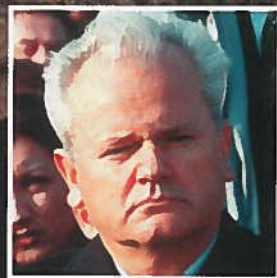


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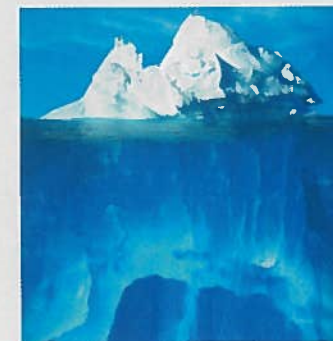
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In January 1997, we decided to reprint and distribute Herbert W. Armstrong's final book, *Mystery of the Ages*. Weeks later, the Worldwide Church of God filed a lawsuit trying to stop us. (Mr. Armstrong founded the Worldwide Church, but after he died, his successor rejected his teachings and stopped producing his written materials.) We responded to their lawsuit by filing our own counterclaim—seeking to reprint and distribute 18 *additional* works of Mr. Armstrong's that we consider central to our beliefs.

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He first published it in 1964 under the name *God Speaks Out on "The New Morality."* At that time, a cultural revolution was sweeping across the Western world. "The revolt is on," Mr. Armstrong wrote, "against prudery, repression and ignorance." The world had gone from saying nothing about sex to saying everything—but much of it was wrong! This "new" knowledge, he said, was wholly *physical*. None of the so-called "authorities" approached the subject of sex from a biblical foundation. That's why the fruits of the revolution have been so evil.

In 1971, seven years after the book's release, Mr. Armstrong published it under its new name, *The Missing Dimension in Sex*. By that point, the whole moral climate of society had changed. It had changed so much—and for the worse—that he felt it absolutely necessary to revise and update the book, even though it proved to be

very costly. As you probably know, Mr. Armstrong gave away his books free of charge to those who requested them. To print nearly a half million copies, he wrote in 1971, was a "huge undertaking." But because of the need, it was well worth the effort and expense.

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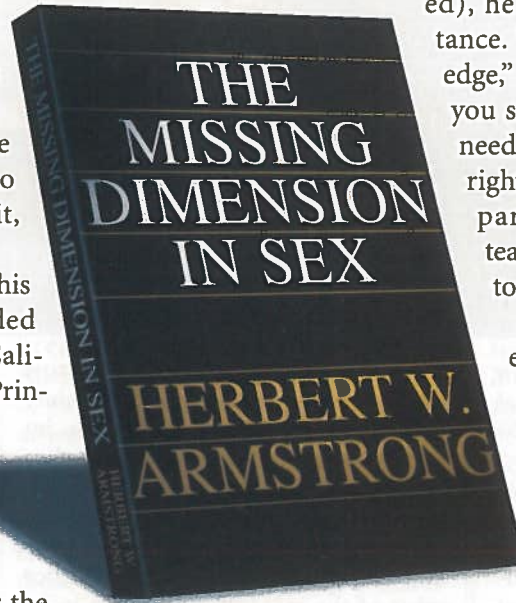
"Teenagers need proper knowledge, yet heretofore it has not been available to them. In this age of pressures toward promiscuity, blinded by false teachings, adolescents cannot be expected to resist premarital sex unless their minds are opened to intelligent acceptance of God's

purposes and laws for our good—for a more abundant and truly pleasurable and happy life.

"Married people need this knowledge if their marriage is to be preserved and happy" (letter to *Plain Truth* subscribers, Nov. 3, 1980).

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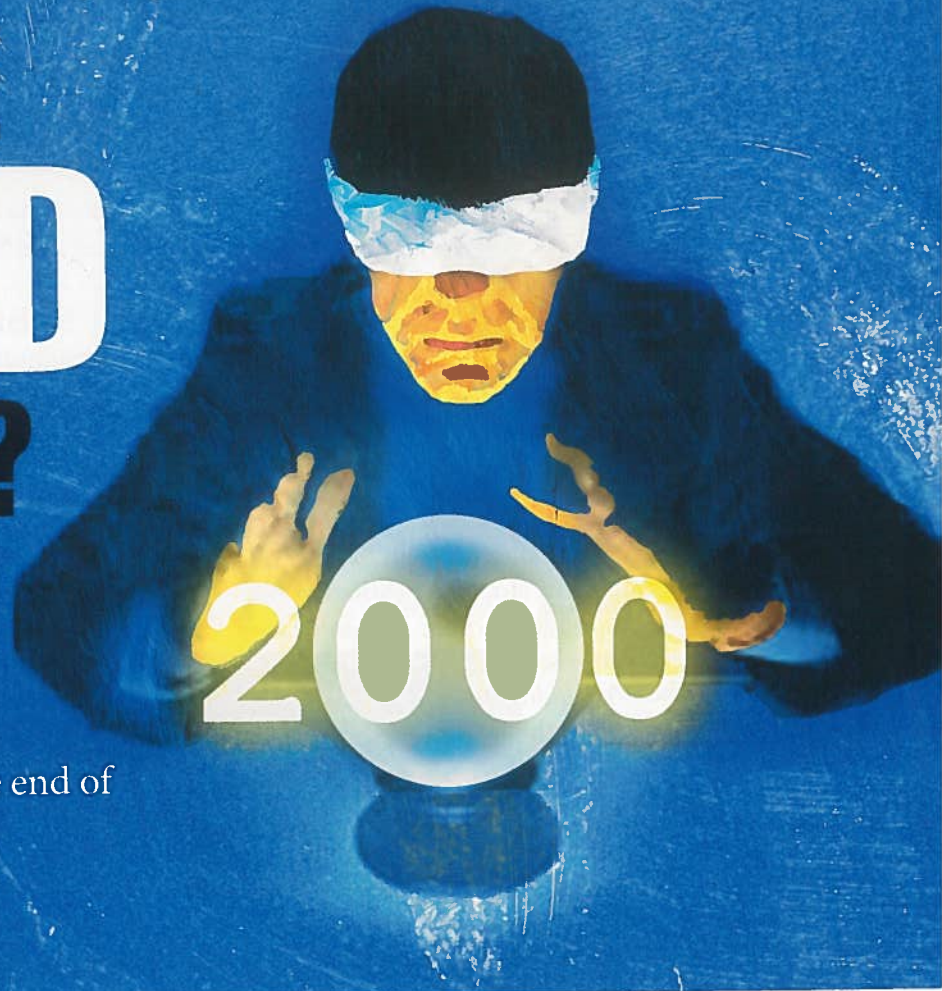
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CAN THE BLIND LEAD...?

Some claim we've never had it better. Others see doom around the corner. What is the true state of the world as we rush towards the end of one century into another?

BY RON FRASER



"And he spoke a parable unto them, can the blind lead the blind? Shall they not both fall into the ditch?" —Luke 6:39

BARELY WEEKS AWAY FROM THE end of the present millennium (according to the Gregorian calendar), there are pundits aplenty seeking to predict the prospects of the third millennium. Many see a horizon bright with the possibilities of peace and reconciliation between nations. A few predict doom. The cold hard realists look at the sad history of the final century of this millennium, a century dominated by wars and rumors of wars, and wonder, could it possibly happen again? Is it possible in the next century that we would match or even surpass the obliteration of 140 million souls in this century's wars, massacres, slaughters and oppressions? Will the total number of people who died due to man-made famine, often resulting from war, in the next 100 years equal or exceed the 40 million who wasted away in the agony of starvation over the past century?

Can we really look into tomorrow and predict with any degree of certainty what the next century will bring, let alone the next millennium? Well, before taking a peek into the future, we'd better heed the words of Jesus Christ. He gave His disciples a clear warning not to be led astray by the blind. Ample evidence exists of the masses being taken in by seers, false prophets and futurologists over the past two millennia since Jesus Christ spoke these words of wisdom.

Futurologists

Herman Kahn made his name in the 1960s and 1970s when futurology was a fashionable pseudo-science. He predicted a world flush with the gadgetry of high technology, populations with masses of leisure time and little work to do, the elimination of famine and disease, man approaching the resolution of all problems—man's way. He believed that the threat of nuclear war would end.

Herman Kahn is now dead. What of his ideas? Were his predictions, upon which many based their plans for the future, correct?

Perhaps no futurologist has gained such fame in the 20th century as Alvin Toffler. As co-author with his wife, Heidi, of the book *War and Anti-War*, Toffler predicts new dangers for America and the world at the edge of the 21st century. Unlike the rosy predictions for the new millennium painted by Herman Kahn 20 years ago, Dr. Toffler and his wife sketch a frightening scenario of possibilities for the next century.

In *War and Anti-War*, the authors refer to "the civilianization of war," a term used to describe the spread of civilian technologies and products which may be easily converted to military use. They predict the uncontrolled spread not only of military weapons but of advanced technologies with which to make them in a civilian setting! In that context, we've all heard about the nuclear suitcase bombs.

In addition to the micro-warfare possibilities of terrorist groups using civilian technologies to wage their reign of terror, on the macro war front the trend is to the age of *precision* warfare. The Tofflers predict the demise of the age of

mass warfare, dependent as it is upon mass production of massive inventories of military machines, and masses of manpower to drive the machines. Interviewed by Sam Whitmore of *PC Week*, Alvin Toffler declared that "the U.S. has the best, most elegant, most well-trained, best armed, smartest military in the world...but *it would be a mistake to assume that lead is permanent.*"

It could be argued that, since the cold war's ending with the collapse of the Soviet Union, the only thing which has stopped anarchic confusion between many of the nations of the world is that the U.S. was prepared to play policeman and had the power to back that role up. Yet, as the final decade of the current century wanes, more and more nations, it seems, are becoming emboldened by perceptions of American reluctance to use its massive power advantage.

The world grew concerned as the U.S. turned its back on Rwanda in 1994 and allowed the blood to flow amid that country's ethnic warfare. The U.S. had promised order in Somalia but left the country in chaos. American military initiatives to restore democracy in Haiti resulted in them leaving that country in anarchy. The U.S. bombed Bosnia in the interests of national unity but then brokered a deal which left them presiding over a de facto partition.

In 1998 the U.S. returned to combat in the skies over Iraq to put an *end* to Saddam Hussein's shenanigans, but a year later the combat continues—and Saddam is rumored to be aligning with Arab neighbors and Russia to thumb his nose at America by contemplating a war against Israel.

Then to cap things off, earlier this year, in a decision that defied all reason, the Clinton administration focused the vast might of U.S. foreign policy on a self-styled "humanitarian mission" in a small Balkan province of no strategic value to America. This "mini-war" in Kosovo left 7,500 mostly civilian deaths and 1.4 million refugees in its wake, for the sake of between 10 and 26 military targets destroyed, depending on which figures you believe. As Michael Mandelbaum, Fellow of the Council on Foreign Relations, describes it, "This made the war, as a deliberate act of policy, a perfect failure" (*Foreign Affairs*, Sep./Oct. 1999).

Small wonder that, when a "humanitarian mission" was called for in strife-torn, Indonesia-occupied East Timor, off the coast of Australia, the Clinton government's initial response was, "Let

the Indonesians work it out themselves." That's what happens when the world's policeman grows weary of international criticism for its efforts, or lack thereof, and fearful of the reaction of the electorate in the run-up to a presidential election back home.

What use is all the overwhelming military might of America, without the wit, the will and the wisdom to employ it in an effective and timely manner?

High Risk Vs. Low Risk

So as we enter the new millennium, with isolationism drawing the U.S. back into its shell, is the world at high risk or low risk of a reversion to hot war, only ten years on from the cessation of the cold war?

Look at the facts:

◆ Smart weaponry has become user-friendly to the civilian, giving the average Joe on the street with a terrorist chip on his shoulder the capacity to blow New York sky high out of a suitcase.

◆ More and more nations have access to intermediate- and long-range space weaponry. Witness China's threat to the U.S. last year during the Taiwan tension. One of China's senior officials declared, "We can reach Los Angeles with our missiles."

◆ Grave danger of the proliferation of nuclear weaponry exists due to the breakdown of the old Soviet, now Russian, military. The demoralization of the Russian army and the breakdown of order in its command structures leaves somewhere between 27,000 and 30,000 tactical nuclear warheads in very unstable hands. Toffler has declared, "The likelihood that some of those nukes will escape into the hands of very unpleasant figures around the world...in my judgment is a high likelihood" (*ibid.*).

Add these high-tension risks presently extant in the world to the increasing reluctance of the world's greatest military power, the U.S., to deploy its might in the interests of maintaining real peace for fear of further international criticism and fear of the loss of American lives. Surely we then have to agree with Alvin Toffler when he states, "The idea that we're living in a threatless environment is a fool's myth!" (*ibid.*).

Yet, some *still* insist on believing and trying to convince others of this myth!

Blind Lead

"War is losing its hold on the world." I could not believe my eyes. I had just

read that headline in a U.S. provincial newspaper. At our News Bureau we see a lot of unusual reports, odd journalistic forays and crazy ideas in print about why things in the world are as they are. But this one had to take the cake.

All day long in our television studio and in our News Bureau, field television footage of news events around the world are beamed to us from London, courtesy of Associated Press Television News. APTN is the primary news footage supplier to the television stations of the world. The view from this end is not good. Reel upon reel of video footage rolls past our TV screens detailing the news as it happens on any particular day. Flood, fire, famine, war and rumors of war, terrorism, ethnic cleansing, suicide, massacre, earthquake, conflict, death. *No good news!*

Overwhelmingly, the greatest amount of news footage we receive at our office is devoted to *WAR!*

So when a report comes across our news desk headlined "*Peace Prevails*," it *really* arrests our attention! Is the author's head buried deep in the sands of delusion? Well, actually the article was authored by *two* leading academics—*double trouble!* And they are *serious, very serious*; and that's *scary*. It's scary because one writer is the director of a major university's "Center for International Development and Conflict Management"; the other is a politics and government professor and director of a "minorities at risk" project. The trouble is, he's put *majorities* at risk by publishing this article in at least two major newspapers—at risk of having the *blind* lead the *blind!*

Here is just one unbelievable statement which the authors make: "...the evidence shows a steady downward trend in conflicts since the early 1990s. Peacemaking is prevailing over war making" (*ibid.*). Can you believe that? I mean, *really?*

Well, when you read a follow-up statement by the authors, we can believe they could make such a hugely false and misleading statement. Listen to this: "Northern Ireland has never been closer to a long-term peace." What? The mind boggles! Here is a "peace process" in which neither the Irish Republican Army nor the Ulster paramilitaries have been directed to lay down their arms; bombs continue to go off, men are still being crippled through "knee capping" (being shot through each knee), the antagonists are still spraying bullets at each other,

weapons shipments are still coming into the country bound for terrorists' arsenals, hundreds of murdering IRA affiliates are being loosed from Irish jails to re-establish themselves in the IRA network—and these intellectuals have the gall to declare that “Northern Ireland has never been closer to a long-term peace.”

Well, as you shake your head over that one, consider this: These academics probably come from the same post-Vietnam, flower-power school as the spin doctors of the age who pen the rhetoric spouted by today's pack of lackluster leaders as they strut their stuff on the international stage. Of the same genre are those who withdraw the penalty of sanctions on rogue state North Korea, based solely on a *promise* that they will refrain from test-firing a ballistic missile which has a range that could hit Alaska or Hawaii! Are you prepared to pin *your* future on the promise of a rogue nation?

