly called to respond to the Marxist-Cuban sponsored coup in Grenada.

The sudden strain imposed on America's armed forces by the relatively tiny deployment of Army Rangers and Marines in Grenada underscores how thinly stretched the United States is militarily around the globe according to senior defence officials.

Indeed, with formal U.S. commitments to 42 nations, and with American troops stationed in 25 countries and tied down in combat in Lebanon and Grenada, there was worry among military planners about how they would cope with another unforeseen crisis.

"We have insufficient forces for South-west Asia," Under-secretary of Defence Fred C. Ikle said in an interview. "The Lebanon thing is potentially demanding on our forces. More worrying is the Persian Gulf — potentially a major conflict. We just don't have enough (forces) to feel comfortable about the risk."

Jeffrey Record, a military analyst with the *Institute for Foreign Policy Analysis*, said U.S. forces were overextended, "but I think we're O.K. — unless any other pots boil over. The problems with Lebanon and Grenada do underscore the major gap between the military obligations as perceived by this Administration and the forces in hand to meet them."

The surprise action in Grenada required

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the Pentagon to divert men and equipment intended to plug gaps elsewhere. The initial 1 900 combat troops were, of course, only the visible part of the invasion force which included a vast support apparatus, munitions, food, medical and communications facilities and ships and aircraft to carry it all. Pentagon planners, wary of Cuba's small but potent force of submarines and sophisticated combat aircraft, also assigned surveillance and interceptor aircraft and anti-submarine forces to the operation. This left the United States "with enough quick-reaction forces to respond to other crises — but just barely."

"The problem is," said Norman Polmar, a Pentagon consultant, "there is no time for relief of men and ships. Both get worn out."

Previous administrations (and Congress) are blamed for "gross underfunding of manpower, maintenance and ammunition" and for "dangerous deficiencies" in the ability of American forces to sustain themselves in combat.

Economic Front Faces World Debt Crisis

The U.S. Administration was fully aware that the tiny island of Grenada was not, of course, the primary target of Marxist-Cuban incursions in Latin America. The entire region, including southern Mexico and the Canal Zone, is a potential breeding ground for civil war and revolution.

When President Reagan attempts to rouse the nation against the threat of falling dominoes in Latin America, he is not addressing what may be a more serious hemispheric problem — the mountains of external debt towering over Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico and Venezuela.

Amidst East-West tensions mounting in the Persian Gulf and Central America, quite another chilling factor threatens all nations on the world economic front.

Present day economists in business, banking and government forecast a collapse of the world's monetary systems — a horrendous crash into an economic abyss deeper than anything experienced in the past.

Fears of a global financial catastrophe are rising in the face of what economists are calling a second wave of Third World debt crises. Whether international banks can

withstand this assault will be a close call; prospects favour survival — if only for the moment. That was the cautious assessment of monetary authorities who gathered in Basel, Switzerland in mid-June 1983, to gauge the ability of the bankers to save developing nations from defaulting on their enormous debts.

These countries now owe foreign lenders some \$700 billion, including over \$300 billion to private banks. At least 25 poor nations are already behind on interest payments and it is becoming generally recognised that failure to keep these countries from defaulting could topple one bank after another and severely undermine the world's financial system.

"The debt bomb is still ticking," warned an official attending a meeting of the *Bank of International Settlements* which coordinates payments among central banks.

At a seminar sponsored by the *Woodrow Wilson Institute in Washington*, Pedro Pablo Kuczynski — a Peruvian who is president of *First Boston International* — warned against internal political upheavals that could result from the financial bind in which most Latin American countries now find themselves. The 1982 rescue of Mexico from default, Kuczynski said, as well as fiscal disciplines already imposed on all but Venezuela, constitute only "Act One, Scene One, with more to come." Both he and Robert Solomon of the *Brookings Institution* agreed that these debtor countries face interest costs higher than most other developing nations and the world recession reduces their earnings.

Mexico and Venezuela are hurt by another external development: declining oil prices.

The problems compounded by diminishing oil earnings is by no means confined to Latin America.

A dozen years ago when the OPEC cartel began systematically to jack up the price of its oil from \$3 a barrel to \$34*, it did more than fuel inflation and depress the world economy. By raising the price of oil so artificially high, OPEC set off a world search for oil. Conservation and recession reduced demand. New sources of

* OPEC price dropped to \$29 a barrel in December, 1983.

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USS Liberty and the Media

by James M. Ennes, Jr.

*This article is excerpted from an issue of
the American Sunbeam*

The Israeli attack on the American intelligence ship *Liberty* is not a pretty tale, and it is not widely known.

In 1967, on the fourth day of the Arab-

Israeli Six-Day-War, air and naval forces of Israel attacked the *USS Liberty* in the Eastern Mediterranean near the Gaza Strip. Thirty-four Americans were killed and 171 wounded in an attack that lasted two-and-a-half hours, but the people at home were told only of a brief mistaken encounter, an "understandable error in the heat of war by America's strongest ally."

I was *Liberty's* officer-of-the-deck, and I knew that the attack was no error. I had seen Israeli reconnaissance aircraft circle our ship thirteen times in clear daylight weather, so close that our sailors waved and could see the Israeli pilots waving back. Meanwhile, our radio intercept operators overheard the Israeli pilots informing their headquarters that we were an American ship. The attacking forces made elaborate preparations for the attack: they jammed our distress frequencies and orchestrated complicated air, sea and amphibious helicopter assault involving reconnaissance, two kinds of jet aircraft with rockets, cannon, napalm and anti-personnel bombs, and a death blow to be administered by torpedo boats. Under the circumstances, the attack could not reasonably be explained away as an accident.

But those details never reached the American public. Instead *Liberty* crewmen were ordered to keep quiet about what we



United Nations troops patrolling the Gaza Strip prior to the outbreak of fighting in June 1967

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saw while our own government released a false and distorted version of what happened. According to the "official story" the attack lasted only about six minutes and stopped immediately when the attacking forces came close enough to see our American flag; there was no mention of the napalm that was used, no mention of anti-personnel bombs, no mention of the 12 knot wind that displayed the flag clearly, no mention of the fact that life-rafts were machine-gunned in the water or that the ship's radios were jammed, and no mention of the obviously careful planning that went into the attack.

