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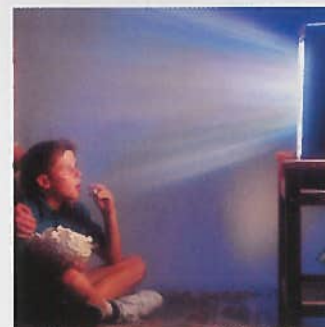
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# The Awesome Secret Behind the Queen's Golden Jubilee

Queen Elizabeth II has been on her throne for 50 years. Her Golden Jubilee is being celebrated this summer. But in a few short years that throne will be celebrated around the world! You need to understand why.

The *Plain Truth* magazine sent Herman Hoeh to cover the Queen's coronation 50 years ago. Here is an excerpt from his article in July 1953: "A queen has been crowned—a queen of the oldest ruling dynasty in the world!"

"For weeks London has been filled with festive preparations for the coronation of Elizabeth II. The whole world waited in nervous expectation as plans were announced to have films of the coronation ceremony flown by jet across the Atlantic in order to be televised to the whole United States.

"To most Englishmen the coronation is THE important ceremony of a generation, filled as it is with pomp, color and tradition. Britons proudly boast that in a world seething with revolutionary outbursts they still possess a royal monarch.

"Yet the real significance was not the pomp and ceremony, the ritual of the Church of England to which Englishmen cling to provide consolation from their troubles. The *real significance*—and the most *astounding* fact—is that on the English throne is seated a descendant of the oldest ruling dynasty in the world—a dynasty which God established and which He has protected and perpetuated through every generation for almost 3,000 years!

"England's throne is important in God's sight! Men can't abolish it! God said so! ...

"The coronation of Elizabeth II occurred in Westminster Abbey which Dick Armstrong and I visited last summer. Surrounded by royal dignitaries in the Abbey, the Queen was anointed, given the royal robe, the crown jewels and finally crowned in the famous coronation chair which was specially built for *the stone of destiny*—a rock that has been in recorded history for 3,700 years!

"Do you know the significance of this stone? Of England's throne? Of this dynasty which God considers so important as to preserve it for almost three millenniums?

"While in Westminster Abbey, Dick Armstrong and I saw this intriguing stone of destiny, steel gray in color, mixed

with red veins, 22 inches long, 13 inches broad and 11 inches deep. Attached to both ends are two worn iron rings by which the stone may be carried. This rock is not beautiful, yet it is more important than all the crown jewels!

"Why?

"What is the real reason that Elizabeth II had to be crowned on this rock? Centuries prior to this, the kings of Scotland—the ancestors of the present British royal family—were crowned upon it. Upon this stone the ancient Irish kings of this same royal family were also crowned, even as far back as five and one-half centuries before the birth of Jesus

Christ.

"Why? What is the true significance of this rock? Where did it come from?

"Ancient Irish annals prove the rock—which they called 'Lia fail,' meaning stone of destiny—did *not* originate in Ireland, but came by way of Spain *from the East*. It was brought by a white-haired old man—a prophet—who also brought a daughter of an Eastern king. Through her marriage to the king of Ireland, she not only *continued her father's* throne, but also became the ancestor of a dynasty which has continued to Elizabeth II, who was crowned Queen on June 2 over the stone of destiny.

"If you were to go to Westminster Abbey, you would see that this stone is labeled *Jacob's pillow stone* or *Jacob's pillar stone*! Believe it or not, this is the very stone upon which the patriarch Jacob rested his head that evening

about 3,700 years ago when fleeing from his father's house!"

Sadly, the label *Jacob's pillow stone*, or *Jacob's pillar stone*, has been removed since then, and the stone has been moved to Scotland.

How utterly astounding that most people are ignorant of the throne's history and prophecy. Jesus Christ is going to sit on that throne when He returns. That throne is the focus of this world's hope—its dazzling future.

There is much more about that throne that you need to understand, so write for our free booklets *The Key of David* and *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.

There is nothing physical on this Earth that is more inspiring and hopeful than that throne.



# How GERMAN FASCISM



**USING LOCALS** Kosovo Liberation Army fighters, supported by Germany, helped topple Serbia's control over Kosovo.

Germany has gained oppressive influence and control over all of Yugoslavia, and they have done it behind the cloak of democracy. But their tactics were those of old-fashioned fascism! It is time we woke up to what is happening in Germany. The danger is far greater than most people imagine.

BY GERALD FLURRY

**T**HE SERBS FOUGHT ON OUR SIDE IN two world wars, and Germany fought against us in both of those wars. How strange to see that alliance reversed today.

We have failed to learn from this history, and we are going to pay a terrifying price!

The simple truth is, *Serbia* is no threat to Europe or America. But GERMANY has routinely been a dangerous threat to Europe and the world! And whether we realize it or not, they still are today—far more so than in the past.

The only real winners in 1999's war in Yugoslavia were Germany and the Vatican. Time will show that America and Britain were the great losers. The Kosovo conflict made them weaker as Germany grew in power.

It has often been said that truth is the first casualty of war. That probably has never been more true than in that war.

## Germany Backs Albania

Yugoslavia lost the states of Croatia and Slovenia because of Germany. As we mentioned in the article on the Balkans last issue, Germany *recognized* these breakaway republics and then *supported* them with troops and armaments. America (and almost the whole world) strongly opposed Germany's

*undemocratic* plans in the beginning. But the U.S. weakened and then even decided to *support* Germany in its war to control the Balkans! Europe and the United Nations meekly followed along.

Germany's approach to taking over Yugoslavia was anything but democratic. This was good old-fashioned German fascism, supported by America and Britain. It makes you wonder how deeply we love freedom.

Germany has the most destructive military history of any nation ever on Earth! But America has supported them as though they have been the peacekeepers of the world. It's as if the whole world has *habitually* learned to fear Germany—fearing to speak out against them.

After Croatia and Slovenia, the civil war spread into Bosnia-Herzegovina. The Serbs lost control of a large portion of this republic also.

Still the Germans were not satisfied. The Serbs saw Germany supporting a guerrilla army of Albanians. The guerrillas called themselves the Kosovo Liberation Army (KLA)—though they were never freedom fighters. Many of the authorities likened them to the Mafia. Kosovo was comprised of 90 percent Albanians. These Kosovar Albanians, along with Albania and Ger-

many, supported the guerrilla army against the Serbs.

"The German ambassador made evident the very good relations between the two countries [Albania and Germany] and voiced the will of his government to consolidate and promote further these relations. He highlighted the efficiency of various projects of the German assistance in Albania and stressed that they will be expanded in the coming months.

"Albanian Foreign Minister [Paskal] Milo stressed that GERMANY IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT COUNTRIES IN THE FOREIGN POLICY OF ALBANIA" (*Albanian Telegraphic Agency*, Aug. 6, 1997; emphasis mine throughout).

Germany is probably the strongest foreign industrial power in Albania. So their ties are unusually close.

There was also *direct support* coming from Germany. There are 600,000 Albanians in Germany. Many of the KLA guerrillas left their families behind in Germany to fight against the Serbs in a CIVIL WAR THAT THE GERMAN-SUPPORTED ALBANIANS STARTED. Is that German democracy, or German fascism?

Germany also gave financial support to the KLA. According to BBC News, "In addition to money sent home to relatives [in Germany], Kosovo's INTERNA-

# SM Conquered Kosovo

## (and Yugoslavia)

TIONALLY UNRECOGNIZED government-in-exile has been collecting a tax of 3 percent of earnings. ITS PRIME MINISTER, BUJAR BUKOSHI, WHO IS BASED IN GERMANY, has repeatedly denied that the money is used to buy arms—he says that it's spent on running the health and education services" (Aug. 5, 1998). But did anybody believe that?

Kosovo's "internationally UNRECOGNIZED government-in-exile" had a PRIME MINISTER WHO WAS BASED IN GERMANY and operated freely with the blessing (perhaps even the direction) of the German government! So Germany recognized Kosovo's government-in-exile when nobody else did. But the international community submissively followed Germany's lead.

THE KLA GUERRILLAS DIDN'T JUST HAPPEN. THEY WERE ESSENTIALLY RAISED UP AND DIRECTLY SUPPORTED BY GERMANY—THE POWERHOUSE OF EUROPE.

All of Germany's actions in this Yugoslav war have been blatant and brutal fascism. We can call it democratic if we choose to do so, but that doesn't make it true. This is still the country that started World Wars I and II. And THEY HAVE ALREADY STARTED WORLD WAR III IN AN UNOFFICIAL WAY! It is time that we came out of our dream and recognized this very dangerous reality. The spirit of war has been resurrected *again* in Germany. Now only superior will and military force can stop it.

How many nightmares must we experience before we wake up to what is happening in Germany?

Germany encouraged NATO attacks with the strongest language. The German defense minister, Rudolf Scharping, said in a March 1999 television interview on ZDF that "genocide is starting." His alarmist vocabulary caused many to think about genocide. It became common to hear that word being used in relation to Kosovo.

The *Australian* reported on April 1, 1999, "With thousands of refugees continuing to stream out of the war-torn province, German Defense Minister Rudolf Scharping claimed in Bonn

last night that evidence had emerged of concentration camps being set up by Serb forces."

People watched television and saw the streams of Albanian refugees. Then they totally blamed the Serbs. Most knew very little about Kosovo, yet spoke of "genocide"—the deliberate and systematic destruction of a race. Then came talk about "concentration camps." *Genocide* and *concentration camps*—words introduced by the GERMAN defense minister.

We see today that most of those claims were built on a foundation of ignorance, deceit and lies.

It is true that after a powerful NATO air attack, the Serbs responded violently to save what remained of their country. But there was little mentioned about refugees *before* the NATO attacks. In fact, NATO's initial purpose in the war was to protect the Kosovar people in their homeland. That purpose shamefully failed.



**SERBS' FAULT?** Albanian refugees at the Macedonian border seeking asylum

Why? Because that was *not* what Germany wanted! Now this province too dances to Germany's tune.

Is NATO blameless?

### Germany Pressured NATO

Stratfor Systems issued this most alarming report in 1998: "Serbian Radio in Belgrade on September 22 broadcast a scathing commentary charging Germany with 'warmongering' and warning Europe against the alleged REBIRTH OF GERMAN FASCISM" (Sept. 25, 1998).

Call the Serbs what you like, but that is exactly what happened in Yugoslavia! And German fascism is accelerating all over Europe. This is the deadly truth that Europe and the U.S. refuse to face!

The report continued, "More pointedly, Serbian Radio cited Germany's record in the two world wars, and charged that Germany harbors 'OPEN AMBITION TO BECOME THE MASTER OF EUROPE.' Questioning Europe's silence on Germany's behavior, commentator Milika Sundic said, 'It is difficult to comprehend and accept that Europe has become Germany's slave.' Sundic went on to claim that 'GERMANY CONTRIBUTED THE MOST TO THE BREAKDOWN OF THE FORMER YUGOSLAVIA,' and that 'SERBIA HAS KNOWN FOR SOME TIME THAT GERMANY WAS BEHIND THE [KLA] TERRORISM IN [KOSOVO].'"

