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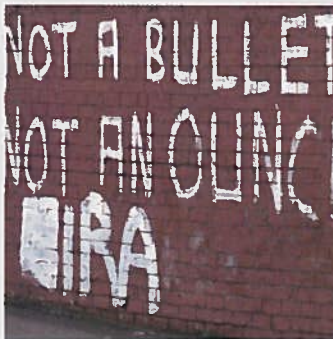
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Some of you have been reading the *Trumpet* for years. New subscribers, however, might wonder how this magazine is funded. After all, there is no subscription price—no advertising revenue—no commercial corporation sponsorship. Yet, obviously, IT DOES COST MONEY—in fact, quite a lot of money—to produce a publication of such quality. Here is how we do it:

We give—then God gives back.

This world's whole approach to life is based on the WAY OF GET—of vanity, selfishness, competition, lust and greed. Satan is responsible for broadcasting this get way of living. As the god of this world, he transmits his self-centered philosophy into the minds of men (II Cor. 4:4; Eph. 2:2; Rev. 12:9).

God's approach, on the other hand, is the way of give—of cooperation, sacrifice and service. He promises to reward those who practice this principle.

In Matthew 10:8, Jesus said, "Freely you have received, *freely* give." In Acts 20:35, Paul quotes Jesus as saying, "It is *more blessed* to GIVE than to receive." These scriptures mean that God will back financially—to an almost unbelievable extent—any individual or institution that relies solely on *His direction*.

That, as simplistic as it might sound, is the secret to our success.

Herbert W. Armstrong built a work with an income of \$200 million annually. It started literally from nothing. He wrote about this in his autobiography: "From that moment when we began to rely solely on God not only for financial support, but also for guidance, direction, and results, the work began a phenomenal yearly increase of nearly 30 percent for the next 35 years. It doubled in size, scope and power on the average of every 2 $\frac{2}{3}$ years. It multiplied eight times every eight years—64 time in 16 years."

We have followed his example of giving.

Ten years ago, I was disfellowshipped from the Worldwide Church of God (WCG) for holding fast to the traditions and teachings of Herbert W. Armstrong. (The WCG began changing Mr. Armstrong's teachings after he died in 1986.) Suddenly, I found myself without a job or a congregation, and with no money. Yet the work of service that Mr. Armstrong started *had to be finished*.

The *Trumpet* was first published in February 1990, two months after my firing. Actually, it was more like a typed newsletter than a quality magazine. Photocopies were mailed to a couple hundred addresses. Like Mr. Armstrong, I made no request for contributions—freely proclaiming this give way of life.

Eventually, a handful of readers joined in the cause *voluntarily* and supported my efforts. Through the unsolicited tithes and offerings of these few people, the work began to grow. Gradually, more people wanted to become part of this unique and *needed*

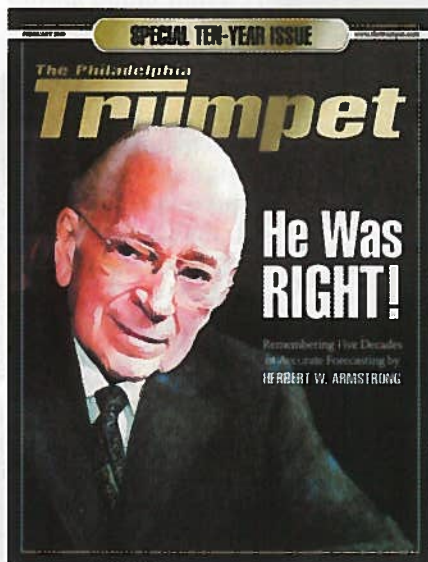
work. In 1991, the work's income more than doubled in size, compared to its first full year of operations.

By 1992, I began preaching God's principle of *give* over the airwaves, via radio—then television in 1993. At that point, the work that began with less than \$100 had become a multi-million dollar operation. Growth has been steady and continuous ever since. *Key of David* viewers and *Trumpet* readers from all around the world have joined in this crusade of service.

To put a price on our magazine would be inconsistent with the very principle upon which it is based. Our whole work advocates the way of give. So the *Trumpet* has always been offered freely—without a subscription price.

Yet it does cost money. It is funded and supported by a growing number of *co-workers* who believe in the cause and gladly GIVE of their incomes to support it.

Our co-workers join together in THANKING you for giving us the opportunity and pleasure of serving you!



The Snare of

DEBT

Debt is the Achilles heel in today's high-flying American economy. Vast wealth is being accumulated on a crumbling foundation of massive debt. What will happen when the economy slows down? How will that debt be repaid? **BY J. TIM THOMPSON**

MANKIND HAS JUST COMPLETED what can be justifiably called the "American century." No other nation has impacted the world and history more by its military, economic, diplomatic and cultural power since the ancient days of Rome.

A January 14 article on the Internet's CNNfn, "Party on Wall Street," stated, "U.S. stocks rallied for the second straight session Friday, pushing the Dow Jones industrial average to a record high [11,716 points] after government data and words from the na-

tion's most powerful banker [Alan Greenspan] convinced investors that only a modest interest rate hike lies ahead."

On that day when the Dow jumped to that record, Intel's stock went up \$12 per share, which increased Intel's market value by an astounding \$40 billion dollars in one day! Since March of 1991 when the present expansion began, U.S. stocks have risen an amazing \$11 TRILLION in value! People are calling this the "virtuous cycle," meaning strong growth with low inflation. And they say it will *never end*, and that we have over-

come the problems which have in the past led to stock market crashes.

In the January 3 *Wall Street Journal* (WSJ) a headline read, "Economists Are Euphoric About the Prospect for 2000." The article stated (emphasis mine here and throughout), "Nearly all of the economists in the *Wall Street Journal's* semiannual economic-forecasting survey believe that strong consumer spending, rising business productivity and tame inflation will keep the U.S. economy humming through the year 2000—shattering records for the longest economic expansion in U.S. history [nine

years as of last February].... "There is NO END in sight to the expansion," said [Allen] Sinai [economist at Primark Corp.], who contends the U.S. economy is operating in a 'NEW ERA' in which a number of *structural changes* have made it possible for the economy to grow *non-stop* without triggering inflation—the culprit that has often led to economic downturns in the past."

Mr. Sinai is saying we are experiencing a *new economic era* based on some structural changes which make this economy better. But we must ask, is this *truly SUSTAINABLE*?

One of the greatest economists to ever live, John Kenneth Galbraith, wrote a book in 1954 titled *The Great Crash 1929*. On pages 194-195 he wrote that "the chances for a recurrence of a speculative orgy are rather good. No one can doubt that the American people remain susceptible to the speculative mood.... A rising market can still bring the reality of riches. This, in turn, can draw more and more people to participate. The government preventative and controls are ready. In the hands of a determined government their [effectiveness] cannot be doubted. There are, however, a hundred reasons why a government will determine *not* to use them. In our democracy, an election is in the offing even on the day *after* an election. The avoidance of depression and the prevention of unemployment have become, for the politician, the *most critical* of all questions of public policy. Action to break up a boom must always be weighed against the chance that it will cause unemployment at a politically inopportune moment. Booms, it must be noted, are not stopped until after they have started. And after they have started, the action will always look, as it did to the frightened men in the Federal Reserve Board in February 1929, like a decision in favor of immediate as [opposed to] ultimate death. As we have seen, the immediate death not only has the disadvantage of being immediate, but of identifying the executioner."

Mr. Galbraith is saying that if the Fed's high interest rates kill the boom, then all fingers point at them (and the politicians in office). He continues, "The market will not go on a speculative rampage without some rationalization. But during the next boom, some *newly rediscovered virtuosity of the free enterprise system* will be cited [a "new era" due to "structural changes"]. It will

be pointed out that people are justified in paying the present [high] prices—indeed, almost *any* price—to have an equity [or ownership] position in the system. Among the first to accept these rationalizations will be some of those responsible for invoking the controls. They will say firmly that controls are *not* needed. The newspapers, some of them, will agree and speak harshly of those who think action might be in order. They will be called men of little faith."

Prophets of Doom

On page 73, Mr. Galbraith uses the term "prophets of doom" as society's label for people who don't jump on the bandwagon of euphoria during boom times. He says in the concluding paragraph of his book, "...inaction will be advocated in the present even though it means DEEP TROUBLE in the future. Here, at least equally with communism, lies the threat to capitalism. It is what causes men

who *know* that things are GOING QUITE WRONG to *say* that things are FUNDAMENTALLY SOUND." Mr. Galbraith's last words in his book are a WARNING to *not be deceived* by LYING MEN.

Jeremiah 17:5 says, "Cursed be the man that trusteth in man." And four verses later, it tells us why: "The heart [meaning the mind of man] is *deceitful* above ALL things, and *desperately WICKED* [meaning INCURABLY SICK]..." (v. 9). We cannot trust men who say things are *good* when they are NOT!

An article in the *Orlando Sentinel* of September 29, 1998, gave a series of statements being made in 1929 about the promising year of 1930, despite the stock market crash in October 1929. "I believe that 1930 will be one of the most soundly prosperous years in American history," said E.A. St. John, president of the National Surety Company. "There can be little that may indicate a serious or continued depression," said the president of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. "A consensus showed that the new year [1930] will be more prosperous than for some time, with every indication of an excellent 12 months from a business and financial standpoint," stated the sixth Federal Reserve

District. And the *New York Times* reported, "Bankers say...that the full year [1930] will prove sound. Authorities in all branches of business and industry agree that already indications of improvement are seen."

The article then stated, "As Harry Truman was fond of observing, the only surprises are the history you don't know. So people who don't know history don't know...that all this talk of a 'new era' is actually more than 60 years old. It was all said on the eve of the Great Depression."



J.K. Galbraith

The Great Crash 1929 says on page 77, "In March of 1929, [Paul M. Warburg of the International Acceptance Bank] called for a stronger Federal Reserve policy [meaning higher interest rates to slow the stock market] and argued that if the present orgy of 'unrestrained speculation' were not brought promptly to a halt there would ultimately be a DISASTROUS COLLAPSE. This, he suggested, would be unfor-

fortunate not alone for the speculators. It would 'bring about a general depression involving the entire country.'... As the market went up and up, his warnings were recalled only with contempt."

The *Trumpet* knows this is *not* a popular message with most people, but there are other very cautious predictions being made based upon a clear-headed view of some very *unsettling* facts about America's economy.

Just the Facts...

For one thing, the Federal Reserve Bank has been very slow about raising interest rates, just as Mr. Galbraith said they would be for very political reasons. By not raising interest rates, there is now a very great risk that today's rising corporate and consumer debt levels may turn into tomorrow's crash.

The January 3 WSJ quoted earlier went on to say, "These are the best of economic times by any measure. The economy is growing rapidly, inflation is nonexistent, unemployment is the lowest it ever has been, and real median household income—probably the best measure of our standard of living—[has] never been higher," says Mark Zandi, chief economist at...an

economic-consulting firm.... 'When euphoria is running very high is when we should be *most concerned*.'

"Mr. Zandi worries that Americans are taking on too much risk on the MIS-TAKEN ASSUMPTION that the economy can expand *forever*. Investors are BORROWING TO BUY STOCKS in hopes that the market will *never* decline." That was one of the great mistakes before the 1929 crash, when only 1.5 million Americans, 1.2 percent of the population, were in the stock market. Today, 63 million Americans—24 percent—directly own stocks, much of it on BORROWED MONEY. In fact, margin debt (credit extended to buy stocks) jumped 46 percent in 1999 to a *record high*.

The WSJ article continued, quoting Mr. Zandi: "Hubris is running pretty high. That's when mistakes happen." Hubris means "wanton insolence or arrogance resulting from excessive pride." He is saying when you have that kind of arrogance and excessive pride, "mistakes happen." Your Bible says the same thing in Proverbs 16:18: "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." Hosea 5:5-6 says that pride is going to bring Israel down, because God has withdrawn His blessings due to Israel's sins.

A Mountain of Debt

The nations of Israel (primarily the U.S. and former British Commonwealth nations) are all going to fall and fail together, and when that occurs, the huge amount of debt we have accumulated will roll over us like a mammoth steamroller.

U.S. corporations and individuals are on a BORROWING BINGE of *historic* proportions, which is making them more vulnerable than at any time in history to a slowdown in the economy.

Because of relatively low interest rates, corporations are borrowing money and selling bonds like never before. Remember that bonds are simply LOANS to a corporation or government—selling bonds is just another form of borrowing money, because it must be paid back.

U.S. non-financial corporations had accumulated a record \$4.2 trillion in outstanding debt by September of 1999. That is up 12 percent from the same time period in 1998 and is an increase of a staggering 60 percent in the last five years alone.

Corporations are not alone in this mountain of debt, because individuals

are hugely in debt also. American consumer borrowing has risen almost 50 percent in the past five years, amounting to a record \$6.3 trillion over that period—including \$1.4 trillion of credit in 1999.

Debt is growing at a substantially *faster* rate than either individual income or corporate after-tax profits. But the *level of debt* is not as important as the ability of corporations and individuals to PAY IT BACK.

As long as the economy remains strong, debt payments are manageable for most. But what happens if there is an END to this booming economy?

That question is clearly answered by British economist Peter Warburton in his 1999 book *Debt and Delusion*, which says, "The kernel of the argument is that the [simultaneous] accumulation of debt and financial assets in a low inflation environment CANNOT CONTINUE INDEFINITELY. There are many indications...that this *departure* from economic *reality* is destined to reach its [end] in the RELATIVELY NEAR FUTURE. Whether it is EMU [European Monetary Union] that pulls the trig-

ger, or U.S. bonds, or the Japanese credit system...is impossible to know in advance; but *when* it happens, we will all know. How much time do the institutions, companies and citizens of prestigious Western nations have to change course? Until the end of 1999? Probably. Until the end of 2001? Possibly. Until the end of 2003? That would take a MIRACLE" (pp. 244-245).

We at the *Trumpet* are not setting dates, but as this renowned economist indicates, it is very likely that we do not have very much time before a DISASTROUS COLLAPSE of the American economy. The best thing we could recommend is that you *get out of debt*, such as credit card and other short-term debt, and get into a *good cash position* so that you can weather some of the early storms on the horizon.

A lot of people are going to be WIPED OUT FINANCIALLY. When that occurred in 1929, many people jumped out of office building windows so that their families could at least start over with the life insurance money. And America is setting itself up for a REPEAT of this HORRIBLE HISTORY!

Deeper Than Ever in Debt

You need to understand the extremely *vulnerable* position this nation is in today. Here's a look at the nation's debt by the numbers:

- **\$5.69 trillion** The federal government's debt as of February 7.
- **\$130 billion** The INCREASE in debt for 1999.
- **\$37 billion** The increase in debt so far in fiscal year 2000 (since September 30, 1999). If America's budget was actually balanced as they say, then the federal government's debt would NOT be *rising!* The present U.S. administration's "pie in the sky" budget projections for the next decade are just *not* going to happen!
- **\$41 million** Amount the U.S. government pays PER HOUR in INTEREST on the debt—24 hours per day, 7 days a week.
- **\$3.3 trillion** Amount of INTEREST on its debt the U.S. government has paid in the last 11 years.
- **\$25 trillion** The total national debt, not including what the government owes to the Social Security trust fund, government pensions and Medicare. This covers ALL U.S. debt: the sum of all recognized debt of federal, state, local governments; international debt; private household debt; business and domestic financial sectors' debt.
- **\$100,000** The average share of the total national debt owed by every American man, woman and child.



RYAN MALONE

Foreign Capital Flight

This present economy is two to three times MORE debt-dependent than in the 1950s. A great deal of that debt is owed to *foreign investors*, and that is the REAL DANGER.

When investors take their money out of a country, it is called *capital flight*. Foreign capital flight is probably the *greatest* financial danger facing America today.

Deuteronomy 28:43-44 and 52 show that foreigners who own America's assets and are financing its national debt and fueling its stock markets are going to buy our bonds to make astronomical loans to us—and then they will “besiege” and DESTROY US FINANCIALLY because of that debt condition!