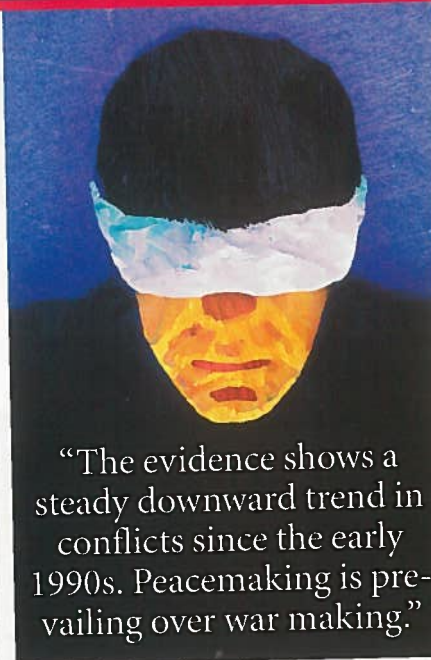
Doubtful Diplomacy

The North Korean situation presents a stark contrast between the gross naivete of Israelitish-U.S. diplomacy compared with that of the more cunning, practical and definitive approach of another (Gentile) nation—Japan. Upon hearing that the U.S. secretary of state was prepared to ease sanctions on North Korea based on “understandings and expectations” that North Korea will “refrain from testing any long-range missiles for the duration of negotiations aimed at improving our relations,” Japanese Foreign Minister Masahiko Koumura's response was quite clear and to the point: “Japan will not follow the United States in easing sanctions against North Korea unless Tokyo determines Pyongyang has **SCRAPPED** a plan to test-fire a ballistic missile” (*Kyodo World Service*, Sept. 14).

There's the difference between the addle-headed leaders of modern-day biblical Israel (primarily Britain and America) and the “stranger” (or Gentile non-Israelite). Such “stranger” nations are prophesied to become the head, while Britain and America become the tail, as the end of the age approaches (Deut. 28:43-44).

The difference between the *pre-World War II*-educated political leaders in the U.S. and Britain and those educated *post-World War II* is stark. Contrast the following statements, reflective of each type of mind, on the subject of Japan.

“During the 20th century as a whole,



“The evidence shows a steady downward trend in conflicts since the early 1990s. Peacemaking is prevailing over war making.”

no country has more consistently regarded itself as in essential conflict with the United States than has Japan, and no country has been more uniformly looked upon as a potential enemy by Americans,” wrote Edwin O. Reischauer, former ambassador to Japan, in 1953 (George Friedman and Meredith Labard, *The Coming War With Japan*).

“Richard Holbrooke, the new U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, says he intends to campaign vigorously for Japan to get a permanent seat on the UN security council.... ‘I believe that the U.S.-Japanese relationship is our most important bilateral relationship,’ he said” (*Associated Press*, Sept. 14).

Two different mind sets are reflected in the above statements; two *vastly* different ways of looking at a nation. The first view, that of Ambassador Reischauer, is born of a realistic assessment of history underpinned by an education founded on Bible-based absolutes—creationism, cause and effect, and a system of values based on the Ten Commandments.

The second attitude is conceived of a mind that was shaped by intellectuals who questioned the notion of absolute truth and sought to replace it, within our Western education system, with German rationalist thought, having its genesis in the warped, deceived and godless “thinking” of such intellectuals as Nietzsche, Hegel, Vogt and Marx, underpinned by evolutionary Darwinism and embellished by the false psychology of Freud.

The *former* education produced leaders of empire in Britain and pio-

neers of the greatest single nation on earth, the United States of America. The *latter* type of education has produced a generation of leaders, in Britain and America in particular, described in biblical prophecy as having the mind of an infant (Isa. 3:4).

In an inspired statement reflective of Jesus Christ's own words, quoted at the beginning of this article, Isaiah prophesies of today's blind leaders. “As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths” (Isa. 3:12).

Now contrast Ambassador Holbrooke's latter statement with the following assessment of the cold, hard reality on the future of relations between the U.S. and Japan. “With the end of the cold war, Japan's life as Cinderella must come to an end. Japan must become a normal nation again. It must cease being a protectorate of the United States: Japan must once again have a foreign policy and a military of its own.... Japan *will* have them because it is historically unavoidable. If Japan is a normal nation again, it will necessarily begin behaving normally” (Friedman and Lebard, *op. cit.*, p. 379).

And, historically, just what is that *normal* behavior? “The U.S. will compete economically with Japan for domination of the Asian markets.... The clash between American economic power and Japan's military power will center on the flow of minerals that are the lifeblood of Japan. The great choke points of Japan's oil and mineral trade—Hormuz, Malacca, Lombok, and the countries that supply Japan's raw materials—will again become an arena for the struggle between Japanese and American interests. Thus, inexorably, the economic conflict will become a political conflict, and the political conflict will become military” (*ibid.*, pp. 394-395).

That's a refreshingly realistic, pragmatic assessment of the inevitable outcome of the current strains between the U.S. and Japan, based on a clear view of history. You see, it's an *appreciation of history* that the present flower-power generation of leaders in America and Britain lack so greatly. Their policies are not so much driven within a historical perspective as within the liberal socialist ideological dreamland into which their minds were sucked by the phenomenon of the 1960s and '70 which professor Allan Bloom describes

as the “closing of the American mind.” This is its legacy—leaders who construct foreign policy in the fantasy fairyland which convinces them that *terrorists* will become *peacemakers*, sworn *enemies* of the past have become their true *lovers*, and if we just act nicely to nations which threaten to bury us, they’ll quietly walk away and behave as all good nations should. *Dream on!*

New World Order

Back in the summer of 1989, on the eve of President Bush’s first trip to Eastern Europe, White House adviser Brent Scowcroft mused, “I think we are at an historic transition period in world history.” Scowcroft spoke on the eve of the end of the cold war, which event suddenly plunged the world into a period of change so pervasive that 50 years of assumptions about foreign policy were suddenly made obsolete.

The world had become accustomed to, perhaps even comfortable with, the balance of power held by two great superpowers, Russia and the U.S. Then, in 1990, the Soviet Union seemed to catastrophically implode. Shortly thereafter came the Gulf War of January 1991 and the “victory” of America’s armed forces (supported by a global alliance with 27 other nations) over Saddam Hussein’s Iraqi military power, the fourth-largest army in the world at that time.

President Bush was euphoric, and his words expressed not only his mood, but the mood of America at the time: “Until now, the world we’ve known has been a world divided—a world of barbed wire

and concrete blocks, conflict and cold war,” the president said that night. “Now we can see a new world coming into view, a world in which there is the very real prospect of a new world order... a world in which freedom and respect for human rights find a home among all nations.”

Suddenly one superpower was astride the world like a colossal policeman. Surely now, given the perceived success of the famous American dream, the U.S. would become the guarantor of prevailing world peace!

It didn’t quite turn out that way. “Despite the proclamations of a ‘new world order,’ the hallmark of the early 1990s was not harmony, but burgeoning disorder. For every problem solved, a new and equally pressing crisis unfolded. After two years of tumultuous change, the world was trapped in a troubled transition that was proving bloodier, costlier and more confusing than anyone had anticipated” (Robin Wright and Doyle McManus, *Flash Points*, p. 215).

With the umbrella of the cold war drawn back from overshadowing all interpretations of foreign policy, age-old economic rivalries—social, ethnic, cultural and in particular religious differences—contained under the surface for half a century, suddenly boiled over. The clouds of international chaos gathered on the horizon.

Perhaps in no other place than the beautiful Indian state of Kashmir, an idyllic tourist haven of the rich for decades, did this new age of chaos better demonstrate its lethal potential.

Since the dawn of the 1990s, India’s only state with a Muslim majority became locked in the vice of a vicious and deadly civil war. An earthly paradise was suddenly converted into a fiery hell. But it was more than the death and destruction wrought by this insurrection in the streets of its capital, Srinigar, that swung world attention to this Himalayan hideaway. Behind the powerful weaponry of the combatants lay a sobering reality: The two nations which bordered either side of the vale of Kashmir, India and Pakistan, could lock in hot war over this disputed territory, and both now had *nuclear* capabilities!

Peace Prevails?

Peace prevails—war is losing its hold. Was there ever a more foolish notion given headline status in the press? The reality is that at least 40 contemporary conflicts currently light up the globe, from Colombia to East Timor, from Northern Ireland to Angola. Ten of the world’s leading 15 arms importers are in the third world. These include the unstable regimes of Libya, Iraq, Syria, Afghanistan, Angola and North Korea. Operation Desert Storm demonstrated that a third-world country can rapidly build such firepower that it takes the combined force of 28 nations to counter it.

Whether it be Zulu against Xosa, Georgian against Ossetian, Albanian against Serb, North Korean against South Korean, mainland Chinese against Taiwanese, Hindu against Muslim, Muslim against Eastern Orthodox,



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Catholic against Protestant—whatever the difference between human beings culturally, religiously, economically or ethnically—in the world of the new millennium any one of these can be, and is being, exploited by ruthless political movements to gain their ends.

Yet, the “Peace Prevails” article says that “democracies have replaced autocratic regimes in virtually every region in the world. As new democracies become more globally engaged, wars and insecurity fall off” (op. cit.). Unreal! Might we suggest to the authors that a study of “democracy” on the continent of Africa may be well worth their time—in particular a historical comparison between the “autocratic” governments which the British Empire brought to Africa compared with the “democratic” governments which superseded the dismantling of colonization.

“The ability of peacemakers to promote settlements of wars within nation-states has improved dramatically” (op. cit.). Unbelievable! Name one successful, *lasting* peace process—just one—that has succeeded in the past ten years. There isn’t one! *Not one!*

The plain fact of the clearly documented and detailed history of the final decade of the 20th century is that the much-touted “new world order” never happened. Any efforts in that direction were quickly overtaken by a rampant new global DISORDER.

As Wright and McManus reported, “Far from a halcyon new dawn, the transition to a new era brought one unexpected nightmare after another” (op. cit.). They ought to know. Far from pontificating from the halls of academia on false rumors of peace, these two authors have reported from more than 70 countries and between them covered 14 wars.

Yet, the “peace prevails” academics do make one valid point. In their conclusion they state that “more *sustained international engagement*, not less, is needed to keep peace up and conflict down.” Quite true. But it’s a matter of *who engages whom* on the international scene. History shows that, left to man, “more sustained international engagement” will inevitably break down. Sooner or later the engaging parties will find a point of dissension and start arguing. International arguments spawn disengagement. Disengagement engenders conflict. Conflict sparks war. And so the cycle has gone from age to age since Cain slaughtered his brother Abel.

The Future Reality

“The new world will not take shape by accident. Navigating the transition will require not only deliberate direction but leadership of a high order. The policy decisions and steps taken to diffuse these flash points will be the beginning. How quickly and decisively they are made may well determine how long the transition lasts—and how soon the world settles into a new era” (*Flash Points*, pp. 223-224). The reality is, a new world order is rapidly approaching—and it will be no accident! It will receive very deliberate direction from the highest-caliber leadership in the universe. The policy decisions and steps taken to diffuse earthly flash points will be based upon immutable, unchangeable, God-guaranteed law. The transition will be immediate and permanent. The lead up to the dawning of this new era for man is well under way and nearing its great consummation.

The whole international community is about to be *engaged*. But the engagement will not stem from the international level, nor from the interplanetary level; not even from the intergalactic level. The engagement will be initiated from the northward parts of the outer edge of the



“The ability of peacemakers to promote settlements of wars within nation-states has improved dramatically.” Unbelievable! Name one successful, *lasting* peace process—just one—that has succeeded in the past ten years. There isn’t one!

universe. It has been willed by the Almighty “father of lights” (James 1:17) that the Word, who abode with Him forever, Creator of this earth and all that is in it including humankind, will return to this earth and put down all rebellion and insurrection, and stop all wars—*forever!*

“And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.... And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS” (Rev. 19:11, 16). He is Supreme Field Marshal of mighty armies immune to puny man’s physical weaponry. “And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God” (Rev. 19:14-15).

Time is almost up. The Eternal God of the universe has had enough. Mankind has tried every form of government under the sun—and none of them work! The One who brought this earth into being and spun it on its axis, creating a perfect environment for man to thrive within (Gen. 1:31), is about to intervene in your life. You are about to witness that intervention in the not-too-distant future. It’s as sure as tomorrow’s rising sun.

And when He does finally intervene, peace *will* prevail. Not the sham peace brokered by the hand of man under duress from terrorist enterprises. No! This will be true, *everlasting* peace, the kind of “peace that passes all understanding” (Phil. 4:7). This will be a peace which prevails for a whole millennium of time.

Yes! A new millennium is coming—not one miscalculated by a human pope and foisted off on an unsuspecting public as the real thing by a massive, worldly religion.

No! This will be a peace crafted by the very architect of true peace (Heb. 7:1-2). A peace which will, once and for all, fulfill the desires of President Abraham Lincoln, for which he pleaded in his second inaugural address: “a just and lasting peace among ourselves and all nations.” Write now for your copy of *The Incredible Human Potential* and discover how you can start working to achieve that peace. ♦



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THE GOOD NEWS BEHIND A GERMAN- DOMINATED EUROPE

In the short run, it is bad news—as it has been in the past. But it is a sign that will lead directly to the greatest event ever to occur on this earth!

BY GERALD FLURRY

IN THE AUGUST *TRUMPET*, I WROTE AN article about how Germany is once again dominating Europe. In response, I received a letter from an author we have quoted frequently. He wrote:

“Dear Mr. Flurry,

“I was overjoyed to read that there is at least someone in America who understands the evil which is being perpetrated by ‘German Europe.’

“Your article in the *Trumpet* of this month could have been written by myself—except that no major publication in Britain would have published it—so much has our resistance work been censored over the last 20 years.

“I am sending you herewith a copy of my books *Treason at Maastricht* (written with Norris McWhirter) and *Europe's Full Circle* as well as my leaflet ‘Yugoslavia and Its Enemies’ [republished on page 20 in this issue]. They are all best-sellers among the ordinary voter and gradually a few politicians are realizing the groundswell of opinion and are beginning to run round saying, ‘Quick, quick, I am their leader, I must follow them!’

“My friend and fellow activist Norris McWhirter was the founder editor of the *Guinness Book of Records* and he and I hope to arrange a trip to the U.S. later in the year in order to promote the ideas

of those who wish to leave the European Union. So much of the tragedy over here is due to ignorance among politicians and journalists over there! Could you help us in locating publicity agents, speaking engagements, journalists and politicians to influence? We would be most grateful. We would be concentrating on New York and Washington D.C. but are willing to travel elsewhere.

“I look forward to hearing from you. Yours sincerely,”

Rodney E.B. Atkinson
UK Independence Party candidate

We are doing what we can to help Mr. Atkinson. We are scheduled to tape an interview with him this month and plan to air excerpts on our weekly television program, *The Key of David*.

Rodney Atkinson is perhaps the one politician in Britain closest to playing Winston Churchill's role of warning Britain (and America) about the coming danger of a powerful Germany—again.

Germany started World Wars I and II. Immediately after World War II, our leaders vowed that Germany would never rise to threaten world peace again. But what a different attitude American and British leaders have toward Germany today.

Other people in Europe are beginning to see the dangers of a new, militaristic Germany. But there is a deeper and very inspiring message that our peoples must see.

French Fears

In an article titled “France's German Jitters,” John Vinocur wrote for *The International Herald Tribune*, “A leading figure of the French establishment says that France's great problem early in the next century will be Germany, and that he believes the French-German relationship risks becoming a confrontational one.

“Maurice Druon, permanent secretary of the French Academy, sees the post-war given of close French-German cooperation diminishing into a thing of the past. GERMANY, he believes, IS RE-EMERGING AS AN IMPERIAL, DOMINANT FORCE IN EUROPE.

“I realize I've broken a taboo in saying this,” Mr. Druon said in an interview after publishing an article in *Le Figaro* that laid out his concerns about Germany. ‘I'm not the only one in France, obviously, to see things this way. But THE OTHERS AREN'T SAYING IT IN PRINT.’...