Who can present any evidence to refute these powerful words?

Was the German-supported KLA a band of freedom fighters, or were they *terrorists*? NATO has had serious problems controlling them.

THE TRUTH IS, THEY WERE GERMAN-SUPPORTED TERRORISTS—USED TO ACHIEVE GERMANY'S FASCIST GOALS. THE WORLD QUICKLY FORGETS THE UGLY TRUTH ABOUT GERMANY'S AIMS. BUT THE SLEDGEHAMMER OF EVENTS WILL JAR OUR MEMORY AS NEVER BEFORE.

"The fact is that Germany [was] one of the leading voices pushing for NATO intervention in Kosovo. In a meeting of NATO defense ministers in Portugal on September 24 [1998], which resulted in a virtual ultimatum to Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to cease the fighting in Kosovo or face NATO air strikes, ONLY GERMANY'S [THEN DEFENSE MINISTER VOLKER] RÜHE CALLED FOR A FIRM DEADLINE TO BE SET FOR INTERVENTION. Rühle said, 'We must move quickly to an ultimatum in the next 10 days or less .... We must do something for the people on the

ground and not just issue one more resolution after another” (ibid.). Was Germany’s penchant for blitzkrieg warfare beginning to surface?

“Rühe has argued against awaiting a [United Nations] mandate on the use of force against Serbia. [Not even the United Nations could deter Germany from their goal.] Said Rühe, ‘Pictures of people [in Kosovo] camping out in the open ... are in themselves an ultimatum.’ Moreover, and more to the point, Rühe said, ‘We must avoid to be dependent on a Russian veto.’ He claimed that the current relationship between NATO and Russia presumes that ‘Russia has no veto whenever NATO needs to act.’ ...

“GERMANY IS LEADING THE CAMPAIGN FOR A QUICK AND, IF NECESSARY, MILITARY SOLUTION TO THE CONFLICT IN KOSOVO ....

“Germany is also extremely concerned about U.S. vacillation in its military commitment to European stability, particularly to the use of NATO as a policing tool. That U.S. vacillation has led to the utter disdain in which Serbia holds NATO. GERMANY IS LOOKING AHEAD TO THE DAY WHEN IT MUST TAKE A LEADING ROLE IN THE DEFENSE OF WESTERN EUROPE, and it does not want to take on that role with a dull knife” (ibid.).



Volker Rühe

Even now, Stratfor sees that Germany’s ambition reaches beyond Yugoslavia.

### Fascist History

Ralph Giordano, television journalist and author, writing in 1993 on the spate of neo-Nazi hate crimes against foreigners which had swept Germany in the previous decade, mused on what he calls Germany’s “second guilt” as the reason for the revival of old fascist sympathies in today’s Germany.

“A specter is haunting united Germany ... the specter of a brown resurrection! This time, unlike its appearance in the mid-’60s, it is no temporary phenomenon, but is today deeply rooted in the society, and tomorrow will have established itself in the parliamentary structure at both the federal and provincial level” (*The Future of German Democracy*).

Giordano went on to expose one of the historical connections between the sleaziest aspects of the Allies’ approach to post-war German reconstruction and THE RISE OF FASCIST TENDENCIES IN THAT COUNTRY TODAY. “With only a few exceptions these perpetrators not only were let off in the end unpunished, but they were also allowed to continue their careers with impunity .... Well into the 1970s the elite of finance, industry and government was almost identical to that under Hitler” (ibid.).

United since the fall of the Berlin Wall, its national capital once again Berlin, sitting astride the crossroads of Eastern and Western Europe—it is the politics of *Germany* that powerfully influence politics in all Europe. Just as the embracing of fascism by Hitler’s government spread to become the dominant form of governance in Europe prior to World War II, what emerges from the present-day political melee in Germany will spread to influence its EU partners in their political persuasion.

German fascism has virtually conquered Yugoslavia. People can scoff all they like. But watch Germany. Yugoslavia is only the beginning. German fascism is back, just as we have prophesied for over 50 years. Soon the whole world will understand that.

The Serbs see clearly that Germany is behind the breakdown of the former Yugoslavia. We cannot forget that all of Europe, the U.S. and the UN were against Germany when it recognized and strongly supported the breakaway of Slovenia and Croatia. But Germany prevailed. Croatia’s breakaway led to civil war. AMERICA’S SECRETARY OF STATE AT THE TIME SAID THAT GERMANY HAD “A CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITY” FOR THE YUGOSLAV CIVIL WAR. BUT HE WAS QUICKLY SILENCED! AND NO LEADER IN OUR GOVERNMENT HAS MADE SUCH A STATEMENT SINCE.

That was one of the powerful truths that became a casualty early in the Yugoslav war.

### Germany’s Master Plan

Germany has a MASTER PLAN. We have warned about that master plan since immediately after World War II. (Write for our free booklet *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire*.)

Germany is fast becoming the fascist superpower of the West, as the U.S. collapses as a superpower. You

America’s secretary of state at the time said that Germany had “a certain responsibility” for the Yugoslav civil war. But he was quickly silenced!

urgently need to understand *why* this is happening. So please, write now for the booklet mentioned above.

Margaret Thatcher, former British prime minister, said this about the European Union in October 1995: “You have not anchored Germany to Europe; you have anchored Europe to a newly dominant, unified Germany. In the end, my friends, you’ll find it will not work.”

She didn’t see Germany as a democracy-loving country, but as “a newly dominant” country. Mrs. Thatcher clearly said the European Union was not a democratic union. It is dominated by Germany. But it seems nobody wants to admit that they have not repented of their fascist, Nazi past.

Let the world beware!

Bernard Connolly, in *The Rotten Heart of Europe*, said the European Union was only a “cloak for German ambitions.”

At least we ought to consider such authoritative voices.

First of all, the Germans want to control Europe. To do so, they must gain control of the Balkans, where their fiercest enemy is the Serbs. For the most part, the Serbs have been silenced.

What does it mean to have 75 percent of the NATO military power in the Kosovo conflict supplied by the U.S.? It means that Germany actually pressured and directed NATO—especially the U.S.—to carry out its own fascist ambitions within Europe!

We are going to pay the supreme penalty for such a dangerously misguided foreign policy.

All of Europe, the UN and America caved in to Germany, in spite of its responsibility for the deaths of 60-70 million people in World Wars I and II!

GERMANY HAD ALL OF NATO FIGHTING FOR *its cause*, and it seems nobody wants to even discuss how it all began.

Is it so hard to understand why the Serbs are enraged? Their country has been systematically destroyed—primarily by Germany. What country

would not fight against such an outrage? Does any nation really see the Serbs' point of view?

Since they were our allies in both world wars, we of all people should see their side of the story.

The German master plan is very similar to what the country has done in the past. The only real difference is, it is much more subtle—so far.

If the Western world would only remember the recent past of Germany, it would frighten us into reality.

The Germans inherently dislike democracy. And we did almost nothing to change that attitude after World War II.

The March 26, 1999, *New York Times* stated, "For the first time since the end of World War II, German fighter jets have gone to war, taking part in the attack on Yugoslavia as part of a NATO force and marking this country's definitive emancipation from post-war pacifism. ...

"Still, the German participation in air raids on Yugoslavia is potentially explosive, for it will confirm every dark Serbian suspicion about the West. IF THERE HAS BEEN A SINGLE OBSESSION IN SERBIAN POLICY THIS CENTURY, IT HAS BEEN TO PREVENT WHAT BELGRADE SEES AS GERMAN EXPANSIONISM IN THE BALKANS.

"We are not ready to make a distinction between the bombs of Adolf Hitler from 1941 and the bombs of NATO," Vuk Draskovic, the Yugoslavian deputy prime minister, said.

"Strong German support for Croatian independence from Yugoslavia, and Croatia's adoption of the hymn 'DANKE DEUTSCHLAND' when that independence came in 1991, only reinforced Serbian misgivings." CROATIA CLEARLY KNOWS THAT ITS REVOLT SUCCEEDED BECAUSE OF GERMANY. After all, they didn't sing "Danke NATO"!

The leaders of America and Britain don't see what is happening in Yugoslavia because they *refuse* to see. That attitude of sinful weakness is going to cause us to suffer more than any people ever have in history!

Are the Serbs the only ones who see the dangerous resurgence of a militant Germany? Germany poses a danger thousands of times greater than the Serbs could ever pose to Europe and the world.

The Serbs have good reason to fear, since they were victims of the German

## By 1944, the Germans knew they would lose World War II and were already planning for the next round!

and Croatian Nazis of World War II. One *Trumpet* reader from Indiana wrote to us, "After reading your article 'Croatia Reveals the Rising Beast' in the January 1999 issue ... I would like to ... express my deepest gratitude to you for what you have done for me as a human being by publishing that article so that millions of other human beings in the world can understand the Serbs.

"As an American of Serbian descent and a survivor of the horrible Croatian

holocaust during World War II, I would like to tell you, my dear friend, how much I appreciate your personal involvement and effort, and how immensely I am grateful to you for your courage, humanity and patriotism for publishing that article in your magazine. I can assure you that from now on, you'll be my dear friend as long as I live."

### A Warning Unheeded

On several occasions, we have alerted our *Trumpet* readers to a shocking World War II intelligence document. The document, detailing an August 1944 meeting between top German industrialists, reveals a secret post-war plan to restore the Nazis to power. Several of Germany's elite industries were represented, including Messerschmitt and Volkswagenwerks. These

## A Nice Gift From NATO

**U**NDER THE UMBRELLA OF NATO, GERMANY HAS, OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS, OBTAINED complete acceptance by the West of the deployment of both its ground and air forces in combat roles. Not only that, it now seems that the Kosovo conflict will gain for Germany that which it has sought all along in the Balkans: a warm-water port.

Durrës, the principle port on the coast of Albania in the warm Adriatic Sea, is the plum. The port of Durrës, located near the junction of the Adriatic and Mediterranean seas, is within closest proximity of any port in either sea to the largest concentration of ballistic and antiballistic weaponry in the entire Mediterranean region. As Germany quietly performs its duty as a loyal NATO member, the EU is busily reconstructing Albania's infrastructure—to the extent of spending \$17 million to renovate the Durrës port.

Albania became the main base of operations for the peacekeeping forces in Yugoslavia during the Kosovo war. The trade-off was the huge benefit to its weakened ex-Maoist economy.

When the U.S. and NATO withdraw, their place will be taken in the future by the coming Euroforce—proposed to be in place by the end of 2003. The German-led EU will take over all of the infrastructure put in place and maintained to that point largely by U.S. and British tax-payers' money in support of their defense contribution to lame-duck NATO.