It doesn't matter that our money says “In God we trust.” It is the “almighty dollar” Americans truly trust, as Proverbs 18:11 and Ecclesiastes 7:12 clearly show. Americans put their trust in their money and wealth, and that is why America will be “besieged” financially!

If you paid any attention at all to the Asian financial meltdown of 1998 as it spread around the globe, one of the most striking facts was how quickly investors panicked and pulled their money out of Thailand, Indonesia, Russia, Brazil, Venezuela and so on.

A headline in the December 1, 1999, WSJ trumpeted, “Dollar's Fall Against Yen Raises Fears Investor Faith in U.S. [Dollar] May Waver.” The article said, “The dollar is down 17 percent from its 12-month high against the yen, a slide apparently precipitated by stirrings of recovery in the Japanese economy. But the dollar's decline against the yen is now fueling worries that if it continues, it could turn investors' focus to the HUGE U.S. TRADE DEFICIT and *shake their confidence* in the dollar against other currencies.”

In 1997, America's trade deficit was \$104 billion, meaning Americans bought \$104 billion more of imported foreign products than we exported, or sold to foreign countries. In 1998, that swelled to a deficit of \$164 billion. And in 1999, it had ballooned to a *staggering* \$271 billion!

Not only does a record-high trade deficit mean MORE DEBT on the backs of Americans because it has to be financed, a high trade deficit also *masks* inflation because foreign competition prevents U.S. manufacturers from



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raising prices until inflation EXPLODES on the scene. So no matter what politicians say, the U.S. trade deficit is a *major* problem.

The WSJ article continues, “...if the [dollar's] slide against the yen turns into a general weakening of the dollar, that could put a damper on the...nine-year-long U.S. expansion, as international investors LOOK ELSEWHERE for places to park their money, and domestic interest rates are forced upward.”

Please don't miss the significance of that statement! Foreign investment is what is keeping America ALIVE right now.

On a national average, Americans are not saving *anything*—they are *spending* more than they make and BORROWING the difference, and they have been doing that for seven years. That means the only significant place the federal government and U.S. corporations can get loans is from foreigners.

There are trillions of dollars which will need to be REPAYED if for any reason foreigners decide to sell their U.S. holdings. All it will take is a PANIC among investors.

A Future Crash

On page 174 of *The Great Crash 1929* it says, “The collapse in the stock market in the autumn of 1929 was im-

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plicit in the speculation that went before [meaning, they *knew* a collapse would occur eventually]. The only question concerning that speculation was *how long it would last*. Sometime, sooner or later, confidence in the short-run reality of increasing common stock values [rising prices] would weaken. When this happened, some people would sell, and this would destroy the reality of increasing values. Holding for an increase would now become meaningless; the new reality would be FALLING PRICES. There would be a rush, pell-mell, to unload. This was the way past speculative orgies had ended. It was the way the end came in 1929. IT IS THE WAY SPECULATION WILL END IN THE FUTURE.” That is quite a prediction!

It is foolish to think America will be different from every other civilization in history. That is nothing but pride and vanity. And remember the warning that “Hubris [arrogance resulting from excessive pride] is running pretty high. That's when mistakes happen.”

America is making a terrible mistake which will result in the greatest fall in all of mankind's history! As soon as America is no longer a safe place for foreign money, that money will be GONE. And once the foreign money is gone, it will leave us with a MOUNTAIN OF DEBT that we *cannot* repay.

Americans seem to be forgetting lessons we should have learned in Economics 101. What happens when we cannot pay our house payments or car payments? At a house-loan-closing meeting, a lender made it very simple. He said that all the loan paperwork which had just been signed simply meant, “If you pay, you stay; if you don't, you won't.”

Quite simply, what happens when we cannot pay is that the lenders *repossess* the cars and houses. That is exactly what will happen to this country! You can read about the repossession of Israel in Deuteronomy 28:43-52. They're going to take all of this glory and power and wealth and comfort AWAY from us!

Financial Rejection

So the question arises: Where will the foreign money go just before America's collapse?

A *Financial Times* of London article on December 16, 1999, said, “In spite of its lackluster performance on the foreign exchange markets, the euro has proved the most popular currency in

the international bond markets since its launch in January [1999].... 'The U.S. dollar has punched well above its weight in the financial markets over the last 30 years because it had no competitor,' said David Knott, head of fixed-income research at Deutsche Bank, 'but now borrowers can choose between TWO MARKETS.'

Another *Financial Times* article quoted the head of Hong Kong's monetary authority as saying, "I'm afraid more and more people are focusing on the *vulnerability* of the U.S. market and will start MOVING OUT" (Dec. 7, 1999).

Times are changing, and it is only a matter of time until America is *toppled* from its seat of power and *replaced* on the world scene—just as Britain was toppled and every other superpower nation which has dominated the world. That is the main lesson America is forgetting: America is no different than any other nation which has risen to power and then fallen from power.

Debt will play a major role in the unwinding of American power, and a rising Europe is just waiting for the opportunity to assume world dominance. America's extremely vulnerable economic position has caused investor confidence to be squarely aimed at a German-led Europe—the new darling of the monetary world.

Haggai 1:5-6 describes America perfectly, because Americans have not saved *anything!* It's like their money ran out of a hole in their moneybag. And soon, hyperinflation will cause the spending power of the dollar to *vanish*. AMERICANS ARE SPENDING THEMSELVES OUT OF EXISTENCE!

The U.S. dollar is going to fall from dominance, and people will only be

able to buy or sell with the mark of the beast (Rev. 13:16-17). The beast power of Europe will *totally control* world economies and will look like a perfect place for investor money; therefore, trillions and trillions of dollars of investor money will flow OUT OF AMERICA and INTO EUROPE!

An economist was quoted by the Associated Press recently as saying, "A day of reckoning doesn't come until there is something to do with the money that is *better* than investing in the United States." He is right, and it is just a matter of time.

Foreign capital flight is on the horizon for America, yet Americans, in all their haughtiness, REFUSE to see it coming. America will be *blindsided* and *totally shocked* when it is REJECTED by the investors of this world! In fact, foreign capital flight is probably the *primary mechanism* whereby America will be ABANDONED by its former financial "lovers" in fulfillment of God's prophecies.

Jeremiah 4:30 says that no matter what Israel does, her lovers will despise her! America and the other nations of Israel will be hated by all nations. A time is coming soon when Israel will try to make itself appear financially attractive to investors of other nations, but all in vain.

Something soon will very likely cause what is known as a "bond shock," which will cause a rapid rise in bond yields resulting in a *dramatic increase* in the costs of financing debt. A sudden jump in oil prices or commodities can cause a bond shock. The trigger could be an earthquake or volcanic eruption, or a major crop failure, war or political instability—any number of things. In such an event, the cost



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of financing debt becomes intolerably high and unsustainable.

Countries with low national savings rates and high foreign ownership of domestic public debt are the most vulnerable to a bond shock. That perfectly describes America. Foreign bond holders will immediately take their money back to their own countries when the bond markets become unstable. In such a scenario, there is no money to borrow, because the "locals" don't have any savings and the foreign money has gone.

Prepare Yourself!

The concluding paragraphs of the book *Debt and Delusion* are quite eye-opening: "The story of the Western financial system since the early 1970s is one of DEBT ADDICTION. In the Anglo-Saxon countries [Israel], access to affordable forms of borrowing has risen exponentially.... In other developed countries, conservative attitudes to personal borrowing have been negated by [spendthrift and wasteful] attitudes to public debt. Even as the agonies of Japan's *debt-induced calamity* are being re-expressed in East Asia, *Western governments insist that all is well*. However, the absence of serious inflationary problems during the 1990s does *not* prove that the debt addiction has been broken. Rather, there is persuasive evidence that the problem has migrated elsewhere.

The Perils of Minimum Payments

- If you charged **\$1000** on a credit card with an interest rate of **18 percent**, the minimum payment would only be about **\$20 per month**.
- If you only paid the minimum payment and did not charge anything else to the card, it would take **eight years and four months** to pay off the balance.
- If you added **\$50** to the minimum payment every month, however, the card would be paid off in **one year and five months**.

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Over-emphasis, to the point of obsession, on the inflation objective has *blinded* governments and their central banks to the risk of WIDESPREAD DEBT DEFAULT BY BORROWERS. The unpreparedness of the Western world can be understood only in terms of *ignorance*. Most of those under 50 years of age hold only a small proportion of their assets in the form of cash and deposits. They do not appreciate how FRAGILE the financial system has become, nor how *easily* the investment gains of many years could be forfeited. One day the mist will clear and the collective delusion of *effortless wealth creation* will be SHATTERED. Until that day, we are living on BORROWED TIME.... Prepare for an EXPLOSION that will *rock* the Western financial system to its foundations."

That is why it is so important to get out of debt. God's people need to get their short-term debt down and get into a good cash position so they can weather the WAVES OF FINANCIAL SHOCKS that will be coming in the near future. Have a minimum of debt and the maximum cash possible—six-months' income in savings, if possible, because there is nothing like cash to help you weather a crisis. We should ALL do this in order to protect our families and be able to continue financially supporting this work of the living God all the way to its conclusion.

We are told in I Timothy 6:6-10 that wrong financial dealings are a SNARE waiting to snap shut on the unwise, and that it will produce great sorrow. Right now, this wonderful nation of America is in a great deal of danger because of the SNARE OF DEBT.

But in spite of the tremendous *trouble* and *turmoil* immediately ahead, YOU can be *protected* IF you will keep God's laws and His ways and help us finish this work of WARNING A DYING WORLD.

"But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. For it will come as a SNARE on all those who dwell on the face of the whole Earth. Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted *worthy* to ESCAPE all these things that *will* come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man" (Luke 21:34-36, NKJV).

We urge you to study your Bible and *prove* if we're telling the truth. May God give you ears to hear and eyes to see. ♦

America's Bubble Economy

Why it has yet to burst

BY STEPHEN FLURRY

AN OVER-INFLATED STOCK MARKET, \$5.69 trillion national debt, \$1.4 trillion consumer debt, \$271 billion trade deficit, one million personal bankruptcies each year—these are *not* building blocks for a solid, stable U.S. economy. The *Trumpet* has been warning of America's financial collapse for the past decade. Before that, for several decades the *Plain Truth* prophesied of America's economic ruin.

We stand by this prophecy.

Yet, as we enter the 21st century, America's economy dwarfs every other nation by far. And it keeps growing, seemingly immune to every financial crisis threatening to burst its bubble.

How did America come to receive this tremendous wealth and prosperity? Why do we continue forecasting its economic collapse? And if a crash is certain, why is it taking so long—what's propping up America's economy? Actually, the answers to all three questions are quite similar.

Learning From History

Little more than a century ago, our greatest thinkers attributed America's vast wealth and power to Almighty God. "We find ourselves in the peaceful possession of the fairest portion of the Earth," Abraham Lincoln said, "as regards fertility of soil, extent of territory, and salubrity of climate.... We...find ourselves the legal *inheritors* of these fundamental blessings. We *toiled not in their acquisition or the establishment of them.*" Lincoln looked upon our vast wealth and power as an inheritance from God—something we did *not* earn ourselves.

Similarly, George Washington believed America would have never come into existence without God's blessing. Benjamin Franklin went so far as to compare early America to the biblical Promised Land. He called the original American colonies "God's new Israel."

These men, and many others like them, *knew* it was God who gave Amer-



"GOD'S NEW ISRAEL" America's forefathers understood that this land was a blessing from God, comparing it to the biblical Promised Land.

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ica its unprecedented prosperity and power. And to think that they didn't even grasp most of God's prophecies! (They did, however, understand and apply many biblical *principles* that our peoples have long since forgotten.)

These men were right. God *did* give us our prosperity and power. Bible prophecy reveals *why* He did that. It also reveals why that tremendous wealth will soon be stripped away. And yes, the Bible even reveals why that has yet to occur.

The Prophetic Key

The most startling fact of world history is the sudden and dramatic growth of the United States and Britain to unprecedented heights of prosperity and power. From about 1800 to 1950, the U.S. and Britain skyrocketed to world dominance, acquiring nearly three fourths of the world's cultivated wealth and resources in the process. The sun never set on the British Empire's vast territorial expanse. It became the greatest world empire in history, while the United States followed closely at its heels to become history's single greatest nation.

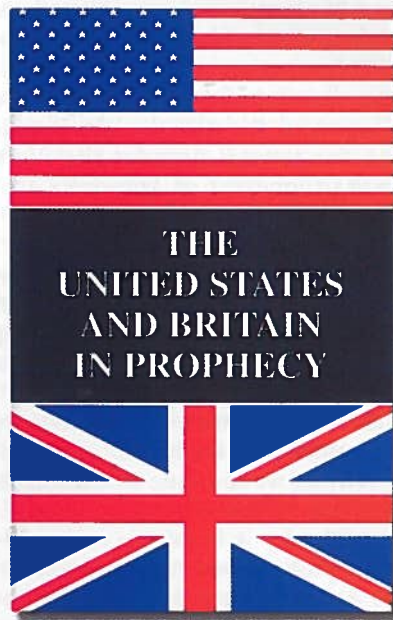
Could prophecy ignore such major power blocs when it plainly refers to other smaller nations like Egypt, Turkey and Ethiopia? That's what many scholars and theologians would have you believe.

Prophecy emphatically does *not* ignore our peoples. "The Bible story of our ancestry and our modern prophetic identity," Herbert W. Armstrong wrote, "is the most amazing—yes, astounding—the most fascinating and interesting story ever told. It is really the story-thread of the Bible itself, from Genesis to Revelation" (*The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, p. 10). This identity, Mr. Armstrong later said, is actually the *key* that unlocks your understanding to *all* Bible prophecy.

Ever since the beginning of Mr. Armstrong's ministry in 1934, we have been proclaiming the hidden identity of the United States and Britain in Bible prophecy. Our peoples *are* the descendants of the so-called "lost" ten tribes of Israel. In these latter days, we, especially in the United States and Britain, have been blessed above all peoples on Earth—not because of our own doing, as President Lincoln correctly observed—but because *God* gifted these blessings upon us. The Bible reveals *why*.

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Promises to Abraham's Descendants

Consider this all-important fact: God actually promised the wealth and power our peoples have acquired *today* to the great biblical patriarch Abraham more than 4,000 years ago. God said to Abraham, "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee" (Gen. 12:2-3). Later, in Genesis 17, God said He would make Abraham the father of *many* nations—plural.

These promises of national greatness were conditioned upon Abraham's obedience. And as most Bible students know, Abraham *did* obey God—*faithfully*. In Genesis 26:5, God says he "obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws."

Yet Abraham did not live to see God follow through on His end of the deal—to bless Abraham's descendants with national greatness and prosperity. God repromised these birthright blessings to Isaac—then again to Jacob (Gen. 26:1-5; 27:26-29). In Genesis 28:13-14, God said that Abraham's descendants would eventually spread to every corner of the Earth.

Through Jacob, whose name was eventually changed to Israel, God repromised these birthright promises to Joseph's sons Ephraim and Manasseh (Israel's grandsons). This fascinating story is recorded in Genesis 48. (Read the entire chapter.) In verse 16, Israel said "let my *name* be named on them." Ephraim's and Manasseh's descendants took on the name *Israel*. They were to become a great people; Ephraim, a multitude of nations—Manasseh, the single greatest nation in history (Gen. 48:19; see also 35:11).

It wasn't until many generations had passed that Abraham's descendants began to multiply greatly. In Deuteronomy 10:22, God said the 12 tribes of Israel started with only 70 people in Egypt. By the time they fled their captivity, however, they had become a "multitude"—perhaps 2 or 3 million strong.

Once in the Promised Land, the 12 tribes, including Ephraim and Manasseh, each settled in separate yet adjoining districts—as one nation, Israel.

After King Solomon died, however, Israel split into two nations, just as God said they would (I Kings 11:11-13). The ten northern tribes retained the name "Israel"; the southern tribes assumed the name "Judah."