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MORE DEMANDING, DOMINATING, AND IMPERIAL AGAIN, and on top of that surprised AND OFFENDED WHEN THIS IS POINTED OUT.'...

"Mr. Druon, who has close ties in Britain—he refers to the United States as being 'congenitally ignorant' on the subject of European history.... He *hoped* that the United States, 'with its short-term pragmatism, DOES NOT SEE THE NEW GERMANY AS THE ONLY INTERESTING PARTNER' IN EUROPE" (Sep. 8).

Why would he even say that he hopes the U.S. doesn't see the *new* Germany as the only interesting partner in Europe? Because this has been the policy of the present U.S. political administration since they came into power.

Germany has become America's closest ally in Europe, even though they were our deadly enemies in both world wars. Britain and France were our closest allies. That history ought to teach us that something is dangerously wrong. History alone should reveal that the U.S. is treading on a mine-field. God prophesied that He would give America and Britain children to rule over them in this end time (Isa. 3:4). No policy illustrates this prophecy more effectively than our foreign relations with Germany.

But there is still a much greater lesson that should inspire Britain, America and France, if they would only look even deeper into their own history.

Many in Europe can see the danger of a new and powerful Germany. But as Mr. Druon says, "the others aren't saying it in print"! Germany is already so powerful and domineering that people fear to speak out against them! They timidly avoid Germany's wrath.

And because of those timid and fearful leaders, the people are in for a dreadful shock. Real leaders wouldn't allow speaking the truth about Germany to become a "taboo" in the first place. It is such weak leadership that allows Germany to rise to power again and again.

America Builds Germany

The U.S. has indeed been "congenitally ignorant" about European history. But we have never been so DANGEROUSLY ignorant as we are today! Not only do we *not* try to restrain Germany, we have helped to build them into a superpower for the purpose of leading Europe!

It is clearly documented that our World War II leaders thought the U.S. would keep Germany in check as it united with Europe. Then, the theory was, Europe and the U.S. could lead



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Germany. Just the opposite has happened! And America is the main reason why. It has been the present administration's vision of how to keep peace in Europe. Expect the opposite. It will cause the greatest nuclear war and suffering this earth has ever seen!

Using Germany to keep peace in Europe is really inexcusable political madness. But that happens when you are "congenitally ignorant" of German and European history!

Or worse yet—you may know the history and learn nothing from it!

Yes, Germany has "become more and more demanding, dominating and imperial AGAIN." And what's more, they are so arrogant that they become offended if you tell them so! That observation alone reveals serious trouble ahead for America, Britain and the world.

But that doesn't stop America's continuing support! In fact, that support keeps growing very fast.

The Associated Press wrote on September 4, "U.S. House Speaker Dennis Hastert met Saturday with the governor of Bavaria in Munich for talks on American high-technology cooperation with the states.... Bavaria is involved in high-technology cooperation with California, Colorado, Georgia, South Car-

olina and West Virginia, and officials hope to expand on those contacts."

Now we are merging German and American military technology, with no idea of where it is leading and why. And Germany has far more to gain from that exchange than we do.

Bible prophecy reveals where it is leading. We have been showing America and Britain for over 50 years where our relationship with Germany is taking us.

And behind all that bad news is the best news you could possibly hear!

A Revealing Prophecy

If you haven't read our new booklet on *Jeremiah*, please write for a free copy. You will find its prophecies shocking and at the same time very inspiring. Jeremiah was written in a book specifically for this end time (Jer. 30:1-9). "And when thou art spoiled, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with crimson, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou rentest thy face with painting, in vain shalt thou make thyself fair; thy LOVERS will despise thee, they WILL SEEK THY LIFE" (Jer. 4:30).

In this revealing verse, God is addressing Israel (v. 1)—primarily America and Britain today.

Who are our lovers today? We must know, because these LOVERS WILL SEEK OUR LIFE—TO TOTALLY DESTROY US! Who could they be? If we have only an ounce of godly fear, this verse should strike terror in our hearts!

And why is God so contemptuous of that relationship? Anciently God chose Israel to lead the world in His way of life. They were not God's favorite people; God is no respecter of persons. They were chosen to do a job—the most important job on earth. Anciently they failed. Today that failure is far worse.

Israel has not only scorned God, we have taken the great wealth and birthright blessings that God gave us and used them to teach the world rebellion against God.

ISRAEL WAS CHOSEN TO BE GOD'S "LOVER" AND TO TRUST HIM—NOT GERMANY. You can almost feel God's emotional anger when reading this verse. The same feeling a loving husband has when his beautiful wife commits adultery! Only this is a million times worse.

Remember, this is God speaking. And He won't change His plan. He will punish Israel until they are willing to fulfill their chosen role. Germany—our *lover*—will be used by God to punish Israel (Isa. 10:5-7).

God is even angrier with spiritual Israel, or His Church. They were chosen to do what the nations of Israel failed to do. But they too have failed God. They were called to warn the nations of Israel about their rebellion (Ezek. 33:1-9). Instead, the Church became Laodicean and rebelled against God (Rev. 3:14-19). "For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the *daughter of Zion*, that bewaileth herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers" (Jer. 4:31).

Zion in the Old Testament represents God's Church. They too will be plunged into German concentration camps because of their evil. They are portrayed as a woman giving birth to a child. This tribulation pictures her birth pangs. And the birth it pictures is FAR GREATER THAN ANYTHING PHYSICAL! THEIR SALVATION IS AT STAKE. That is not true of the nations of Israel, since God hasn't yet called them (John 6:44). But God's Church has been called. And He must punish them this way to save 50 percent of them (Matt. 25:1-10). The other 50 percent will be lost forever! WHAT A PAINFUL BIRTH. But God never gives up. Only men do.

The nuclear holocaust is so bad that all the birds flee from the major cities! (Jer. 4:25-27). NOT A MAN IS LEFT ALIVE IN THE BIGGER CITIES! (v. 29). Can you and I afford to ignore this mind-staggering prophecy? It is time for all men to awaken or face a nuclear holocaust!

Most of God's own people fail to understand. They don't get it! Do you deeply see what is about to affect the nations of Israel? Do you get it?

Still, this is good news. Zion is giving birth. Fifty percent of God's people are to be born into God's family—eternal glory! That is the greatest good news we could hear! But what labor pains they must experience to attain that birth. It certainly is worth the pain, however, if you see the eternal majesty in God's Kingdom.

Germany is God's instrument to awaken God's Church and the nations of Israel. "O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is MINE INDIGNATION. I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of MY WRATH will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets" (Isa. 10:5-6).

We have proven for years that As-



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siria is Germany. Remember, the book of Isaiah was also written precisely for the end time (Isa. 30:8).

Who reveals the identity of Assyria today—and of Israel? That is one indication of where God's Work is, because these prophecies must be proclaimed now! Not later. Now!

God is sending Germany "against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath." Do we believe God? He is full of wrath against Israel because of their giant hypocrisy. They act so godly and righteous as they lead the world into Sodom and Gomorrah!

Never has the world seen such gross, inexplicable immorality as in the nations of Israel—the very people who were chosen to lead the world to God! How we love to *act* righteous—instead of *being* righteous. Unless we repent, God will tread us down like the mire of the streets!

The nations of Israel have chosen Germany as their lover. And Germany will betray us, as they have often done in the past. THEY WILL "SEEK YOUR LIFE." THEY WILL DESTROY THE GREAT NATIONS OF ISRAEL UNLESS WE REPENT!

God is about to show us who Israel's lover should and must be, if we are to

have a future. But soon our nations will repent and let God use them to lead the world. God is still going to use Israel mightily. That is good news.

I realize that many don't like what I write about prophecy. But that *too* is prophesied.

"Prophecy Not"

"Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever" (Isa. 30:8). The expression "time to come" should read *latter day*. The book of Isaiah was not written for 1000 A.D. or 1500 A.D. or 1800 A.D.—it was written for NOW! Today. This very minute.

"That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the Lord" (v. 9). "Lying children" in the *Interpreters Bible* reads, "Sons who deny their sonship." About 95 percent of God's people in this end time are denying their sonship. Why? Because they will "not hear the LAW of the Lord." That means they reject the government of God which implements that law. It always gets back to government. Where you find God's Work, you will always find God's government. God guides His Work by His government.

Most of God's people and the nations of Israel abhor God's law and government. That is why they are headed for disaster. These horrifying prophecies will explode on the world scene before they even recognize what is happening. That is the fruit of their own rebellion.

"Which say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits" (v. 10). Most of God's people and the nations of Israel don't want to hear the prophecies about Israel and Germany. They want to hear "smooth things" from the false ministers. They want to hear deceits, even though it will lead to disaster.

It is so clear where God's revealed prophecy is today. You will find it only in *one* place. You don't find God's revelation among people who say "prophecy not"!

It is the deceitful ministers who refuse to prophecy. God's true ministers feel compelled to prophecy (Amos 3:7-8).

It is time that we think like adults. WE CAN'T HIDE LIKE CHILDREN FROM THE REAL WORLD! DOES ANYBODY BELIEVE THAT THE GREAT EBB AND FLOW OF WORLD EVENTS WILL BE CONTROLLED BY CHILDISH PEOPLE WANTING TO HEAR "SMOOTH THINGS"? Will that attitude

remove Germany as the number-one power in Europe? Will it make Germany less belligerent?

Will God's great master plan be governed by a childish leader hiding from the truth?

Will a childish press change Germany's move to control Europe and the world? It didn't stop Hitler in World War II. The press berated Winston Churchill as he tried to warn the world.

We see Israel's collapsing family structure and national immorality all around. If we deny it is happening, does that mean God won't sweep us into a nuclear tribulation because of those sins? Foolish and childish ideas won't change the force of world events! And it won't change the force of God's prophesied plan. To think so is spiritual madness!

"Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us" (Isa. 30:11). The Laodiceans drove God from their midst by rejecting His law and government. Does that mean the Creator of the universe will change His plan?

Maybe you need to read that verse again. They had God in their midst. And then their rebellion drove Him away!

If God's people and the world hate what I'm teaching from the Bible, does that mean it won't happen? Will their rebellion change God's prophecies?

The rise of Germany to power will lead *directly* to the return of Christ. Does rejecting that prophecy mean that Christ won't come? Does their rejecting our only hope mean there is no hope?

How childish—and dangerous—such views are. But most people think just that way! And it can only lead to the most vile kind of shame.

What we need now is the courage to accept God's law and government. Then we can face any prophecy and be greatly inspired by God's hope.

"Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant" (v. 13). Soon those deceitful walls and philosophies that have been erected will fall "SUDDENLY AT AN INSTANT"—like a house of cards in a hurricane!

No amount of childish desire for "smooth things" will change that.

"And he shall break it as the breaking of the potters' vessel that is broken in pieces; he shall not spare: so that there shall not be found in the bursting of it a sherd to take fire from the hearth, or to take water withal out of the pit" (v. 14).

Once you have prophecy from God,
you must treat it as prophecy from God!

"WE HAVE also a more sure word of prophecy... a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts" (II Pet. 1:19).

The whole world is about to be shattered by the Great Tribulation and Christ's return. Then the world will be filled with peace, joy and abundance. And it's all tied to Germany's rise to power!

If we refuse to talk about it, does that make it go away? No, that just makes events in our lives about 100 times worse!

"For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem: THOU SHALT WEEP NO MORE: he will be very gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; when he shall hear it, he will answer thee. And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers" (vv. 19-20). Today God gives us "bread of adversity"—trials. Why? To prepare us to teach the whole world—if we heed God's words today. Then the world will *see* their teachers and not push them into a corner as they do today. We shall help Christ remove all weeping from this earth!

HOW COULD WE EVEN IMAGINE REFUSING TO PROPHECY ABOUT SUCH MAGNIFICENT, ROYAL EVENTS?

This is all more real than what is around you. But how real is it to you? Time will soon reveal the answer to that question.

No Private Interpretation

We are not dependent upon men to understand prophecy. "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts" (II Pet. 1:19). We have a more sure word of prophecy—God's view. We can't even rely on our own view.

This is a prophecy about the day star (or the sun, a type of Christ) arising in our hearts—ABOUT WHAT HAPPENS IN YOUR MIND NOW! When God reveals His prophecy to us, it lights up our whole world. We are no longer in darkness. The day star begins to rise in our hearts. We see God's master plan—how He will use Germany to correct Israel. Then God will destroy their military machine forever.

We see, in vision, the return of Christ and His rule over mankind.

Those who respond to this message now will become Christ's bride and will help Him teach the world when He returns. Then His spiritual light will fill the world. We help usher in an eternal sunrise! We see all this in our minds now. It illuminates our life. We gear our whole life to this vision.

"Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation" (v. 20). *First* you must know this: No true prophecy comes from man. It's revealed by God.

This you must know *first* and most of all. You build on this foundation. *Once you have prophecy from God, you must treat it as prophecy from God!* Most of God's own people today treat God's prophecy as if it came from man! And here is the heart of what deep conversion is all about. Deeply converted people treat God's prophecy as if it truly came from God. Whether it's about Germany or the return of Christ, it's still revealed prophecy.

Revelation comes from God and only from God. Many other scriptures tell us that when we have God's revelation, we must proclaim it to the world!

That is why we publish books and booklets by Herbert W. Armstrong. God revealed these truths to him to reach "the largest audience possible." Revealed truth is not just for the Church; God reveals it for the world. We must deliver His message. That is God's Work.

Most of God's people have refused to do His Work today.

"For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but HOLY MEN OF GOD spake as they were moved by the Holy [Spirit]" (v. 21). Whomever God reveals the truth to must speak for God. The message came through God's Holy Spirit—not by the will of man.

God gives us some painful prophecies about Germany and Israel today. But if we see His master plan, we know these prophecies are a prelude to filling the entire earth with God's spiritual light. Understand this, and the spiritual sun rises in our hearts. Our whole life is illuminated by God's majestic plan. Then we know that very soon the whole earth will be filled with joy and abundance.

Even in this dark world, that vision fills our lives with hope. ♦

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SOLD TO GERMANY

Germany has bought Poland—outright! Through Vatican influence this once Communist nation is now being aggressively incorporated into the EU. How did this happen so quickly and where is it leading?

BY GARETH FRASER

"TWENTY YEARS AGO, DURING first pilgrimage to my country, together with the throngs assembled in prayerful community on Victory Square, I called upon the Holy Spirit, praying: 'May your Spirit descend on us! May you renew the face of the land. This land!'" With these words, Pope John Paul II opened his address to the joint session of the Polish parliament and senate gathered in Warsaw on June 11 of this year.

He went on to claim that it was by the very power of God (in answer to his 1979 prayer for Poland) that the country had been liberated from the repression of Communist rule and the way made clear for Poland to take its place in the European Union. "For the first time, a pope speaks to a joint session of the Polish parliament—a Polish pope," he said.

This pope, born in the Polish city of Krakow, has placed Poland high on his agenda throughout his papal tenure. Put simply, the pope wants Poland in the EU, and he will do all in his power to speed that process.

The late Herbert W. Armstrong warned for years of Germany's Euro-

pean ambitions being aided by the Vatican in raising, for the last time, the Holy Roman Empire. Mr. Armstrong wrote, "Many of the present Pope John Paul II's activities point to the fact that he can be the pope that will initiate this European reunion, in a 'United States of Europe.' As a matter of fact, his having come from Poland, and the effect of his visit there, indicate that...the coming 'resurrected' Holy Roman Empire may include such nations...as Poland, Czechoslovakia, Romania and Yugoslavia" (co-worker letter, Sep. 20, 1979). Read that again. Mr. Armstrong wrote that 20 years ago.