Game, set and match to Germany. GERMANY—THE PEACE-BROKER IN KOSOVO, THE FUTURE ADMINISTRATOR OF KOSOVO AND OF THE WHOLE BALKAN PENINSULA—THE LEAD NATION IN THE EUROCOMBINE SHORTLY TO RULE THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT AND EXTEND ITS POWERFUL REACH GLOBALLY TO IMPACT ALL NATIONS.



companies, the document asserts, were to "prepare themselves to finance the Nazi Party which would be forced to go underground." The U.S. declassified it in 1996, and it received only sparse news coverage. Yet even more disturbing than the deep stupor of the press is the fact that THE U.S. GOVERNMENT DID NOT MAKE IT PUBLIC UNTIL 1996—over 50 years later!

By 1944, the Germans knew they would lose World War II and were already planning for the next round! "Existing financial reserves in foreign countries," the document says, "must be placed at the disposal of the party so that a strong GERMAN EMPIRE can be created after the defeat."

Those at the 1944 meeting understood that the most prominent members of the Nazi Party would be condemned as war criminals. "However," the document maintains, "in cooperation with the industrialists it is arranging to place its less conspicuous but most important members in positions with various German factories as technical experts or members of its research and designing offices."

How alarming! Why was so little written about this in 1996? Why did it take so long for it to be declassified? America and Britain have fallen asleep—our people don't understand what is happening behind the scenes!

That is why we feel compelled to return to these issues again and again. Hardly anyone else will!

Historians have long debated whether or not a secret Nazi plan was made for a post-war, international network. Now that it has been confirmed, as Elan Steinberg of the World Jewish Congress said, "the central question is whether it has been carried out."

The obvious answer is, it has!

Brian Connell, in his 1957 book *A Watcher on the Rhine*, offered abundant proof of that plan being carried out. He drew attention to a watershed event in 1947, just two years after the war, when Allied authorities foolishly handed over denazification responsibilities to, of all people, the Germans! After 1947, denazification in Germany, according to Connell, was a farce!

Consider the province of Bavaria for example. "The Bavarian administration," Connell wrote, "is largely in the hands of those who controlled it

under Hitler .... Almost all of the 1,000 teachers who were removed for political reasons have been reappointed, representing roughly 60 percent of the teaching staff employed by the Ministry of Education. Sixty percent of the 15,000 employees in the Finance Ministry are former Nazis, and 81 percent of the 924 judges, magistrates and prosecutors in the Ministry of Justice."

There was an attempt made by the Allies to liberalize a narrow method of teaching in German education. Connell stated, "New teachers were appointed, and a degree of independence assured to individual instructors, which should have made education for democracy a feasible proposition. But many of the former Nazi teachers have found their way back."

Later, Connell wrote, "In Western Germany, the newly prosperous Ruhr industrialists, the still impenitent core of former Nazis ... represents a challenge to the democratic order."

## WHAT IS FASCISM?

**FASCISM** originally was a term coined to describe the national-socialist movement spawned by right-wing political forces in Italy before World War II. The movement's dictatorial head was wartime Italian leader **Benito Mussolini**. Nazism (national socialism) was a similar movement dominated by **Adolf Hitler** and used as a platform for his rise to power. This movement was characterized by extreme racism, brutal suppression of opposition and a drive to create a world-ruling master race. Fascism has since come to be used as an umbrella term embracing political movements that are national-socialist and particularly authoritarian in outlook.

Nazism is far from being dead in Germany! Today, right-wing extremism continues to increase dramatically—even in German elections! Should that surprise us?

Our readers are also well aware of another report we have drawn attention to. Like the declassified document, this report has never received much press coverage.

The report was given by Herbert W. Armstrong from the United Nations on May 9, 1945, just nine months after the secret meeting between German industrialists. In it Mr. Armstrong said, "The war is over, in Europe—or is it?"

What did he mean by that? Did he know something no one else did? He

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certainly did!

"We don't understand German thoroughness," he said. "From the very start of World War II, they have considered the possibility of losing this second round, as they did the first—and they have carefully, methodically planned, in such eventuality, the third round—World War III! Hitler has lost. This round of war, in Europe, is over. And the Nazis have now gone UNDERGROUND."

Many scoffed at Mr. Armstrong's warning message in 1945. Yet look at how closely his report mirrors what was said in the secret document that was not made public until 50 years later!

Only God's messenger COULD GIVE SUCH A PROPHETIC MESSAGE OVER 50 YEARS AGO!

Think about what he said.

Think about what was determined at that secret meeting among top German industrialists.

Think about what Winston Churchill and Franklin Roosevelt said right after the war, something we have also quoted often: "It is our inflexible purpose to destroy German militarism and Nazism."

Yes, think about those issues, and then consider what is happening now. Our leaders today keep acting as though Germany has repented. But the Germans continue in their milit-

tant, fascist spirit, in spite of the unparalleled crimes they have committed!

We have *forgotten* our strong commitment after World War II to control Germany, and we will pay an indescribable price for that weak and despicable failure in leadership!

YOU DON'T PREVENT GERMANY FROM STARTING WORLD WAR III BY HELPING THEM BUILD THEIR EMPIRE IN YUGOSLAVIA AND EUROPE!

THE SPIRIT OF THAT INTELLIGENCE DOCUMENT IS BEING IMPLEMENTED IN YUGOSLAVIA TODAY—AND ALSO IN OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD. GERMANY'S ACTIONS ARE NOT THOSE OF A PEOPLE DEEPLY REPENTANT FOR THE DEATHS OF 60-70 MILLION PEOPLE IN TWO WORLD WARS!



# Building Europe's Military

America, Europe and Russia each have a vision for the future of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization—yet only one vision will become reality.

BY WILLIAM GHANNAM

## NATO's Beginning

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization has held the balance of peace in Western Europe since its inception after the Second World War.

During the war, the United States and the Soviet Union were allied against Nazism. Once Nazism was no longer a threat, the polarizing ideas of East and West—the U.S. and the Soviet Union—created new tensions: the Cold War. Thus NATO was created in 1949 to counterbalance Russia's power.

The organization's core mission was to share defenses of all its members in

Remember, the Bible says our end-time "lovers" will be the ones who inflict great suffering upon us—not our obvious enemies. However, we like to think of ourselves as righteous, while we reject God's warnings!

What Herbert Armstrong prophesied for over 50 years has now come to pass in frightening detail! The Philadelphia Church of God continues to proclaim the same message.

This is all prophesied in YOUR Bible. But you don't even need the Bible to see that terror is about to strike our peoples!

Once the U.S. released and then supported this fascist beast in Croatia and Slovenia, there was no stopping it. It didn't cease until all of Yugoslavia was under its strong influence or control. Now if we think the beast will return to its cage, we are very naive. This world is headed for a nightmare unparalleled in the history of man. And the beast is going to lead us there!

The American and British peoples are without excuse. And so are YOU. Only God can save YOU from a disastrous future. Now is the time for every wise person to heed this message. There is so little time left to respond.

Kosovo was a turning point in the Yugoslavia war. After this state essentially came under German influence and control, the rest of Yugoslavia was certain to fall. Next month we will show you how these remaining states lost their power to a German-dominated European Union.

When Germany's oppressive influence moved beyond Croatia and Slovenia, the careful observer could see that Germany's ambition was to control all of Yugoslavia.

But their ambition goes far beyond that goal. Next month we will show you how this will all end in the best news this Earth has ever heard. ◆

**T**WENTY WORLD LEADERS CONVENED in Italy for the NATO-Russia summit on May 28. A protection force of 15,000 security and logistical personnel, a navy frigate and a dozen aircraft was deployed to guard the summit site at the Pratica di Mare air base, about 20 miles south of Rome.

It was at this summit that Russia became a limited partner to NATO. This new arrangement gives Russia a voice on a variety of defense and peacekeeping issues, including counterterrorism, the spread of nuclear weapons, missile



**NEW ARRANGEMENT** Delegates meet at May's NATO-Russia Council in Italy.

defense and arms control—but does not give it the power of veto.

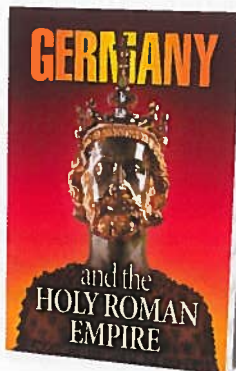
"Two former foes are now joined as partners, overcoming 50 years of division and a decade of uncertainty," U.S. President George Bush said, referring to the new NATO-Russia Council that was formed (*Scotsman*, May 29).

NATO was founded in 1949 to *contain the Soviet Union*. The question is, with Russia now ostensibly an *ally* of the alliance, what is the **PURPOSE** of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's continuing existence?

Western Europe, most especially the eastern border of war-ravaged Germany, shielding them from the empire-expanding eyes of the Soviet Union. This was the birth of U.S. support for a **UNITED EUROPE**. Two factors held the alliance together: the shared threat of the Soviet Union and the submission of other nations to U.S. leadership.

Germany's rearmament process after World War II began with the implementation of NATO. The U.S. rearmed its former German enemy. The main intent of the rearmament process

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**CREATING NATO** The flag; the signing ceremony in Washington D.C. in 1949.

was to *protect* Germany, the nation that started the war in the first place!

America's judgment was clouded by good intentions. Looking to Germany as a partner in peace so soon after its defeat was a deadly mistake, as will be revealed before long. It seems America saw no alternative if it was to keep Germany out of Russian hands, believing that Germany could be controlled indefinitely through involvement in NATO and the emerging European Economic Community.

In response to NATO's formation, the Soviet Union and its reluctant Eastern European partners formed the Warsaw Pact in 1955. It was the Eastern counterpart of NATO, drawing Soviet countries into a huge defensive bloc.

The Warsaw Pact disbanded in 1991 when the Soviet Union collapsed. In contrast, NATO is still thriving after 50 years, and has been hailed as the greatest and most successful military alliance in history.

NATO began with an alliance of 12 independent nations. Now NATO membership stands at 19 nations, plus one with the addition of Russia in its special status. Has the alliance been rendered unnecessary by the evaporation of the Soviet threat and the rise of Europe's own defense force?

As Russian President Vladimir Putin said last year when he called on NATO to allow his country into the alliance, "There is no more

Warsaw Pact, no more Soviet Union, but NATO continues to exist and develop" (Associated Press, July 18, 2001). If the U.S. refused Russian membership, Putin demanded that NATO should disband and be replaced by a new coalition to include all of Europe and Russia.

Russia has sought alliances with the West since the days of Peter the Great. After September 11, what once would have been considered an implausible alliance between the nationalistic Kremlin and NATO seems to now have become reality.

But appearances can be deceptive. A close reading of Russia's motive for joining with NATO reveals that it is but a means of ensuring that NATO does not move against Russian interests. It is a relationship of convenience. In the long term, Russia will use its NATO association to frustrate the eastward expansion of the western defensive alliance.