Eventually, both nations rebelled against God and turned to idol-worship. Through prophets, God pleaded for both nations to repent. Because they would not, God prophesied that both Judah and Israel would be taken into captivity. In 721-718 B.C., God used the Assyrians to root Israel out of their homeland (II Kings 17:18, 22-24). Between 604 and 585 B.C., the same thing happened to Judah, this time at the hands of Nebuchadnezzar's Babylon (II Kings 23:27).

So what about the birthright promises? Did God go back on His word? This question demands an answer!

Blessings Withheld

In Leviticus 26, God told Israel (the 12 tribes, before they divided into two nations) that they would inherit the

birthright blessings *immediately* if they would obey Him. Notice the conditions in verses 3-4: "If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them [as their father Abraham did]; *Then* I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit." God said IF they obeyed, THEN they would receive the blessings. The promise was *conditional*.

These are the kinds of biblical principles America's forefathers understood, unlike our leaders today. *God blesses obedience*. In verses 7-8, God said Israel would chase away their enemies—five putting a hundred to flight. In verse 9, God said He would multiply them, just as He had told Abraham, Isaac and Jacob centuries before.

But, beginning in verse 14, God lists the *curses* He would bring upon them for disobedience. "And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you *seven times* more for your sins" (v. 18). Why do so many misunderstand these clear prophecies? As sure as God *blesses* the obedient, He *curses* the disobedient. And that's what He did—He cursed ancient Israel for their sinful disobedience. They divided into two nations, turned to idolatry and both eventually went into captivity.

But that does not mean God reneged on the *unconditional* promises made to Abraham! He merely *withheld* those promises for 2½ millennia.

The expression *seven times* in Leviticus 26:18 comes from a Hebrew word which conveys a double meaning. While it may refer to the intensity of punishment, it can also refer to its *length* or *duration*. In this verse, it is referring to the length of God's punishment. God placed a time limit on the duration of these curses because He was still obligated to honor the promise made to Abraham.

In prophecy, a *time* refers to a 360-day year. *Seven times* means seven YEARS—or 2,520 days. Using the day-for-a-year principle, as God often does in the Bible (Ezek. 4:4-6), *seven times* can mean 2,520 years. That was to be the length of Israel's punishment. So from the time the kingdom of Israel (including Ephraim and Manasseh) went into captivity (721-718 B.C.) to when America and Britain ascended to the front of the world stage (1800-1803), 2,520 years elapsed! (Amazingly,

1803 is the year America bought the Louisiana Purchase from France, doubling the size of its territory overnight.)

We realize that many readers may find it hard to believe this prophecy. Let us then consider the historical facts. The birthright promises God made to Abraham were conditioned upon his obedience. After Abraham obeyed, however, God made those promises *unconditional*. God *had* to follow through and keep His word because of Abraham's faith.

Hundreds of years later, God had yet to follow through with these promises. He reprimanded them to ancient Israel. Only this time, He again



GOD BLESSED AMERICA with the Louisiana Purchase exactly 2,520 years after the blessings had been withheld.

conditioned them on Israel's obedience. For nearly 400 years, they rebelled against God and His laws, and were eventually taken captive into the land of Assyria (central Europe). They never received these birthright promises.

Twenty-five hundred and twenty years later, Britain and America simultaneously spurted to unprecedented world power and wealth—becoming a multitude, or commonwealth, of nations and the single greatest nation in history.

If the Bible is true, there can be only one explanation: that God identifies the British and American peoples today as modern-day Israel—the tribes that were to take on the name "Israel"—Ephraim and Manasseh. Even a general knowledge of history proves that only our peoples have inherited the many incredible blessings God promised Abraham. As Mr. Armstrong asked, if our peoples have not inherited these birthright promises, which nations have?

Those whose minds are open to revelation from God can prove that God

has followed through and honored His promises!

Forty Years in the Wilderness

Skeptics ought to consider the facts of Israel's 40-year "journey" in the wilderness. God, by His own hand, delivered Israel out of Egyptian captivity. In the second year of their departure, God led Israel to camp in the wilderness of Paran, at the southern tip of the Promised Land.

From there, God told Moses to send 12 men to spy out the land (Num. 13:1-2). These men, one from each tribe of Israel, were gone for *40 days*. Upon their return, only Joshua and Caleb gave a favorable report. The ten others gave an evil report, saying it would be impossible to take the land. Lacking faith, the congregation of Israel believed the doubters and wanted to stone Joshua and Caleb.

They forgot that God had *promised* them that land! Instead, they doubted God, became ungrateful, and refused to march forward. For that reason, God *withheld* the promise! For 40 years Israel wandered in the wilderness aimlessly, until everyone over the age of 20 died, except Joshua and Caleb.

Grasp the significance! God *withheld* the promise for an entire generation! Then, after the older ones all died, He allowed Joshua to lead the young people into the Promised Land.

God kept His promise, but He delayed it 40 years—a *year for each day* those ten spies gathered data for their evil report (Num. 14:34).

Does it seem far-fetched, then, that God would withhold the *birthright* promises from Israel for 2,520 years? It shouldn't!

But because our peoples have drifted so far away from God; because we no longer read, study or believe our Bibles; because of our unbelief—by our actions, WE CALL GOD A LIAR! We might believe IN God. But our peoples DO NOT BELIEVE GOD, even when presented with irrefutable proof.

Even Abraham Lincoln and George Washington understood the obvious—that America's tremendous prosperity and power could not be explained any other way, except that a beneficent Creator God poured those blessings upon us. What those men did *not* understand, however, was *why* God gave us those blessings.

It was because of Abraham's faith—and because God keeps His promises.

The Cause of America's Decline

We come now to the second question posed at the start of this article. If God gave us these many national blessings, why does the *Trumpet* continue saying they will be taken away?

Twenty years ago, Mr. Armstrong answered that question: "Neither Britain nor America deserved the unprecedented wealth, greatness and national power of Abraham's birthright. But God had promised it *unconditionally* to Abraham. It was conditional to ancient Israel.

"Though our two great peoples did not deserve it, God was bound, and kept His promise! Yet, once God had fulfilled His promise to Abraham by giving us that national wealth, power and greatness, IT BECAME CONDITIONAL on us whether we should retain it!" (*Plain Truth*, Jan. 1980).

The reason we continue forecasting America's decline is because God has now *fulfilled* the promises made to Abraham. He is no longer obligated to keep showering us with national prosperity and power! The burden of responsibility has fallen upon *our* shoulders.

Will we retain those blessings by using them to glorify God?

Well, just look at what our peoples have done with all the wealth and prosperity. The *Trumpet* reported last December that America, though comprising 5 percent of the world's population, burns up about *one third* of its resources. In the process, we are crippling ourselves with massive amounts of debt. It's as if, Bernard Baruch once said, "we are enjoying the good life on the installment plan"—as if a \$5.7 trillion national debt and \$1.4 trillion consumer debt will somehow go away.

And because of this materialistic obsession, America has forgotten God! Abraham Lincoln acknowledged this over 100 years ago. "We have been the recipients of the choicest blessings of heaven," he said. "We have been preserved, these many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation ever has grown, but we have forgotten God! We have forgotten the gracious Hand which preserved us in peace, and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by

some superior wisdom and virtue of our own."

President Lincoln called on the nation to fast and pray, to admit its national sins before God, so that the Union might survive. God heard that cry and intervened. But we have long since returned to our sins—a thousand times more so!

Through the Apostle Paul, God calls our peoples selfish, proud, blasphemers, rebellious, unthankful, liars, without self-control—and says we love *pleasure* more than we love Him! (II Tim. 3:1-5). God says we have gotten drunk off the success *He* has given us—worshiping materialism above Him.

Like ancient Israel, we have rejected God's statutes and commandments, His sabbaths, and have turned to idol-worship. We have failed to learn from their lesson. Because of their rebellion, ancient Israel never received the blessings God promised Abraham. Because of ours, we will soon *lose* all of these blessings!

Leviticus 26 and its companion chapter, Deuteronomy 28, tell us how it will happen. We have already noted the definition of "seven times" in Leviticus 26:18—a reference to the duration of ancient Israel's punishment.

God says in verse 19, "And I will break the pride of your power." A century ago, we were willing to use what power we had for the common good of mankind. Today, we have far more power, but are afraid to use it! (See last month's *Trumpet* article "America Has Won Its Last War.")

God has already brought this "broken pride" curse upon us. Greater punishment will soon follow, unless our peoples repent. America's prophesied downfall is leading toward captivity. "And I will set my face against you," God says, "and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you" (v. 17).

Many other prophecies refer to this coming captivity. Through the Prophet Ezekiel, God thunders, "They have blown the trumpet, even to make all ready; but none goeth to the battle: for my wrath is upon all the multitude thereof" (Ezek. 7:14). That is where the curse of our broken pride leads—to a cowardly defeat in what the Bible calls the Great Tribulation.

By that point, abundant wealth and prosperity will mean **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!** "They shall cast their silver

in the streets, and their gold shall be removed: their silver and their gold *shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord*: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill their bowels: because it is the **STUMBLING-BLOCK** of their iniquity" (v. 19). Money will not save us in the Tribulation. God says in Proverbs 11:28, "He that trusteth in his riches shall fall: but the righteous shall flourish as a branch."

Americans will soon reap the consequences of trusting in riches. God says that has been our greatest stumbling-block causing us to sin. That's why He is, even now, taking away those riches.

One of the many benefits of the birthright blessings was *lending* money and goods to other nations—not borrowing (Deut. 28:12). But because of our many sins, God says, "The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. *He shall lend to thee*, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and *thou shalt be the tail!*" (vv. 43-44).

If only our peoples could see the financial noose hanging around our necks. If only they would wake up to the many danger signs—massive trade deficit, overblown stock market, crippling personal and national debt. Yet most can tolerate these trends as long as the economy is "booming." In other words, as long as there is cash in the pocket, a chicken in the oven, two cars in the garage, a credit card in the wallet and more loans to be financed!

BUT MARK THESE WORDS—the moment that well dries up, **OUR PEOPLE WILL START TO AWAKEN**. This is all by God's design.

We stand by our forecast for America's financial collapse. Why? Because the same God who brought about our material prosperity will surely take it away for our rampant sin.

The Roaring '90s

During the 1920s, there was a phenomenal spurt of growth in American productivity. Due to technological advances, U.S. companies increased capital investment at an unprecedented rate. Increased productivity led to increased consumption. More women entered the work force to help families keep up with increasing spending habits. As demand for goods increased, so did prices. The rising cost of big-ticket items, like cars, led to a new wave of long-term, high-interest

financing. This way, working-class families could still afford luxuries.

Then there was the stock market. "People bought and sold in blissful ignorance," Paul Johnson wrote in *A History of the American People*. A record amount of shares exchanged hands daily because new investors wanted in on the action. There was an upsurge in margin debt, or borrowing money to buy stocks. People took out loans at 8 to 12 percent interest, confident they could make up the difference and then some in stocks. Dividend yields bottomed out as investors ignored company earnings and relied solely on capital gains. "By 1929," Johnson wrote, "some stocks were selling at 50 times earnings." Johnson compared this purely speculative "boom" to a form of pyramid selling.

In October 1929, the pyramid came crashing down, and the United States entered its worst depression in history.

When you read Paul Johnson's description of America's economy in the 1920s, you could easily mistake it for the 1990s, if not for the fact that it ended in a crash.

The question is, if the Bible foretells another crash, far worse than 1929 (the higher you go, the further you fall), why has it not happened yet? What's keeping America's bubble economy from bursting?

A Watchman Warning

The book of Ezekiel, like so many biblical prophecies, is addressed to Israel (Ezek. 2:3). In chapter 3, we find Ezekiel's God-given commission: "Son of man, go, get thee unto the *house of Israel*, and speak with my words unto them" (v. 4). God told Ezekiel to warn Israel *for Him*.

Understand this! Ezekiel was a Jewish priest taken captive by the Babylonian Empire when it conquered Judah. The northern ten tribes of Israel had gone into Assyrian captivity more than 100 years before Judah. Ezekiel wrote his book while in captivity. He was never free to deliver God's warning message to ancient Israel.

That's because his message was for Israel in this *end* time! That is why God preserved the book of Ezekiel in writing—so an end-time "Ezekiel" could deliver this warning to modern-day Israel—mainly the United States and Britain!

God has commissioned His modern-day watchman to closely follow world events as they fulfill prophecy—

and then, through a weekly TV newscast and a monthly publication trumpeting God's prophecies, WARN Israel of what will soon befall them, unless they REPENT. You are living through the fulfillment of Ezekiel's prophecy!

God calls this modern-day Ezekiel a "watchman unto the house of Israel" (Ezek. 3:17). To this "watchman," God says, "Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword [military invasion] upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.... But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them...his blood will I require at the watchman's hand. So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me" (Ezek. 33:2-4, 6-7).

God does not say that *all* who hear this message will repent. To the contrary, He says in Ezekiel 33:31-32 that many will enjoy *hearing the words* of this message, but *THEY WILL NOT DO THEM!* Even still, God warns through His watchman, so that when these events finally come to pass, they will know where God was working (v. 33).

This warning message, while directed at modern Israel first, is actually for the **WHOLE WORLD!** The world must be warned of what is coming! That is the job God has given His watchman—and those who support the watchman work. Jesus said the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few (Matt. 9:37). Humanly, you would think it impossible for such a small group to take on such a massive work.

Yet, with God, all things are possible (Matt. 19:26). God has headquartered His WATCHMAN work in Edmond, Oklahoma—**IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.** Most of those who support this work, through prayers and financial sacrifice, reside in the United States of America. They are not rich people by any means—just average, working-class Americans. (Some are considered poor, by American standards.)

But because God has given this nation so much wealth, the "average" yearly income in America (\$44,000 per family) far surpasses that of other nations. **NO OTHER NATION ON EARTH COULD FINANCE SUCH A HUGE UNDERTAKING WITH SUCH A SMALL NUMBER OF SUPPORTERS!**

That is why God has raised up His end-time warning work here in the United States—*first*.

And that's why, believe it or not, America's financial bubble has not yet burst. That's why, despite all the warning signs, the United States still surges forward with an \$8 trillion economy—twice the size of the second-richest economy, Japan.



HEADQUARTERS of the Philadelphia Church of God in Edmond, Okla.

GOD HAS KEPT AMERICA'S ECONOMY AFLOAT BECAUSE THE WATCHMAN WORK IS NOT YET FINISHED!

Mr. Armstrong said this for decades, even as he was prophesying of America's eventual collapse as a world power. In the January 1962 *Plain Truth*, he wrote, "Few know how close the Allies came to losing World War II—or the reason we did not. Few will believe it, but the only reason was to allow time for this message to go to the world! It can be supported financially only by, in the main, the common people of below-average income levels. America has been kept prosperous enough for those people to carry out God's will! This gigantic crusade guided by the living Christ must be completed! It will be!"

Notice again what the *Plain Truth* wrote in April 1968: "Total collapse of the global monetary network will not occur this year—or the next—or possibly even the next after that. There will, however, be more 'gold bubbles'—each one successively worse. After each 'bubble'—another patchwork, stopgap scheme will be worked out. Additional time will be bought.... But why the continuous series of last-ditch rescues of the dollar and the pound? For one reason! This work of God proclaiming the truth of God's word to the entire world is not yet finished!"

At the beginning of this article, we told you the answers to our three questions would be quite similar. How did America come to receive its tremendous wealth and prosperity? *Because of God*. He gave it to America because of Abraham's faithful obedience.

Why do we continue to forecast economic ruin for our peoples? *Because of God*. He has said in His word that He will TAKE AWAY every one of those blessings and replace them with curses—unless we repent.