In his Warsaw address this year, the pope went on to say, "Poland has every right to participate in the progress and development of the world, especially in Europe. *The integration of Poland with the European Union has been supported by the Apostolic See from the beginning.* The historical experience of the Polish nation, its spiritual and cultural richness, can effectively contribute to the common good of the entire human family, especially towards the strengthening of peace and security in Europe. And here, I renew my plea to the Old Continent: 'Europe, open your doors to Christ!'"



PRESIDENTS RAU OF Germany and Kwasniewski of Poland meet on the on the German-Polish border September 1.

EU Responds to Pope's Request

With 95 percent of Poland's population Catholic, the power of this papal speech soaked deep into the hearts and minds of Poland's political elite. The Polish government has made integration with the EU a top priority, seeing benefits for Poland in its potential access to Europe's consumer and labor markets, bringing a free flow of goods, services and capital. Surveys show that 62 percent of Poles are in favor of joining the EU.

In addition to the enthusiastic response at home, the pope's June 11 Warsaw message was well-received in Brussels—EU headquarters.

At the time of the pope's speech, German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder had recently completed the second Polish-German intergovernmental consultations, focusing on increasing German-Polish business and industry initiatives. In early September this year, Schröder paid a two-day visit to Warsaw on the 60th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II and promised that Germany would do everything in its power to ensure that Poland becomes an EU member within the next few years.

Further, EU response to the pope's continuous prod came on September 5 when German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer acknowledged that Poland would be likely to make the economic

reforms necessary for early EU membership. Hard on the heels of this encouragement, Romano Prodi, head of the European Commission, traveled to Poland on September 30 for his first foreign visit since taking office. While in Poland, Prodi met with President Kwasniewski and Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek to discuss EU membership.

On October 4, EU Commissioner for Enlargement Guenter Verheugen firmed up the EU position by declaring, "I strongly support Poland's ambition to become an EU member."

The Germans want Poland in the EU and are doing everything in their power to make it a reality.

Poland's Push

With a country just smaller in size than the U.S. state of New Mexico and a population of 38.6 million, the previously communized Poland has had to find a way to swiftly transform its unproductive industry into savvy Western capitalism.

For Poland to fulfill the membership requirements of the EU, it must ensure that a stable democracy and a market economy are in place and that human rights are honored. It must also demonstrate the ability to amend its laws to fall in line with the EU's legal system. Poland's key tasks have been privatization, modernization and restructuring of their telecommunications, coal mining and steel industries, along with air

and railway transportation.

To accomplish these goals, Poland has looked for investment help from the West. Poland was caught in a balancing act: on the one hand with a need for foreign investment and capital; on the other with a desire to control the amount of foreign influence necessary to attain the required economic strength for its coveted EU membership.

Germany Fulfills Papal Prophecy

In his speech to the Polish ruling elite, the pope referred to the "third way" of government administration, based on Catholic social dogma. The third way has been touted as an alternative to communism and capitalism by the flower-power triumvirate of U.S. President Bill Clinton, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder. It means different things to different people. In reality, the third way is a disguised form of national socialism.

It is third way politics that have enabled Germany, by *stealth*, to become the most dominant force in Poland. And Germany's economic and military gains in Poland are the means by which the papal prophecy for Poland is being fulfilled.

William Drozdiak of the *International Herald Tribune* acknowledged the troubling eastward focus of Germany: "The new focus of Germany's attention and resources is viewed suspiciously as a discreet crusade to expand the nation's influence and penetration into new markets emerging as a potential 'Teutonic Bloc' from the remnants of the defunct Soviet Empire" (Sept. 11). Simply put, we're seeing shades of the old German *lebensraum* policy, its eastward push for "living space."

The vast Polish plain lies at the crossroad of Europe, bordered by Belarus, the Czech Republic, Germany, Lithuania, Russia, Slovakia and Ukraine. It has long been the meat in the European sandwich—caught between the seesawing might of Germany and Russia.

The success of the papal-CIA initiatives, using Lech Walesa's "Solidarity" movement as a front, led to the collapse of communism in Poland. Then with Russia's economy imploding by 1991, Poland needed a strong trading partner. The German-led EU filled the void.

Today, Poland is the most successful ex-Soviet satellite nation to transition its economy from communism to private-investment-funded free market



PRESIDENT KWASNIEWSKI bids farewell to Pope John Paul II after his tour of 23 Polish cities in June.

economy. The EU is now Poland's biggest market, accounting for over 66 percent of its exports and 63 percent of its imports. In 1996 alone, EU trade with Poland stood at \$7.6 billion, with EU exports to Poland rising beyond 30 percent. The real shock came when Eurostat reported on June 5, 1998, that Germany's share of EU exports to Poland was 43 percent and its imports from Poland were 51 percent, making Germany Poland's chief trading partner. The only other EU member country to rank anywhere near German exports to Poland was Italy, with 13 percent. The Germans are dominating the Polish economy.

Polish Banks in German Hands

Without a doubt, Polish banks have greatly benefited from foreign investment; however, it is this very investment that is taking the banks out of the hands of Poles and putting it into the hands of foreigners. Only now are various politicians waking up to the fact that Polish banks are falling under foreign—mostly German—control. Foreign investors hold over 57 percent of the Polish banks. There now remain only two state-owned banks in Poland. The largest, BIG Bank Gdanski SA, is in the sights of German banking giant Deutsche Bank. This culminated in a hostile takeover bid, which was met with intense opposition by Polish banking officials who see majority control of the industry swinging far too heavily to Germany.

Polish columnist Jacek Dzierwa reported in an August 22 article titled "Polish in Name, Foreign in Capital," that the situation was spinning out of control. He wrote, "Andrzej Szkalski, chairman of the Union of Polish Banks, believes the extent of foreign involvement is a major issue. 'We have found ourselves at a dangerous point and crossed a certain border. And now all decisions about further admission of foreign investors should be very cautious.'"

Opponents of the bank sell-off claim that this policy has been short-sighted, driven by the government's lust for EU membership, giving preference to foreign investors at the expense of Polish investors in the privatization of banks.

The sovereignty of the Polish economy is in grave danger. Germany's blitzkrieg of banking takeovers is a prime example of Teutonic third-way politics in action. Banks are the main source of capital for business development. Now, with the sale of their banks,

Poles are left to sit and watch predominantly German officials make the banking decisions in their home country.

Selling Their Soil to Strangers

In addition to the German banking takeovers, Poland is suffering another crippling symptom of EU membership mania—losing its land to Germany. Deutschland has always craved *lebensraum*.

German citizens are increasingly purchasing vast tracts of land in western and northern Poland. In addition, emotions are spilling over as word reaches Warsaw that foreigners are purchasing land using Polish citizens as straw men to sidestep government limitations on the purchase of real estate.

"It is difficult to check all these reports," says Andrzej Kosiński, deputy director of the real estate, permits and concessions department at the Ministry of Internal Affairs. "However, we know that such situations indeed take place." Most often, they occur in Pomerania and involve the purchase of farmland, because such purchases are normally the most difficult for foreigners. One such case, with the purchase of several hundred hectares of land in Szczecin province by supposedly Polish-funded companies, in reality owned by German shareholders, has even attracted the interest of prosecutors" (*The Warsaw Voice*, Aug. 30).

In 1998, corporations accounted for two-thirds of all real estate buyers. The largest number of permits was obtained by companies based in Germany. Among individuals purchasing Polish real estate, until 1990 Soviet citizens dominated, but since 1991 the Germans have led the way by far.

Recently this culminated in a strong letter-writing campaign by German citizens demanding the return of areas that belonged to them prior to World War II. The Polish parliament is now arguing over whether to impose stricter laws of foreign ownership of land. All such efforts have been struck down as Poland strives to align its current land sale policy with the required EU standard.

The irony of this Polish loss of land and internal government wrangling is that the Germans have *already* put into law barriers to the purchase of

their *own* land by foreigners: a blatant double-standard.

With the loss of large portions of its land to German ownership, Poland's domestic compromise to predominantly German investment is beginning to cause social unrest at home. In late September after the zloty (Polish currency) fell 15 percent, 50,000 people—mainly farmers, steelworkers, teachers, nurses and the unemployed—gathered in central Warsaw to protest the selling off of the country and economic sacrifices for EU membership. The rapid reforms Poland has had to make to come into line with EU policy are the prime cause for such social disorder.

The international community has raised its eyebrows. But with a native-born pope backing Europe's expansion and a bevy of German investment in Poland, Polish Prime Minister Jerzy Buzek knows that he has enough high-profile support to see through his EU-driven policies.

German Military in Poland—Again

Poland's formal accession into the NATO fold came at NATO's 50th anniversary celebrations in Washington D.C. this year. Poland had long sought integration with NATO, and with 90 percent of public support at home and strong support abroad, Polish inclusion was a mere formality.

Integration of Polish forces into NATO operations has been swift. The Polish military is the most capable among the Eastern European states and has already served in multinational forces in Haiti and IFOR/SFOR in Bosnia. This, combined with Poland's very active involvement in the Partnership for Peace exercises (230 events in 1997 alone), has aided its operability within NATO.

Ironically, in the light of World War II Nazi occupation *only 54 years ago*, Germany's military is again on the ground in Poland—and under German command!

In his June 1998 speech at the NATO workshop in Vienna, Austria, Polish President Aleksander Kwasniewski dropped the following bombshell: "Poland's participation in NATO will help accelerate the process of *Polish-German reconciliation*. Poland is a neighbor and *soon will become an ally*"

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Jerzy Buzek

◆ AUSTRALIA

Locusts

Australia's warmer spring days of September signal the juvenile chrysalises of the cicada—often referred to colloquially as locusts—to emerge into daylight and begin their extremely short but raucous lives as flying insects.

So too, it would seem, the minds of Australians have finally emerged from a winter cocoon of blindness and self-delusion about what is happening in the real world. Suddenly and collectively, Australians have awakened this southern spring to the prospect of joining such world flash points as the Middle East, Central Africa, Northern Ireland, the Balkans and the Indian sub-continent.

Australia's nearest neighbor—Indonesia—is on the verge of exploding into perhaps the greatest threat of all to the safety of Australians. This threat is only a few hundred kilometers from the northern Australian coastline, and in recent months, Australia's complete inability to defend that coastline has been dramatically exposed.

While Australians were immersing themselves in debate and compromise about republicanism, constitutional preambles, aboriginal reconciliation and tax reform, their nearest neighbor was going through the pantomime of a United Nations-supervised ballot to determine the future of the small part-island province of East Timor. This former Portuguese colony was illegally annexed by Indonesia 25 years ago, while a condescending and disinterested world, including Australia and the U.S., looked on and did nothing.

Australia's—and indeed the world's—misguided reliance on the Indonesian government to put adequate and

proper safeguards in place to ensure resolution of the self-determination issue, even in the face of the obvious terrorist behavior of the minority—less than 20 percent according to the recent independence vote—has triggered a bloodbath no less horrifying than in any of the world's other hot spots.

Despite the pro-integration militia, so obviously supported and armed by the Indonesian military, threatening genocide and ethnic cleansing in the event of the ballot for independence being successful, the world stood by and made no contingency plan to protect the Timorese people.

News broadcasts reporting the bodies of decapitated victims lying in the streets of the capital, Dili, severed heads being placed on spikes, the murder of 200 victims on a nearby beach and mass evacuation of the terrified population into an unknown future across the border into West Timor, have been greeted with shock, horror and disbelief by a suddenly awakened and angered Australian population.

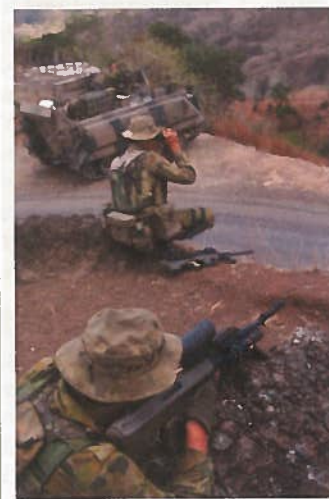
The reality of sudden military involvement in a UN-sponsored 7,000-strong "peace-keeping" force dominated by Australians but including troops from New Zealand, Canada, Thailand, Britain and Portugal is hitting home. Despite pressure from Australian Prime Minister John Howard, America is still resisting direct involvement militarily. However, the possible involvement of NATO and other countries has been suggested.

Who might those "other countries" be?

Very few Australians would recall the fact that in May 1997, none other than Helmut Kohl, former German Chancellor, arrived in the north Queensland resort city of Cairns as part of an 11-day tour of Asia. The *Sydney*

Morning Herald of May 2, 1997, reported the visit "was aimed at reinforcing Germany's newfound interest in Australia and the fast-moving economies in the region.

"In the four years since Dr. Kohl unveiled his government's 'Asien-Strategie,' There has been a dramatic change in relations between the two nations. Corporate Germany has



AUSTRALIAN SOLDIERS in Maliana, East Timor

rapidly expanded its business links with Australia to take advantage of the country as a springboard into Asia.

"From common interests in Asia, these growing political ties have broadened into a range of international issues, from nuclear weapons to mining in the Antarctic.... In terms of Asia, Australia and Germany operate 'not in competitive, but in complementary roles,' said Dr. Eckhard Rohrkamm, who is chief of the German industrial giant Thyssen Industrie AG, and president of the German-Australia-New Zealand-South Pacific Association....

"Dr. Kohl is likely to devote much of his energy during the visit in focusing on the prospects for *closer cooperation with Indonesia and China* in particular. Apart from China, where Germany has emerged as a major investor, *Dr. Kohl has forged close personal links with the*

Indonesian leadership....

"In return, Asia has seen Germany's interest in the region as a chance to build bridges into Europe—under the auspices of Europe's leading statesman."

Of course Dr. Kohl is no longer the German leader, but could the legacy of his 1997 visit be such that Germany would have more than a passing interest in the social and economic breakdown of Indonesia and the continuing descent into civil war in East Timor as well as a number of its other provinces?

The late Herbert W. Armstrong once hinted that, of the Israelitish countries blessed by the ancient covenant between the great Creator God and Abraham, underpopulated Australia could be one of the first to fall into the hands of the Gentile nations as God replaces the blessings with curses for failing to keep this covenant.

Why should 20 million Australians be surprised about the threat currently posed by 200 million people immediately to their north? The republican push amounts to nothing less than a repudiation of its Ephraimitish heritage and the consequent blessings of the Eternal God!

Is Australia about to experience the extent of God's wrath, by His letting loose the *swarming, crawling, chewing and consuming* locusts spoken about by the prophet Joel? "That which the palmerworm [chewing locust] hath left hath the [swarming] locust has eaten; and that which the [swarming] locust hath left hath the cankerworm [crawling locust] eaten; and that which the cankerworm hath left hath the caterpillar [consuming locust] eaten" (Joel 1:4).

Speaking of the future restoration of Israel, following the times of the Gentiles, God says "And I will restore to you the years that the [swarming locust] hath eaten,

the [crawling locust], and the [consuming locust], and the [chewing locust], my great army which I sent among you" (Joel 2:25).

In the book of Revelation, God also uses the analogy of "locusts" to describe the Gentile war machines. "And the shapes of the locusts were like unto horses prepared unto battle; and on their heads were as it were crowns like gold, and their faces were as the faces of men" (Rev. 9:7).

So too did the prophet Joel: "The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run" (Joel 2:4).

Unless the U.S. or a U.S.-backed force much stronger than the measly 7,000 currently mooted to stabilize East Timor is forthcoming, Australia risks being left out in the cold, easy bait for the descending locusts from the north!

◆ EUROPE

Emerging superstate

It was inevitable. Of course a single currency, to be shared across the borders of 11 countries, binding these sovereign states amid talk of "dream come true" benefits to Europe from a combined monetary system, raises an obvious question. If monetary union has such potential, what would be the benefits of greater political union?