#### How to Defend Europe?

As far back as spring 2000, European leaders were actively planning their own military future with an EU defense force.

"I've been working on initiatives to build European unity for many years now, and I've never seen so much WILL and DETERMINATION as over the DEFENSE PROJECT," declared Javier Solana, EU commissioner in charge of common foreign and security policy and former secretary general of NATO (*Wash-*

*ington Post*, March 13, 2000; emphasis mine throughout).

NATO has been called the "godfather to the European Union's embryonic military ambitions" by Charles Grant, director of the London-based Center for European Reform. In reality, the EU has simply been happy for NATO to shoulder most of the burden of European security while it went about planning to relieve NATO of this role in the future.

At first, America was encouraged by Europe's wanting to take more responsibility for its own defense. But then the U.S. practically cringed at the idea when its own preeminent role in Europe (via NATO) was questioned in the process.

As George Robertson, the former British defense minister and current NATO secretary general, saw it, America was saying, "[A]re you trying to tell us to go home?" (*ibid.*).

#### EU Seeks Top Spot

Many of the nations in the European Union have existed in some form for well over 1,000 years and have ruled vast portions of the world for the last 500 years. With this in mind, is it surprising that European nations resent their submissive role under America's leadership in NATO?

The Continent has been recovering from the devastation of two world wars followed by over 50 years of Eastern European submission to Russia, and Western European acquiescence to United States security and leadership. Europe needed America's protection throughout the Cold War years in order to rebuild what it had lost through war. But now, it intends to

#### NATO NATIONS

(Bold nations are also in EU)

- Belgium
- Canada
- Czech Republic
- Denmark**
- France**
- Germany**
- Greece**
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Italy**
- Luxembourg**
- The Netherlands**
- Norway
- Poland
- Portugal**
- Spain**
- Turkey
- United Kingdom**
- United States

pick up where it left off: building a world-ruling empire, ultimately replacing NATO and its American benefactor in the process. The truth is, Europe still seeks world power.

"Europe is called upon to take on more responsibility for global peace," said Bavarian Premier Edmund Stoiber at an international defense conference in Munich, Germany (CNN, Feb. 2). Since the first Balkan wars of the 1990s, the U.S. government has called on Europe to take care of itself militarily. Defending a continent can be costly. But now the leaders of Europe hear the old voices of greatness calling from the past—a past where such attitudes gave birth to empires.

Stoiber, the front runner in Germany's September 22 elections for chancellor, boldly acknowledged that Germany must increase its defense budget in order to fulfill its emerging international commitments. He sees the need for modernized equipment and transport vehicles. He hears the voices that call upon Germany to act.

"WE EUROPEANS MUST NOT JUST RELY ON AMERICA," said Mr. Stoiber. "We must do more for our own security and for global peace" (ibid.). The Bavarian premier looks to a future when Germany and the EU will have a military destiny firmly located in the seats of European authority, not in the U.S. president's chair.

But the U.S. does not want to give up its leadership role in Europe altogether. This is why it is doing all it can to impress Europe with the latest transformation of NATO under the banner of fighting terrorism. Europe's leaders are wise to this tactic.

Europe's foreign ministers recognize the need to modernize the Continent's armed forces, but Europe will not spend the money needed to be militarily equal with the U.S. Why? Because it knows that the United States will eventually fulfill Europe's requests to use American NATO military equipment and bases to fulfill its role as a partner in the war on terrorism!

No secretary general of NATO had ever visited the European Parliament in Brussels until Lord George Robertson did so in February of this year. There, he expressed his disapproval of American unwillingness to turn over its high-tech equipment to its allies, and petitioned that NATO assets be

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made accessible to the EU as soon as it was feasible to do so.

#### EU Expansion East via NATO

Recently, in order to hold on to its leadership role, America has been left with the job of overhauling the alliance's structure by infusing billions of American dollars into member and potential-member states.

The U.S. Senate passed a bill in May that endorsed the future extension of NATO's zone of stability eastward and southward on the European continent. Which nations will be admitted as new members will be decided in November, at the first NATO summit held east of the old Iron Curtain—in Prague. Some Eastern European countries—Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic—have already joined NATO.

"[S]ome time in the next decade we'll be able to say, for the first time I think in modern history, that we have a Europe whole and free," said U.S. Sen. Joseph Biden (*Guardian*, May 17). The question is, *free to do what?*

The U.S. Senate's goal to expand NATO, connecting additional European nations to its integrated military structure, is a godsend to EU planners. Military assistance amounting to \$55.5 million will be reserved for the countries of Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia. Though this does not *guarantee* future admission into NATO, these are among the countries hoping to be admitted at the November Prague summit.

So NATO grows, and the U.S. continues to spend billions of dollars to support that growth. Through NATO, the U.S. is increasing the military capacity

of European nations that will probably become members in the expanding European Union!

America is blind to the Frankenstein monster it is foolishly building!

Further, a \$64 million military training program for the nation of Georgia started in May this year. This two-year U.S. program "has more to do with stabilizing the still-weak former Soviet republic and *furthering a NATO foothold in the Caucasus* than in directly enlisting Georgian forces in the U.S.-led anti-terrorism campaign" (*Christian Science Monitor*, May 17).

Russia has balked at the continuing prospect of NATO's expansion eastward. "We unequivocally see it as a mistake," said Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Yakovenko. "From our point of view, enlargement provides nobody—not NATO itself and not its new members—with additional security. *From whom* is NATO preparing to defend its new members? AND WHY IS SUCH A DEFENSE NEEDED IF WE ARE NO LONGER ENEMIES AND THE PERIOD OF CONFRONTATION IS OVER?" (Reuters, May 27).

Russia understands something that the U.S. does not. It knows that the EU is using NATO to build up its own military superpower status! NATO is being used as a pawn by the EU to help build its own military empire.

The attempt to suck old Soviet satellite countries into NATO is what has drawn Russia to the NATO table. President Putin wants a say when the eastern border of the expanding EU is finally drawn.

#### EU Must Pull Its Weight

The official website of NATO proclaims that "North America and Europe are playing MORE EQUAL ROLES" and calls NATO an "alliance of shared responsibilities, linked by an ocean." This statement is mere public relations—not reality. The difference in military capability between the U.S. and Europe is overwhelming.

Paul Kennedy, history professor and author of the widely acclaimed book *The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers*, has reversed the America-in-decline theory he vehemently declared in the 1980s. In reference to the differences in American and European military power, he wrote, "Nothing has ever existed like this

disparity of power; NOTHING" (*Washington Post*, May 24).

The U.S. has been pressing its European allies to increase defense spending and upgrade military capabilities. Though budgets are rigid, U.S. officials believe their allies will be prepared to commit to improving their military strength in the wake of the events of September 11. Officials from Washington are continuing to put pressure on European nations to move in that direction.

U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell added to the urgency in Reykjavik, Iceland, at a meeting of foreign ministers in May, warning that European allies must share the burden in NATO.



Lord George Robertson

Lord Robertson agreed with Mr. Powell and stressed that the "division of labor" is unsustainable, with the United States providing the expensive high-tech military capabilities while leaving the "lower-tech allies [to] provide the soldiers or wring their hands on the sidelines" (*www.EUbusiness.com*, May 20).

#### Merge or Separate?

The fundamental reasons for holding the NATO alliance together have now all but disappeared. The new reasons that have arisen are different for the U.S. and Europe, the principal players in the alliance.

Jeffrey Gedmin, director of the Aspen Institute Berlin, has explained that for EU leaders—especially the Germans—the idea of multilateralism (participation in international organizations) is what ignites thoughts of an EU superpower. Multilateralism is "the CODE WORD FOR LEVERAGING UP THE MEDIUM-SIZED EU AND CHAINING DOWN THE MIGHTY AMERICANS," he explained. He concluded, "It's a European obsession that is unlikely to go away" (*Washington Post*, May 20).

How can the EU find that leadership role in NATO? General Gustav

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Hägglund, chairman of the Military Committee of the European Union, believes he has found the answer. He has proposed a two-pillar defensive arrangement between the EU and the U.S. via NATO, where the U.S. would maintain security over North America, leaving the EU's military wing over control of Europe and nearby areas.

"The EU ministers of defense want to reach a permanent agreement with NATO, which would enable the EU to carry out peacekeeping missions in Macedonia using NATO military assets" (*www.euobserver.com*, March 28). The mission in Macedonia is a single case in a stream of justification for the EU's insistence that America turn over NATO resources to give Europe a free hand in its own affairs. Europe will continue to pound the drum until America gives in to all its requests.

#### Failure to Understand

Pim Fortuyn, the recently assassinated right-wing Dutch politician, had this to say about America's foreign policies: "I admire the U.S.: the country, the political system, the economy, the culture, technology, science and the American people. But their diplomatic and military political strategies in foreign affairs are worthless. I wouldn't give a penny for America's foreign policies.

"The U.S. doesn't know a lot about foreign countries and, over and over again, it seems, it fails to understand them. In its view, we are all Americans, or we want to be Americans. It would be a lot easier and less complicated if this were so, but Americans simply won't believe that it isn't" (*Telegraph*, May 15).

*Trumpet* Editor in Chief Gerald Flurry has warned for years that the final resurrection of the Holy Roman Empire is occurring before our very

eyes with the fast-growing power of the German-led European Union!

America and Britain continually fail to understand the true intentions of foreign nations. Mr. Flurry explains, "[T]he *mind* of Israel [speaking of America and Britain] is 'alienated' from the ... German-led Holy Roman Empire. Look at the recent history of the two world wars and you can see that our minds are indeed 'alienated' from Germany. God condemns Israel for making the Germans our lovers and not trusting *Him*. Unless we wake up, the Holy Roman Empire is going to BETRAY us and fight against us! Then we shall know very deeply what God thinks about our 'lovers'!" (*The Rising Beast*, p. 8).

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Europe's economy and population is larger than America's. So why is the U.S. blindly providing aid to build up European military power?

At present, Europe is choosing generally not to increase its military budget drastically. In contrast, the U.S. spends 40 percent of the world's military budget. Europe intends to stand on its own soon, but in the meantime it is willing to take everything NATO is willing to give. America will give gladly as long as it is allowed to sit in the head seat. As America builds this European beast power, it cannot see that its mind is "alienated" from the German-led Holy Roman Empire!

The problem is, since the end of World War II, the U.S. has been operating under the old business principle: *Keep your friends close and your enemies closer*. First it was Germany, now Russia, despite God's warning against such alliances (i.e. Hosea 7:8-13).

America's present goal is to define what role NATO's member states will play in the war on terrorism. But in reality, the EU is not interested in a long-term alliance with the U.S.