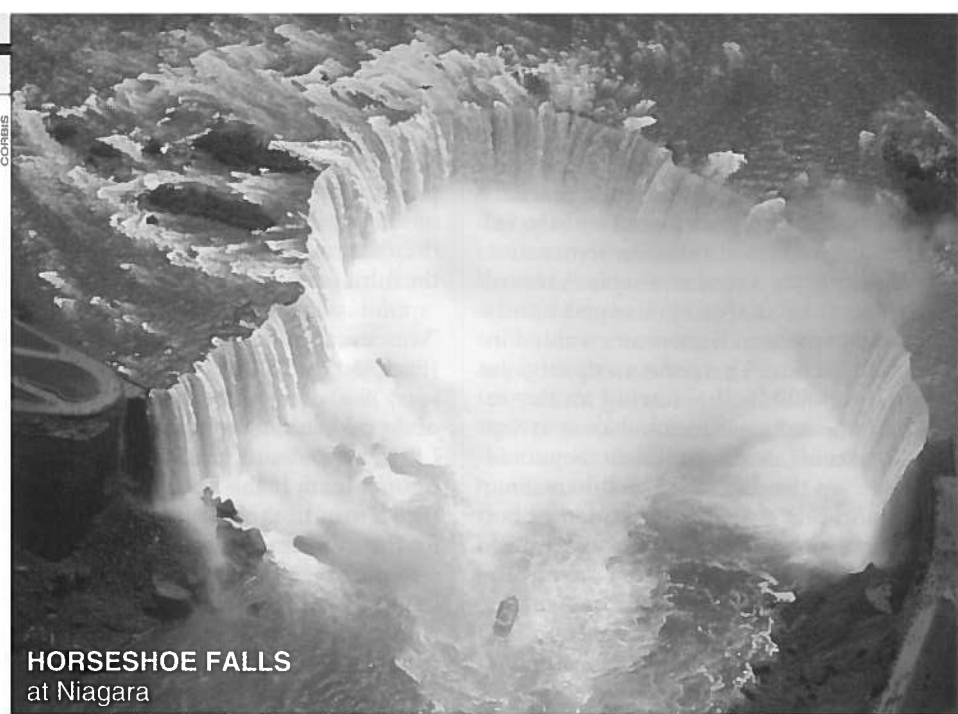
Then why the delay—why hasn't our economy collapsed yet? *Because of God*. He has not yet finished the job He is doing through the watchman work.

Because of God—nothing sophisticated or scholarly about that answer.

But it's the right answer. ◆

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CANADA

Caught in the Middle

America wants a closer trading relationship with Britain. To achieve this it needs Canada's help. What role will Canada play in this coming Anglo-Saxon combine? In this article, we take a look at the rich history of this nation throughout the past century and show why Canada finds itself in such a precarious position right now.

BY GARETH FRASER

ON DECEMBER 25, 1913, HERBERT W. Armstrong walked across the International Bridge into Canada's picturesque Niagara Falls. "There had been a silver thaw, then a refreeze," he wrote in his autobiography. "All the trees glistened in the bright sun like millions of brilliantly sparkling diamonds." This was a peaceful time.

Six months later, on June 28, 1914, the 19-year old student Gavrilo Princip, an agent of the Serbian Black Hand secret society, assassinated Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne. With unparalleled speed Europe spun out of control, and by August World War I had begun.

Canadian troops marched to war alongside Britain and its other Commonwealth allies. Canadians saw a generation of 60,611 lives erased, their blood soaking the war-torn battlefields of Europe.

Four years later, the war was over and the Treaty of Versailles was signed, ushering in 20 years respite from world war. In 1929 the Great Depression struck, and its repercussions were felt worldwide. At the same time, Europe was again simmering with discontent. In Germany, the depression created an atmosphere ripe for the rise of a demigod. Surveying the scene, Adolf Hitler seized the initiative. The German nation followed him; the Nazi Party was spawned.

In 1939, the führer arrogantly marched his storm-troopers into the quiet countryside of Poland, and World War II was underway. Canadian troops suffered heavy losses in the Allies' titanic battle to beat back the Nazi war machine. In the midst of the war, Canada was spending \$12 million per day on the war effort. After Japanese bombs rained down on Pearl Harbor, Canada again answered the call of

duty in support of the U.S.-led war effort to set Japan's rising sun.

In 1945, at war's end, Germany and much of Europe lay in rubble. Canada had again done its part in the fight for the cause of freedom, sacrificing 45,000 lives. Its troops came home from the dark war to a calming sanctuary. Lush wheat fields, forests, snow-capped peaks, tranquil lakes and rivers all moved British Field-Marshal Lord Montgomery; during a post-war visit to Canada, he called it "the great and wonderful country."

By now the voice of Herbert Armstrong was becoming familiar to Canadians. He was broadcasting via radio, warning that Germany would again rise from ashes to lead a super economic, political and military union. As Europeans cleared the rubble of war, he warned that America, Britain and the Commonwealth nations would fade in power and influence under the ominous shadow of this European superstate.

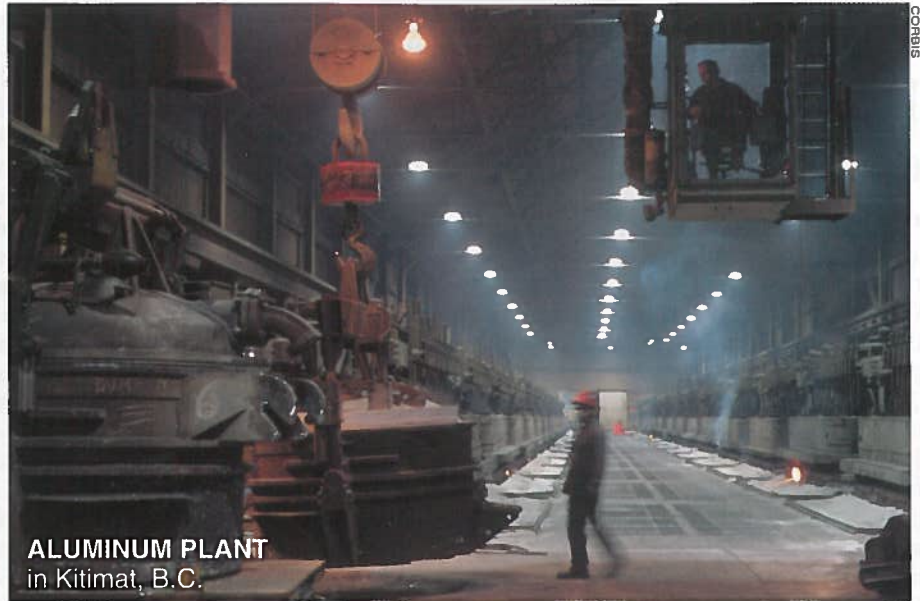
He warned that Britain and America would become isolationist in their international trade and military deployment.

And all along he warned that *Canada would be caught in the middle.*

Shifting Trade Winds

After World War II, Canada entered boom years. It was temporarily the world's third most important country. With European and Japanese industry devastated, Canada's ample reserves of wheat and minerals, especially the strategic reserves of oil, iron ore, uranium, aluminum and hydro-electricity, powered Canada to a peak of world influence that was exceeded only by the United States and Soviet Russia.

The value of Canadian wheat exports doubled, making Canada the post-war breadbasket for the world. Mineral pro-



ALUMINUM PLANT
in Kitimat, B.C.

duction jumped nearly fourfold. Manufacturing output tripled. Imperial Oils' discovery of a new well at Leduc, Alberta, in 1947 kept pace with one of the world's largest iron-ore finds near the Quebec-Labrador border in 1948.

Ontario hummed with news of rich uranium strikes in its ancient treasure chest, the Canadian Shield, while Kitimat, British Columbia, was host to one of the world's largest hydroelectric plants for the aluminum industry. It commanded over 90 percent of the world's nickel supply.

Even the mild post-Korean War recession of 1953-54 couldn't halt the headlong rush of the Canadian economy.

By 1957, six of the war-ravaged nations of Western Europe were rebuilt with help from the U.S.-led Marshall Plan and formed the European Economic Community. Skyrocketing Volkswagen sales in North America signaled a new economic era. Canada's global market began shrinking quickly. Aggressive multinational corporations vied for a larger slice of the global trade pie.

In 1958, a full-scale recession ravaged Canada. What was happening to "the great and wonderful country"?

Part of Canada's problems lay in the cycle of its free-enterprise system. Its remarkable growth from the end of World War II to the 1950s concealed its basic structural flaws. Its natural-resource boom pushed both

men and equipment into the far north. Canada's harsh winters made the extraction of resources and their processing an expensive venture. In addition, the country had developed a deep dependency upon foreign capital. The cold winds of change were starting to blow across Canada's economic landscape.

Events were proving Mr. Armstrong right! In his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, he warned Canada that a foreign power would "strip entirely from them this colossal, unprecedented national blessing."

With a small domestic market, Canada became vitally dependent upon foreign trade—especially trade with its number-one client, the United States.

Sleeping With the Elephant

As Canada entered the '60s, various domestic concerns emerged. The reality of the economic outlook was sinking in. THE CANADIAN ECONOMY WAS NOW AT THE MERCY OF AMERICAN POLICY.

During 1962, in an effort to spark the U.S.'s northern neighbor into action, President John F. Kennedy warned Canada to "trade or fade."

After 20 years of general prosperity, a "bigger and better" mentality had set the stage for the harrowing inflation battles of the 1970s. Writing in the March 1971 edition of the *Plain Truth* magazine, Herbert Armstrong warned that these events "could affect not only every person in the United States and Canada, but all the peoples of the world." Canada expected more from the marketplace; instead it got less.

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IN WORLD WAR II, a new Canadian tank division arrives at the camp.

◆ EUROPE

Expanding east a no go?

The European Union is facing a potential wave of resurgent nationalism in Central and Eastern Europe that could threaten its proposed eastern expansion.

The rise to power of Austria's far-right Freedom Party, led by the now-infamous Jörg Haider, has brought to light further nationalist, right-wing sentiment in numerous other European countries. Several

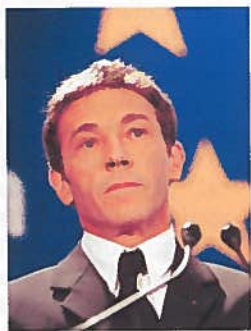
of these have witnessed significant public support. Much of this sentiment is based on a hatred of foreigners.

"In Switzerland, the Swiss People's Party made big gains in national elections in October, taking 22 percent of the vote after campaigning with the slogan 'Stop Asylum Abuse.' In Norway, the Party of Progress, which opposes all immigration from non-European cultures beyond a UN quota, received 15 percent of the vote in the last national elections in 1997. In Denmark, the anti-immigrant People's Party gets nearly 16 percent in the polls. In Germany, the Deutsche Volkunion polled 25 percent among young voters in the eastern state of Saxony-Anhalt in 1998 after preaching that foreigners endangered jobs and were responsible for crime" (AP Online, Feb. 9).

These, along with Austria, are EU member countries, which officially adhere to European principles of democracy, liberty and respect for human rights. The threat that a right-wing, nationalist movement presents

to these principles has recently received some attention. And, as one U.S. think tank has pointed out, this becomes even more of a problem when considering eastward EU expansion.

"British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook warned Austria February 14 that anti-foreigner and anti-EU nationalist sentiment had no place in a modern Europe. He added that it was especially important for the union to take a tough line against Austria in the name of Central and Eastern European states hoping to join the EU. His statement is ironic given that Austrian nationalism pales in comparison to nationalist sentiment further east. In fact, only a few days earlier, the far-right party in EU-candidate Hungary announced its intention to join in the government with a ruling coalition party. Cook's statement



Jörg Haider

is as much a warning to European nationalists as it is an affirmation that Europe has only begun to deal with nationalism in EU expansion" (*Stratfor Global Intelligence Update*, Feb. 16).

Dealing with conflicting nationalist ideologies in would-be member states is sure to present a hurdle as the EU continues to look east.

◆ EUROPE

Meeting Russia head on

Following Russian Premier Vladimir Putin's aggressive actions since taking office, European Commission President Romano Prodi has wasted no time in sending a signal to Moscow that the EU will draw the line to

limit Russia's westward imperialistic aims.

Putin has rushed to reassert Russian influence as a global power. He came to office on an aggressive war footing, advocating the crushing of the dissidents in Chechnya. He reversed Russia's traditional "no first strike" stance on nuclear weapons. Further, he cemented ties with China and has since moved to reactivate some of Russia's old Soviet-era relationships.

Put simply, Russia is telling the world that, while it may still suffer economic difficulty, it still has a nuclear arsenal big enough to deal a death blow to the U.S., and is intent on getting the world to sit up and take notice.

Putin's recent demonstration of leadership at the summit of the Commonwealth of Independent States, cajoling the participating nations into cooperation with Russia, was taken seriously by the EU. They now know they are dealing with much stronger Russian leadership. Putin means business! Thus it was interesting to note Prodi's response.

Conscious of the increasing reluctance of the U.S. to involve itself in European security, Prodi stepped out and declared, in a ringing warning to Russia on February 10 from the ex-Soviet state of Latvia, "Any attack or aggression against an EU member nation would be an attack or aggression against the whole EU. This is the highest guarantee."

Stratfor Systems commented, "Prodi's announcement intensified the ever-escalating race to establish a new frontier between Russia and the West" (*Global Intelligence Update*, Feb. 11). Russia now knows it is dealing with a Europe that is showing something that the increasingly isolationist U.S. greatly lacks—*political will!*



VATICAN VISIT Arafat with the pope last month

◆ VATICAN

A toehold in Jerusalem

On February 15, Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican and signed a historic cooperation agreement, the culmination of two years of negotiations. The meeting was Arafat's ninth with the Roman Catholic leader.

The agreement, reportedly the first of its kind between the Vatican and an Arab organization (in 1997 a similar accord was signed with Israel), recognizes *Roman Catholic property* in areas where Israeli legislation is in effect, as well as in Palestinian-controlled areas. The accord grants the Catholic Church the right to freely carry out religious, educational and cultural activities, and recognizes the rights of the church in economic, legal and tax affairs. Palestinian official Emile Jarjoui said the agreement would also "regulate the relationship between the Palestinian Authority and the Catholic churches in Jerusalem."

Although the Vatican has traditionally not hidden its sympathies for the Palestinian cause, this agreement marks a significant emboldening of that stance, just five weeks before the pope's highly anticipated visit to Israel, the Palestinian territories and Jordan on March 20-26. At Arafat's request, the pope agreed to add Palestinian-controlled

Jericho to his itinerary.

The Vatican also seized the opportunity to reiterate its call, in the joint Vatican-Palestinian Liberation Organization statement, for an international mandate to preserve "the proper identity and sacred character" of Jerusalem—a city holy to Jews, Christians and Muslims. Although the Vatican's position is not new, Israel has always rejected such a mandate, and has denounced the statement as Vatican interference in an issue that should be confined to Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

Pope John Paul II is fully aware that both the Israelis and Palestinians are attempting to exploit relations with the Vatican to their advantage. He is working a balancing act, with both sides vying for support of the aging yet powerful pope.

But it is clear where his greater sympathies lie. In spite of Israeli condemnation of this most recent move, the accord was heralded as a "diplomatic coup" among Palestinians and described by officials in Rome as "the basis for a concordat with a future Palestinian state."

With both Israelis and Palestinians aware of the need to actively befriend the powerful pontiff, the Vatican finds its institutions guarded and its authority over them intact in the Holy Land. In other words, it has found its toehold in Jerusalem.

◆ INDONESIA

Promoting instability?

Indonesia is undergoing a strange series of events with dark undertones.

First, from the relative safety of a two-week overseas tour of the Middle East, Europe and Asia to muster aid, investment and support, In-

donesian President Abdurrahman Wahid demanded the resignation of the security minister and former armed forces chief, General Wiranto.

Wiranto is accused by both United Nations and Indonesian investigators of having condoned or even ordered the recent bloodshed in East Timor and a number of other flash points along the Indonesian archipelago.

There is more going on here than mere internal political bickering. Consider *Europe's* increasing role.

Under the headline "Indonesian Army Will Use EU Arms in Creeping Coup," the UK *Independent* newspaper of January 18 reported that the EU had lifted its ban on arms sales to Indonesia four months after it was imposed during the violence which followed the referendum on independence in East Timor.

Indonesia's maritime minister, Sarwono Kusumaatmadji, described the decision as being "two-faced." While European countries speak of promoting reform in Indonesia, they simultaneously sell arms to its military.

There exists a feeling that elements of the army are trying to effect a gradual coup d'état. They are subverting the work of the government by perpetuating a controlled and limited state of unrest.