Liberty crewmen were furious. We buried our dead and we wept with their families. And most of us obeyed orders to remain silent. But almost every man was angry at Israel for attacking our ship under the cloak of "friendship" and angry at our own government for going along with an excuse that we knew to be untrue.

In 1978 I retired from the Navy and finished work on "*Assault on the Liberty*" my first-hand account of what really happened to our ship. The book was accepted for publication by the first publisher to see it, one of the largest and most highly respected in the business. And there my troubles started.

Although my book was praised by leading reviewers, military officers, historians and academics, distribution and publicity was heavily blocked by a campaign directed against the book by the Israeli government.

Armed with "fact sheets" written in Jerusalem and usually distributed by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, spokesmen for Israel called quietly on newspaper editorial boards and media managers whenever the *Liberty* story threatened to raise its ugly head. And the tactic often worked! Important media coverage was repeatedly cancelled; invitations to major national television interviews were withdrawn at the last minute; book orders were lost at the wholesale level; even my own publisher's clerks sometimes claimed falsely that the book was out of print and unavailable. ABC once planned to devote an entire *Nightline* broadcast to the *USS Liberty* story and spent over \$100 000 preparing the film, but at the last minute the segment was "postponed" for a bigger story. It is still on

"hold" and will probably never be seen. But Americans want to know the truth, and many independent media are eager to tell it.

Some time ago I made a speaking tour of the Midwest, supported by book sales along the way. Here I saw again how the powerful hand of Zionism can stifle voices that Israel does not wish to be heard.

I spoke on the campuses of six major American universities, and in every case pro-Israeli pressure groups campaigned against my right to speak. Few challenged me publicly; instead, Zionist student unions at East Lansing and at the University of Michigan and elsewhere complained to the administrations that I should not be allowed on campus. Posters advertising my talk were repeatedly torn down in every city; for instance, although over 1 000 posters went up at the University of Minnesota on the day of my talk, students told me that most notices vanished within minutes.

When I spoke at a community centre in Chicago, police had to be called because anonymous callers threatened to break up the meeting with truncheons. In Chicago, a television reporter who happened to be nearby and who had no other assignment was forbidden by his assignment editor to talk to me. And, although interviews with me were broadcast over 25 radio and 89 television stations during the trip, several firmly-scheduled interviews were cancelled apparently because of the pro-Zionist pressure. In one striking case an important radio production manager at station WIND in Chicago called me to apologise elaborately for an "oversight" which caused a scheduled interview to be cancelled without bothering to inform me. He promised to investigate and to call back within an hour to re-schedule the interview, but he has yet to call and has not answered my follow-up calls or letters. Apparently he discovered that the circumstances are more embarrassing and the pressure more intense than he wants to reveal.

Throughout my trip I was frequently asked, "Why does the American Congress and news media listen only to Israel? My answer, and a rather naive answer I now realise, was that too few Americans make themselves heard about Middle East Issues, that Congressmen and newsmen respond

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mostly to Zionists because the loudest and most persistent voices are the organised voices of Zionism.

While I still believe that, I was startled to learn that some American Congressmen and media managers are so committed to Israel that they refuse to meet with or even to answer mail from those who favour a more even-handed American policy in the Middle East. This is hardly the open participatory democracy that most of us learned about in school.

Recently from my seat in the audience during an ABC *Nightline* panel discussion of Middle East reporting, I watched a national television audience being deceived. As I watched, Israeli spokesmen in New York

the control room.

Had it not been for my experience aboard the *Liberty* and for my experiences with would-be bookburners after my book was published, I might not be aware that the American public's perception of the Middle East is badly distorted, and I certainly would be less sensitive to the reasons for our ignorance.

Adlai Stevenson told me that American policy in the Middle East is unbalanced because Congressmen are intimidated by the Israeli Lobby. I find that frightening, yet everything I have seen since then tells me that those remarks were no exaggeration. It is a situation that Americans cannot allow to continue.

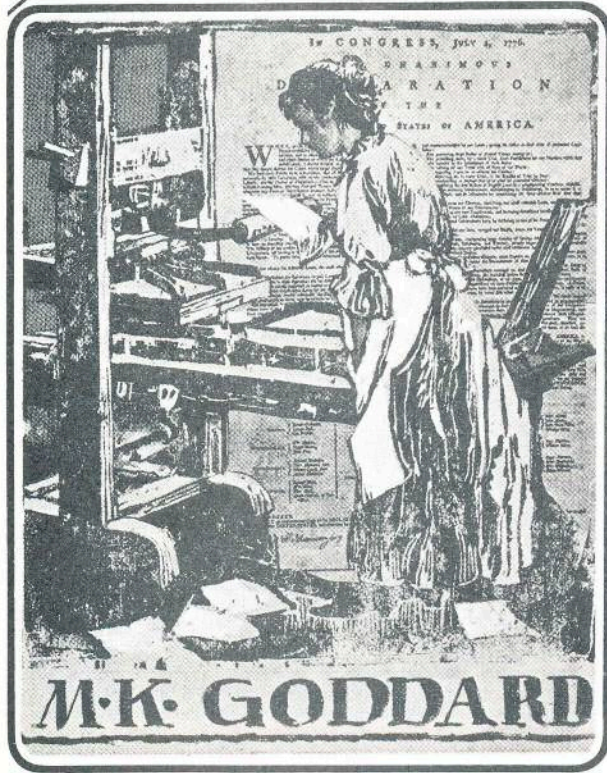


Israeli Defense Minister
Moshe Dayan at
Wailing Wall in
Jerusalem,
taken by Israel in
June 1967

made the most outrageous claims concerning Israeli actions in Lebanon. The studio audience at the University of Washington was sophisticated, and they were not deceived; eventually they erupted in such angry cat-calling, arm-waving outrage that host Ted Koppel had to appeal for order, but none of the commotion could be seen by viewers at home. Instead the viewing audience saw only a tightly cropped view of a well-scrubbed, wildly applauding public affairs team that had been prepositioned in a front row. No one who saw the show at home would dream that perhaps 25 percent of the audience was on its feet screaming in protest about the one-sided message being broadcast. All signs of dissent were effectively censored in