Many journalists and experts who study this issue do not see the threat that exists in Europe. The European Union is only appeasing NATO's overconfident and naive leaders in Washington until it can stand alone as the supreme military world power. ◆



# What's Ahead for CUBA?

Aging Castro won't live forever, and the West knows it. What will happen after he's gone? **BY ERIC ANDERSON**

**S**EVENTY-FIVE-YEAR-OLD COMMUNIST Fidel Castro has proved to be one of the world's most durable despots.

Since he seized control of the Caribbean island of Cuba on January 1, 1959, Castro's tenure has outlasted that of nine United States presidents, an invasion attempt and a long campaign of assassination plots. At the peak of the Cold War, he installed a communist government only 90 miles away from the world's most capitalistic nation. In an effort to outflank the U.S., he allied himself with the Soviet Union by backing Communist revolutionaries all over Latin America.

As dictator of a small island nation with only a minor role in the global economy, Castro has had a significant impact on world politics. But Castro has a problem: He is gradually losing his iron-fisted grip on Cuba. His strength is ebbing, mentally and physically, and there are undisclosed reports he recent-

ly suffered a stroke. After fainting during a speech in June 2001, Castro reaffirmed that his successor in power would be his 70-year-old brother, Raul, who is Cuba's first vice president, minister of defense and second secretary of the Cuban Communist Party.

How Castro's demise would change the island regime that has been a thorn in the U.S.'s side for decades is something to consider. "They are already on the cusp of something very new in Cuba," said Wayne Smith, an analyst with the Center for International Policy in Washington and former head of the U.S. Interests Section in Havana (*Austin American Statesman*, Aug. 12, 2001).

There is much speculation about what could happen following Castro's death or disablement.

The need for stabilizing leadership as Cuba seeks to find its role in the emerging world order is hardly helped by Raul Castro's age. He is but five years younger than the ailing

Fidel. The stage is set for a power struggle in Cuba. This could cause competing world powers to seize the initiative by promoting factions which they can then exploit for their own ends. Major powers will be quite willing to supply aid, arms and protection to effect a takeover of this struggling island nation. China and the EU are prime contenders, with the EU, by virtue of religion and cultural connections, having the edge.

As the *Trumpet* has reported in previous issues, the nations of Latin America—including Cuba—more and more are becoming politically, economically and religiously tied to Europe. Once Cuba's current dictatorship ends, will the island nation eventually reform politically and embrace European-style capitalism? Further, will it forsake its communistic, atheist ideals and revert back to its *Catholic* religious roots?

## Latin America's Prophetic Future

In order to accurately predict what's ahead for Cuba, one must first understand the identity of today's



**IN THE FAMILY** Castro has picked his 70-year-old brother Raul to succeed him.

modern nations in that “sure word of prophecy,” the Holy Bible.

Approximately one third of the Bible is prophecy. Ten percent or more of those prophecies have already been fulfilled—as proved by history, archaeology and science. The other prophecies—nearly 90 percent of the total—are right now in the process of being fulfilled! These prophecies apply to our time, during the last hour of this age of human misrule and beyond.

As surprising as it may seem, the major nations featured in today’s world news are *identified in the Bible*. The English-speaking peoples of North America—and the Spanish-speaking peoples of Latin America, including Cuba—are no exception. (If you have not proved the identity of the modern nations of Israel, request a free copy of the booklet *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*.)

History, ethnology and archaeology all prove that the English-speaking peoples of the Western world are the descendants of the “lost” ten tribes of Israel.

The Spanish-speaking peoples of Spain and Latin America have their ethnic roots in the family of Japheth, son of Noah, through his son Tiras. They are generally referred to as *Tarshish* in the Bible (Gen. 10:4). The Spanish galleons were famous in trade and war during the heights of Spanish trade and colonial power. The Prophet

Isaiah refers to “the ships of Tarshish” (Isa. 23:1) involved in a great trading empire extant at the end of this age.

For more than 40 years, the U.S. has been particularly concerned about the Spanish-speaking nation of Cuba—the “enemy in our backyard”—because Castro’s Communist regime has afforded Russia a toehold in the Western Hemisphere. But nowhere does prophecy indicate that Russia will attack or conquer America! Rather, the Bible clearly shows that it will be a *European* superpower that will invade the U.S.

Isaiah 23:3 describes the coming European superpower as a “mart of nations.” This means that its presence will be felt throughout the world’s economy. Notice the prophetic role the Latin peoples will play during that time,

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shown in Ezekiel 27:12: “Tarshish was thy [Europe’s] merchant by reason of the multitude of all kind of riches; with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded in thy fairs [markets].”

The rapidly growing European superpower will need a steady supply of the raw materials and cheap labor that Latin America can provide in abundance. The Bible describes Latin America (and Spain)—“Tarshish”—as a partner in trade with this giant European combine.

Already, the European Union is becoming a formidable force on the world scene, including significantly in Latin America. As we reported in the May 2001 issue of this magazine, “One of the prime catalysts for the drive to form a free trade zone between North and South America is the threat posed to U.S. markets by increasingly aggressive penetration of Latin America trade by the EU. CUBA THUS HAS A STRATEGIC PART TO PLAY IN THIS PROCESS. The reason is that, following along hard on the heels of trade, the EU is subliminally worming its way into the religious, political, defense and security systems of those countries with which it deals. This includes such penetration of Latin America via the EU’s Mercosur trade agreements with much of Central and South America and Mexico.

“CUBA IS, FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, A STEPPING-STONE TO THE U.S., just as Cyprus is to the Middle East. The EU is courting both these island nations, in their separate hemispheres, for very similar purposes. THE PURPOSES HAVE TO DO WITH A WIDER AGENDA THAN TRADE.”

#### Economic Ties

Cubans have struggled economically for some time. The primary reason is the loss of Russian capital investment and financial aid following the collapse of the Soviet Union. Another reason is poor leadership (though the Castro regime would be loath to admit it), as well as four decades of U.S. trade sanctions against Cuba. Also, the influx of U.S. dollars from Cuban exiles in Miami—many of whom worked in Miami hotels and tourism-related industries and who have lost their jobs in the U.S. economic recession—has slowed.

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Already, over the last decade, EU-Latin American trade has *doubled*—making Latin America the EU’s second-largest trading partner. EU exports totaled \$51 billion, while its imports from Latin America amounted to nearly \$46 billion (AP Worldstream, May 14). And the Cuban government is hungry for a larger slice of the economic pie.

For a number of years, firms from EU nations—notably Germany, France, Italy and Spain—have been actively investing in Cuba. According to *The Week in Germany* of May 14, 1999, “German makers of machine tools and factory equipment, chemical and pharmaceuticals, and environmental technology SEE CONSIDERABLE POTENTIAL IN CUBA” (emphasis mine throughout).

In March of this year, the EU Foreign Ministry reaffirmed its position on Cuba, in effect since 1996, which states the EU will tie its cooperation with Havana to reforms within the Castro regime.

In May, 33 leaders from Latin America and the Caribbean, including President Castro, met at a summit in Madrid with EU counterparts to discuss more aid, free trade agreements and closer political and security ties.

Perhaps the most significant of recent events in Cuba is the fact that the island nation is now the FIRST LATIN AMERICAN NATION WHERE THE EURO IS WIDELY ACCEPTED. On June 1, hotels, restaurants, cigar shops and bars in the top Cuban holiday resort of Varadero began accepting euros in an attempt to attract more European tourists. Toll-booths on the highway linking Havana with Varadero now accept euros also. The Varadero resort generates about a third of Cuba’s estimated \$2 billion in annual tourism income.

Cuban officials estimate more than 55 percent of tourists visiting the island annually come from EU nations. Cuba, long famous for its beaches and laid-back island atmosphere, is of great interest to the European travel industry. The Cuban government announced that it would begin accepting the euro as an experiment that could be extended to other resorts nationwide by next year. Since 1993, following the collapse of the Soviet Union, Cuba had been using the U.S. dollar almost exclusively as its second staple currency to buy imports and meet other international obligations.

As Communist Cuba struggles to stay afloat economically, the EU is becoming an increasingly attractive alternative to linkage with Cuba’s former mentor, Russia.

### Religious Ties

Amid the economic instability in Latin America, the revival of religion in Cuba is bringing that country a sem-

blance of social stability, thus creating the climate for an upsurge in trade with global markets. Sensing the need to find a replacement for his Soviet benefactor, in the early 1990s Castro began easing formal restrictions on religious worship, and courting the Vatican, with the intent of gaining favor with EU investors.

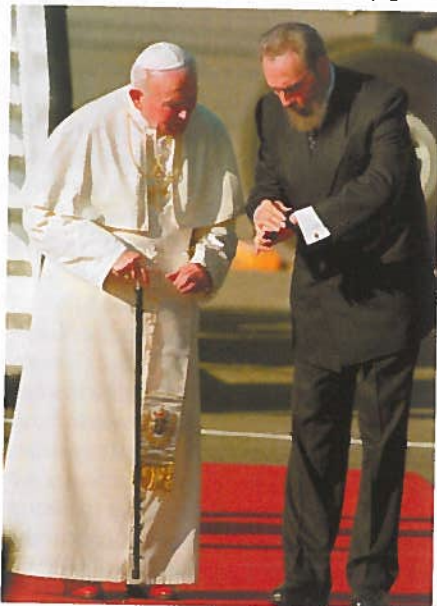
In 1992, the Cuban government declared itself to be secular. Officially atheist since 1962, Cubans have since began a religious revival. Castro visited

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the pope at the Vatican in November 1996. As a gesture of goodwill to the Vatican, Castro reintroduced the Christmas holiday on December 25, 1997. Roman Catholic parishes in Havana were packed with worshippers on that day. Church bells rang out in celebration all over Cuba.

When Pope John Paul II visited Cuba in 1998, many Cubans saw it as the beginning of a new era, with greater prominence for the Roman Catholic Church and new economic, political and social reforms. The pope himself compared the trip to his 1979 visit to Poland, which helped spark the Solidarity movement that brought down communism in that Eastern European country.

One Cuban religious leader, Victor Estrada, said the pope’s visit helped increase religious tolerance. “Before the pope’s visit, there were many peo-



**TIMELY VISIT** Castro greets the pope upon his arrival into Cuba in 1998.

ple in the Communist Party who refused to recognize the role of religion in Cuba,” he said. “They sort of woke up a little after the pope’s visit and recognized that RELIGION IS A BIG PART OF CUBAN CULTURE” (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, Jan. 27).

Just weeks before the pope’s arrival, officials began allowing public religious processions.

More than 300 mission houses (informal churches) have appeared across

the country since the pope’s landmark visit, according to Catholic Church figures. A month before the visit, there were 560 mission houses—now, 4½ years later, there are about 870.

In addition to the increase in churchgoers, there has been an increased tolerance for Catholic publications by the same government that is known for its strict censorship. Just before the papal visit, a number of Catholic newspapers emerged from underground and are now widely circulated in the religious community. The church has also lobbied for a radio station.