It was in the village of Haruku, close to the strife-torn capital of the Maluku province—Ambon city—that a massacre of 24 civilians is claimed to have taken place on January 24. According to the *Sydney Morning Herald* (Feb. 4), "Witnesses to the attack, which virtually wiped the community of 3,200 people off the map, say three groups of up to ten soldiers each led a Muslim mob into the Christian village shortly before dawn."

What is being played out here? Europe is actually supplying arms to a pro-Muslim military which it knows will be

used against the Catholic minorities throughout Indonesia!

In a decision that seems to defy logic, the Australian-led Interfet troops defending the highly vulnerable East Timorese enclave of Oecussi within West Timor are to be replaced by a 700-strong battalion of *Jordanian* troops with the formal handover from Interfet to UN peacekeepers.

That's right!—pro-Muslim Jordanian troops assigned to defend a Catholic Timorese minority from a pro-Muslim rogue Indonesian military, using arms supplied by Catholic Europe!

What's the logic behind the largely-Catholic EU's involvement in this Muslim nation? Could it be that religion is being sacrificed for political convenience?

The Strait of Malacca is controlled by Indonesia. Much of the world's oil supply flows through this vital sea gate. Is it feasible that the EU is deliberately involved in promoting instability in Indonesia with the goal of offering to impose the peace just as they have in the Balkans and are now seeking to do in the Middle East?

◆ SCIENCE

Rare Earth

Two prominent scientists have just stepped forward to say that the search for aliens is likely to fail. With new findings in astronomy, geology and paleontology, they say the Earth's ability to sustain life is much more rare—and unique in the universe—than previously thought.

To summarize the view put forth in their new book, *Rare Earth*, "Almost everywhere else, the radiation levels are too high, the right chemical elements too rare, the hospitable planets too few and the rain of killer rocks too intense for life ever to

have evolved into advanced communities" (*International Herald Tribune*, Feb. 9).

One of the authors, a noted NASA scientist, astronomer and professor, said, "Almost all environments in the universe are terrible for life. It's only Garden-of-Eden places like Earth where it can exist."

The book has enraged groups such as SETI, the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, who are afraid funds for their space probing could dry up.

Searching outer space for life has only been done since about 1960. The effort is fundamentally based upon a belief in evolution: If life evolved here on Earth, surely it must have evolved elsewhere in this vast universe. Every hint of hope that has emerged from these searches, some of which have been vast projects costing multiple millions of dollars, subsequently has been proven false. Yet the dogged search continues, because scientists are so determined to prove evolution correct.

That's what makes *Rare Earth* such a rare book. One noted astronomer called it "courageous." "It's rare in lit-

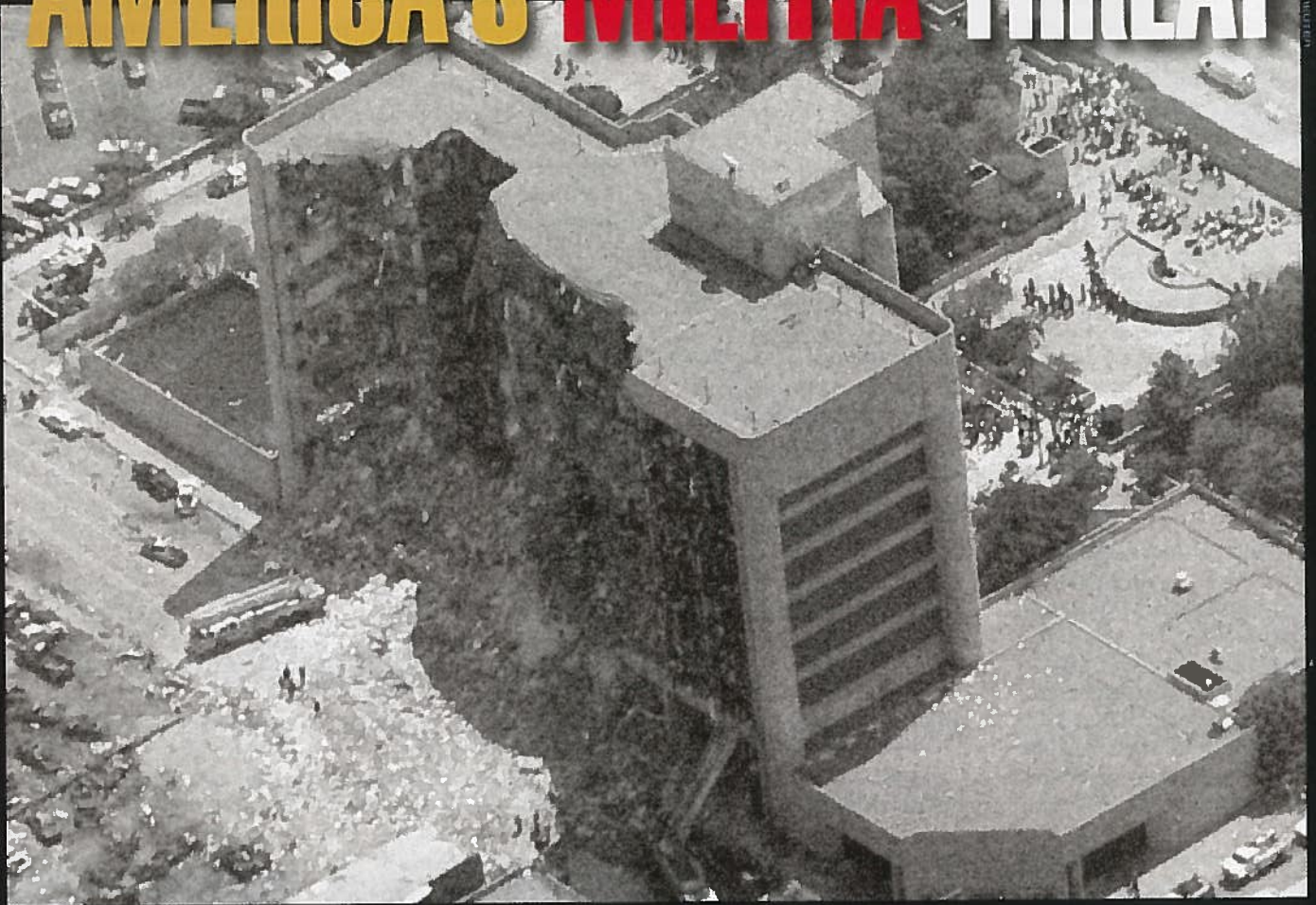


erature and science that a stance goes so far against the grain," he said.

But as much "against the grain" as the book's argument is, it agrees with God's view, put forth in the Bible, that Earth is a project utterly unique in the universe—as is the intelligence of the human race. God specially designed each for a specific purpose.

This April marks five years since the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building was bombed. The Oklahoma City tragedy awakened Americans to the threat of domestic terrorism. As officials dedicate a memorial to those brutally killed, many Americans will ask, will it happen again?

AMERICA'S MILITIA THREAT



BY DENNIS LEAP

THE USE OF DOMESTIC TERRORISM to effect political change is not new to America. During the turbulent 1960s and '70s, some student activists believed that only violent protests could lead to real social change. An extreme leftist group known as the Weathermen detonated bombs to protest the war in Vietnam and various social problems. These young revolutionaries wanted to overthrow what they considered a flawed U.S. government. I remember clearly the uneasiness of those times. But that era now seems long ago. Most maintain only fond memories of those difficult times.

Now, more difficult times are upon us. After several decades of relative calm, the use of violence as a means of protest is back in vogue. The most

shocking single violent act to take place on American soil happened on April 19, 1995, with the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. The carnage was incredible: One-hundred sixty-nine lifeless bodies were carried away from the rubble. Why the bombing? Several extremists, this time from the far right, were protesting against the federal government. This April marks the fifth anniversary of that dark day. An architecturally designed memorial will be dedicated to the memories of the innocent people who lost their lives that day.

During the investigation of the Oklahoma City bombing, the American

LASHING OUT The bombed Oklahoma City federal building

public was made painfully aware of a growing social phenomenon in this country—the citizen militia! Citizen militias should not be confused with the National Guard or the 25 official state militias. Citizen militias are private organizations often engaged in paramilitary activities. Timothy McVeigh and Terry Nichols, convicted of the bombing, are believed to have had contact with right-wing militia groups.

Until the Oklahoma City tragedy, most Americans had never even heard the term *citizen militia*. But with the increased media coverage of the bombing, the average American was shown that not only do such groups exist, but those groups add another threat to an already long list of worries. The Oklahoma City bombing demonstrated clearly that do-

mestic terrorism was alive, active and very bloody. As we pass the five-year anniversary of the bombing, we need to ask the question, are the citizen militias still a threat in this country?

Militia Watch

There are over 400 active citizen militias operating in all 50 states. Some of the most vocal and proactive ones are located in Arizona, California, Michigan and Montana. Although it is difficult to come to an accurate count, conservative estimates show the number of militia members to be approximately 100,000. Those who have associated themselves with the militias come from all walks of life: There are doctors, dentists, lawyers, politicians and blue-collar workers. But the majority of militia members come from rural and small communities, generally those hardest hit by economic change.

The people who have joined the militias have done so because they believe the federal government has grown too intrusive in the lives of Americans. The militias believe that the federal government has become far too powerful. Most fear government abuse. Therefore the militias protest against issues such as government control of public lands, federal environmental laws that inhibit economic growth, federal income taxes, abuses by the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF), and gun control. All desire the federal government to return to what they consider a more pure form of the U.S. Constitution that includes only the first ten amendments. Militias claim that amendments such as the 16th—giving Congress the power to lay and collect income taxes—are unconstitutional. Some go as far to demand that present federal powers should be reassigned to the local county sheriff.

Militia experts assure us that a large portion of those involved with the militias prefers a moderate approach to affecting political change. Some still believe in the ballot box. However, several militias with white supremacist views advocate armed violence. These groups prefer and will use the “bullet box.” Some far-right-wing groups are arming themselves to the teeth and training soldiers in preparation for an eventual confrontation with the federal government.

Americans should be most concerned about these far-right groups. Why? With neo-fascist tendencies,

these groups are anti-Semitic, anti-black—anti-anything that isn’t white. There has been a dramatic rise in the number of far-right organizations. One militia-watch expert says there has been a 60 percent increase in the number of these groups since 1997.

The history of the militia movement’s rise in America is an interesting one. There is sharp disagreement as to where such history began. Citizen militia groups claim their roots go back to the earliest days of our country to the time of the Minutemen. Yet, the Minutemen, an elite force within the local militias, were actually

GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED. With that understanding we would have to say that modern militia groups are not truly minutemen.

Most experts agree that the seeds of the militia movement are more accurately traced alongside that of the “patriot” movement. In fact, most militia watchers use the term *militia* and *patriot* interchangeably. One of the earliest known patriot groups is the Posse Comitatus. Founded by ex-military personnel, the Posse became active in the 1980s when America’s farm belt slumped into economic disaster. The Posse was one of the first paramilitary anti-tax groups to appear on the American scene. However, its anti-Semitic, racist rhetoric kept its numbers small.

Ruby Ridge

Most point to the federal government’s mishandling of the now famous incident at Ruby Ridge as the spark that ignited anti-government passions and precipitated the spread of the militias. Randy Weaver, born in Iowa farm country and an avowed white supremacist, moved to Ruby Ridge, Idaho, in the mid-1980s. Weaver and his family fully embraced the conspiracy theories of the Christian Identity movement and set out to live the survivalist life. The Weavers built their own compound in the Idaho wilderness. In 1991, Weaver failed to appear in court after being arrested on gun charges. With his wife and family he holed up at his cabin. Not wanting a negative incident, the U.S. Marshals Service simply monitored and watched the Weavers’

cabin, doing nothing for some 17 months. Then, in August 1992, events unraveled. When the smoke cleared, Randy’s wife, Sara, son Samuel and a U.S. marshal were dead. Ruby Ridge became the rallying cry for militia organizations. In fact, the Trochmann brothers, friends of Weaver, formed the Militia of Montana just after the tragedy at Ruby Ridge.

Waco, Texas

If Ruby Ridge ignited militia passion, then the events at the Branch Davidian Compound in Waco, Texas,

fanned the flames of rage. In the Waco incident, the ATF planned a raid on the compound of a religious group, the Branch Davidians, which was supposedly harboring weapons. The raid failed and resulted in the deaths of four federal agents. A 51-day standoff ended when federal agents again attempted to take the compound. A fire

broke out, killing about 80 members of the sect. After Waco there was a dramatic rise in militia activity and membership. Even though the debate is still fuming over who set the Waco fire, members of the militia movement believe that, in these two incidents, the federal government grossly overstepped its boundaries.

Motivated by the tragic events at Waco, Timothy McVeigh intended to take vengeance on the government by bombing a federal building. It is a well-known fact that the bombing was specifically planned to take place on the anniversary of the destruction of the Waco compound. All would agree that the events at Waco were tragic. But the cause behind that event is far more complex than government tyranny. We must ask, did the Oklahoma City bombing satisfy the debt accrued at Waco? No. The debt increased. So many more innocent people died in Oklahoma.

What fact can we learn from the Oklahoma City violence? It is this: War has been declared on the federal government. Just after Oklahoma City, Bob Fletcher, a Militia of Montana leader, declared to the press, “Expect more bombs!”



Conspiracy Reigns

We should not take such statements lightly. The threat of more violence from some militia groups is very real. Yet, please understand what we are saying here. Not all militia groups advocate violence. Some militia organizations are nothing more than U.S. Constitution study groups. In fact, for a short while after the Oklahoma bombing, membership in militias declined. This fact indicates that many who joined militias are opposed to violence. However, it also indicates that the use of violence is a topic of discussion within the militia ranks. Why is it such an issue to the militia movement? Unfortunately, within the militias the fear of conspiracy reigns supreme. In fact, the growth of militia ranks is the direct result of the belief and the promotion of conspiracy theories.

Militia members passionately discuss conspiratorial topics such as world control by a cabal of Jewish bankers, the activities of the Council on Foreign Relations and the Tri-lateral Commission, the New World Order as described by Pat Robertson, a UN plot to takeover the U.S., and black helicopters. Many associate the Brady Bill, written to control handguns, as one of the first covert steps to disarm the American public in preparation for a takeover. Some even believe that our federal government has already been taken over, and foreign troops and equipment are here and poised to move Mr. and Mrs. America into concentration camps. One conspiracy theory maintains that a Kix cereal box reveals the secret government plan to replace the lower 48 states with nine zones.

Even though wild with speculation, there is just enough validity in some aspects of the theories to make them almost believable. But no one has ever yet come to conclusive proof on anything!

Because there are several unanswered questions concerning the Oklahoma City bombing, some militia members believe that the act was sponsored by the federal government to demonize and take control of the private militias.

It is the eagerness to embrace conspiracy theories that gives the militias their serious instability. The fear of a foreign government takeover fuels the

armament of militia groups. Fear leads militia members to believe the use of force will be necessary.

Christian Identity

There is an element within the far-right militia movement that deserves some special attention. It is generally referred to as the Christian Identity movement. Christian Identity, through a warped interpretation of the Bible, promotes racial hatred and anti-Semitism. Essentially they believe that the Jews will organize a one-world government to enslave white Christians. Rather than tell you what they believe,



FLAMES OF RAGE The Waco incident prompted a dramatic rise in militia activity and membership.

we will simply give some quotes from one of the Christian Identity groups known as the Aryan Nations. On their website, they state:

"We believe that the true, literal children of the Bible are the 12 tribes of Israel, now scattered throughout the world and now known as the Anglo-Saxon, Germanic, Teutonic, Scandinavian, Celtic peoples of the Earth. We know that the Bible is written to the family of Abraham, descending from Shem back to Adam. Yahweh blessed Abraham and promised that he would be the 'father of nations.' This same promise continued through the seed-line of Abraham's son Isaac, and again to Isaac's son Jacob, the patriarch of the 12 tribes, whose name Yahweh changed to Israel (meaning: 'he will rule as God')...."