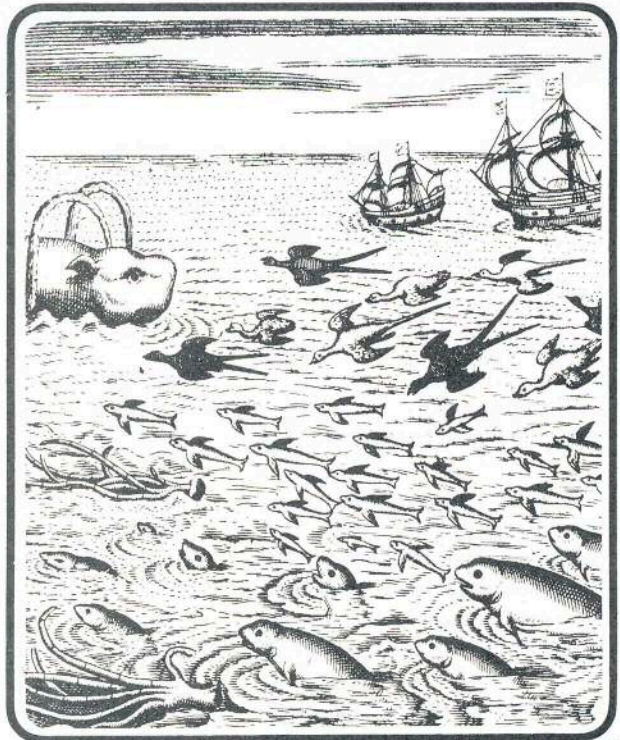
James Ennes was a lieutenant on the bridge of the USS Liberty on the day of the attack. His book on the subject, "Assault on the Liberty" (Random House, 1980) is a "Notable Naval Book" selection of the U.S. Naval Institute and was "editor's choice" when reviewed in The Washington Post in May, 1980. The book is now in a fourth printing, is listed in Books in print, and can be ordered by any bookstore — although perseverance may be required.

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Spreading freedom's word, Mary Katherine Goddard printed the first copies of the American Declaration of Independence listing 55 of the 56 signers; Delaware's Thomas McKean signed later. A facsimile of the document appears behind her. Editor of the *Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser*, Miss Goddard claimed in 1779 that the paper circulated "as extensively as any Paper on the Continent . . ."

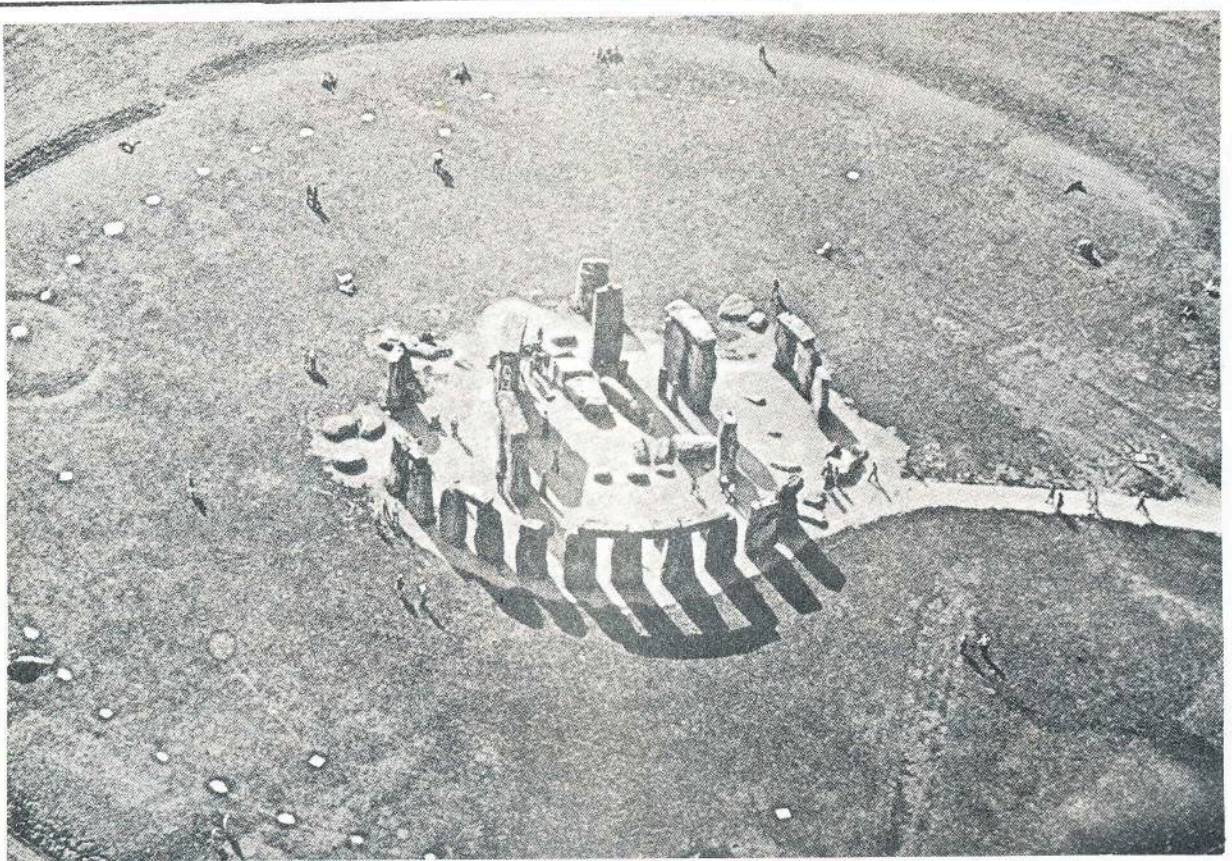
In a fight to keep her press free and her readers informed, Mary Katherine took a stand still relevant today: She refused to tell angry Whigs the source of a letter she had published.



Imaginations ran rampant after Columbus and other early explorers returned from distant seas. A whale with ears has two spouts. Scissor-tailed frigate birds, tropic birds, and flying fish convoy a school of porpoises and seals.

Columbus returned to Spain from his first voyage in absolute triumph, greeted with titles and promises. The stubborn son of an Italian weaver had reached the Indies by sailing west; here were gold and "Indians" to prove it. He had confounded his critics, but he made the mistake of too often reminding them of it. Three more voyages lay ahead but his fame was already at flood tide. Beyond lay humiliation and defeat.

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STONEHENGE

Is There a Future For Stonehenge?