Referring to the pope’s visit, the *Trumpet* wrote in a February 1998 article, “Thus the first link in the chain that will inevitably bind Havana to Rome and thence to the European Union is forged. The way is open for the key diplomat of the EU, Pope John Paul II himself, to influence the powerful EU to invest in Cuba, resurrect its economy, and give to the Union major influence in the most strategic location that it could ever hope for, just a short haul from the straits of Florida, a proverbial stone’s throw from the North American mainland.”

### Watch Cuba!

As Castro’s star fades, watch for continuing initiatives from Vatican City to consolidate the church’s power in Cuba through winning the loyalty of its Cuban parishioners back to their Catholic religious roots. The *Trumpet*’s predictions from over four years ago are all the more ripe for fulfillment today. Europe is homing in on its prey. Watch as it secures its place in Cuba, binding the island nation to the coming European superpower—the unseen enemy on the United States’ doorstep! ♦



REUTERS (2)

**FENCING** Working at the new fence line near Jenin, in the West Bank.

More than 200 Israelis have been killed in about 70 suicide bombings in the past 21 months. The simple logic behind the fence is to protect Israeli citizens by preventing Palestinian terrorist bombers from entering Israeli populations.

◆ ISRAEL

## Fences and neighbors

The old saying, “Good fences make good neighbors,” is about to be put to the ultimate test between Israelis and Arabs. In June, Israel began construction of a security fence intended to divide the majority of the Israeli population from the majority of the Palestinian population.

The first part of the fence, which is to eventually stretch 345 kilometers, is being erected along the north-south border of the Palestinian-controlled West Bank. The plan is for the completed fence to run roughly parallel to Israel’s old “Green Line”—the border marking the area that Israel won in its 1948 War of Independence. The fence, which will cost approximately \$1 million per kilometer to build, will actually take various forms, including ditches, razor wire, concrete barricades and electric fences monitored with cameras and sensors, as well as existing defensive walls.

The idea of constructing a fence to separate Arabs and Israelis is not a new one, although it has become popular in the past 20 months of bloody terror and retaliation since the beginning of the latest Palestinian *intifada*.

While opinion polls show that at least 80 percent of Israelis favor the idea, the fence is angrily opposed by conservative Israelis who fear that it will result in the West Bank being designated as the beginning of an independent Palestinian state.

It is also opposed by the Palestinians (Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has denounced the building project as a “sinful” act of “racism” and “apartheid”), and by the approximately 200,000 Israeli settlers who live within territory that was designated Palestinian-controlled as a result of the Oslo accord.

Do fences between peoples work? There is evidence that, to some extent at least, they do. The fortified fence separating the Palestinians of the Gaza Strip from Israel has been successful, according to those pushing for a similar West Bank fence. They point out that none of the suicide bombers claiming Israeli lives since late September 2000 have originated in Gaza.

Constructing a massive physical barrier is a radical measure taken after months of efforts at diplomacy have proved utterly fruitless. Will this be a lasting solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict? Perhaps it will provide some relief from violence. But, as journalist Jeff Hoffman writes, “Let there be no illusions—the visceral hatred and learned prejudice is so deep, that it may take a

generation to pass [after the fence is built] before Israelis and Palestinians can begin to treat each other with dignity and respect” ([www.israelinsider.com](http://www.israelinsider.com), April 23).

Unfortunately, a fence cannot solve this basic problem of *hatred*. That would take a complete change of mind, heart and nature on behalf of Israel’s enemies and removal of the spirit which inspires the hatred.

Israel will ultimately have to look to their God for that real and permanent solution to be enacted.

◆ PAKISTAN

## Gwadar port underway

Development of the Pakistani port of Gwadar, located at the entrance to the Persian Gulf, commenced with the official groundbreaking ceremony on March 22.

In his address to dignitaries assembled from China and Pakistan, General Pervez Musharraf, Pakistan’s president, declared that history was being made in the relationship between Pakistan and China, its principle partner in the project.

China is contributing heavily in both capital investment and provision of the technology to this \$1.16 billion mega-project.

Although both Pakistan and China have sought to play down the strategic nature of this project, many see it as offering not only the prospect of easing China’s trade access to the Middle East, Central Asia and Europe via the Straits of Hormuz, but also giving it a key strategic outlet for its navy.

The *Washington Times* reported a secret understanding reached between Pakistan and China to permit Chinese naval vessels to dock at Gwadar.

This huge development includes a deep-sea port with land connections to Karachi in the east and Turkmenistan’s capital, Ashgabat, in the northwest. Gwadar, on Pakistan’s Makran coast, is ideally sited as a principal deep-water port facilitating the shipping of general merchandise from Asia to the Middle East and Europe. In addition, it is ideally sited to service the lucrative trade in crude oil and petroleum products that flow south from the world’s chief suppliers of black gold in the Middle East. It offers the most suitable location as a terminus for the pipelines which will carry oil from Iran in the future projected development of an Iran-Pakistani refinery.

Richard Fisher of the Jamestown Foundation observes that the commercial



**SECURING TIES** Musharraf speaks at the groundbreaking.

deal on which the Chinese-Pakistan project for the port of Gwadar development is based “can easily set the stage for military cooperation in the future” (*DAWN*, May 31).

China and Pakistan being tied together in this massive development presents a problem to India as well as a fillip to Pakistan. As Stratfor Systems points out, Pakistan “is looking towards naval co-



operation with India's eastern neighbors to gain something that it has not had since East Pakistan became Bangladesh—the ability to flank India” (May 2, 2001).

Pakistan, in partnership with China, is set to be a key player in the future of the Persian Gulf. As President Musharraf observed during his address at the groundbreaking ceremony, “There is no doubt that Gwadar port, when operational, will play the role of a regional hub for trade and commercial activity.”

Watch for the Chinese to piggyback military cooperation onto this important strategic venture when the time is right.

## ◆ FINANCE

### Capital flight

In June the U.S. dollar reached a 17-month low, sparking fears of a flight of capital from America. Speculation became rife that investors will begin to shun United States financial assets.

The dollar's loss could become the euro's gain as the new currency's value continues to appreciate in the wake of the greenback's decline. There is a real prospect of a new phenomenon rising in the marketplace as pundits predict that the euro will find par with the dollar by the end of the third financial quarter this year. Should the euro edge in front of the dollar, the risk of capital flight from the dollar to euro-backed investments could turn the global market on its head by the new year.

For the past decade, economists and financial analysts have warned that the global economy is flying in uncharted territory. For the first

time in post-war history, not only are we faced with the reality of a change in the geopolitical balance of power, but the world also faces a great change in the balance of global economic and financial power.

The U.S. can ill afford a cash drought under prevailing conditions, as it needs more cash than any other major economy to offset its monolithic current account deficit. This deficit represents the money the U.S. must borrow overseas to pay for the goods and services that Americans import as well as to finance investment that is not covered by U.S. savings.

The current account shortfall reported by the U.S. in June was a whopping \$107.5 billion. Despite this gloomy picture, Americans continue to borrow to pay the interest on their outstanding credit bills—a sure recipe for impending disaster. The piper will, eventually, have to be paid!

## ◆ RUSSIA

### Kaliningrad tug-of-war

Russia and the European Union maintain a tenuous friendship, but history has made them skeptical of one another.

Russia's looming size, along with its massive natural resources—particularly oil, natural gas and nuclear capability—makes it a giant that the European Union hopes will stay friendly. The EU—continually increasing in economic and political weight and momentum, and about to erupt in size as it looks to absorb up to 10 new member nations in 2004—is also an impressive neighbor that would be intimidating if upset.

Russian-EU relations have developed steadily in the past year. The EU is the largest provider of economic and technical assistance to Russia, and has its sights set on Russian oil and natural gas; the EU is also Russia's largest trade partner.

But there is one thorn embedded in the Russian-EU relationship that has to this point proved intractable—the Russian enclave of Kaliningrad.

Sandwiched between aspiring EU members Poland and Lithuania, bordering the Baltic Sea and not at all physically attached to the rest of Russia, Kaliningrad is a vulnerable and contentious piece of real estate as the EU looks to enlarge its borders in shortly over a year's time.

At first glance, it may not seem like much to fight for. After World War II, the region of Kaliningrad was a closed military base for the Soviet Union. Since the collapse of the USSR, the Russian government reduced economic support to the region, and Kaliningrad has become increasingly underdeveloped economically and socially. The 1 million-strong population is rife with drug dealing, money laundering and organized crime, not to mention the highest rate of HIV infection in Europe. But Kaliningrad's history and the political leverage it provides give it greater significance.

Kaliningraders presently enjoy easy travel to and from the Russian mainland with few restrictions. But under the EU Schengen agreement, they will be required to obtain visas to travel by ground to Poland and Lithuania—and through these countries

to reach Russia—once those countries join the EU. Afraid that the tiny enclave will be cut off and isolated from the rest of the country, Russia has strongly opposed the intended travel restrictions and has proposed a visa-free corridor running from Kaliningrad to the Russian mainland instead.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has lobbied European leaders hard on this issue, so far to no avail. Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Kasyanov has said, “Kaliningrad should become a bridge to Europe, not a dead-end” ([www.EUbusiness.com](http://www.EUbusiness.com), March 6), and called for neighboring countries to help Kaliningrad's economic development.

The EU, to this point, has not been willing to bend the Schengen rules, which regulate border controls. Tense over the currently hot topic



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of illegal immigration, which is featuring in several of this year's European elections, the EU is torn between its domestic concerns (and eastward expansion) and maintaining friendly relations with its massive eastern neighbor.

Will the thorny issue of Kaliningrad serve to draw the EU and Russia closer together or drive them further apart? Watch upcoming EU-Russia relations to find out who will win this tug-of-war.

# MODERN SLAVERY

BY STEPHEN M. HILL

**S**TARTLING, HORRIFYING, new facts have been revealed: Trafficking in humans is once again a very real problem all over the world, including the United States!

Is that difficult to believe? Haven't civil rights leaders built upon the Abolition of Slavery Act to liberate the free world from the festering moral scab of trading in human beings?

Lamentably, the problem has slipped into reverse gear and is back again in a serious way worldwide! The facts are shocking, but undeniable.

The modern slave trade, today called *human trafficking*, includes those children and young adults involved in *forced sexual exploitation*, as well as those *enslaved as laborers* in virtually non-paying, often illegal, enterprises.

According to statistics recently revealed by Interpol (International Criminal Police Organization), *profits from the slave trade top \$19 billion annually*. The United Nations puts the number of persons trafficked worldwide at 4 million annually.

Laura Lederer of Protection Project, a program affiliated with John Hopkins University, says the number of women and children trafficked for sexual exploitation in the past decade already is on a par with estimates of the number of Africans who were enslaved for sale in the United States during the 16th and 17th centuries. "The minimum number of African slaves transported here was between 5 million and 6 million," she says. "There is no doubt that world trafficking [in sex slaves] now is around that number" (*Insight on the News*, Nov. 27, 2000).