"We believe that the Canaanite Jew is the natural enemy of our Aryan (white) race. This is attested by Scripture and all secular history. The Jew is like a destroying virus that attacks our racial body to destroy our Aryan culture and the purity of our race. Those

of our race who resist these attacks are called 'chosen and faithful'...."

"We believe that there is a battle being fought this day between the children of darkness (today known as Jews) and the children of light (Yahweh, the Everliving God), the Aryan race, the true Israel of the Bible."

Aryan Nations obviously represents the far-right extreme of the militia groups. Their numbers are growing. It is interesting to note that ABC's 20/20 recently featured a documentary showing that white women represented the fastest growing segment of the Christian Identity/white-supremacist movement.

Militia watchers fear that a Christian Identity group will start a violent race war some time in the future. Of course, there are a number of black and Asian hate groups equally capable of starting such a race war. Militia watchers feel that it is only a matter of time. In past articles we have shown you that a race war will most likely begin when our U.S. economy falters.

Disrespect for Authority

Recently, a member of the press called me investigating whether the Philadelphia Church of God (the organiza-

tion which sponsors this magazine) had Christian Identity or militia sympathies. The answer is a definite NO! We do believe in following the entire Bible. We believe and preach prophecy! We know that the key which unlocks prophetic meaning for our time is the knowledge that the white, English-speaking peoples of Britain and the former Commonwealth, northwestern Europe and the United States are the physical descendants of the ten lost tribes of Israel. But we are not anti-Semitic or racist in our thinking. We do not believe in protesting or overthrowing the U.S. federal government. We pay our taxes. And we most certainly are not arming ourselves to do battle against evil at Armageddon! We firmly believe Jesus Christ's own words: "For all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matt. 26:52).

There is not space enough here to explain the historic roots of our nation. So, please write for your free copy of our booklet *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*. Written by Herbert W. Armstrong, this small book

explains why we believe the peoples of the United States, Britain and Western Europe are the modern descendants of ancient Israel. Realize, this exciting biblical instruction has nothing to do with the supremacy of races. It does reveal the end-time prophecies concerning our nations. This booklet shows that our nations will be punished severely for our many sins. Almighty God will direct that punishment.

It is important for all to recognize that the PCG is made up of members from all races. The PCG knows that God's true Church is a living spiritual organism made up of all races. The PCG is an international church. We have congregations all over the world—in Europe, Africa, Asia, North and South America. The Apostle Paul taught very clearly, all who are converted are of the seed of Abraham (Rom. 9:6-8). Study Romans, chapter 11. Through the preaching of Paul, the Gentiles were given the opportunity to be grafted into Israel. Remember, Abraham is the father of the faithful—no matter what the race (Gal. 3:9). (If you have any further questions concerning PCG beliefs, feel free to write us at the address listed inside the front cover of this magazine.)

Respect for Government

Our generation has grown up in an era of total disrespect for all authority. This sickness has invaded our homes and our social institutions. Members of the PCG know that all government protest is a symptom of that sickness.

The Bible explains clearly the relationship of a true Christian to human government. The Apostle Paul wrote, "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation" (Rom. 13:1-2). Remember, Paul was not just speaking for himself here. He is giving Jesus Christ's directive to all Christians in every generation. Notice it clearly. Those who resist—those who refuse to *submit* to authority—will receive damnation. True Christians are to be submissive to government in this world.

Paul continues, "For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good, and

thou shalt have praise of the same: For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake" (vv. 3-5). Paul is teaching something here that the Prophet Daniel learned and taught. All authority on Earth is actually allowed by God (Dan. 4:17; 2:21). This does not mean that human governments are perfect. In fact, most have been very abusive. And eventually, all will fail us. God has established human authority until His perfect kingdom comes (Dan. 2:44). Until that time we will never have perfect government.

Every Ordinance

In the meantime, Paul states that we do not need to fear government if we are submissive. A true Christian is to honor and respect authority and submit to every ordinance of man. In fact, Paul shows that if we

do this, it will be noticed and it will go well for us. But if we don't submit out of protest, or because we think something is not right or unfair, we *should* fear—those who rule have the power to punish. And sometimes they will punish severely. The Apostle Peter taught the same as did Paul (I Pet. 2:13-17).

Only when obedience to human rules and regulations would violate the laws of God should a true Christian steadfastly decline to obey. Obedience to God and His laws always must come first. Yet if obeying God gets us into trouble with the government, then we still must *submit* to its penalties. This was clearly demonstrated by Christ and all the disciples. Jesus Christ, falsely accused of insurrection, submitted to execution by the Roman government. The early apostles refused to obey Jewish leaders when told to stop preaching. But they were willing to submit to punishment (Acts 4:19-20).

Paul continued, "For this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. Render therefore to all their

dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour" (Rom. 13:6-7). Government administration does cost money. Here Paul commands that we should pay taxes, not protest them. Some reading this article will not agree. But no matter what clever arguments exist out there, this verse deals with paying taxes. The simple fact remains, Jesus Christ commanded His followers to pay their taxes (Matt. 17:24-27; 22:17-22).

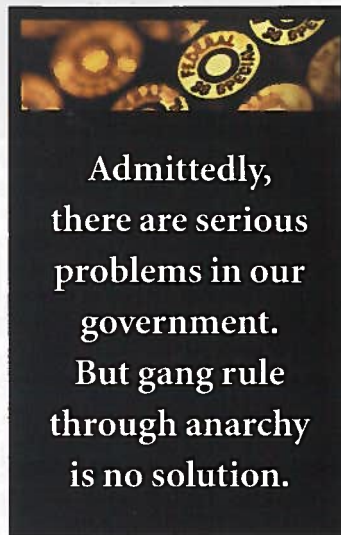
Pray for the Authority

For the near future, the tension between the militias and the federal government is likely to grow much worse. Admittedly, there are serious problems in our government. But gang rule through anarchy is no solution. Our government problems are an indication of a greater spiritual sickness in the entire nation. All Americans must come to realize that only Jesus Christ can solve the serious problems in our government. They are

deep-rooted, *spiritual* problems.

Those in the militia would spend their time much better if they would heed the admonition Paul wrote to Timothy: "I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; for kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth" (I Tim. 2:1-4).

The only right and true way to change the problems in the federal government is to *pray* to God. That is the only effort that will truly get results. When we pray to God, He will answer and change things that need to be changed. Prayer is the only way to ensure the safety of all men. If all Americans will turn to God in heartfelt prayer with repentance, we will not need to fear becoming a part of a Ruby Ridge, Waco or Oklahoma City bombing. God protects His own! ♦





UNCOOPERATIVE PARTNERS The IRA has refused to give up its guns despite Britain's efforts for peace. Here, some graffiti in Belfast, Northern Ireland.

◆ IRELAND

tractors in his own camp, Trimble delivered a Unionist agreement on a power-sharing assembly in Ireland last November. This involved an effort to bind the seemingly unbindable together—the sharing of power in a Northern Ireland executive between Catholic Nationalists and Protestant Unionists. At the time, Trimble challenged Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams: “We’ve done our bit Mr. Adams, it’s over to you. We jumped. You follow!”

As the Glasgow-based *Sunday Herald* commented on that occasion, “History now demands a matching gesture from the IRA to hand in arms before the year’s end. If there is no movement from the Republicans, Northern Ireland will be borne back into the past, condemned to relive this century of conflict over again” (Nov. 28, 1999).

Every reasonable commentary at that time stated that the missing link in any guarantee of the perpetuation of the Northern Ireland “peace process” and hence the perpetuation of the newly convened North-South Ministerial Council was hard, tangible evidence of the IRA terrorists laying down and yielding up their arms.

As another source commented, in relation to the prospect of withdrawal of the British Army from Northern Ireland, “*Provided tangible progress is made on disarmament, and the threat from the Real IRA [an IRA splinter group] is deemed to be containable, the demilitarization timetable should be accelerated*” (*Belfast Telegraph*, Dec. 6, 1999).

Yet another commentator at the time put it this way, “*Peace in Ireland has always waited for the shadow of the gunman to lift. For peace in Ireland, it is the 1 percent, the remaining men with guns still committed to the war, who must be persuaded to jump—not the politicians*” (op. cit., *Sunday Herald*).

Seeds of Destruction

The trouble with the newly formed Protestant-Catholic government is that it was based upon a constitution with a foundation of sand—the British-Irish agreement, known as the “Good Friday Agreement” of April 10, 1998. This document, brokered by U.S.

Goodbye Friday Agreement

Even as the Middle East “peace process” reels from the breakdown of the Israeli/Syria peace talks and Israel’s recent retaliatory bombing of Lebanon, that other “peace process,” centered on the island of Ireland, is poised to shatter.

BY RON FRASER

IT WAS SO PREDICTABLE. IN FACT, IN OUR July 1998 edition we forecast the inevitable breakdown of the April 1998 Good Friday Agreement between the British government, Sinn Fein-Irish Republican Army (IRA) and the Ulster Unionists. Yet, in typical ostrich posture, the spin-doctors, politicians, negotiators and most commentators ignored the hard evidence of the seeds of failure built into this agreement.

Another deadline has come and gone with not one offensive weapon handed over by the IRA. Yet, this time, the stakes have been raised even higher. As Northern Ireland Minister Peter Mandelson suspended the cabinet and institutions set up under the Belfast agreement (which had virtually legitimized local parliament), old fears reappeared as, predictably, the unpredictable once more became the order of the day in Ireland. As Deaglán de Bréadún of the *Irish Times* declared, “Anyone with long experience of the peace process will tell you that logic is a

very poor guide when trying to work out what people will do next” (Feb. 14).

What the public fails to realize is that Northern Ireland is still an *armed camp!* Individual IRA Brigade leaders possess a mindset of *never* parting with one bullet—they would rather die first! “In years to come, students of negotiating techniques will marvel at the skill of Sinn Fein and the artlessness of the Ulster Unionists and the British government. Sinn Fein has secured the release of some 160 IRA terrorists, has two ministers in Northern Ireland’s new government, and has achieved the dismantling of the RUC [Royal Ulster Constabulary]. All this and they haven’t handed over a single gun” (*Sunday Telegraph*, Jan. 30, 2000).

Throwing Down the Gauntlet

Following the Northern Ireland referendum, the Protestant Ulster Unionist leader, David Trimble, threw down the gauntlet to the Republican Sinn Fein-IRA. In spite of enemies and de-

Senator George Mitchell, purports to consolidate an agreement between two religiously and culturally opposed forces—Irish/Catholic Sinn Fein (the political wing of the terrorist Irish Republican Army) and British Protestant Ulster Unionists.

Anciently, the prophet Amos asked, “Can two walk together, unless they be agreed?” (Amos 3:3). The Northern Ireland cabinet and its institutions are simply a *house divided!* “Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand” (Matt. 12:25).

The very Teacher whom both Catholics and Protestants claim as central to their respective theologies declared, “And every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand: And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it” (Matt. 7:26-27).

Almost two years ago, with the sure knowledge of that Teacher in mind, we were able to declare to you the reality of this sham Good Friday Agreement and predict its future: “At its best, it is a most shameful capitulation to the forces of terrorism. At its worst, it contains the sinister seeds of destruction of the very peace that it is touted to produce” (*Trumpet*, July 1998, p. 11).

Prime Minister Blair’s British government now finds itself in an unenviable position. The Ulster Unionists, in an effort to engage a serious effort toward peace, had simply called Sinn Fein’s bluff back in 1998. All parties to the Good Friday Agreement knew, at the time, that the agreement was predicated on the assumption, by the Unionists, by the British government and by negotiator Senator Mitchell, that the IRA would decommission all armaments. David Trimble had declared when the new cabinet was established that the position of his party would be reviewed in the light of decommissioning progress made by the IRA come February this year, only three months from the May 2000 absolute deadline set for full and complete decommissioning. In a tit-for-tat deal, Trimble had made it clear that the back-down by Ulster Unionists from their previous demand for evidence of decommissioning to precede any Catholic-Protestant agreement

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was in exchange for proof that *imminent decommissioning by the IRA* would immediately follow.

Poles Apart

Behind all this was the feeling of the people. In reality, the loyalist Protestants were as repelled by the sham peace agreement as was the IRA. This revulsion emanates from two diametrically opposed and deeply rooted cultures underscored by their bloody history of the past 800 years. Put simply, the history, religion, culture and political aspirations of Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland are poles apart!

On the Catholic Republican side, reactions are conditioned by the *mystique* surrounding the sacrificial proclamation of the Republic of Ireland during Easter 1916. Seeking to take advantage of Britain’s distraction from Ireland by its engagement in World War I, an organization known as the Irish Republican Brotherhood believed, in the terms of Irish dissident Wolfe Tone, “England’s difficulty is Ireland’s opportunity.” Following the unsuccessful 1916 Easter Rising, 15 Republicans were executed by the British government. All had signed a proclamation declaring the formation of an Irish republic, loyal to the pope and in total rejection of the British Imperial monarchy. Although the partitioning of Ireland did not take place until 1921, Republicans regard the true establishment of their separation from all things British as being sealed in the sacrificial blood of the Easter Rising “martyrs.” Thus the republic transcends, in the minds of die-hard Republicans, “its limited, literal institutional-political meaning, and acquired *sacral status*” (Connor Cruise O’Brien, *Ancestral Voices*; emphasis mine

throughout).

In truth, Republicanism is a Catholic movement and, akin to Catholicism, is detached from and immune to traditional democratic (Protestant) values.

As the venerable Irish historian O’Brien observes, Republicanism is “a *cult*, something to be practiced *without question*.... It is a sensitive medium for hearing voices and seeing ghosts; and what the voices and the ghosts are calling for is *blood*. Calling for it and getting it, in the Ireland of the late 20th century” (ibid. p. 115).

As we go to press, we anticipate the renewal of more blood sacrifices on the altar of Irish Republicanism. “The Provos [IRA members], in the wake of the Omagh bombing, forced dissidents in the Real IRA to declare a cease-fire. Since then, they have gathered in strength, and dissidents have now planted terrorist cells throughout mainland Britain. Waiting. Military and police intelligence has good information that the next few months will see dissident Republicans attempting another spectacular, to show that their dream of a 32-county united Ireland has not been bought off by power sharing” (op. cit., *Sunday Herald*).

Republicans simply ask themselves, should they surrender a centuries-old fight for a piece of paper which



DAVID TRIMBLE is waiting for IRA compliance with agreed-upon concessions.

promises power-sharing and cross-border institutions, when history records the abject failure of the first such power-sharing enterprise in 1974, and the second initiative teeters on the brink of collapse? For Republicans it’s *all-out war for total victory*—the vanquishing of the hated British, the detested crown and all for which it stands, from Irish soil *forever!*

Somewhat akin to the collective persona of the Irish Catholic Republicans, the British Protestant Unionists' attitude was forged through the shedding of much blood in sacrifice during the home rule crisis in Ireland in the early 20th century. For their commitment to remain British, many were willing to put their lives on the line under the Union Jack. The Republicans' hatred and fear of the crown and Western democracy was equally matched by Protestant fear and hatred of Catholicism and the papacy. But whereas the IRA subscribes to a culture of martyrs, the Ulster Unionists now operate from a *siege mentality*, born of the Protestant blood that has flowed during a litany of atrocities which have stained Republican hands. "Darkley, Enniskillen, Bloody Friday—an endless list of murdered innocents. The Loyalists have seen their market towns blown up, their friends killed in car bombs, their comrades shot dead, and feel they are being sold out. The

unthinkable has happened: Sinn Fein, the IRA's mouthpiece, is to enter government, while the Provos still hold their weapons" (ibid.).

Although the Ulster Unionists have matched the IRA with a continuing cease-fire, the dissident loyalist paramilitary groups wait and watch. Should the IRA take them to the brink, they are determined to be ready. Arms still flow into Ireland into both IRA and Ulster paramilitary hands to this day via the global gun-running cartels. The most hard-line of these dissident Protestant groups, the Loyalist Volunteer Force (LVF), is in the midst of a rapid recruitment drive, despite the cease-fire holding to this point.

Sword of Damocles

Caught in a trap of its own making, the British government now has a full deck stacked against it.