This was the question asked by Shaun Usher of the *Daily Mail* for — in the lilac and gold dawn mist over Salisbury Plain, the sun seemed to be rising out of the rocky coronet of Stonehenge — and one of Britain's most ancient, mysterious places entered its last tranquil moments until dusk.

With a lineage stretching more than 4 000 years, it is

centuries older than the Great Pyramid — the most complete monument of its kind in Europe.

Priceless, and yet it lies at the mercy of any vandal ready to deface and deny history with a sweep of his spraypaint can.

Four Portsmouth soccer supporters were fined two hundred pounds each and jailed for a month after doing exactly that. Celebrating their team's ascent to the Second Division, they ran amok one night, daubing the standing stones with "Pompey" and "PFC Kick to Kill".

Said the sad Environment Department security man who caught them: "As far as I saw, they couldn't have cared less."

Top layers of this graffiti, smeared over pillars hauled 240 miles from the mountains of Wales before recorded history began, have now been removed by a delicate version of sand-blasting using eggshells.

Stonehenge has been hailed as a national treasure without peer, "the frontispiece of English history," and this being the Age of the Vandal that page is being

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fingered and scrawled over.

Paradox

Sadly the desire to touch or deface these strange symbols of a spiritual heritage, with 500 000 visitors a year packing the relatively small arena at a rate of 2 500 an hour in peak times, has meant the stones have been fenced off since 1978.

Countless feet were stripping topsoil round the stones, exposing virgin layers to destruction before archaeologists could assess them. Fallen stones were eroded by gravel chips embedded in soles. No lichen grew on Stonehenge below the "tidemark" left by tens of thousands of rubbing shoulders.

Michael Balfour, author of the latest standard work *Stonehenge And Its Mysteries*, says: "It has always been too popular for its own good."

The paradox is that only mindless idiots with spraycans, ready to be fined and jailed, stand much chance of seeing Stonehenge in close-up, far less poring over a particular stone. Regular human beings must stay behind a barrier.

The high police profile is seasonal. Around June 21-22 it will be the summer solstice and the Druids, in a cult revived little more than a century ago, will watch the sun soar to its key position on those huge lintels.

Also, there's the Hippies' Last Stand, the free pop shows and Festival of Peace and Love drawing 20 000 time-warp celebrants just across the road from Stonehenge. A tent city, with an old bus and battered caravan quarter, sprawls on National Trust land as a raffish backdrop to the noblest ruin in the land.

If the NT hired police to

keep the squatters away, it would cost them one million pounds. So they tolerate the squatters and have to pay local farmers about one hundred thousand pounds compensation for the locust invasion lasting the best part of a month.

Mike Hobson, Environment Department official at the site, explains: "The only way of fully protecting Stonehenge is to erect guard towers, have an electric or barbed-wire fence and patrol it with dogs. It's totally unacceptable. You'd destroy the character and nature of the very thing you were guarding.

Priceless

All the same, the DoE is forced into tighter measures, giving what many people see as a mystic shrine an alien, military air.

Uniformed guards patrol day and night, especially night. A decade or so ago, it never happened. Then students from Manchester and Bristol started demonstrating the gifts of higher education by sneaking in to daub stones, and so did a woman wanting to Save the Ponies.

I sat in the ten-strong surveillance team basement HQ listening to the crackle of radios and scrape of boots. Nearby, a German shepherd dog was trying to bark its way out of a police handlers' van. It seemed more like a frontier-post than a national monument.

Georgian farmers carted the odd block away for building. Victorians could hire hammers at the nearby village of Amesbury to chip off the relic of their choice. For generations, countryfolk collected chips as talismen against illness, and after World War I the RAF lobbied

fiercely to raze Stonehenge as a menace to low-flying bombers.

Somehow Stonehenge survived all that. And in 1919 its private owners sold it at auction for exactly six thousand, six hundred pounds and Sir Cecil Chubb presented it to the nation.

During the Twenties, the public donated huge sums — thirty thousand pounds on one occasion — to stop Stonehenge drowning in a sea of cafe and souvenir shops.

Graffiti isn't new to Stonehenge. You can find Sir Christopher Wren's name carved there, along with those of the Victorian picnickers.

But if the same proportion of today's visitors carved just their initials on Stonehenge, it would be a heap of gravel by the end of the century.

Spray vandals are another matter. Stonehenge can take only so many more scoured blotches before losing much of its mystique. Just a few more louts and morons impelled to defile anything they can't understand, could smash that priceless place.

Security will have to be tightened another notch and the rest of us will be distanced still further from a national heirloom.

Meanwhile, as far back as July 1973, the *Jewish Chronicle* in its article on *Ancient Secrets* was asking whether there was some mystic link between Stonehenge and the Golan Heights. Apparently some Israeli experts think so as Yoram Kessel reported on:

Stonehenge and Golan

Situated some twelve miles north-east of Lake Kinneret, just off a virtually inaccessible

dirt-track, it retained its secrets intact for centuries. Even Gottlieb Schumacher, the great Palestinian explorer at the turn of the century, thought it nothing more than an animal pen. This was the tradition handed down by the Arab peasants who farmed in its vicinity. But they, or their forebears, knew something more since they called it Rujum Hiri — “the Mound of the Spirits”.

When it was first encountered by Israeli geographers who mapped all the historic sites they could find after the Six-Day War, its position, at what has throughout history been a crossroads of civilisation, led them to assume that it was an ancient fortress. But infra-red aerial photographs sparked other suppositions which, in the words of Yehoshua Yitzhaki, of Tel Aviv University, the co-ordinator of the team, “seemed almost too good to be true”.

The mound comprises three concentric circles built out of the black basalt rock which covers the entire Golan, encompasses a fourth semi-circle adjacent to the central pile and measures about 170 yards in diameter. The aerial pictures have revealed what might be another circle of much greater magnitude of which the Rujum itself forms part. It stands bleakly at the centre of a broad plain and, visually, is far from impressive.

Holding Back

The heaps of stone around, in places up to five feet high, are believed to resemble the original dry masonry walls. Perhaps as indicated by the scores of “support holes” in the rocks there was an upper wooden framework. No pottery has

been discovered but the experts are adamant that the archaeologists should not have a free hand for fear they may eliminate evidence of the structure’s original purpose. Large-scale excavation would anyway be a delicate issue since the site is inside occupied territory, “changes” within which are expressly forbidden by international law.