On June 5, U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell presented the Department of State's Second Annual Trafficking in



**EXPLOITED** Workers sew in a windowless sweatshop in Cambodia.

Persons Report. While introducing the report, Powell said, "Trafficking leaves no land untouched, including our own. Approximately 50,000 people are trafficked into the United States every year. Here and abroad, the victims of trafficking toil under inhuman conditions—in brothels, sweatshops, fields and even in private homes."

It is quite plausible that the real unseen tide of human trafficking may be somewhat larger even than official estimates. The international pressure group Free the Slaves, the North American sister organization of Anti-Slavery International, asserts that there are 27 MILLION people in the grip of the slave trade in the world today. Twenty-seven million is only slightly less than the population of Canada!

While the April 2002 issue of *Scientific American* points out the impossibility of gauging this murky, nightmarish underworld with an exact estimate, an article by Kevin Bales titled "Modern Slavery" maps out known human-trafficking activity in most countries of the

world (see map, next page). Sadly, widespread evidence is now mounting everywhere to prove that, in the last 10 to 15 years, human trafficking has turned into an organized international criminal enterprise, corrupting whole countries and yielding billions in annual profits to its seedy masters.

Society can no longer turn a blind eye: According to the UN, human trafficking is on a sharp rise worldwide!

The UN calculates that, in the past 30 years, 30 million women and children are believed to have become

human trafficking victims in Asia alone (*Japan Policy and Politics*, Jan. 24, 2000).

"Human trafficking is the third-highest illegal-income source in America today behind drug- and gunrunning," notes Kansas Republican Sen. Sam Brownback. "The dark side of human trafficking is that, unlike drugs, [sexually enslaved] human beings can be resold and reused, thus making them a more profitable commodity" (*Insight on the News*, op. cit.).

## The Land of the Free

Up until the last decade, human trafficking was thought to be a problem mainly in Southeast Asia—certainly not in "the land of the free." But Minnesota Democratic Sen. Paul Wellstone and many others have since set the record straight.

"Trafficking in human beings is not just some problem over there—it's a problem over here," said Wellstone, who, like Senator Brownback, is a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. "This gross human rights abuse—and we must acknowl-

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In the 1850s, slaves were worth about \$50,000 in today's money. Today a slave can be bought for \$15.

edge trafficking in persons as the horrific abuse that it is—is a worldwide problem that must be confronted here in our country even as we continue to fight it on the international front” (*Christian Century*, April 19, 2000).

Evidence is piling up in the U.S. against men like Rogelio Cadena of Florida. A jail term of 15 years was given to Cadena in April 1999 for smuggling mainly impoverished women as young as 14 from Mexico to work as prostitutes, on the false promise of being placed in good jobs as nannies or housekeepers. In another case, “[F]ederal agents captured two Koreans identified as smugglers plus a group of Korean aliens, including five women ages 20 to 30 ... destined to work as sex slaves in New York or Chicago” (*Insight on the News*, Aug. 2, 1999). The Global Survival Network, a non-profit organization based in Washington, “exposed the operations of the Russian Mafia and smaller smuggling cartels that traffic in women from former Soviet republics” (*ibid.*).

The problem has become alarming in Europe as well. In early June this year, 10 gangster rings facilitating human trafficking were uncovered in Europe.

Over the last few years, the European Union and the U.S. government have made efforts to introduce legislation aimed at curbing the boom in human trafficking. Yet according to Senator Brownback, who has been responsible for instigating a great part of this new legislation in the U.S., “The biggest problem we face is to convince people that this is actually taking place.” He comments, “*International sex trafficking is the new slavery.* ... It includes the classic and awful elements associated with historic slavery, such as abduction from family and home, use of false promises, transport to a strange country, loss of freedom and personal dignity, extreme abuse and deprivation” (*Insight on the News*, Aug. 13, 2001).

“The issue of ‘sex trafficking’ is one of the most horrific human-rights issues of our time,” states Sweden’s Ambassador Anita Gradin, former EU commissioner. She describes the phenomenon as a real “slave trade” going on in Europe and elsewhere in the world.

Today, temptation to traffic humans is heightened for gangsters and pimps—given the vulnerability of the very poor in areas experiencing population booms and particularly because of the fact that modern transport and communications make a quick turnover possible.

Coincidentally, it has never been cheaper to own a slave. In the 1850s, slaves were a valuable commodity, worth, on average, about \$50,000 per head in today’s money. So masters used to look after slaves through infancy to old age, although they made relatively small profit margins on that investment (about 5 percent annually). But today, slaves in some areas can be purchased

it. Slave-produced cocoa, for example, goes into the chocolate we buy. Rugs made by slave children in India, Pakistan and Nepal are mainly exported to Europe and the U.S.” (*New Internationalist*, August 2001).

Clearly, the market value of global slavery is immense!

### Sweatshops

The sordid significance behind the word *sweatshop* was brought into sharp relief for many television viewers with the 1993 fire at the Bangkok Kader Toy Co. in Thailand, when 188 people died—mostly female, some as young as 13 and others pregnant—because managers had blocked the exits to keep them in! Many, in desperation, jumped to their death from third- and fourth-story windows.

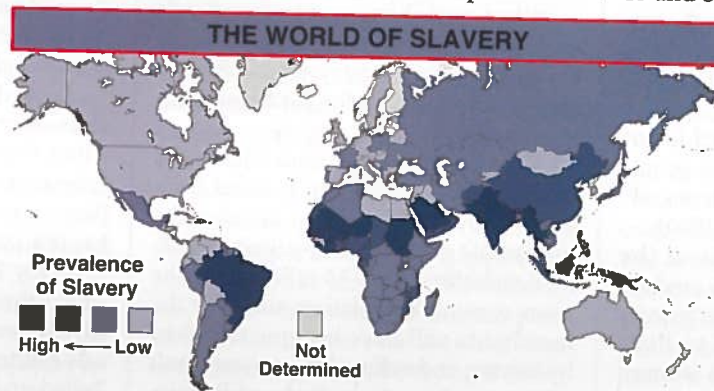
Numerous sweatshops have been uncovered in many parts of the world, including the U.S. The *Los Angeles Business Journal* of May 21, 2001, cites the Los Angeles garment industry as being a particular offender, with widespread conditions of unpaid overtime, low wages and unsafe working environments.

Some of the individuals sold into sweatshops are lucky to earn pennies. Many, after working inhuman hours, are given nothing but the sustenance they need to be kept alive. Margo McCall, a newspaper editor in Denver, Colo., made these penetrating comments in her article, “Is it World Trade or Slave Trade?”—“Global capitalism is powerful and all-encompassing. The other day I checked the tags on my clothes. My skirt was made in India, my T-shirt in Mexico and one of my undergarments in Macau. I drink coffee from Colombia with sugar from who knows where. I’m typing on a computer probably manufactured offshore by women who earn pennies an hour.”

As consumers in developed countries, we benefit from all sorts of special offers and bargain prices. But what makes them so cheap to produce? If we knew all the ins and outs, we would find some of the answers deeply disturbing.

### Sex Slaves

Yet, *most* modern slaves are not sweatshop victims. They are victims of



SOURCE: SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN

for as little as \$15, sold and re-sold, then discarded like useless rags when they are no longer profitable.

What a transparent contradiction, that in an age of record salaries and a booming economy, many human lives have never been less valuable!

Today, given the high consumer demand for cheap goods, coupled with the all-consuming demand of an ever more perverse society for pornography and sexual tourism, human trafficking has fast been transformed into a multi-billion dollar money spinner on a par with arms dealing and the drug trade!

Kevin Bales wrote, “Slaves tend to be used in simple, non-technological and traditional work. Most work in agriculture. But they are also found in brick-making, mining and quarrying, textiles, leather-working, prostitution, gem-working and jewelry-making, cloth and carpet-making. Or they may work as domestic servants, clear forests, make charcoal or work in shops. ...

“Studies have documented the slave origins of several international products such as carpets, sugar and jewelry. We may be using slave-made goods or investing in slavery without knowing

the *sex industry*. They are targets of Sodom and Gomorrah societies' insatiable lust for pornography and promiscuous sex.

Generally, the victims of this type of racket are shamelessly deceived, lured by promises of legitimate work, or they are coerced. They are then stripped of the last vestiges of dignity and often raped and brutalized.

This is how journalist Catherine Edwards describes the typical scenario: "Smuggled into brothels in the United States with fake visas or hidden in packing cases, they often have been kidnapped, bought or lured by false employment opportunities. Beaten and raped, some do not survive even the initial brutality. Removed from even the hope of protection by family and friends, locked in airless, dark rooms, starved and beaten, they often are forced to engage in unspeakable sex acts with people whose language they don't understand" (*Insight on the News*, Nov. 27, 2000).

"Once in the United States, the women are trapped—they are undocumented aliens and, as the pimps warn, they could be arrested and imprisoned, a potent threat for women born in countries where prisons truly are inhumane. Beyond that, women are told their families will be harmed if they try to flee. And women from some communities cannot return home because their communities will not accept a raped woman. It's common in many countries for the women to be considered guilty for the crimes committed against them. Their lives are ruined" (*ibid.*, Aug. 2, 1999).

The *Civil Rights Journal* (Fall 2000) claims the FBI is even investigating cases of women being sold as sex slaves via Internet auctions!

There can be no doubt: *Slavery is once again an American rights issue!*

### Appalling Beyond Words

Ernie Allen, president of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, reveals that *children* are increasingly being used for sexual activity and trafficking because of the fear of HIV/AIDS. "[W]e have seen kids exploited and in the stream of child trafficking as young as 3 and 4 years old. This is not just a by-product of pedophilia ....

Part of this is that because of the AIDS epidemic there is a demand for younger and younger kids because of the thought that they would be less likely to be HIV-positive" (*Insight on the News*, Nov. 27, 2000). Allen compares the enormity of the sex-trafficking industry to the Holocaust, with the exception that the problem is **WORLDWIDE**.

Women and children shipped in from abroad, however, are not the only ones put at risk by this evil world of vice. "An estimated 400,000 children are victims of prostitution and other forms of commercial sex in the United States. The vast majority of them are Americans" (*Economist*, June 1).

What a nightmare for hundreds and thousands of innocent children, in the cradle of a country whose forefathers once stood up for God and Constitution!

The Bible says there is no limit to the extent of evil in a man's mind (Jer. 17:9). How mankind can devalue the human life given to us by a loving God!

Revelation 18:11-13 talks about the soon-coming Tribulation and how the merchants will have become enriched by buying and selling "*slaves, and souls of men.*" When the nations of Britain, the United States and other English-speaking countries are captured in the prophesied soon-coming Great Tribulation (Matt. 24:21), there will suddenly be a flood of human beings *on the market*. The price and the value of human beings will drop radically.