Under threat of the resignation of David Trimble, the British government suspended the Belfast cabinet in Febru-

ary. This enabled Mr. Trimble to retain office. Had Mr. Blair's government not moved to suspend Ireland's Protestant-Catholic government in time, they risked Trimble resigning, leaving the new cabinet leaderless with the prospect of his Ulster Unionists being in disarray.

However, Britain is now open to indictment by Sinn Fein for capitulating to Trimble's threat, which their leader, Gerry Adams, has publicly interpreted as showing that the British retain the right of veto of the new Protestant-Irish Cabinet. Adams knows that Mr. Blair's greatest fear is that the IRA may now take matters into its own hands and, using the gun and semtex, blast its way back to the bargaining table on its own terms.

"The fear is that, overnight, at least half of the provisional IRA would regroup under the banner of the 'Real IRA,' which would then have the resources and the right political environment for restarting its campaign of violence" (*Irish Times*, Feb. 14).

This is the sword of Damocles that's poised over Tony Blair's head.

In the meantime, Adams taunted Tony Blair for caving in to the Protestants and failing to table a report from General de Chastelain, who leads the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning. Adams claims the report indicated the imminence of a breakthrough in negotiations with the IRA on decommissioning. Upon reading this report it becomes very clear that what Adams claims was a "major breakthrough" was in fact no more than mere words—and the words of *lying terrorists* at that—in exchange for any clear action on behalf of the IRA to lay down their guns. Instead of even a token action of decommissioning, the IRA's representations to General de

Once a Terrorist...

DO LEOPARDS CHANGE THEIR SPOTS? IS IT FAIR TO IMPLY, ONCE A TERRORIST, ALWAYS A TERRORIST?

There is rising concern in Britain at the effects of the prisoner early release program negotiated as part of the 1998 Northern Ireland "Good Friday Agreement." Over 300 prisoners, previously indicted for terrorist crimes in Northern Ireland, have now been released through this program. However, early indications are that many of these ex-prisoners have not become ex-terrorists.

Authorities are increasingly being forced to return some of these terrorists to jail due to criminal offenses committed since their release. Still others presently await trial for crimes ranging from the assault of police officers, grievous bodily harm, armed robbery and drug offenses.

In their utter naïveté, those who drafted the terms of the early release program had sought to convince the public that terrorists granted release would accept the conditions of not supporting banned organizations, nor be involved in the "commission, preparation or instigation of acts of terrorism connected with the affairs of Northern Ireland." Prisoners undergoing early release are also supposed to subscribe to a condition of not becoming a danger to the public.

As each month goes by, it becomes increasingly evident that many of these prisoners are simply returning to their old ways or have taken up residence in Britain deployed within the IRA structure waiting for the call to violence. The Conservative Northern Ireland spokesman, Andrew Mackay, recently stated: "It has already been clear that many of those released early have not renounced violence or crime." The negotiators of the Good Friday agreement, through their endorsement of the prisoners early release scheme, have simply tossed a terrorist time bomb back into Northern Ireland and the British community. *Ron Fraser*

EX-PRISONER, EX-TERRORIST? A man convicted of a 1984 bombing (center) goes free under the terms of the Good Friday Agreement.



Chastelain yielded mere rhetoric.

We quote here the full text of paragraphs 7 and 8 of the commission's report: "The representative indicated to us today the context in which the IRA will initiate a comprehensive process to put arms beyond use, in a manner as to ensure maximum public confidence.

"The commission believes that this commitment, on the basis described above, holds out the real prospect of an agreement which would enable it to fulfill the substance of its mandate. We will make a further report to the two governments as appropriate."

Vain words! *Empty hope!* Where's the *common sense* in all this? Where's the grip on *reality*? Where's the *real leadership*? These leaders of Britain and Ireland, and their U.S. mentors, show none of the *spine* and *mettle* that Britain and the U.S. once exhibited at the peak of their *real power*. This is a hollowed-out leadership whose insensitivity to the reality of human nature and utter incomprehension of the cold-hard facts of history are just leading the Irish to a *bloodbath!*

This truly is Britain's *running sore*. How the words of the prophet Hosea ring in the ears of those who have ears to hear. Of Britain, biblical Ephraim, the prophet declares, "Ephraim also is like a silly dove *without heart*.... As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird.... Ephraim shall bring forth his children to the *murderer*" (Hosea 7:11; 9:11, 13). Write for a free copy of *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* for a thorough study on the biblical identities of Britain and the U.S.

Ominous Overtones

To where do the British turn to solve this crisis in Northern Ireland? Increasingly, given Britain's modern history of withdrawal from imperial rule and its present membership in the European Union, two clear prospects emerge.

First, under continuing pressure from the pan-nationalists, with American backing, the British government may just disengage from Northern Ireland. Recent history has shown that, under similar conditions of continuing insurrection, the British reach a point where they just leave, and leave rather quickly—witness India in 1947, Palestine in 1948, and a whole pile of ex-African colonies since. This simply would leave both sides to fight it out.

The second option may in fact be *imposed* on the British government.

There may be a hint of this prospect in a statement released by Irish Republican sources in February when Northern Ireland's power-sharing government was suspended:

"The Irish government should have said: 'We are not going to tolerate this being suspended over our heads and we are publicly going to say *this is a breach of international law*,'" (*Irish Times*, Feb. 14).

By invoking the prospect of Britain breaking international law, there may well be an implicit threat that the Republicans may seek their version of justice at the hands of the *European court!* Already Britain has had to succumb to rulings of the European court in the area of agriculture and in acquiescing, against the counsel of senior military offices, to the EU's demand that the British armed services accept homosexuals into their ranks. While Britain remains a member of the EU, it now is apparent that its mother of parliaments and its most ancient judicial

system may be overridden by the *European Union!*

Thus, it is entirely feasible that Prime Minister Blair's government may find the outcome of the Irish peace process being dictated by the *European Union*.

Prime Minister Blair is backed into a corner. The Irish question has erupted once again. Which way will Britain turn? Will it cut and run—or cave in to the will of the European court? Either way, Britain is destined to lose in Northern Ireland. ♦

Like all of the Old Testament prophets, the primary focus for the book of Hosea is the end time. The message delivered anciently was only a type of what is occurring today. In Hosea's prophecy, God speaks in detail about the British peoples—a message He intended to be delivered today! A free copy of our booklet explaining Hosea is yours; see inside the front cover of this magazine for information on ordering.



Personal Appearance Campaigns



America is in the midst of a great crisis, despite what some politically motivated "experts" claim! Morally, financially and spiritually, America is in crisis! What does this mean to you personally?

Gerald Flurry, editor in chief of the *Trumpet* magazine and presenter on the *Key of David* program, will give personal addresses about these disturbing times. Free and open to the public, the campaign locations and dates are listed below. Mr. Flurry will give a different message both nights in each city. You are invited to attend any of these meetings absolutely free of charge and without any obligation on your part. Do not miss this opportunity! For more information, call Philadelphia Church of God headquarters at 405-340-7474.

Union, New Jersey

Wed., May 17, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Thur., May 18, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Washington School
301 Washington Avenue

St. Louis, Missouri

Sun., May 21, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Mon., May 22, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Henry VIII Hotel
4690 North Lindbergh Boulevard

Canada *from page 13*

Relations between Canada and America began to chill as Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's "War on Inflation" was undermined by President Nixon's radical economic reforms, which included the closing of the gold window and two separate devaluations of the U.S. dollar.

Voicing his frustration in a December 1971 state visit to Washington, Trudeau said, "Living next to you is in some ways like sleeping with an elephant. No matter how friendly and even-tempered is the beast, one is affected by every twitch and grunt."

Farm crises erupted across the nation, while resource wars broke out between Ottawa and energy-producing provinces in the west. Canadian wheat prices plummeted to levels lower than in 1949.

The Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' (OPEC) oil embargo of 1973-74, a result of the short Arab-Israeli war, exposed Canada's hidden economic weaknesses to the full gales. Its problems were rooted in geography, culture, politics and resources, and were inexorably intertwined with the structure of the Canadian nation.

The war on inflation continued, but at a heavy price. The defense budget was slashed. Canada's once proud armed forces, that had helped fend off German and Japanese hegemony, now ranked on a par with those of Ecuador and the Philippines.

The 1980s came and Canada, following the U.S. lead, rode the wave of "fantastic plastic" and ballooned its credit spending. This economic idiocy threw the "great and wonderful country" into a raging sea of debt which successive governments were not able to control.

Herbert Armstrong issued an advance warning to Canada as it

entered "the decade of debt": "Our governments have been corrupt. Our business, industrial, economic and commercial systems have been shot through with deception, dishonesty, selfishness.

"I warn you, PREPARE greatly to reduce your standard of living!" (*Plain Truth*, Jan. 1980). Did Canada listen?

The *Trumpet* magazine heard Mr. Armstrong's warning. Fifteen years later, in December 1995, the *Trumpet* warned again, "Canada is facing a significant reduction in its standard of living if it cannot get its debt under control."

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Pierre Trudeau

By now, citizens of the maple leaf nation were preoccupied with Quebec's aspirations of succession. In 1995, the French-dominated province, which has for so long been Canada's thorn in the flesh, voted by a wafer-thin majority to remain part of Canada. Prime Minister Jean Chretien, himself a Quebecois, had not expected so close a result and knew that Canada was destined for continued years of domestic discontent.

Canada didn't listen to Herbert Armstrong or the warning from the *Trumpet*.

Now, at the dawn of the new millennium, Canada is bloated by debt. It boasts the second-largest per-capita debt of the Group of Eight industrialized nations (G8). That's more per-capita national debt than Germany, France, Britain, Japan or the United States. This country has fallen greatly from its days of prosperity.

Canada is in crisis!

NAFTA to the Rescue?

The search for a solution began on December 17, 1992, when Canada, Mexico and the U.S. signed the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Implementation of NAFTA didn't begin till January 1, 1994. The agreement removed most barriers to trade and investment among the United States, Canada and Mexico. In addition,

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tion, many trade tariffs were eliminated immediately, with others being phased out over a period of a few years.

One problem, however, was that NAFTA excluded the growing market of Latin America. Expansionists on Capitol Hill pushed to see NAFTA enlarged into a Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA). When Congress shot down this "fast track" legislation, it heralded a new era of *American isolationism*. With only 26 percent of the nation actually in support of NAFTA, the free-trade alliance was entering rough waters.

Although U.S. exports to NAFTA partners Mexico and Canada have increased, so too have imports. This has resulted in a net loss of over 440,000 American jobs, according to the American Economic Policy Institute. NAFTA managed to transform the U.S.' \$1.7 billion trade surplus with Mexico in 1993 into a \$14.7 billion deficit for 1998. In addition, many major U.S. corporations have already developed manufacturing facilities in Mexico and Canada.

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Wolves in Sheep's Clothing

The principal aim of U.S. efforts is to exclude its imperialist rivals, especially the Europeans. The European Union, of course, has its own free trade bloc, whose aim is to limit the U.S. in its global economic supremacy.

At a time when the European Union is snapping up prime real estate on all corners of the global market, America and Canada are looking inward, isolating themselves from the shocking reality of unfolding events.

With their total confidence in the success of NAFTA, the U.S. has missed the boat in Latin America, beaten to the punch by the salivating Europeans.

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Signing on with both NAFTA and the EU, Mexico has positioned itself to play both sides, enjoying the best of both worlds by tapping the honey pot of these two Atlantic trade giants.

As we reported in our last edition of the *Trumpet*, long ago Germany planned to lead a European economic assault on Latin America. Like wolves in sheep's clothing, the Europeans are moving in. In their boldest move yet, under the nose of NAFTA, the European Commission finalized historic free trade agreements with both Mexico AND the Latin American Common Market (Mercosur). As these agreements take effect, watch for U.S. and Canadian political, economic and military influence beneath the Rio Grande to quickly evaporate.

Anthony Gooch, spokesman for European Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy, recently commented that the EU's agreements with Mexico and Latin America are the most "ambitious free trade agreements we have ever negotiated. WE'VE CAUGHT UP PRETTY WELL WITH THE U.S."

Last month, the *Trumpet* warned of a coming rift between the U.S., Canada and the EU: "The European Union, as it realizes the magnitude of its newfound economic importance...is strengthening its political voice, no longer willing to play second fiddle to the American giant.... America's political voice is getting weaker, the EU's voice is getting stronger, and the gulf between them is widening!"

In a massive show of Teutonic solidarity, Volkswagen earmarked over one third of its international exports for the next five years to be channeled into Mexico. Deals like this will continue to leave U.S. and Canadian auto manufacturers out in the cold and weaken the overall effectiveness of NAFTA.

These heightened movements in EU international trade do not appear to be raising many eyebrows in the U.S. and

Canada, although one *European* politician, Andre Lepper of Poland, recognized the grave historical implications: "I often say that what Hitler failed to do by murdering millions is today being achieved by economic means" (*New York Times*, Sept. 30, 1999).

In 1996 the EU-Canada Action Plan was signed in Ottawa. For the most part, the action plan is simply a public-relations agreement. Currently, the reality is that Canada's trade with the U.S. dwarfs EU influence. U.S. exports

to Canada totalled \$122 billion in the first nine months of last year. Many in Canada (particularly Quebecois) would like to see closer ties with the EU but realize the sizable commitment Canada has to NAFTA and the heavy pressure exerted by America.

Anglo-Saxon Combine

As the curtain came down on the 19th century, German Chancellor Otto von Bismark commented that the most important factor to recognize about the coming century was that the Americans spoke English. He saw that an alliance among the English-speaking nations (including Canada) would assemble the world's most powerful union. The British Empire then emerged, and the U.S. became a global superpower.

Today, Britain has lost nearly all its possessions. The U.S. boasts a national debt in the trillions, lacks the will to use its power and leads the world in moral depravity. BRITAIN AND AMERICA HAVE LOST THE PRIDE OF THEIR POWER (Lev. 26:19).

Looking through the lens of prophecy in advance of this collapse, Herbert Armstrong sternly warned, "You need to OPEN YOUR EYES to the fact that Britain's sun *already* has SET! You need to WAKE UP to the fact that the United States, even still possessing unmatched POWER, is *afraid*—fears—to use it.

"The United States is fast riding to the GREATEST FALL that ever befell any nation! The handwriting is on the wall!" (*The United States and Britain in Prophecy*).

So where does this leave Canada?

Stuck as the midget tethered to the giant, its future is tied directly to that of the U.S. and Britain. A U.S. government study is now underway to determine whether Britain should be invited to join the NAFTA alliance.

An economic combine incorporating the U.S., Britain and Canada would bring together the three English-speaking members of the world's top eight industrialized nations.

The study by the International Trade Commission (ITC), whose mandate is to evaluate trade issues for Congress and the White House, will look at barriers to trade between the NAFTA countries and Britain. The ITC has promised to hold a hearing on its findings on April 11 this year.

The proposal, which has been engineered by powerful U.S. senators, has attracted the support of prominent Canadians, including Preston Manning, leader of the Reform Party, and media mogul Conrad Black.

"I have long believed that both the United States and Great Britain would benefit from freer trade between our two countries," said U.S. Republican Senator Phil Gramm. "We already have strong financial and historic ties. Now it's time to further our relationship."

The idea of hitching Britain to the U.S. was given serious thought during the 1960s, but each side elected to turn inward

rather than reach out to the other. Forty years later, Britain may have no other choice than to "go NAFTA."

In the September/October 1998 *Trumpet*, we reported that British trade relations were more tied to the

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Otto von Bismark

United States than to Europe. We warned that Britain might indeed be forced to sever ties with Europe and enter NAFTA. And again, in our August 1999 issue, we told where events were headed: "The financial capital of Europe is rapidly shifting from London to Frankfurt. Bible prophecy indicates that Britain will ultimately NOT be a part of the European Union. The British public reject the switch from pounds to euros, and as Britain (biblical Ephraim) is invited to turn to brother America (Manasseh) for trading solace, both countries may well fall into a unique isolation."