A conservative estimate sets the date of construction in the Middle Bronze Age — approximately 2 000 BC — though circumstantial evidence tends to place it a further 1 500 years back in history, in the Chalcolithic period. The noted American astronomer, Gerald S. Hawkins, argued less than a decade ago that Stonehenge was not merely a magnificent temple for sunworship because its key axis was aligned to the mid-summer sunrise, but that it was in fact a pre-historic computer for calculating a variety of astronomical data. His theory is disputed by other scholars but it is accepted by the team here. For a very good reason. They believe that the object of their research is not simply an accurate solar and lunar observatory but that its alignments are geared to the movement of the stars as well. This, they insist, would have given the peoples it served an elaborate solar, lunar and stellar calendar by which to organise the fundamentals of agricultural life.

But, Mr. Yitzhaki points out, the size and intricate layout are in fact incidental to this central purpose. The actual plotting of angles could have been calculated quite simply between pairs of stones in an area no larger than a saucer.

Why then had the prehistoric architects gone to so much trouble?

There is no immediate visual similarity between the upper structures of the two sites. But the ground plans are almost identical, they apparently served an identical purpose and are, in effect, the only two known structures of their type.

Could it be that some unknown figure, or group, or nation, or team of experts crossed half the globe to transmit the plans? Abandoning the cautious realm of academic empiricism for a moment, Yehoshua Yitzhaki wagers a long shot. "How many days of sunshine and of cloudless moonlight does south-west England have every year? To construct so impeccable a planetarium, to test and perfect the astronomical assumptions would have required decades." Could not the plan have already been known (and tested for centuries) when the mammoth task of construction at Stonehenge was embarked upon?

If there was no direct link between the architects of Rujum and Stonehenge, then perhaps some yet unperceived common purpose accounts for the remarkable similarity of structure. Hawkins argues that apart from its calendrical value, Stonehenge helped "create and maintain priestly power by enabling them to make reliable forecasts to the multitude of the movements of the heavenly bodies."

Rujum certainly has nothing to match the splendour of the giant stone monoliths of Stonehenge, but it appears to have been a much more elaborate and complicated mechanism. Unlike Stonehenge, its beauty lies solely in its total functionality.

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"And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart (Gen. 6:6)

At a time when it is popular to shout from the rooftop that what the world needs is *change*, it seems inconceivable that people generally are unaware of the subtle ramifications of this message even though they are being bombarded by it from every angle. Indeed, most would ask, "Change what?" or "What change?" and even, "Why *not* change?" They simply have not seen and certainly have not understood what is actually taking place all around them. (*On re-reading this paragraph there is the nasty thought that they weren't meant to understand anyway!*)

Impossible, you say. That sounds insane.

ONLY EVIL CONTINUALLY

BY J. FINLAY

True enough. But then, *what has sanity to do with anything today?* This question by no means an original, having been asked so many times. And in case it has been forgotten, *sanity* is health, both of body and mind; soundness of judgment; prudence in action; a condition of being sane, sound and reasonable but a condition which apparently is now merely covered by words in a dictionary and having little meaning in present day society.

* **TO RECAP.** The first *family* article (*the Covenant Message, March 1984*) dealt with this subject of change, the resultant cultural shock through change, the failure by the nation to obey the Law of the LORD and very briefly, with the *Women's Liberation Movement*. All very depressing.

The April 1984, *Covenant Message* family article carried, on the other hand, a most encouraging article, *Moral Fibre* by Graham Turner. Encouraging because it was

good to know that there still are men who "... have lived all their working lives by a code which discourages over-ambition, promotes duty and self-discipline and confers on the best a massive and relaxed self-confidence."

What was also necessary and another reason for the inclusion of *Moral Fibre* in this series — was the need to offset the growing demand that men even more than women *must* change and for ever "*abandon their crazy notions about masculinity and get in touch with and develop their tenderness and nurturing qualities.*" The last portion of this sentence a subtle play on words. A little tenderness has of course never hurt anybody but American psychologist, John B. Franklin believes that men seriously need to realise the real danger inherent in this demand. If they do not, then he believes that men "will get too wimpy"

and cause role confusion for their children. Even more, not only will children become confused but civilisation will abort itself entirely.

A dramatic statement? Indeed not.

Western civilisation is already and unquestionably on a course of no return.

* **OVERLY FEMININE?** Is the male of the human species indeed under such enormous pressure to change? To quote John Franklin again this is in fact a very real demand. "Before the industrial revolution the father stayed at home and in effect protected the children. Then the industrial revolution came, and the father left the home setting and went into the city to work in the factory... This was the beginning of the absentee father, what created the split within fathering. It was horribly traumatic (on the family) and the drawbacks were

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many. It caused a severe psychological gap within the family...because the children, in relying on the mother for nurturing and care-giving, lost contact with the expression of masculinity..."

This is how things rocked along for ages and according to our psychologist, "lots of the ills of society basically were the result of the absentee fathers" — until the 1960s and 1970s when things began to change. (*Somehow though, this portion of the psychological thesis, while having merit, does not tell it like it really was! Things certainly have changed over the past twenty or so years, but there is very much more to the story. Many readers will surely recall — at least those over say thirty years of age — that generally, father was more than an absentee from the family — he was the security and strength of the family. Which was something entirely different.*)

However, it now seems "wimpy" fathers, despite what they may claim, are not too happy after all. (Incidentally, the word *wimpy* does not appear in the *Shorter Oxford English Dictionary*. The nearest word being *wimple* — to veil, cover or to meander, twist and turn; also, to ripple which somehow, does not seem to be the right meaning. If it is, then no wonder men are not too happy!

In any case, Mr. Franklin maintains that — "Many of them (wimpy fathers) experience something is missing, that they lack satisfaction, that there is within them a deep yearning for something more. They want to regain their lost masculinity without going back to the corporate treadmill; stop seeing confusion in their children and tension, struggle and resentment in their wives." (At the risk of being called old-fashioned or a "square" — according to modern jargon — this author believes that any wife with a "wimpy" husband is entitled to feel not only tension and resentment but considerably more! It really does sound rather horrible!)

Meanwhile it would appear that the new role for men for the future is still not clearly defined and the challenge that thoughtful men face today is apparently that of walking the thin line between keeping the traditional masculine role of protector and developing their role as nurturer and care-giver.