Romano Prodi, the new president of the European Commission, is determined to find out. He stated in an April speech before the European Parliament, "The single market was the theme of the '80s. The single currency was the theme of the '90s. We must now fact the difficult task of moving toward a single economy, a single political unity." This, according to Prodi, would include a "real

harmonization of economic systems," a "real schedule for enlargement," a reforming of EU institutions to make this possible, and a new treaty which would increase Europe's defense capabilities.

Now that Prodi is officially commission president, he has wasted no time in starting to make good on his word.

A document co-written by Prodi and former British Trade Minister and Government Adviser Lord Simon of Highbury, due to be released mid-October, has been described by insiders as "far more radical" than expected in paving the way for a more powerful European Union. Proposed is a greater integration of its member states, EU enlargement from 15 to 28 countries within the next three years, and a reduced use of the national veto in favor of "qualified majority voting," which in all likelihood means that Britain and other states would lose their veto over issues such as direct taxation.

Prodi's spokesman commented, "It is not practical to have too many vetoes. We are trying to make sure we can pass some kind of legislation without being blocked by one state." Prodi also plans to reduce the number of commissioners, which would most likely see Britain lose one of its Brussels representatives. Britain's leadership has tried to distance itself from the report, saying that "Lord Simon was 'freelancing' and that the contents of the report did not reflect the government's views" (*Daily Telegraph*, Oct. 14).

British Prime Minister Tony Blair now finds himself lodged between a rock and a hard place. He strongly supported Prodi's nomination for the position and has cautiously tried to warm a very skeptical

British public to his pro-Europe stance. Now we wait to see if he will reject the views of



Prodi

his pro-EU integrationist continental Allies or accept the report. Whichever position he chooses, he will undoubtedly either seek to ride the wave of the emerging EU superstate, or find Britain facing Eu-

rope from across an ever-widening channel.

◆ GERMANY

The Scharping thorn

If Germany's Chancellor Schröder sought to contain his defense minister's leadership aspirations by denying him the opportunity to lead NATO, then his strategy has failed. Rudolf Scharping is currently proving to be a thorn in Schröder's flesh, openly questioning his boss's competence.

Scharping was tossed aside as a candidate for last year's federal election following his failure as the Social Democrat Party's (SPD) candidate when he stood against Chancellor Kohl in 1994. The SPD chose Schröder as their front-runner in the 1998 election, believing that his glitzy media image would swing the disaffected conservative vote away from Kohl's Christian Democrats (CDU) to the SPD. This did prove to be a winning strategy for giving the SPD a turn at governing Germany, but it is not proving a successful formula for carrying the SPD through the difficult economic transition which the

government is seeking to impose on the republic. Though a media-friendly performer, Schröder is having difficulty maintaining discipline within his own party ranks. To add to his woes, the SPD lost heavily in the initial round of state elections in Germany a couple of months ago.

The SPD came to power on the promise of righting the troubled German economy. They immediately set about cutting welfare and social services. Under Schröder's lead, the SPD has simply not been able to sell its austerity package to the German public. In the meantime, unemployment festers at 4 million out of work, with East Germany still hardest hit, evidencing a 20 percent unemployment rate.

With Schröder under siege in his own party, the public turning sour and the media starting to insert its barbs into the Schröder charisma, Rudolph Scharping is starting to cut and thrust behind the scenes. The London-based *Daily Telegraph* reported that on October 7 Scharping met with ten of the top defense and foreign policy experts from the opposing CDU. The *Telegraph* reported that

Scharping fed confidential information to the CDU representatives.

Yet, though the deck seems to be increasingly stacked against Chancellor Schröder, he is a survivor with few scruples about

changing tactics, allegiance or policies mid-stream if it is proved to be to his benefit. It is too early to write this chameleon-like leader off. He may yet have a few rabbits to pull out of the hat prior to further state elections following winter, during which he would hope to recapture the SPD vote in time for a better showing in the year 2000.



Scharping



Fallout from

Kosovo

THREE MONTHS AGO, U.S.-LED NATO FORCES EFFECTIVELY PUT an end to the mass murders carried out in Kosovo by Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic. Thousands of Albanians had been “ethnically cleansed” during the war, and who knows how many thousands more were spared because of NATO’s victory. At least that’s what we were expected to believe prior to the war’s outbreak in March.

NATO BOMBS pummeled Belgrade last spring, supposedly to stop Serbian “genocide.”

Was it true?

Earlier this year, we devoted plenty of space in the *Trumpet* to give you a behind-the-scenes look at the war in Kosovo. In the May issue, we showed how Serbia actually sided with the Allies in both of this century’s world wars. Yet, buckling under German pressure, this time around the United States and its NATO partners picked a fight with their former ally.

We would like to again draw your attention specifically to this “German pressure.” In May, we quoted a BBC report stating that Germany was providing financial support to the KLA — Kosovo’s “internationally unrecognized” guerrilla army that sought independence from greater Serbia.

Serbia was well aware of the close ties between Germany and the Kosovar Albanians. They knew the Germans were behind the KLA terrorism in Kosovo. That’s why a Serbian radio commentator, Milika Sundic, last year accused Germany of “warmongering” and warned Europe about the rise of German fascism.

But the West would not listen. Instead, we listened to Germany.

Germany pushed hardest for NATO’s intervention in Kosovo. In September of 1998, Germany alone insisted that NATO give Slobodan Milosevic an ultimatum. But NATO was slow to act.

Then, reports of Serbian atrocities against Kosovar Albanians began to surface. In a March interview, German Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping announced, “Genocide is starting.” This, as the *Trumpet* pointed out, caused many to start thinking about genocide. Later that month, Scharping claimed Serb forces had set up “concentration camps” for ethnic cleansing.

NATO forces, led by the United States, now had enough evidence to act. The West, especially Germany (how ironic), would not tolerate genocide.

Seven months after the fact, now that Milosevic has been bombed into submission, what have NATO forces discovered?

Not much.

Read “Where Are Kosovo’s Killing Fields?” and see how all the talk about “genocide” and “concentration camps” may turn out to be little more than propaganda, just as we hinted it was from the start.

Stephen Flurry



A BRITISH SOLDIER (center) supervises investigators of the International War Crimes Tribunal digging up a reported mass grave near Pristina.

WHERE ARE KOSOVO'S KILLING FIELDS?

During its four-month war against Yugoslavia, NATO argued that Kosovo was a land wracked by mass murder. Yet four months into an international investigation, bodies numbering only in the hundreds have been exhumed. This could have serious implications for NATO and alliance governments.

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ON OCTOBER 11, THE INTERNATIONAL Criminal Tribunal for the Former Republic of Yugoslavia (ICTY) reported that the Trepca mines in Kosovo, where 700 murdered ethnic Albanians were reportedly hidden, in fact contained no bodies whatsoever.

Three days later, the U.S. Defense Department released its review of the Kosovo conflict, saying that NATO's war was a reaction to the ethnic cleansing campaign by Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. His campaign was "a brutal means to end the crisis on his terms by expelling and killing ethnic Albanians, overtaxing bordering nations' infrastructures, and fracturing the NATO alliance."

The finding by The Hague's investigators and the assertion by the Pentagon raise an important question. Four

months after the war and the introduction of forensic teams from many countries, precisely how many bodies of murdered ethnic Albanians have been found? This is not an exercise in the macabre, but a reasonable question, given the explicit aims of NATO in the war, and the claims the alliance made on the magnitude of Serbian war crimes. Indeed, the central justification for war was that only intervention would prevent the slaughter of Kosovo's ethnic Albanian population.

On March 22, British Prime Minister Tony Blair told the House of Commons, "We must act to save thousands of innocent men, women and children from humanitarian catastrophe, from death, barbarism and ethnic cleansing by a brutal dictatorship." The next day, as the air war began, President Clinton stated, "What we are trying to do is to limit his [Milosevic's] ability to win a military victory and engage in ethnic

cleansing and slaughter innocent people and to do everything we can to induce him to take this peace agreement."

As NATO's first intervention in a sovereign nation, the war in Kosovo required considerable justification. Throughout the year, NATO officials built their case, first calling the situation in Kosovo "ethnic cleansing," and then "genocide." In March, State Department spokesman James Rubin told reporters that NATO did not need to prove that the Serbs were carrying out a policy of genocide because it was clear that crimes against humanity were being committed. But just after the war in June, President Bill Clinton again invoked the term, saying, "NATO stopped deliberate, systematic efforts at ethnic cleansing and genocide."

The Claims Grow

Indeed, as the months progressed, the estimates of those killed by a concerted Serb campaign, dubbed Operation Horseshoe, have swollen. Early on, experts systematically generated what appeared to be sober and conservative estimates of the dead. For example, prior to the outbreak of war, independent experts reported that approximately 2,500 Kosovar Albanians had been killed in the Serbian ethnic cleansing campaign.

That number grew during and after the war. Early in the campaign, huge claims arose about the number of ethnic Albanian men feared missing and presumed dead. The fog and passion of war can explain this. But by June 17, just before the end of the war, British Foreign Office Minister Geoff Hoon reportedly said, "According to the reports we have gathered, mostly from the refugees, it appears that around 10,000 people have been killed in more than 100 massacres." He further clarified that these 10,000 were ethnic Albanians killed by Serbs.

On August 2, the number jumped up by another 1000 when Bernard Kouchner, the United Nations' chief administrator in Kosovo, said that about 11,000 bodies had already been found in common graves throughout Kosovo. He said his source for this information was the ICTY. But the ICTY said that it had not provided this information. To this day, the source of Kouchner's estimates remains unclear. However, that number of about 10,000 ethnic Albanians dead at the hands of the Serbs remains the basic, accepted

number, or at least the last official word on the scope of the atrocities.

Regardless of the precise genesis of the numbers, there is no question that NATO leaders argued that the war was not merely justified, but morally obligatory. If the Serbs were not committing genocide in the technical sense, they were certainly guilty of mass murder on an order of magnitude not seen in Europe since Nazi Germany. The Yugoslav government consistently denied that mass murder was taking place, arguing that the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA) was fabricating claims of mass murder in order to justify NATO intervention and the secession of Kosovo from Serbia. NATO rejected Belgrade's argument out of hand.

Thus, the question of the truth or falsehood of the claims of mass murder is much more than a matter of merely historical interest. It cuts to the heart of the war—and NATO's current peace-keeping mission in Kosovo. Certainly, there was a massive movement of Albanian refugees, but that alone was not the alliance's justification for war. The justification was that the Yugoslav army and paramilitaries were carrying out Operation Horseshoe, and that the war would cut short this operation.

But the aftermath of the war has brought precious little evidence, despite the entry of Western forensics teams searching for evidence of war crimes. Mass murder is difficult to hide. One need only think of the entry of outsiders into Nazi Germany, Cambodia or Rwanda to understand that the death of thousands of people leaves massive and undeniable evidence. Given that many NATO leaders were under attack at home—particularly in Europe—for having waged the war, the alliance could have seized upon continual and graphic evidence of the killing fields of Kosovo to demonstrate the necessity of the war and undercut critics. Indeed, such evidence would help the alliance undermine Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic, by helping to de-

stroying his domestic support and energizing his opponents.

As important, no one appears to really be trying to recover all of the Kosovo war's reported victims. Of the eight human rights organizations most prominent in Kosovo, none is specifically tasked with recovering victims and determining the cause of death. These groups instead are interviewing refugees and survivors to obtain testimony on human rights violations, sanitizing wells and providing mental health services to survivors. All of this is important work. But it is not the recovery and counting of bodies.

It is important to note that a sizable number of people who resided in Kosovo before the war are now said to be unaccounted for—17,000, according to U.S. officials. However, the methodology for arriving at this number is unclear. According to NATO, many records were destroyed by the Serbs. Certainly, no census has been conducted in Kosovo since the end of the war. Thus, it is completely unclear where the specific number of 17,000 comes from. There are undoubtedly many missing, but it is unclear whether these people are dead, in Serbian prisons—official estimates vary widely—or whether they have taken refuge in other countries.

The Investigation

The dead, however, have not turned up in the way that the West anticipated, at least not yet. The massive Trepca mines have so far yielded nothing. Most of the dead have turned up in small numbers in the most rural parts of Kosovo, often in wells. News reports say that the largest grave sites have contained a few dozen victims; some officials say the largest site contained far more, approximately 100 bodies. But the bodies are generally being found in very small numbers—far smaller than encountered after the Bosnian war.

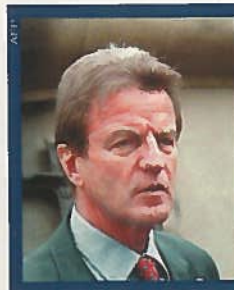
Only one effort now under way may shed light on just how many ethnic Albanian civilians were—or weren't—

killed by Serb forces. The ICTY is coordinating efforts to investigate war crimes in Kosovo. Like human rights organizations, the tribunal's primary aim is not to find all the reported dead. Instead, its investigators are gathering evidence to prosecute war criminals for four offenses: grave breaches of the Geneva Convention, violations of the laws of war, and genocide and crimes against humanity. The tribunal believes that it will, however, be able to produce an accurate death count in the future, although it will not say when. A progress report may be released in late October, according to tribunal spokesman Paul Risley.

Under the tribunal's guidance, police and medical forensic teams from most NATO countries and some neutral nations are assigned to investigate certain sites. The teams have come from 15 nations: Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States. The United States has sent the largest team, with 62 members. Belgium, Germany and the United Kingdom have each sent teams of approximately 20. Most countries dispatched teams of fewer than 10 members.

So far, investigators are a little more than one quarter of the way through their field work, having examined about 150 of 400 suspected sites. The investigative process is as follows: ICTY investigators follow up on reports from refugees or KFOR troops to confirm the existence of sites. Then the tribunal deploys each team to a certain region and indicates the sites to be investigated. Sites are either mass graves—which according to the tribunal means that more than one body is in the grave—or crime scenes, which contain other evidence. The teams exhume the bodies, count them, and perform autopsies to determine age, gender, cause of death and time of death all for the purpose of compiling evidence for future war crimes trials. The by-product of this work, then, is the actual number of bodies recovered. The investigations will continue next year when the weather allows further exhumations.

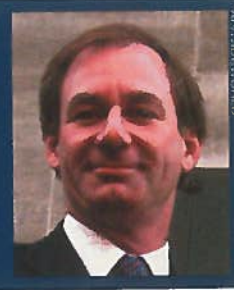
In the absence of an official tally of bodies found by the teams, we are forced to piece together anecdotal evidence to get a picture of what actually happened in Kosovo. From this evidence, it is clear that the teams are not finding large numbers of dead, nothing to substantiate claims of "genocide."



OVERESTIMATES

GEOFF HOON (right) estimated 10,000 ethnic Albanians were killed in over 100 massacres.

BERNARD KOUCHNER said that 11,000 bodies had already been found in common graves through Kosovo.



The FBI's work is a good example. With the biggest effort, the bureau has conducted two separate investigations, one in June and one in August, and will probably be called back again. In its most recent visit, the FBI found 124 bodies in the British sector of Kosovo, according to FBI spokesman Dave Miller. Almost all the victims were killed by a gunshot wound to the head or blunt force trauma to the head. The victims' ages were between 4 and 94. Most of the victims appeared to have been killed in March and April. In its two trips to Kosovo since the war's end, the FBI has found a total of 30 sites containing almost 200 bodies.

The Spanish team was told to prepare for the worst, as it was going into Kosovo's real killing fields. It was told to prepare for over 2,000 autopsies. But the team's findings fell far short of those expectations. It found no mass graves and only 187 bodies, all buried in individual graves. The Spanish team's chief inspector compared Kosovo to Rwanda. "In the former Yugoslavia crimes were committed, some no doubt horrible, but they derived from the war," Juan Lopez Palafox was quoted as saying in the newspaper *El Pais*. "In Rwanda we saw 450 corpses [at one site] of women and children, one on top of another, all with their heads broken open."