Roger Helmer, British Conservative Party member of the European Parliament, is an ardent supporter of the UK-NAFTA idea. "We Brits have come to terms with the fact that we no longer have an empire," he said.

"Charles de Gaulle said that if Britain were forced to choose between the continent [Europe] and the sea, it would choose the sea. I hope that he was right" (*International Herald Tribune*, Jan. 19).

With growing discontent at home, the majority of Britons are not eager

Canada is the link between the U.S. and Britain— by history, culture, military, trade and a common language. Its understanding of both cultures has proved a key factor in striking agreements between London and Washington.

to jump into all aspects of European unity. Republican senators with close ties to British conservatives have proven that their intent is to help the Tories develop a more credible get-tough-on-Europe platform with which to battle Tony Blair's pro-European Labor Party. Even former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has lent her support to the Tories' anti-EU platform. Watch for the Tories to offer the British public the attractive alternative of hitching itself to NAFTA.

Britain currently conducts about \$85 billion in trade each year with the U.S. Its trade with Canada and Mexico accounts for \$5 billion more.

Britain is Canada's third-largest export market after the U.S. and Japan. It accounts for *over two thirds* of the total European investment in America. The U.S. is Britain's largest single export market, with combined annual exports of goods and services worth more than 31 billion pounds.

Last year, Britons rejected the Blair government's desire to give up their beloved pound sterling for the new euro currency, and now over 70 percent of Britons are reportedly uncomfortable with Labor's euro overtures.

Herbert Armstrong saw the grim reality facing Britain. "Germany is the economic and military heart of Europe," he wrote in 1955. "Probably Germany will lead and dominate the coming United States of Europe. *But Britain will be no part of it!*" (ibid.).

Canada Is the Link

Over a century ago, leading Canadian intellectuals envisioned a world in which the British Empire, which then

A High-Voltage Tension Line

Security problems on the world's longest undefended border strain Canada-U.S. relations

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ON DECEMBER 14, 1999, ALGERIAN-BORN AHMED RESSAM crossed the border from Canada into the United States via the Victoria, B.C./Port Angeles, Wash., ferry. The trunk of his rented Chrysler was packed with enough explosives to blow up four large buildings.

Gary Stubblefield, president of security consultants Global Options, stated, "Ressam was planning up to four massive attacks on the scale of the Oklahoma federal building or World Trade Towers bombing." Casualties would have been in the thousands or tens of thousands, he told the House subcommittee on immigration.

Three Canadians appeared before the House subcommittee. None had much good to say about Ottawa's efforts to stop terrorists from arriving and thriving in Canada. "We're the proud subsidizers of terrorism through inadvertance," said David Harris, former chief of strategic planning for the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (*Vancouver Sun*, Jan. 27).

The subcommittee heard that Canada allows far too many

questionable refugee claimants into the country. Once they arrive, overworked Canadian immigration officers do a poor job of weeding out potential terrorists.

According to John Thompson of the Toronto-based Mackenzie Institute, there are about 6,000 warrants for the arrest of illegal immigrants in Canada that have not been served.

Lax immigration laws, a liberal refugee system and weak funding controls are giving Canada the unenviable description, "Club Med for terrorists."

There are a number of reasons why Canada makes an attractive base for terror groups. Unlike the U.S., which has numerous restrictions on fundraising for terrorist organizations, it is relatively easy to raise money for foreign groups in Canada. As well, Canada's history of open immigration means there are a variety of ethnic communities where it is simple for foreign terrorists to live unnoticed. "You keep the bulk of your exercise as far removed from the target site and country until the last minute," said David Harris. "[Canada] is, in some respects, a terrorist's dream profile for a country" (*Vancouver Sun*, Jan. 26).

Drug Problems

Another major problem surfacing in Canada is the exploding drug-smuggling business. Recently, border patrol agents in Washington State complained that British Columbia's lenient penalties for growing marijuana were encouraging organized crime to export high-potency "B.C. bud" southward. A *Vancouver Sun* investigation found only one in five people convicted of growing pot went to jail in Vancouver.

included Canada, and the American republic, worked together to forge a world super alliance.

Canada's would be, in George Monro Grant's words, "the living link, the permanent bond of union, between Britain and the United States."

Reinforcing Canada's key role in this Anglo-Saxon merger, political theorist Robert Conquest recently proposed an association composed of the United States, Britain, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Writing in the *National Interest* magazine, Conquest argued that constructing "a community with a genuine cultural unity" would be an act of political prudence in an increasingly fragmented world.

Canada is the link between the U.S. and Britain. The three nations are linked by history, culture, military, trade and, as Otto von Bismark recognized, a common language. Canada's key negotiation role and mutual understanding of both British and American culture has time and time again proved a key factor in striking agreements between London and Washington.

Combining the Union Jack, Maple Leaf, and Stars and Stripes into an

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Anglo-Saxon trade trio appears to be the only road left as the ferocious appetite of the EU trade giant gobbles up key international markets. These three prominent international powers are quickly becoming *dangerously isolationist!* Trouble is on the horizon for Britain, the U.S. and Canada.

All Fall Together

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As Herbert Armstrong warned, the overwhelming desire brought on by unionism and organized labor to receive maximum benefits for minimum output has driven our nations, especially Canada, to the heights of debt. But Canada was warned!

In 1913, ONE MAN crossed from the U.S. over the International Bridge and surveyed the breathtaking beauty of Canada's Niagara Falls. The same ONE MAN, through the pages of the *Plain Truth* magazine, heralded a warning to Canadians for over half a century. This ambassador for world peace cried out as a voice in the wilderness. Through global broadcasting on radio and television via the *World Tomorrow* program, Herbert W. Armstrong preached to Canada the true gospel of the coming Kingdom of God (Matt. 24:14). He loved Canada and all Canadians. That's why he warned them! He saw in advance their national rebellion against the very provider of the bountiful blessings which made them "the great and wonderful country."

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GROWING LIKE WEED A thriving hemp farm in Canada

Eugene Davis, deputy chief of the U.S. border patrol in Blain, Wash., said that based on the amount of pot seized by his officers, the amount of marijuana being smuggled into the U.S. from B.C. has increased tenfold over the past two years.

The huge and extremely profitable marijuana export trade appears to be leaving law enforcement in the dust. The marriage of hydroponic technology and organized crime has given rise to a multi-million dollar enterprise.

In the Woodstock era, marijuana commonly had 2 or 3 percent of the ingredient that gets you "high"—tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). Today, the B.C. variety routinely runs 15 to 20 percent (and a mind-addling 27 percent in one recent seizure). Police say that through their wiretaps, they have found that "B.C. bud" is now so powerful that it is being exchanged, pound for pound, for cocaine (*Globe and Mail*, Jan. 29).

Annual marijuana revenues are approaching those of the forest industry (worth Canadian \$14.4 billion in 1998). "It's out of control," said RCMP inspector Kim Clark, who heads the province's proceeds of crime unit.

Risk of detection is low, court sentences are lenient, law enforcement is understaffed and organized crime laws are weak-kneed.

The export trade for B.C.-grown pot has reached such staggering proportions that, last May, Canada narrowly escaped being placed on the U.S. government's blacklist of drug-source countries, alongside, for example, Colombia and Afghanistan. "The border has become an irresistible temptation to international terrorists and smugglers," U.S. Representative Lamar Smith complained, posing "a direct and growing threat to citizens in both Canada and the United States" (*ibid.*).

Dave Kellar, intelligence head for the region's U.S. Border Patrol, stated, "I don't think anyone has any idea what the extent of the problem is. It's huge."

The longest undefended border in the world has suddenly become a high-voltage tension line. ♦

Canada *from page 27*

Today, in the tradition of Herbert Armstrong, through the *Key of David* television program and this very magazine, Gerald Flurry unfearingly prophesies again (Rev. 10:11) of where the U.S., Britain and Canada are headed. It is this very message that will touch the lives of every human being on this Earth. YOU ARE READING THAT MESSAGE RIGHT NOW!

It is because of the rejection of the very governing law of the supreme unseen hand that is working out His purpose here below that Canada today sees itself fast slipping from world prominence and prosperity.

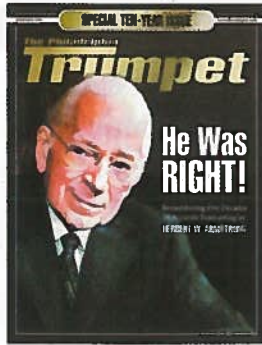
Canada has forgotten its true identity as Ephraim, one of the sons of Jacob. Now its birthright blessings are fast draining away. With a growing immigrant population representing over 200 separate countries and territories, Canada has turned to other gods. It has faltered in its duty to king and country through its attachment to the British monarchy.

Canada has forgotten God. It has not looked to Him for guidance. Its people are preoccupied with the pleasures of this life, doing what is right in their own eyes (Jud. 21:25). Canada has brought upon itself the consequences of national sin (I John 3:4).

For the immediate future, Canada will reap the bitter fruit it has sown and join with its Anglo-Saxon brothers in an ill-fated "protectionist" alliance that will end with crushing punishment of tribulation by the hand of the rising Eurobeast.

Canada must see that its ways are not God's ways; that what seems right to them is not right in the sight of God (Isa. 55:8).

CANADA MUST TURN BACK TO GOD! It must heed the warning of the *Trumpet* magazine and learn the lesson of submitting to God's loving family government. Canadians must *rend their hearts to the gracious and merciful ALMIGHTY* who gave them such unprecedented bountiful national blessings (Joel 2:12-14). Only then, after *deep national repentance*, will the great, ALL-POWERFUL God raise crumpled Canada from the dust and set it on high as a shining example of a nation TOTALLY dependent upon Him. THEN, Canada will *forever* be "the great and wonderful country." ♦



He Was Right!

«I'm so glad that I found the *Trumpet*. I had enjoyed Herbert Armstrong's *Plain Truth* so very much, and I feel you are writing about today's events so close to Bible prophecy.»

San Bernardino, Calif.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR SENDING ME the *Trumpet* magazine. My mother has been a follower of Herbert Armstrong's teachings since the early 1960s, and I grew up with the *Plain Truth* and other literature of his around the house. However, when Mr. Armstrong passed away, the magazine didn't seem the same anymore. By chance, while sitting in the waiting room in my dentist's office, I found a copy of the *Trumpet*, and as I read through it I realized how much it reminded me of the old Herbert Armstrong style. Both of us are extremely pleased to see that someone is carrying on with Mr. Armstrong's work in the true Church. Your literature is so insightful and true to the word of God.

Houston, Tex.

I AM SO GLAD TO SEE YOUR PROGRAM ON TV on Sunday mornings. I am a woman 75 years old, and I've been reading Herbert Armstrong's literature since I was 13 years old. You mentioned that after Mr. Armstrong died the people began to lose interest. When Joseph Tkach became pastor general, he changed the *Plain Truth* magazine—he began to modernize the messages and it was harder to understand. Please send the *Trumpet* magazine.

Tucumcari, N. Mex.

I HAVE READ MUCH OF MR. ARMSTRONG'S writings, and for about a year now I have read everything I have asked for from your Church. From what I have read, I know you have not changed anything Mr. Armstrong taught.

Kitchener, Ont.

I WAS A FORMER SUBSCRIBER TO THE *PLAIN Truth*; I now receive the *Trumpet*. I'm happy to know Mr. Armstrong's legacy is continuing through your efforts. It's a blessing to know the message is still delivered to those who want to know the plain truth.

Houston, Tex.

"Real Stories"

I AM WRITING TO YOU AS A VERY INTERESTED student of end-time prophecies, and coming from a background of politics and international relations. I appreciate your publication of the "real stories" behind the smoke screen of the world media. I thank God for the wonderful work you are doing.

East Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea

I READ AN ISSUE OF YOUR MAGAZINE AND found it very informative. You tell what's really happening and relate it to what the Bible says. What more could I ask for? This is completely different from the news media. They only tell you what they think you want to hear, and just enough to string you along. And it's always very skewed, biased or wrong information. Thank you. This is how news should be.

United States

LAST WEEK A FRIEND OF MINE GAVE ME AN issue of your *Trumpet*. Being a teacher for the past 18 years, I have never read such an informative magazine before. The *Trumpet* really took me around the world to see the events as they are. Your spiritual views on the current world events also have made an impact on my own spiritual growth.

Fiji

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A Double-Minded Man

U.S. waffling is putting Taiwan in tough straits

OVER 50 YEARS AGO, THE TINY ISLAND NATION OF TAIWAN was officially recognized after heroically standing in the face of communism. The greatest support came from the United States and Britain. Because they maintained preeminence in the Far East through military bases, colonies and protectorates, their support legitimized Taiwan's courageous fight for democracy.

As the *Trumpet* has chronicled for over a decade, U.S. and British dominance is fading. They have abandoned their responsibility to defend and protect freedom and democracy throughout Asia, leaving Taiwan in a tenuous position.

Taiwan's presidential election in 1996 was influenced by Chinese saber rattling, including live-fire missile tests into the Taiwan Strait. The U.S. matched this provocation by dispatching two aircraft carrier battle groups to the South China Sea. Washington's message was clear—do not interfere with Taiwan!

With another Taiwanese presidential election slated for March 18, tensions are rising again. Chinese Vice Premier Qian Qichen warned, "Taiwan independence could only mean war between the two sides" (*Inside China Today*, Jan. 31). Mr. Qichen further stated that foreign intervention on behalf of Taiwan would be considered "dangerous action."

The situation became more complicated in February. China's first Russian-built guided-missile destroyer recently arrived in the East China Sea, enhancing Beijing's ability to threaten American aircraft carriers in any future encounters over Taiwan, according to the *New York Times*. China once lacked the ability to challenge the U.S. Navy at sea. Now that has changed, with the addition of this destroyer and four new Kilo-class submarines. "These two systems, in particular, are ones that give us pause and make us realize that we are in fact going in harm's way," said Eric McVadon, a retired rear admiral who was a defense and naval attaché in Beijing and is now a consultant on East Asian security affairs. "That's something the Chinese didn't possess before."

Armed with nuclear-capable Sunburn anti-ship missiles, China's new destroyer will make America think twice before deploying the pride of its military power in the China Sea. These surface-skimming missiles have a range of 65-nautical miles and carry a 200-kiloton NUCLEAR WARHEAD. They are specifically designed to penetrate U.S. Navy defensive systems.

To counter the new Chinese destroyer, Taiwan has requested four U.S.-made Aegis destroyers, submarines, a sophisticated defensive radar system, P3 anti-submarine aircraft, and additional Patriot missile batteries. Further,

Taipei enthusiastically supports the development and eventual deployment of a Theater Missile Defense (TMD) system for their nation. TMD theoretically provides a protective blanket over the nation by shooting down incoming missiles. Taiwan requires a reliable anti-missile system to counter China's escalating deployment of short-range missiles.

The U.S. Defense Department and Congress both recommend resumed high-tech arms deals and military training with Taiwan. With widespread support—founded upon knowledgeable sources capable of making such recommendations—one would think logical leaders would immediately back Taiwan. But White House leadership has threatened to block the proposed deal. This is an example of floundering American leadership. A house divided against itself cannot stand (Matt. 12:25). The United States is about to fall because it is so divided. We cannot effectively lead the world unless it is

united in rule from the top down. Leadership must be resolute, acting with a single focus.

The Apostle James noted, "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways" (James 1:8). That is precisely the problem with the United States' official position on the Taiwan issue. The U.S. have tried to appease both sides. Throughout the 1990s, it has voiced mixed support for both China and Taiwan. Washington's double-minded leadership makes it unstable as an ally of Taiwan. And the Chinese will capitalize on this weakness.

Republican representative Tom DeLay of Texas noted: "Any mixed signals by our government can easily be read by the Communist Chinese as complacency. The Congress must erase any doubt whether or not we are fully committed to Taiwan" (APTN, Feb. 2). That is the main issue facing the people of Taiwan—will the United States defend their nation in the event of war with China, as it is obligated under the Taiwan Relations Act?

Sadly, Taiwan will be left to defend itself against overwhelming odds. Lacking tangible Western support, it is only a matter of time before Taiwan falls to the expanding Chinese regime.



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