While the above may all seem light-hearted nonsense, it should not be thought that the news media has wasted its time and money in producing such articles. The majority of men have certainly not become "wimpy" but the growing homosexual scene is not imagination. It is very real and extremely deadly. By and large, the majority of men have not changed but on the other hand many are extremely confused, and confused too by the unpleasant change taking place among so many women who are also being led by the nose to accept the new norm of womanhood.

* **A WORLD WITHOUT MEN.** A recent news item revealed that like the rest of us, computers are having trouble thinking fast enough to meet the challenges of the last part of the 20th century. Result: governments and corporations are already allocating millions to efforts to *change* the way computers process information. *Who succeeds will apparently forge ahead* in a gigantic business — and make a lot of money for investors.

The — "who succeeds" — being the point to note now for if the *Women's Liberation Movement* and many scientists have their way, the future will not be "wimpy" fathers, husbands and sons but it will be a world without men as technological changes cause man's role to diminish and finally bring about a disappearance of all males.

"Genetic engineering has put the female so far ahead in the battle of the sexes that one day males may no longer be required," says Dr. Jonathan Beckwith, professor of molecular genetics at Harvard Medical School.

William Moore, an evolutionary biologist at Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, claims there are many examples of all-female "races" in nature. There are 50 species consisting entirely of females that produce clones of themselves.

Scientists have already developed a variety of techniques — including chemical shock and radiation — to trigger embryonic



development and virgin birth in the unfertilised eggs of several of these species, Moore adds that sperm — and the males that produce them — may not be as important for procreation as we believe.

Other radical breakthroughs will allow the woman of tomorrow to:

- * Freeze her eggs while she is young and healthy, then fertilise them when she's ready, financially and emotionally, for motherhood.
- * Pick out desirable genetic traits for her children by choosing among various types of artificially-produced sperm at a sperm bank.
- * Watch her offspring develop in an artificial womb.
- * Employ robots to do the child-rearing.

This startling new freedom from child care will enable women to pursue a wide range of previously unavailable career goals where they will have a distinct advantage over men.

Women are biologically superior, scientists say. They live longer, can better withstand a wide range of diseases — including cancer — and are generally smarter.

"Since women have superior reflexes and endurance capability, they will have the edge as the spaceship drivers of the future," says futurologist Kathy Keeton of New York.

They're better suited for zero gravity, and they eat and breathe less than men do.

"Within three generations, women will have major decision-making capabilities in most companies, and form a majority in Congress and the Supreme Court," adds Elizabeth Nickles, another futurologist.

And, some believe, a world without men will be a better place to live.

"In a world without men, women would stop competing with each other," says feminist Pat McDaniel, "and, instead, channel their energies into more positive

areas."

To any — again to use an old-fashioned word — *sane* woman who has known the love and protection of a husband and/or father and who also knows the other side of many women; a side which is not only emotional but so often — one hesitates to use the word — "catty" and unreasonable, the idea of a future made up entirely of females is a future they would not like to experience. There would simply be no balance and life would be not only a disaster but extremely monotonous.

However, Prof. Jerome Lejeune, a French geneticist, recently mentioned an alternative to the above statement on the final disappearance of males which appeared in *Globe*, August 16, 1983. He maintained that test tube baby techniques *have* opened the way to horrifying experiments with human embryos, *even incubation in a man's body*. And this is no science-fiction horror story either.

Not only are men now being considered by science as useless and unnecessary but, if they are to survive, they will simply be used according to the whim of those "persons" in power.

* **THE IDEAL AND DESTINY.** In considering those who are unfortunately now in power, author Richard McCulloch writes: "On all sides one hears voices echoing the spirit of the passive southern aborigines and crying that Northern Man has progressed too far, is too aggressive, ambitious and achievement-oriented, and too concerned with science, technology, machines, the products of the mind, and the material affluence (and hence leisure time for aesthetic and philosophical self-development) which they create. They desire Northern Man to *betray his unique destiny by default and conform to their anti-self view . . . and to re-shape him into a more passive, tractable and undynamic mould . . . they want . . . to stop the progress of Northern Man, compel him to abandon his destiny and quest for greatness and, in two words, 'Give Up!'*."

It would thus be an interesting study to examine the genetic structure of the scientists, futurologists, geneticists and biologists who are now tampering with the role of man in the future just as it is interesting to note

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the genetic make-up of the majority of the women involved in the *Women's Liberation Movement*.

It was once said concerning our people — Northern Man, if one cares to call them that — that: "To prevent them from really thinking out anything themselves, we shall deflect their attention to amusements, games, pastimes, excitements and people's palaces. Such interests will distract their minds completely from questions on which we might be obliged to struggle with them. Becoming less and less accustomed to independent thinking, people will express themselves in unison with us *because we alone offer new lines of thought — of course through persons whom they consider as in no way connected with us.*"

This statement should be read again.

If this was said could it be a forgery or an over-active imagination?

Indeed not, for it speaks of reality today. How else explain that our own people are also involved? They have so easily become pawns to "specialists educated from early childhood to administer world affairs". And significantly for Western man in particular, it has been claimed that eventually they "*will bow before us to obtain the right to existence*".

* **FRAILTY, THY NAME IS...** Meanwhile, it is depressing, sometimes, to be a woman. So wrote Anne Crutcher, and all self-respecting women will agree. It is depressing to face what some of the "sisters" have been saying and doing, not to mention publishing. If anything could be more depressing, it's the uncritical way much of the rest of the world not only lets them (and their minions) get away with it, but positively encourages them. Now *there's* something to blame men for!

"The late Rebecca West observed that men and women have their own ways of misapprehending reality. The women, she said, make their mistake in measuring life by totally personal and subjective yardsticks; idiocy, she called it. As for the men, their classic folly is interpreting the world according to grandiose abstractions and



theories that purport to explain everything: lunacy.

"The men in other words are the utopians, the women the down-to-earth pragmatists... At least, that's the way things looked when Rebecca West pronounced on the subject 40 years or so ago. Now though, it seems to be the other way round. The maddest utopian fantasies come from the women under the banner of feminism.

"The women are the ones who say that human society as it is and has been as far back as history and anthropology can trace it, is no good and has got to go. If that means it will be necessary to restructure male and female personalities, that too, must be done.

"Capitalism, which rewards such so-called masculine qualities as competitiveness, drive and toughness, has to go of course. But so do conventional family roles and community attitudes. Talk about creating the new socialist man — he's a woman, or will be, when his feminist creators get through with him."