In Kosovo, bodies are simply not where they were reported to be. For example, in July a mass grave believed to contain some 350 bodies in Ljubenic, near Pec—an area of concerted fighting—reportedly contained only seven bodies after the exhumation was complete. There have been similar cases on a smaller scale, with initial claims of 10 to 50 buried bodies proven false.

Investigators have frequently gone to reported killing sites only to find no bodies. In Djakovica, town officials claimed that 100 ethnic Albanians had been murdered but reportedly alleged that Serbs had returned in the middle of the night, dug up the bodies, and carried them away. In Pusto Selo, villagers reported that 106 men were captured and killed by Serbs at the end of March. NATO even released satellite imagery of what appeared to be numerous graves, but again no bodies were found at the site. Villagers claimed that Serbian forces came back and removed the bodies. In Izbica, refugees reported that 150 ethnic Albanians were killed in March. Again, their bodies are nowhere to be found. Ninety-

Bodies found in Kosovo's "mass graves"



six men from Klina vanished in April; their bodies have yet to be located. Eighty-two men were reportedly killed in Kraljan, but investigators have yet to find one of their bodies.

What Happened?

Killings and brutality certainly took place, and it is possible that massive new findings will someday be uncovered. Without being privy to the details of each investigation on the ground in Kosovo, it is possible only to voice suspicion and not conclusive proof. However, our own research and survey of officials indicates that the numbers of dead so far are in the hundreds, not the thousands. It is possible that huge, new graves await to be discovered. But ethnic Albanians in Kosovo are presumably quick to reveal the biggest sites in the hope of recovering family members or at least finding out what happened. In addition, large sites would have the most witnesses, evidence and visibility for inspection teams. Given progress to date, it seems difficult to believe that the 10,000 claimed at the end of the war will be found. The killing of ethnic Albanian civilians appears to be orders of magnitude below the claims of NATO, alliance governments and early media reports.

How could this have occurred? It appears that both governments and outside observers relied on sources controlled by the KLA, both before and during the war. During the war this reliance was heightened; governments relied heavily on the accounts of refugees arriving in Albania and Macedonia, where the KLA was an important conduit of information. The sophisticated public relations machine of the KLA and the fog of war may have generated a perception

that is now proving dubious.

What is clear is that no one is systematically collecting the numbers of the dead in Kosovo even though such work would only help NATO in its efforts to remain in Kosovo and could possibly topple Milosevic. What can be learned of the investigations to date indicates deaths far below expectations. Finally, all of this suspicion can be easily dispelled by a comprehensive report by NATO, the United Nations or the United States and other responsible governments detailing the findings of the forensic teams, and giving time frames for completion and results. It is unclear that, even if the ICTY releases a report soon, it will address all these issues. The lack of an interim report indicating the discovery of thousands of Albanian victims strikes us as decidedly odd. One would think that Clinton, Blair and the other leaders would be eager to demonstrate that the war was not only justified, but morally obligatory.

It really does matter how many were killed in Kosovo. The foreign policy and political implications are substantial. There is a line between oppression and mass murder. It is not a bright, shining one, but the distinction between hundreds of dead and tens of thousands is clear. The blurring of that line has serious implications not merely for NATO's integrity, but for the notion of sovereignty. If a handful—or a few dozen—people are killed in labor unrest, does the international community have the right to intervene by force? By the very rules that NATO has set up, the magnitude of slaughter is critical.

Politically, the alliance depended heavily on the United States for information about the war. If the United States and NATO were mistaken, then alliance governments that withstood heavy criticism, such as the Italian and German governments, may be in trouble. Confidence in both U.S. intelligence and leadership could decline sharply. Stung by scandal and questions about its foreign policy, the Clinton administration is already having difficulty influencing world events. That influence could fall further. There are many consequences if it turns out that NATO's claims about Serb atrocities were substantially false. ♦

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Yugoslavia and Its Enemies



"We were escorted by a woman from the U.S. embassy as we flew towards Tuzla. She pointed at all the destroyed villages and exclaimed excitedly, 'Look at what the criminal Serbs have done.' In fact they were Bosnian Croat villages ethnically cleansed by the Muslims.... Later (we) visited Mostar where the Croats had virtually destroyed the Muslim sector. The U.S. official cried: 'Well at least this was done by the criminal Serbs.' The woman burst into tears when it was pointed out that the Croats had been to blame."

—General Sir Michael Rose, former UN Military Commander in Bosnia, *The Times*, Nov. 10, 1998



A Muslim mass grave is uncovered in Mostar.

1903—
1918

Austria-Hungary, the last Catholic Empire, in decline. Catholicization of Dalmatia and Slavonia. The creation of "greater Croatia." The Slav revolution—Serbia as the center of resistance to Austria-Hungary and seen by the Vatican as the westernmost outpost of the hated "schismatic Slavdom."

1905 THE TARIFF WAR: Austria-Hungary blockade of Serbia. 1908: Austria-Hungary annexes Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Serbs in Bosnia become victims of cultural and religious persecution. 1909, Zagreb: Austria-Hungary puts Serbs on trial for "high treason."

"Archduke Franz Ferdinand [of Austria-Hungary] wished to stem the advance of Orthodox Christianity by converting the largest possible number of Serbs to Roman Catholicism. The archduke suggested to Brosch that they should all (i.e. Orthodox, Catholic and Muslims) be dropped into a cauldron and only the Catholics should be allowed to come to the surface."

—Leopold Lumetzky, *Die Aussenpolitik Franz Ferdinands*, June 1944, p. 187

1913 ALBANIA WAS AN ARTIFICIAL creation by Germany and Austria-Hungary in order to block Serbia's access to the Adriatic. (Compare German activities in Albania today, see below.)

SERBIAN TROOPS ARE WARNED by Austria-Hungary and Germany not to pursue the gangs of Albanian terrorists across the border into Albania. (1998 NATO, driven by "German Europe," threatens Serbia for defending its own territory—KOSOVO—from

where most Serbs [who were the majority] were driven out by the Nazis during the war and by Albanians recently.)



Franz Ferdinand

1914 ARCHDUKE FRANZ Ferdinand assassinated by a Serb in annexed Bosnia-Herzegovina who belonged to a cross-ethnic revolutionary movement for independence from Austria-Hungary.

THE POPE GIVES WHOLEHEARTED support to Austria-Hungary's attack against Serbia. Croatian and Muslim hooligans embark on mass pogrom against the Serbs throughout Croatia and Bosnia—supported by official propaganda. (1989 President Tudjman of Croatia describes genocide as a "natural phenomenon, it is not only permitted, it is commanded; indeed it is commanded by the Almighty in defense of the only true faith.")

THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS BLESS the arms of the Croat, Muslim and Slovenian recruits. Dr. Marko Natlacen, prominent Slovenian clerical politician, published a poem,

"String up the Serbs."

1915 BOMBARDMENT OF Belgrade by German artillery. Four-hundred thousand tons of steel fell on the city in just four days—tens of thousands of Serbs killed. Unsuccessful attempt by the occupying force to convert the Serbian population to Catholicism. (Compare their "success" of force converting 244,000 Serbs between 1941 and 1944!—see below.)

1917 WHEN CATHOLIC Austria-Hungary was evidently about to fall, the Vatican sought to shore up the defenses against Orthodoxy. Bishop Jeglich of Ljubljana and the "Superior General" of the Jesuits, General Halke von Ledochowsky, tried to create a Slav Catholic empire. (The Ledochowsky Plan would become an obsession of Pius XII.) A similar plan was put to



Pope Pius XII

Clemenceau in 1918 by Josef Retinger, the Jesuit intriguer and founder of the Bilderberg group. For such intrigues, mainly on behalf of the Vatican, Retinger was expelled from Allied countries during the First World War.

1903-1999

How Germany and the Vatican use the European Union and NATO to achieve their historical aims in Yugoslavia

1918-
1945

Deliberate attempt by the Vatican to prevent creation of the new Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes in the new Independent Yugoslavia. (Contrast haste with which the Vatican was the first state to recognize Nazi Germany in the 1930s and Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia in the 1990s!)

1929 PIUS XI AND
MUSSOLINI'S ROMAN EMPIRE

"Bishops took an oath of allegiance to the fascist dictatorship and the clergy were ordered never to oppose it or incite their flock to harm it. Prayers were said in churches for Mussolini and for fascism. Priests became members of the Fascist Party and were even its officers."

—A. Manhattan, *The Vatican's Holocaust*, 1986



Mussolini

1933 THE MOST CATHOLIC of German governments takes power—Hitler, von Papen, Himmler, Goebbels, Goering.



Goering, Mussolini, Hitler



Alexander's assassination

1934 A USTASHA-TRAINED terrorist assassinates King Alexander I of Yugoslavia in Marseilles. The king had been invited by the French government to discuss a measure for countering the aggressive foreign policy of Nazi Germany.

THE RISE OF CLERICALISM
IN YUGOSLAVIA

"Franciscan schools in Sinj, Siroki Brijeg and Visoko, seminaries in Makarska, Mostar and Split and the theological faculty in Zagreb were the centers of national consciousness, that is, nests from which flocks of priests and toilers in God's vineyard took off every year as well as flocks of national fighters, teachers of national Ustasha consciousness."

—Zagreb weekly "The Independent State of Croatia," 1941, issue 33, p. 42

"Your actions played a significant role in our political struggle."

—Croatian Fascist leader Ante Pavelic, speech to the representatives of Catholic Action, July 21, 1941

1930s FRANZ NEUHAUSEN—Germany weaves its intelligence net in Yugoslavia. Exact parallels of Germany's secret service in 1980s in Yugoslavia preparing the break up with the help of Croat (former Ustasha) émigrés.



Goebbels

1941 SERBS REJECT YUGOSLAVIA becoming a part of Axis powers. Goebbels' propaganda blitzkrieg—Serbs accused of pillaging and ethnic cleansing (by Goebbels!). Compare exactly the same methods of "German Europe" in the 1990s.

APRIL 6. NAZI INVASION: Belgrade, previously declared an open city, bombed by Luftwaffe; 30,000 civilians die.

APRIL 10. GERMAN ARMY ENTERS Zagreb and *de facto* creates the "Independent State of Croatia," which became puppet Nazi state ruled by Pavelic and his Ustasha thugs. Unleashed the most horrifying religious massacre of the 20th century—around one million Serbs murdered between 1941 and 1945.



Jasenovac

JASENOVAC CONCENTRATION camp where 700,000 were murdered (90 percent Serbs, the rest Jews and gypsies).

"I must admit that I have been obsessed with the criminal character of the Independent State of Croatia."

—Simon Wiesenthal, 1990 interview with Yugoslav magazine NIN

The greatest genocide in World War II in proportion to a nation's population took place not in Nazi Germany but in the Nazi-created Independent State of Croatia.

—French historian Edmond Paris from "Genocide in Satellite Croatia 1941-1945," Melbourne, 1981

GERMANY'S EUROPE: YUGOSLAVIA

THE VATICAN'S ROLE IN THE FORCED CONVERSIONS OF SERBS

"Special offices and church committees must be created immediately for those to be converted.... Let every curate remember that these are historic days for our mission and we must under no circumstances let this opportunity pass [i.e. the fascist control of Yugoslavia]. Our work* is legal because it is in accord with official Vatican policy and with the directives of the Sainly Congregation of the Cardinals for the Eastern Church."

—*The apostolic administrator and bishop of Krizevci, Dr. Janko Shimrak (a close colleague of Archbishop Stepinac), from "The Voice of the Archbishop-opric of Krizevci," issue 2, 1942 (Stepinac was beatified by the pope in 1998!)*

* This "work" consisted of promising terrorized Serbs (often whole villages) that their lives would be spared if they "returned" to the true faith. Mass (forced) conversion "ceremonies" were conducted by Catholic monks accompanied by detachments of heavily armed Ustasha.



Ustasha soldiers

"The Papal legate in Croatia, Mgr. Marcone, openly blessed the Ustasha and publicly gave the fascist salute."

—*A. Manhattan, The Vatican's Holocaust*



Stepinac

"In an official document dated as late as May 8, 1944, His Eminence Archbishop Stepinac, head of the Catholic hierarchy (in Nazi Croatia) informed the Holy Father that to date '244,000 Orthodox Serbs have been converted to the Church of God.'"

—*A. Manhattan, The Vatican's Holocaust*

"The Schism (the Orthodox Church) is Europe's greatest curse, almost greater than Protestantism. It knows no morals, principles, truth, justice or decency."

—*Diaries of Archbishop Stepinac, vol. 4, p. 176, entry March 28, 1941*

1990s BREAK UP OF YUGOSLAVIA into ethnic groups—same as under the Nazis, where the Yugoslavs were split into about 12 different racial and religious states. The German WAFEN SS divisions were organized according to such racial and ethnic diversions and included: HANDZAR, the Bosnian Muslims; KAMA, the Croats; SKENDERBEG, Albanians; and PRINZ EUGEN, Yugoslavia's ethnic Germans—exactly the same groups supported by German Europe today.

"More recently a Handzar division surfaced under the operational control of the Bosnian government. One of its duties is to protect President Izetbegovic."

—*Ivan Avakumovic, "The Bully on the Block: American Policy in the Former Yugoslavia," 1996*



Izetbegovic

THE VATICAN AND ITS "RATLINES"

"I gather that...some arrangement has been worked out with the Vatican and Argentina...protecting not only Quislings but also those guilty of terrible crimes committed in Yugoslavia. I presume we must protect our agents even though it disgusts me...we are conniving with the Vatican and Argentina to get guilty people to haven in the latter country."

—*John Moors Cabot, U.S. Ambassador to Belgrade, June 1947 (From Ratlines)*

KURT WALDHEIM—a link between the past and the present, Nazism and Yugoslavia and Nazism and the Vatican



WALDHEIM WAS THE FIRST statesman to be visited by the newly elected leaders of Croatia and Bosnia in 1990. In 1942 he was awarded one of the highest Croatian decorations—the "Zvonimir Medal with Oak Leaves" by Ante Pavelic, the Croatian fascist leader. (Recently awarded to and foolishly accepted by Lady Thatcher.)

1948 Yugoslav government named Waldheim as a war criminal. He was never prosecuted. Despite the opposition of the World Jewish Congress, Waldheim became secretary general of the UN and then chancellor of Austria.

"Waldheim is usually the only guest at the fund raiser for Friends of the Waffen SS."

—*The Observer Magazine, Aug. 19, 1988*

"During his frequent summer holidays in Austria, Kohl often met Waldheim privately."

—*Neue Zurcher Zeitung, Mar. 29, 1992*

1994 THE POPE AWARDS Waldheim the highest decoration of the Roman Catholic Church.

1945–
1999

The conspiracy of silence—the campaign by the Vatican to exonerate Pius XII and Cardinal Stepinac (the leading Catholic figure in Ustasha-ruled Croatia) to suppress the truth about fascist Croatia and the role of the Vatican—continues today.

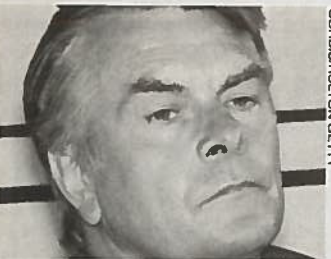
Early 1960s GERMAN Secret Service starts gradual process of infiltrating and undermining the state of Yugoslavia.



Kinkel

1981 GERMAN INTELLIGENCE Service war against Yugoslavia enters a new aggressive phase with the appointment of Klaus Kinkel as director general.

1989 THE FALL OF THE Berlin Wall—the rise of the European empire—based on the mythology of Charlemagne (crowned in Rome A.D. 800) and the “Holy Roman Empire of the German Nation” (for example, the European Union’s “Charlemagne Prize”).



Owen

“Germany’s pro-Croat policy was heavily influenced by Croats who voted in Germany and who had hitherto preferentially voted for Genscher’s Liberal Party (FDP).”

—The Rt. Hon. David Owen

1990 THE DESTRUCTION OF YUGOSLAVIA

GERMANY, BELGIUM AND AUSTRIA arm and support the Croatian and Slovenian separatists. Zagreb pop song “Danke Deutschland.” Jase-novac Memorial—Tudjman’s attempt to re-write history.

BRITAIN GIVES WAY TO GERMAN pressure to recognize Croatia and Slovenia—the “Maastricht Trade-off” see Owen, Kaufman. A good example of how “German Europe” (by binding Britain into economic dependence on European treaties) has fatally weakened British power to pursue traditional “balance of power” policies in Europe.



Augstein

1993 RUDOLF AUGSTEIN, editor of the “liberal” German weekly *Der Spiegel*, calls for “the decimation of the Serb civilian population.” Germany’s effective takeover of Albania. Germany a haven for Kosovo Liberation Army members. Otto von Habsburg calls for the bombing of Belgrade.

CROATIA BECOMES AN ETHNICALLY pure state for Croats instead of Serbs and Croats (who both speak Serbo-Croat!). Tudjman declares Croatian Serbs an alien minority: “The first refugees in the Yugoslav conflict were the 40,000 Serbs who fled Croatia

after a constitutional amendment defined them as an alien minority”—*Simon Wiesenthal, reported by Reuters.*

1995 OPERATION “STORM”—NATO-aided expulsion of up to 500,000 Serbs from the KRAJINA. Vatican success in

removing Orthodox “wedge” from Catholic Central Europe.

“Washington gives tacit support to Croat attack.”

—The Times, Aug. 4, 1995

THE ISLAMIC ATTACK ON YUGOSLAVIA

“There can be no peace or co-existence between the Islamic faith and non Islamic institutions.... The Islamic movement must and can take power as soon as it is morally and numerically strong enough, not only to destroy the non-Islamic power but to build up a new Islamic one.... Turkey, as an Islamic country, used to rule the world. Turkey as an imitation of Europe, represents a third rate country.”

—Alija Izetbegovic (now president of Bosnia), The Muslim Declaration, Sarajevo, 1969

“Kosovo Republic in exile” in Germany, set up one of its largest secret service stations in the Albanian capital Tirana, selected recruits for the KLA command structure, supplied communications equipment and weapons and smuggled weapons from the former East Germany into Kosovo.

BY ACCEPTING “GERMAN Europe’s” (and the BBC’s) propaganda about Yugoslavia the foreign office, the U.S. government and the British press in general have turned our historical enemies into friends and historical allies into enemies. We thereby attack national democracies, enhance the power of the new Eurostate and break non-racial nations into many racial or religious states—just as the Nazis did. The recent history of Yugoslavia is the clearest and most extreme example of Europe’s return to the worst days of the 1930s and 1940s. Yugoslavia’s enemies are also Britain’s enemies—then as now. ♦

1995 THE BOSNIAN Muslim bombing of their own people in the market place of Sarajevo in order to try to blame the Serbs (later revealed by the UN as a well-constructed lie) which led to a NATO ultimatum and subsequent bombing of Serbs.

KOSOVO FROM 1996:

GERMAN CIVIL AND MILITARY intelligence trained and equipped the Kosovo Liberation Army, harbored the so-called government of the

Rodney Atkinson’s latest books on the European crisis are *Treason at Maastricht and Europe’s Full Circle*, published by *Compuprint Publishing.*



RUSSIA'S INTERIOR MINISTRY special team trains in Moscow before flying to the Chechnyan border to settle a number of conflicts.

The Bear's Headache

The Russian bear has been licking its wounds for almost a decade since the Soviet Union collapsed. Will Russia ever rise again to great-power status?

BY RON FRASER

CHECHNYA, ABKHAZIA, DAGESTAN. Where are they? Chances are, you're not sure. Yet, daily, bombs are being lobbed, shots are being fired, civilians are dying and being displaced, as Russia is challenged by its former Soviet satellite states.

Since the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1990, a whole rash of ex-Soviet nations have sought to reassert their nationality, religion and sovereignty, with widely varying results. West of the Ukraine, huge strides have been taken by many ex-Soviet nations toward linking with the West and shunning any continuing economic or political attachment to old Mother Russia. Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania and the Balkan states, for all intents and purposes, are now firmly attached to the West. Most aspire to membership in the EU. The Czech Republic, Hungary and Poland all gained accession to NATO in March this year. Further East, the Ukraine has been openly flirting with NATO, much to Russia's chagrin. In June, Robert Kocharian, president of Armenia, visited NATO headquarters, further disturbing leaders in Moscow.

Russia has suffered international ignominy due to the massive and demonstrable failure of its command economy

under the former Soviet regime. Fraud conducted on a global scale by the corporate and governmental power elites in Russia has only served to further darken the already tainted Russian image. Added to its gigantic economic woes, Russia has had to police border wars on a wide front as religious and ethnic factions within many petty nation-states comprising the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) seek to assert their independence.

From Nagorno-Karabakh in the South, abutting Iran, through the isthmus of the Caucasus, joining Asia Minor to Russia, between the Black and Caspian Seas, tumult has reigned since the Soviet collapse. Countries which never once rated a mention in the press have almost become household names—Azerbaijan, Georgia, Abkhazia, Balkaria, Ossetia, Chechnya, Dagestan—all boil in a melting pot of mutually destructive warfare that is proving to be a giant headache for the Russian bear.

There is no doubt that the Russian bear has been off balance during much of the past decade. But history proves that this lumbering giant of a nation will only take so much trouble from its smaller neighbors and so many insults from the West before it comes lumbering out of its occasional political stupor to grab its wayward cubs back into its

den and fire a warning shot at its gloating Western antagonists.

The signs are that Russia has had its fill of the West chipping away at its old empire. It is ready to draw the line. Will that line be east or west of the Ukraine? Will Russia snatch back the Baltic states, or let them go to the European Union? Will it isolate itself in the Balkan Peninsula, surrounded by a powerful European Union, bent as the EU is on rapidly developing a state-of-the-art defense capability, or will it seek concessions to withdraw as gracefully as possible?

One thing is for sure: Russia will soon cry "enough" and move to draw the line of separation between east and west.

Two crucial situations hold the key to the timing of its move: the duration of President Boris Yeltsin's inevitable demise, and Ger-

many's willingness to reveal its hand as to how far east it is prepared to stretch the EU umbrella.

Confusion in the Camp

Uzbekistan, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Ukraine and Moldova are currently joined in a security alliance which operates under NATO's Partnership for Peace program.

This is an interesting liaison. Georgia, Uzbekistan and Azerbaijan have opted out of the CIS's collective security treaty in favor of attachment to NATO, whereas Ukraine and Moldova are still members of the CIS Security Treaty. Further, CIS member states Kazakhstan and Belarus earlier this year proved unwilling to assist Russia with its military commitments in Tajikistan and Georgia. Clearly, NATO has become a central issue in CIS division, particularly following the announcement last May that NATO was considering Georgia a possible candidate for associate membership.

In addition to this, added stress on the NATO-Russia relationship was posed by Azerbaijan's earlier request for NATO to station its forces on its territory in an effort to seek closer cooperation with the Western alliance.

There is a limit to just how far the tensions posed by NATO's aggressive inroads into ex-Soviet territory will be tol-

erated by Russia before the break-point is reached.

In addition to ethno-religious rivalries and border conflicts in the Caucasus, Russia has a concern for limiting Islamic extremism in the area east of the Caspian Sea. Moscow recently positioned troops in an effort to take advantage of the outbreaks of violence in the Central Asian region bordering China, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran. Most recently, the insurrection in the Caspian coastal state of Dagestan has shown that Russia will use future tensions and conflicts in the region of the Caucasus as an excuse to deploy troops; if Russia can maintain a presence of force in the area. This will ensure that they progressively seek control and eventual political dominance of their old Soviet satellites in the region.

New Leadership

This whole scenario has, up to recent times, lacked a consistent and coherent policy and direction from Moscow. Some of the best analysts, however, believe that the appointment in August of Vladimir Putin, head of Russia's intelligence service (FSB, formally KGB), "represents a breakpoint in recent Russian history and may well be a defining moment" (*Stratfor GIU*, Aug. 23).

This view holds that Putin's appointment is part of an effort by Russia's intelligence and defense elite to "arrest the catastrophic slide of Russia into the abyss" (*ibid.*). If this is so, then the months ahead will see the lumbering rise of old imperialist Russia, reaching out to take a much firmer hold on its tattered

possessions. Why will this be so?

Putin heads the nation's security force, the only institution in Russia to remain largely intact and least affected by the disruptions of the last decade. As Stratfor points out, the KGB, now FSB, are the elite lords of Russia—Soviet men with imperialistic ambitions. This gives Putin a significant power base.

At this point it is critical to note that Vladimir Putin is a Gorbachevite. As Christopher Story, editor of *Soviet Analyst*, has long claimed, the *Perestroika* (restructuring) philosophy touted by ex-Soviet Premier Gorbachev, was just another in a long line of deceptive Soviet propaganda exercises designed to hoodwink the West into thinking that the Russians had become "good guys," successfully pulling massive capital inflows into Russia from the West in the process of reforming their defunct economy. At the same time they were intent on preserving the state apparatus—and Russia's national interest.

As a Gorbachevite, Putin, head of Russian intelligence, is a Leninist through and through. Thus he religiously abides by what Gorbachev describes as "the essence of *Perestroika* ... that it ... revives the Leninist concept of Socialist construction both in theory and practice" (Mikhail Gorbachev, *Perestroika*, pp. 11-12).

These Gorbachevites, or *reform* communists, have not given up their goal of a socialist world order. They've just changed their tactics. But there is a great problem with the Leninist revolutionary utopian philosophy. As Christopher Story so aptly puts it, it is

simply that "in this revolutionary, mind-controlled [communist] utopia, MAN is at the center, there being no place for God, the transcendent, at all" (*Soviet Analyst*, vol. 25, nos. 8 and 9).

Slinking around the Duma, the Russian parliament, and waiting in the wings to observe the outcome of the Gorbachevites taking on the Russian challenge, is the Zhirinovskiy factor—the radical communists led by extremist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy. Their reactionary and rabidly anti-Western approach contrasts markedly with the Gorbachevite reformist communists. Observers in the West fear the prospect of Russia's nuclear arsenal falling into their hands. But if the Gorbachevites fall under Putin's leadership, the Zhirinovskiy wild card could well come into play with dramatic consequences for both East and West.

Whichever style of leadership prevails in Russia, one thing is certain. As Bible prophecy indicates, Russia will become, once again, a great power wielding such influence on the world stage. It will challenge the strength of the European Union in the prime of the EU's future military power, and it will wound that "Eurobeast" deeply.

In the meantime, Germany holds the trump card. The Germans concluded a secret pact with Russia in 1990. Few details of this historic alliance, predicted for decades by Herbert W. Armstrong, have reached the press. We have highlighted some in our previous editions. This deal guarantees Russia much-needed investment capital. European investment continues to flow, at Germany's convenience, to Russia and its ex-Soviet satellite countries.

Oil, the driving force which energizes industrial economies, will continue to be a major issue in Siberia and the Caucasus region. It is foreign investment which will buy security for Germany from Russian interference while the EU consolidates its eastward push. The gain for this massive outlay by Germany is a security agreement with its old enemy.

But Russia will not retain its current messy status quo. "The current situation in Russia is intolerable and cannot continue. The idea that somehow this will remain the permanent condition in Russia is absurd. Russia has its periodic flirtations with the West and Western culture and then invariably returns to its own course" (*Stratfor GIU*, Oct. 14).

Signs of Russia charting that course are emerging, as it begins to intensify expansion of its influence into the old



Soviet Empire. This move is being encouraged by China. Watch for a summit meeting between the Russian and Chinese leaders in November. Watch for a strengthening of alliance between Russia and China in resistance to, in particular, the United States.

If Russia concludes a security deal with China in the East to add to its treaty with Germany on its western flank, and then mounts a strengthened military presence in the southern Caucasus, the old bear may finally turn its energies, under stronger leadership, to cleaning up its mess back home. This Russia must do before having any hope of rebounding on the world scene as a great power.

Why Russia Must Rise Again

Our readers well know that the *Trumpet's* focus on world events is directed by a visionary understanding of biblical prophecy. Without the vision of God, one can only guess at the outcome of the international machinations of global geopolitics. Bible prophecy, however, gives a clear perspective of the future outcome of major world events due to the fact that the transcendental Controller, the Father of the universe, has predetermined certain outcomes. He has not left mankind without a vision for the future, a reason for the past, and a hope for the present. He has coded His whole universal plan into a book which is the perennial best-seller of all books—the Bible.

Russia's leadership will stabilize. It must—for the enlightened prophecy of the prophet Daniel reveals that Russia, in alliance with China, will pose such a threat to the globally dominant European Union (Rev. 13:17; 18:3), that the EU will be distracted from its major military initiative at the time, the Middle East, and find itself yet once again caught on two fronts! (Dan. 11:41).

Russia, then, just as it did in World War II, will break its pact with Germany, but this time there will be no alliance between Russia and the Western Israelitish powers. For at that time, your Bible says, they will be in slavery to the Euro-beast—a German-dominated union of West and East Europe (Jer. 17:4). This time, Russia aligns with the Oriental hordes to deliver a crushing blow to the European Union (Rev. 16:12).

Russia would simply not be in a position in the future to lead such an onslaught from the northeast if it had not by then revived as a significant world power. You see why we can be so confident in our predictions. It's all predetermined by an all-wise God who knows human nature so well, and who knows the evil spirit which powerfully influences the minds of the leaders of this world's nations (Eph. 6:12).

But the Bible is a coded book. The Bible itself reveals that "with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people" (Isa. 28:11).

Even when we get access to that "unknown tongue" and get beyond the "stammering lips," we find that much labor is involved in piecing together the images of the vision contained in the Bible—"For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line

upon line; here a little, and there a little" (v. 10).

And the reason for hiding this wondrous truth in coded form? "That they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken" (v. 13). It is simply not God's time to reveal it to the masses. Jesus Christ deliberately hid the meaning of His instruction from the public, and revealed it only to those who forsook all to follow Him as His disciples. "And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given" (Matt. 13:10-11).

Keys to Understanding

It is possible to crack the biblical code. But to do so, one must follow a very precise formula. "Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts" (Isa. 28:9). One must be "weaned from the milk"—willing to *mature* into *accepting reality!* It takes a strong spiritual character to absorb, digest, understand and live by the words of this book—and an even stronger character to hold fast to it, and let nothing shake you from it! (Rev. 3:10-11).

But even before we can take the milk of the word, we must seek the



Vladimir Putin

truth with all our might and cry out to God to open our minds to understanding (Isa. 55:6-9).

Then, if God sees a humble, teachable attitude, He may choose to reach down and lead you to repentance (Rom. 2:4). That gift of repentance will bring you to the starting point for gaining knowledge of the truth—a right and reverential, deep respect and awe of God, which will motivate you to submit to His rule over your life. "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments" (Ps. 111:10).