Maintaining that there are far too many ultra-feminist psychological books and articles in existence today, Ann Crutcher notes that these are all pathetically obvious in feminist celebrations of female greatness through the ages and then remarks: "Oh well, men write dumb books too!"

The point is that no one, male or female can deny responsibility that somehow or other, we have allowed our society to become corrupt. So that there is indeed — *only evil continually*. Perhaps we have been too silent? Too afraid to speak out? And now, and before it is too late, in the deep recesses of our hearts we all need to measure our performance.

In future, how will we be remembered? Will we have followed the siren song of *change* for how we live reveals just what we have valued? And will the best of us become more aware of what is important and what is not — so that at the end — we will have no regrets?

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supply from Alaska, Mexico, Norway and the North Sea flooded the industrial countries with oil.

To maintain its prices, OPEC production was cut from 33 million barrels per day to 18. Today, in desperate need of cash — Iran, Nigeria and Venezuela have begun to undercut the price, threatening the entire structure. While most consumers and industrialists would welcome OPEC's collapse, not so the international banks.

The illusion is fading fast that the Wall Street bankers and the average consumer share a community of interests. The bankers are not cheering that consumers suddenly find lower prices at the gasoline pumps and pay less for heating oil. Why? Consider the plight of the international banks if oil prices fall. The income of OPEC and non-OPEC producers of oil — the price gaugers in Mexico City and those in Baghdad, Caracas, Lagos and Teheran — falls as well; and the debt-ridden oil producers of the Third World are unable to repay their monstrous debts to the banks.

As world recession set in, Latin America's trade declined 25 to 30 percent; at the same time interest rates peaked. The "scissors effect" of falling export earnings and rising interest costs on \$300 billion external debt (short-term and long, private and public) nearly caused Mexico to default in 1982.

That year, export earnings of Latin America totalled \$100 billion but on the \$200 billion debt owed to commercial banks *these countries had to pay \$45 billion in interest* — 45 percent of export earnings!

Usurious Debt-Money Burden

Interest rates are so high on the Latin loans, Kuczynski said, because the banks "started to get cold feet" after 1980; they raised rates and shortened terms until Mexico, for instance, now pays 3 percent over the London interbank rate. That means Mexico has an annual interest cost \$1.5 billion higher than in August 1982. To meet such usurious charges — not to mention repayment on loans coming due — Mexico and most of the other debtor nations have had to reduce internal spending and

submit to austerity programmes imposed by the International Monetary Fund. But such belt-tightening adversely affects the private interests and living standards of the politically powerful and affluent middle class (including the military) through reduced subsidies, rising prices, higher taxes and interest rates, and unemployment.

In Kuczynski's view, oppressive efforts to meet the debt problem may cause internal instability and political upheaval. Fear of such political consequences could cause national leaders to choose default. If defiance of foreign creditors, particularly the Yaquis, proved politically popular it could spread to other debtor nations, he predicted, with drastic world-wide effect not only on banks but on other nations dependent on imports from or exports to Latin America.

Venezuela resists seeking an IMF loan, for example, although it must postpone payment on \$9 billion due this year — rather than submit to an unpopular austerity programme in a crucial election year.

Robert Solomon agreed that IMF austerity requirements, although necessary, might be unacceptably severe in Mexico and elsewhere. "The way out is to grow out," he told a seminar — to get world trade growing again so that debtor countries could expand exports and meet their obligations. But until then, he cautioned, *creditor nations and banks, together with the IMF, would have to keep lending to the Latin nations because "otherwise they can't even pay interest" on what they already owe!*

Pressing this same theme, a European banker defended the banks: "The Banking System will be in O.K. shape to handle things as long as you can get some growth in the world economy — But, he admits, *"unless there is some growth, how are these less developed countries going to sell more exports?"*

Willard C. Butchard, chairman of *Chase Manhattan Bank*, agreed "The world's economic malaise is creating the strain on the system, not the other way."

Bankers say a particular problem now is uncertainty. "We're on a kind of a curve where you never know when something will come and hit you," stated Dimitri

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Balatsos, economist for *Manufacturers Han-
over Trust Co.*

Bankers in the U.S. and Europe, aware of the danger, are already writing off questionable loans to private borrowers in countries unable to raise the foreign exchange to repay debts. Attempts are being made to accumulate loan-loss reserves to cushion earnings against defaults.

Currently, bankers are scrambling to salvage loans to Brazil and other panic areas in the "global debt debacle". No grand strategy has emerged but bankers know they must find more money to buy time. Long-term debt payment schedules are being stretched over decades, hoping to allow debt-ridden nations time to stabilise their economies.

In the event of a nation's default, obviously the U.S. and other countries suffer incalculable economic hardship. Defaults by Mexico and Brazil would wipe out the capital of the nine biggest banks in the U.S. and cripple the entire banking system.

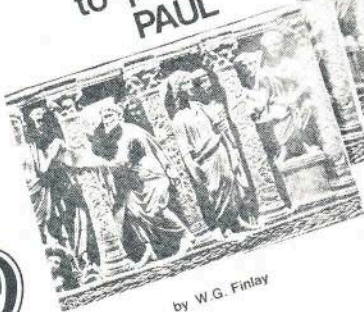
Bankers in the U.S. and Europe are aware

of the danger. Western industrial powers will go to great lengths to keep a major country afloat but should a country default, the Federal Reserve (read: "U.S. taxpayers") and other central banks must attempt to provide a safety net, hoping to avert a global chain reaction of bank failures.

Walter Seipp, chairman of *Commerzbank*, one of West Germany's largest foreign lenders, recalls that *until the Polish and Mexican troubles, it was an accepted principle among bankers that 'it was inconceivable that a sovereign country would allow itself to go into default.'* "Any large bank that stayed out of international lending in the 1970s would not have stayed a large bank," he adds.

But Lamberto Dini, director general of the *bank of Italy*, scoffs that competition among banks has led to some slipshod practices. "Nobody forced the banks to make these loans — they just wanted to make a buck," he said. "The banks were increasing their loan portfolios until the very last minute."

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The great British banker Jones Lloyd said: "No warning can save a people determined to grow suddenly rich." This may well serve as the epitaph for the bankers of this generation for it is no secret that the Wall Street bankers have been extending high interest loans to Soviet-bloc nations as well as to the Third World countries in Latin America, and to the Philippines and Black Africa — countries that have neither the will nor the wherewithal to repay them.