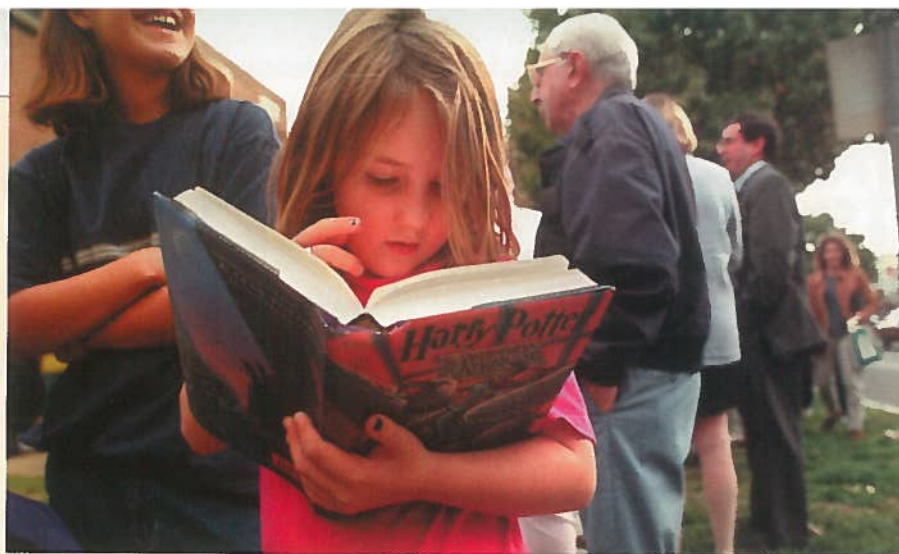
Solomon contrasts the two basic attitudes which prevail in this society, the former being attained by the few, the masses being victim of the latter: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction" (Prov. 1:7).

He sums it all up in Ecclesiastes 12:13: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." Then, through the process described by the Apostle Peter in Acts 2:38-39, God gives freely of His Holy Spirit, His mind power, by which we can understand the truth, the reality of His prophecies (John 16:13; I Pet. 1:19-21).

That's the simple process by which we of the Philadelphia Church of God, which sponsors this magazine, understand how the events of today are shaping the future of nations such as Russia and why, with such confidence, we can declare in advance the final outcome of major world events.

If you understand what we are writing and you can really see and comprehend it, you are simply being called by the eternal, all-wise and loving Creator God to do something about it. Why not take it a step further, write in, call or contact us via e-mail and share your thoughts with us? Who knows? You too could soon share in the unsurpassed satisfaction, personal fulfillment and great peace of mind that comes from having a part in the Work that is destined to do, today, just what it did in the days when the early apostles trod this earth—the Work that one day will turn this world upside down (Acts 17:6) in preparation for it being turned right side up! ◆

Our booklet *Russia and China in Prophecy* has more information about this subject. Write for a free copy or visit our website, www.pcog.org.



A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD reads the latest Harry Potter book while waiting in line for an autograph from the author.

VIEWPOINT

DENNIS LEAP

Parents, Get to Know Harry Potter

ALL BOOKSTORE OWNERS IN THE UNITED States agree that our young people are wild about Harry Potter. Harry Potter? Many adults are asking, just who is Harry Potter? Harry is a recent phenomenon. He is getting a lot of media attention. In fact, Harry has been the focus of discussion on all the major U.S. talk shows. His picture appeared on the September 20 cover of *Time*. Teachers praise him. Preteens see him as their hero. Yet, not everyone is so wild about Harry. In fact some parents consider him to be a threat and a danger to their children.

Why so much controversy over Harry? He is only a fictional character in a new series of children's books written by J. K. Rowling of Edinburgh, Scotland.

Rowling has woven a fascinating and exciting story about Harry that has struck a resonant chord with British and American children. Children normally addicted to computers or video games are gobbling up Rowling's books. Many adults are excited to see children taking the time to read. This fact has made teachers very happy. So far there are three books to the series. The first two have sold over 7.5 million copies. The books have been translated into 28 languages. The third in the series was released on September 8 and

sold over 50,000 copies the first day. Publishers agree that the books' popularity is both surreal and bizarre. I must admit that I had considerable difficulty locating the first book of the series. I had to visit three separate stores. Each store sales person stated emphatically that they have never seen any books as popular. Rowling's three books are number 1, 2 and 3 on the *New York Times* best-seller list. But why so much trouble with Harry?

Harry is an eleven-year-old wizard. He and several pals attend Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. His adventures include vivid and sometimes graphically dark descriptions of overcoming evil with magic. *Time* reports Rowling plans seven books for the series and admits that the novels will become darker as Harry's story progresses. In brief, the books glorify witchcraft and wizardry as a way of life.

Because of the subject matter of the books, parents have become alarmed that middle schools across this nation have added the books to *required* reading lists. Many teachers are making it a practice to read the books out loud to their classrooms. Many parents do not want their children to be forced to read about Harry Potter. Unfortunately, parents are being met with consider-

able opposition from teachers, the news media and *children*. I watched some of this debate on NBC's *Today Show* and MSNBC. One leader of a parents group in North Carolina was made to look drab, dull, out-of-date and foolish for objecting to the contents of the books. Yet, teachers and bookstore owners were put in a favorable light for promoting them. One teacher explained that the books were *good* because they were fun and exciting, and stimulated an interest in reading. TV viewers were assured that children could easily distinguish fact from fantasy.

But are stories about witchcraft and wizardry, magic and spells really just fantasy? For some, it is not. The *Trumpet* reported last month that modern witchcraft, known as Wicca, is now accepted as an established religion in this country. Witch covens are able to obtain IRS tax-free status. J. K. Rowling, through the auspices of children's stories, is popularizing and publicizing the "Craft." As one parent stated, "She is making the art of witchcraft very acceptable with the very young." When confronted on this issue, Rowling replied, "I have not had one child write to me and tell me that they wished to join a cult." How naïve.

The human imagination is not something to be fooled with. It is a powerful force that should be guided carefully. Children's fantasies enter children's play. Children's play often becomes reality. Many children who play firemen, nurses and teachers often become the same. The Harry Potter books provide vivid pictures for young imaginations. Add this to the reality of today's Wiccan movement, and it is safe to deduce that playing a witch could easily lead to becoming one.

One newsperson actually warned parents, tongue-in-cheek, that Harry Potter might "get them" if they fight too hard against the reading of the books. The message behind this statement was that children have the right to choose their own reading material. This reminded me of Isaiah's prophecy for our time: "As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths" (Isa. 3:12). Just who is the authority in the family; the parent or the child? Today, children are gaining the upper hand. That spells disaster. And Harry Potter won't be able to work his magic to save the day. ◆

Poland *from page 13*

of Germany. The evil we suffered is now a thing of the past."

In the wake of its former British allies (see "No to NATO" in last month's issue), Poland has had various NATO exercises under the banner of the Partnership for Peace program. German General Joachim Spiering is Commander of the Central European NATO forces. Polish and German troops have worked side by side since early 1995 (under German supreme command), conducting many exercises in Poland. In addition, both countries are involved in the 10,000-strong German-Danish-Polish corps headquartered in the Polish port city of Szczecin.

German military leadership, via NATO, is back in Poland! Much to the frustration of Russia, the Polish plain is again under German-led security. Although the Poles are now waking up to this, it is far too late.

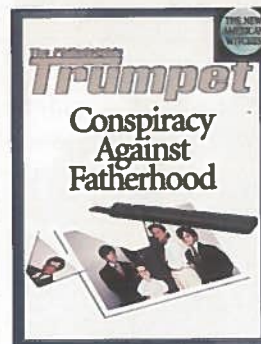
Prussian Empire Returns

Germany is now in the driver's seat in Poland, economically and militarily. Soon the world will realize that the Germans have perfectly positioned themselves to extend their dominating influence even further eastward in the establishment of the "eastern leg" of the EU empire. As it has done before, Germany has simply incorporated Poland into its backyard. This time it was not by military blitzkrieg but by stealth, economic genius and with papal encouragement that Germany has practically taken control of the economic, political and military structure of Poland.

Andrej Lepper, leader of the growing Polish movement "Self Defense," summed up the German takeover of Poland this way: "Our industry and land are being sold off, much of it to Germans. I often say that what Hitler failed to do by murdering millions is today being achieved by economic means."

The pope's crucial June 11 speech in Warsaw put the Vatican's stamp of approval on the German economic takeover of Poland, and sent a powerful message to EU headquarters in Brussels to quicken the pace of Poland's incorporation into the EU family.

The world is blind to the global ambitions of this rising German-dominated European empire. The EU and NATO are simply being used as convenient cloaks for Germanic ambitions. ♦



Conspiracy Against Fatherhood

“I believe the truth sets us free, it pulls us closer to God. I sometimes feel the more you know the harder it gets, but there's no turning back now. The *Trumpet* keeps me on my toes. Awareness is a needed tool on the quest for truth.”

Auckland, New Zealand

I READ THE *TRUMPET* AND I FEEL THE PRESENCE of Herbert W. Armstrong all over again, whom I had followed years back but had stopped after Joseph Tkach took over and changed the whole thing, what the Bible stands for.

Bice, Guyana

I HAVE BEEN RECEIVING YOUR MAGAZINE for the past two years now and have always been very happy with your extremely informed articles concerning current events and your perception of God's view of them, and why these events are taking place. Today, I received the issue containing the article on Wicca in America. As a Wiccan, I am used to the "pagan bashing" from Christians, and thought that your article would be no different from the bigoted, hate-filled trash I normally hear. But I was wrong. You continued to illustrate your well-researched format of writing, which I found very pleasing. There are just one or two things I have a problem with in your article.

Received via e-mail

WHY DO YOU INSIST THAT EVERYONE LIVE your way or else? God didn't make the world for Christians—or for humans, for that matter. All life is equally a divine creation. What I'm referring to here is your article on American pagans. If it weren't for paganism, Christianity would never have existed: Almost all Christian doctrines and holidays have pagan origins. We've simply chosen different, more ancient ways of honoring the Divine One(s) and updated them to modern times.

Tempe, Ariz.

Incomparable Truth

I AM A REGULAR READER OF THE *TRUMPET* magazine and am grateful to you for sending me this masterpiece. It's one of a kind and is quite unique. I am shocked and amazed to know the actual happenings of this world taking place behind the curtains. All your issues tell us the truth, which is incomparable to anything else.

India

ABOUT A YEAR AGO, I READ AN ARTICLE in your magazine about the Panama Canal going into the hands of China. Your article I saw long before what I'm seeing recently: the Panama Canal going into the hands of businessmen who are in with the leaders of China. Your magazine does a good job in providing education to today's society.

Garden Grove, Calif.

THE *TRUMPET* SPEAKS OFTEN OF THE COMING new world power centered in Europe. But the U.S. is *the* only power out there today. No one in the "established media" can even imagine what you are talking about—they would be fired for insubordination or insanity if they even pretended to take anything you predict half-seriously. How could *any* of these dire forecasts even BEGIN to look like they had a tiny chance of developing?

Everett, Wash.

I HAVE RECENTLY READ TWO ISSUES OF THE *Trumpet*. I was quite shocked with some of the things I read. I didn't realize to what extent world governments were manipulating world events and, for example, how even the Vatican is involved. I didn't think I had led such a sheltered life, but your magazine certainly opened my eyes. I have changed my perspective on some things.

Staffordshire, England

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JOEL HILLIKER

More Than Meets the Eye

The *Trumpet* is just the tip of an unfathomably huge iceberg

THERE ARE ALWAYS CRITICS. WE RECENTLY RECEIVED A LETTER complaining that the *Trumpet* focuses too much on Germany's threat to the United States while ignoring several other potential problems. "While I think your articles are good," the letter said, "I find that they suffer from tunnel vision. You seldom mention the many other plagues and catastrophes that are upon us as a nation."

Well, here's another edition of the *Trumpet* talking about Germany. Does this man have a point? Does the *Trumpet* have tunnel vision?

Or is *he* the one with limited vision? Might there be more to the picture than this man understands?

The *Trumpet* may in some ways look and read like other newsmagazines. But those magazines merely contain reports on what is currently happening in the world. Their contents are dictated by the world around them. They report on a staggering number of global trends and problems.

By contrast, this magazine's contents are dictated by current events only *partly*. The flood of information our writers and editors see and read each month is sifted through a very precise filter: We focus on what God tells us to.

That filter is best summed up in one Bible verse, which constitutes virtually the whole purpose for the magazine you hold in your hands right now: "So thou, O son of man, I [this is God talking] have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel [that's America, Britain and other Western nations]; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and WARN THEM FROM ME" (Ezek. 33:7). God knows there are catastrophes awaiting mankind, *specific* catastrophes. And He wants to warn people of what is about to happen—what He foretold millennia ago would happen. Humanity has brought impending destruction upon itself. God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but wants all people to turn to Him (v. 11).

To deliver His warning, God uses people. He sets up a "watchman," revealing to him the meaning behind His Bible prophecies. (Revelation is the only way to understand them, as "no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation"—II Peter 1:20.)

If those prophecies focus on Germany's threat to the U.S., so then does the *Trumpet*. If God reveals that He prophesied of a German-controlled Europe one day making slaves of Americans after a nuclear World War III, you can be sure that as we see current events setting the stage for that scenario, we're going to trumpet as loudly as we can about it.

That critic wrote that he thinks *immigration* is a greater threat than Germany. But what does the Bible have to say about immigration? In comparison to those things you see

often in the *Trumpet*, somewhat little. If God sees it as more of a minor threat, so do we. (We do, however, plan to write about it in an upcoming issue).

The *Trumpet* purports to be nothing less than God's warning to mankind. (That's not to say there's nothing to criticize; like everyone, we make mistakes. We pray that they won't be major mistakes.)

It was probably for statements like these that another reader recently criticized us for being "one-sided, dogmatic and intolerant" in our publications, as well as "self-congratulatory."

But is it possible that we're speaking the truth?

Christ made what most people—especially religious people of His day—considered outlandish statements. He claimed to be the Son of God. People called it blasphemy. But what distinguished Him from anyone else who may have said such things is that He could back those statements up. The more deeply someone looked into His life, the clearer it would have been that He was exactly who He said He was.

The same is true of the *Trumpet*. The fact is, this magazine is just the tip

of an unfathomably huge iceberg.

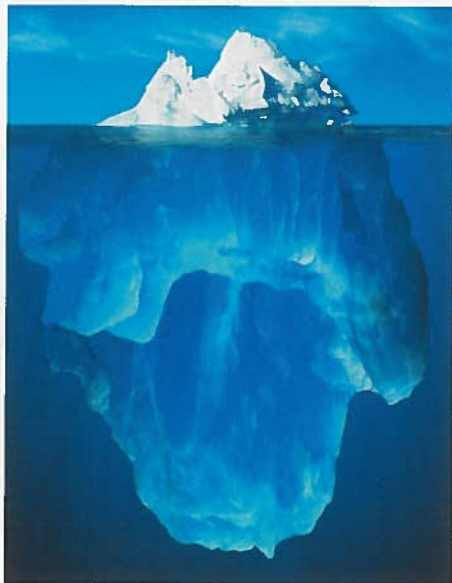
Other publications put out by the Philadelphia Church of God, which publishes this magazine, begin to reveal more of that iceberg. They serve purposes quite different from that of the *Trumpet*. For example, we have advertised in this magazine *True Education*, the "Trumpet Jr."—our magazine for youth. If you've never seen it, you wouldn't know that it has featured articles about (among many other things) health, travel, sportsmanship and sex. To this point, we have yet to broach the subject of Germany. Another magazine we produce, called *Royal Vision*, contains "principles of living" material—marriage, family and child rearing, education, faith, finances.

Looking into any of the other literature we have offered in this magazine (and there is much more available that *hasn't* been offered) reveals a lot of ground our books and booklets cover. God's revelation is more comprehensive, more far-reaching, more mind-expanding, more exciting and inspiring than anything you've ever come into contact with. But God won't give anyone more than he is ready for.

When you evaluate the *Trumpet*, remember that scripture: *Warn them from Me*. We are not Germany bashers. We are only as "one-sided, dogmatic and intolerant" as the Holy Bible is. We are only as "self-congratulatory" as was Christ.

We are not tunnel-visioned. We are only trying to fulfill what God requires of us.

If you don't believe that, perhaps you should consider looking into what we're saying more deeply.



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