Nigeria, Zaire and other African countries owe about \$90 billion and Soviet-bloc debt totals about \$63 billion. Thus, when the predictable day of reckoning comes, the bankers turn to Washington, hat in hand.

More U.S. Treasury Dollars Needed

Meanwhile the U.S. Congress voted a massive \$8.4 billion transfusion into the *International Monetary Fund* with the assurance that this will save the impoverished countries (and the banks that back them) from financial collapse. But in its internal affairs, the fund acknowledges that the problem is open-ended and more U.S. Treasury dollars will be needed.

Only hasty action by the *International Monetary Fund*, which made billions of dollars available, was able to avert immediate collapse. This stop-gap held only because the private banks were persuaded to renew and even enlarge their loans. Now, many of the rescue loans are falling short or simply falling apart.

Mexico needs more on top of the \$10 billion in emergency loans pledged by the banks and other lenders in February 1983. Experts don't know where this money will come from or when it will be repaid.

Brazil is failing to meet IMF requirements. As a result, many bankers are reluctant to lend the additional \$4.4 billion necessary to qualify for nearly \$5 billion in IMF aid.

Even if debtor nations could comply with IMF's austerity programme, private loans may not be forthcoming. Banks in Austria, France, Italy, Switzerland and West Germany, as well as regional U.S. banks, are unsettled by the possibility that

a sovereign borrower could default; many are deserting the global loan business. This diminishes the likelihood that so-called "developing countries" will raise the \$15 to \$20 billion needed to cover just interest payments due this year.

Top European bankers demand that world inflation must be held down to foster lower interest rates for borrowers. Not only must industrial nations keep prices down, but "developing countries" must get control of runaway inflation. Argentina cannot tolerate an inflation rate of 300 percent, nor can Brazil survive a rate now in excess of 100 percent.

The IMF has warned the U.S. Administration and Congress that a way must be found, and quickly, to reduce significantly the huge deficits (currently \$200 billion annually) now built into future federal budgets or, the 146-nation agency predicts, interest rates and consumer prices will inevitably zoom skyward again.

Deficit-ridden U.S. Struggling to Pay Cash read the headline of an Associated Press report, date line: Washington, November 2, 1983.

"Today is the second day the federal government operated without authority to borrow money... Its credit exhausted, the Treasury Department struggled to do business on a cash-only basis. Congress searched for ways to reduce growing deficits and President Reagan ordered his cabinet secretaries to shrink the budgets for their departments.

"The U.S. Government is living on a hand to mouth basis as the Congress creates uncertainty in the financial markets,' Treasury Secretary Donald T. Regan said in response to the Senate's 56-39 refusal to raise the national debt limit above its current ceiling of \$1.615 trillion. Having hit the debt limit the government has suspended all sales of savings bonds and delayed sales of billions of dollars' worth of other notes, bills and bonds because the government has no authority to issue them."

Early Warnings

Some analysts with a Scriptural as well as an historical perspective saw the decline and terminal plight of the Present World Order

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sooner than others.

Thirty-four years ago in an editorial in *Destiny* magazine, the editor, Howard Rand, anticipated the impending breakdown of the World economy. Brief excerpts of his editorial follow: "What is being overlooked is the diseased condition *within* the economic structure itself. It is like a devouring fire, consuming but not replenishing real wealth represented by free opportunity and enterprise. These internal weaknesses will continue to bring about the collapse of the whole world economy. *But until that consuming fire reaches certain proportions . . . business and commerce will appear to be sound.*

"We are witnessing the disintegration through *devaluation* as monetary systems, which give stability to the value of goods in commerce and trade are inflated."

Rand quoted Lewis Haney, Professor of Economics at New York University, as saying, "Only when money has a value that is expressed in some standard such as gold or silver can you and I freely choose what to do with our income and savings."

In his June, 1950, editorial, Rand used different analogies to describe this inflationary expansion: "The economic bloodstream of all nations is turning to water . . . making inevitable the overwhelming judgment to come . . . The cancerous growth of a managed economy is eating away at the vitals of the Babylonian System itself, devouring its assets and destroying its power to continue." And in a more recent *Destiny Editorial Letter* (October 1981), Rand revealed the source of his prognosis: "The Bible gives the name 'Babylon' to our present world economy and in the Book of Revelation it is called 'Babylon the Great'. Throughout the many generations following the historical day when the Babylonian Empire's reigning monarch, King Nebuchadnezzar, established the gold standard . . . the system has indeed become great.

The Babylonian System

"From Babylon to the present day, any nation that repudiates the gold standard and endeavours to continue in the System faces inevitable havoc by the inflationary spiral that follows. Gold, whether we like it or not,

stands in relation to our economy as a governor to a steam engine. Remove the governor, i.e. gold, and a temporary, but illusionary step-up in prosperity will ensue followed by the ultimate chaos inherent in printing-press money."

Rand's insight, based upon the prophetic Word, is now becoming a reality. Here, very briefly, is the source of his assessment: "Three major Scriptural witnesses* foretell the ultimate desolation of Babylon The Great. Isaiah and Ezekiel in the Old Testament and the angel of the LORD to John in Revelation. All testify to the coming judgment.

"The fuelling of the world-wide economic crisis is a signal of the impending return of Our LORD (The Word). His presence will sound the death knell of the economic World Order, fulfilling the prophets' predictions of sudden desolation upon all of Mammón's activities."

In his book, *Study in Daniel*, p.106, Rand wrote: "The slate will be wiped clean. Vested interests, banking institutions, insurance companies, annuity funds and all interest-bearing savings and hoarded wealth of every description will be swept away" in preparation for the full restoration of the kingdom of God on earth.

Israel's exodus from Egypt was a physical departure on a scale of such magnitude, history has seen nothing like it before or since.

Today's economic oppression exceeds in many respects the bondage our forefathers suffered in the land of the Pharaohs. The Lord's hand is bearing down upon His true people Israel and in view of the approaching cataclysm, the LORD is issuing a call to His people to prepare for the foretold *exodus from the present world order*. His warning is explicit: "And I heard a voice from heaven saying, 'Come out of her my people, that you may not be partakers of her sins and that you receive not of her plagues' " (Rev. 18:4).

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