Today's burgeoning slave trade is but a grisly foreshadowing of this almost unbelievable prophesied future—a reminder of the depths to which humanity, in rebellion against its loving Creator, can go in pursuing what is right in its own eyes.

Thank God that this present scenario is but a forerunner to the imposition of the perfect system of justice, of economy and of society that will be imposed on mankind at the soon-coming return of Jesus Christ to this Earth. "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this" (Isa. 9:7). ♦

### KID HOOKERS

In the U.S., approx. **400,000 children** are victims of prostitution and other forms of commercial sex.

## ♦ ISRAEL

# The Battle for World Opinion

BY JASON HENSLEY

**J**ENIN, A SMALL TOWN SURROUNDED by the hills of the West Bank near the Jordan River, has been the topic of much debate over the last couple of months. In April, Israeli soldiers mounted an eight-day assault on the town, which government sources claimed was a hotbed of terrorist activity. Both Palestinians and Israeli troops were killed in the resultant skirmish.

According to Peter Hansen, commissioner general of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees, what occurred there was a "human catastrophe that has few parallels in human history."

Many European news organizations called the fighting in Jenin a *massacre*. Mr. Hansen recalled scenes of "wholesale obliteration," and bodies that were "piled up in mass graves." International media reports numbered Palestinian fatalities in the hundreds, even thousands.

These statements were later found to be false. The Palestinian Authority's final official death count was 55.

In reality, the situation was reminiscent of the false claims emanating from European sources concerning "mass graves" in Kosovo during the Balkan conflict (see "Where are Kosovo's Killing Fields?" in our Nov. 1999 issue.)

The *Washington Times* reported the reality of events in Jenin: "The destruction, pictured graphically on television, appeared linked to Israeli bulldozing of the houses from which the remnant of the resistance forces were firing. In fact, it covers the size of a large football field and constitutes only about 10 percent of the housing in the camp, and a far smaller proportion of the housing in the city, which was largely left untouched by the Israeli incursion" (May 1).

The truth of the matter is that Jenin was a well-known terrorist training center for Palestinian extremists. Fifty years ago, Jenin was established as a refugee camp, but it has grown to have many shops, two- and three-story buildings, and approximately 14,000 inhabitants.

The terrorists set up shop there in an effort to blend in and hide their militaristic operations.

Jenin is but one example of a battle that has been fought both on the ground and through the news-media. In the broader perspective, the conflict in Israel and the West Bank is vitally significant. It is most likely responsible for stalling the U.S. from waging another war with Iraq. It has swayed public opinion in an unprecedented way so that, increasingly, many view Israelis as the perpetrators of *war crimes*. Even the pope has gotten involved by seeking to protect the “holy places” in Jerusalem.

The battle for world opinion—including being able to capitalize on the power of the press—has become as important as the actual combat.

#### Anti-Israel Bias

When the “Jenin massacre” occurred, most of the American press waited rather than publishing unconfirmed reports—claims of upward of 500 civilians and soldiers being butchered, with over 300 piled into a mass grave. At the time, the U.S. press was ridiculed by its European and Arabic counterparts for this perceived neglect.

Days later, it was determined that the claims of a massacre were false, and many of the accounts were verified to be wildly exaggerated. Controversy began between the American and European press that highlighted rising anti-Israel sentiments in Europe.

*United Press International* reported on May 22 of the result within Europe of the published speculation and disinformation: While “these reports ran, they were quickly followed by attacks—largely, it appears, from young immigrant Muslim gangs—on easily identifiable Orthodox Jews in both Britain and France.”

On May 30, the *Daily Telegraph* ran a story about Jews suffering from a surge of hatred in the streets of Belgium. It described a father and his son who were brutally beaten on the street because they were identifiable as Jews, and whose 10-year-old daughter was attacked and humiliated just a few days later. The author pointed out that anti-Semitic incidents are now so common that they are rarely reported in the local papers. Just since September 11, over 2,000 anti-Semitic inci-



**MASSACRE?** Jenin after Israel's strike.

dents have been reported in Europe, with an average of 18 a day.

Unfortunately, as is often the case in warfare, much propaganda has been disseminated throughout this conflict, both unintentional and not. The volatility of the region, along with the fact that so many nations and religions have a strategic interest in any outcome, places increased burden on the press to be as unbiased as possible.

The European press for the most part has reported on what happened in Jenin—and the entire Israeli-Palestinian crisis—from the Palestinian point of view. Some have even depicted Israel as committing the same types of atrocities that the Jews were subjected to during World War II. This one-sided coverage has encouraged anti-Semitic acts and the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe.

However, this is not the image the EU administration wishes to portray to the world.

#### Capitalizing on the Crisis

To play down the anti-Semitism charges, Germany has moved to visibly play the role of the moderate peacemaker. Over the past few years, EU Middle East Envoy Miguel Moratinos, Foreign Policy Chief Javier Solana and Germany's Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer have shuttled back and forth to raise the EU profile, in competition with the U.S., as prime peacemaker in the Middle East.

The plan has worked. So much so that on May 29 Mr. Fischer was awarded an honorary doctorate from Haifa University in northern Israel for his fight “against racism and anti-Semitism.”

Shortly thereafter, German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder publicly criticized the deputy leader of the Free Democrats for anti-Israeli comments. He also told reporters in Berlin that anti-Jewish sentiment “must be stopped be-

cause it damages Germany in an international context” (*DAWN*, June 4). It is Germany's public image that its leaders are concerned about, more than the prospect of racial hatred within its borders.

EU leadership strongly desires to control the destiny of the Middle East. Germany, the EU's most powerful voice, is seizing the opportunity to pose the solution to yet another crisis—ironically, this time, that of anti-Semitism.

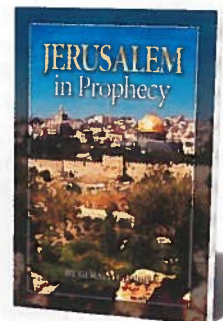
Will the strong public stance declared by Germany's current leadership against anti-Semitism work? Indeed, are these leaders really serious, or is this just the current spin of political convenience?

Consider that Schröder and Fischer both face the ballot boxes in September and do not want to disenfranchise the Jewish vote at this stage. Though the size of the Jewish vote is not significant, what is important, as reported by the World Jewish Congress following the previous German national elections, in 1998, is that “All German politicians are well aware that Germany's relations with its Jewish community has reverberations *far beyond the borders of Germany*, especially in the United States” (*Policy Dispatch*, No. 33; emphasis mine).

Time will show that the conflict between the Israelis and the Palestinians will only intensify. Anti-Zionism is set to escalate, not diminish, in Europe. The result will be vastly more horrific than the Holocaust!

Although there will come a time of perceived peace in Jerusalem as a result of European intervention, it will only be temporary and is destined to result in unimaginable suffering. It will ultimately serve as the prime igniter of World War III. However, this will lead to the best news humanity could hope for: the return of Jesus Christ. ♦

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# What Was Missing at the Jubilee?

Alongside the regal accouterments of Queen Elizabeth's Golden Jubilee celebration was a vivid demonstration of the new, degraded Britain.

BY RON FRASER

IT WAS CERTAINLY AN OCCASION TO celebrate. Britain's long-reigning, and, during the past decade in particular, *longsuffering* sovereign was wined, dined, entertained and praised in one of the greatest celebrations the city of London had ever witnessed. The occasion was the Golden Jubilee weekend, extending to three days of robust outpouring of joyous emotion and celebration in recognition of Queen Elizabeth's 50 years on the throne as ruling monarch of Britain and its Commonwealth of Nations.

Yet, as the long weekend's celebrations unfolded, it became apparent that what was being exhibited to the world was not just a depiction of Britain's past fame and glory. It was also a witness to that nation's increasing loss of pride in its true heritage and a sad exhibition of that which has replaced it.

To those in this history-ignorant society who study, understand and remember the glory that was once Britain's, the moving crescendo of Handel's "Zadok the Priest" sung by the great choir at the open-air Prom at the Palace pointed to the heart and core of what this jubilee was all about. Yet few would have been aware of this, nor of the sacred meaning behind the royal office currently held by Queen Elizabeth II (see "Personal," p. 1). Britons have largely *lost* their *memory* as to *why* they celebrate with such gusto on such anniversaries!

The formality of the church service at majestic St. Paul's Cathedral, a service of thanksgiving for the Queen's reign, and the jubilee celebrations which followed the next day at Windsor and Slough, all were organized with impeccable timing and typical British enterprise. The pageantry, pomp and circumstance

which the British do better than any other people gave witness to the fact that there is something *special*—not understood by most—about the *continuity* of this royal line.

Surely this was a *right royal* occasion! The richness of the colors associated with royalty—the lavish gold of the royal coach, the rich and sumptuous purples, red, white and blue—the impeccably groomed Windsor grays drawing the coach, the fitting garb of the footmen and postilions, the blast of fanfares on trumpets, the order and aplomb of the many officers and agents of the Crown who addressed their duties with that smooth, even suave approach of the English gentleman of a bygone age. This sent vibrations running through the millions watching around the world as the weekend's activities were beamed to the farthest-flung old colonial outposts of what was once Britain's mighty empire.

But all this revelry over that which once was—a Great Britain with great statesmen, great inventors, great warriors, a grand navy and heroes of legend—this was suddenly smashed as the wailing chords of an electric guitar screamed out from the rooftop of Buckingham Palace to announce the start of what was billed as the Golden Jubilee Pop Concert.

What followed was a sad depiction of today's dumbing down from true culture to sub-culture: a drooling, slack-jawed fixation on the most banal, cretinous, warped and perverse forms of "entertainment" ever foisted off onto a generation since Sodom and the circus of Rome. Surely no greater bevy of transvestites, homosexuals, lesbians and assorted mixtures in between had ever



**GOLDEN JUBILEE** The Queen in her golden coach

been drawn together from their drug-soaked pads to one single stage.

What a paradox!

Here were assembled 47 blue-blooded royals of aristocratic, regal

heritage to witness the cavorting, screaming, self-indulgent shenanigans of a collection of perverse "entertainers." The effect to the sound-minded was *jarring!* Here were those whose singular talent seemed to be expressing the sheer *lack* of taste, talent or true finesse, refinement and elegance, and casting this in the face of any who were caught up in the reverie of the memory of how it once was when Great Britain had a real *pride* in its past!

Here was a sad demonstration of Britain's *shame!* The *shame* of a *broken* pride in its past power!

Perhaps the jarring cacophony that boomed deafeningly from the giant loudspeakers prompted a memory in at least some of those who had lived to know Britain's past glory days, who felt that something of Britain's traditional manner of celebrating such grand events was missing. Where were the

great regimental *bands*? Where was the expression of military *power* and *might* that once made British chests swell with pride as the sound of brass and the skirl of the pipes heralded the crunch of marching feet, and row upon row of well-drilled troops marched in honor of a king or queen who bathed in the thrilling exhibition? It simply was not there!

It was not so much that the present prime minister had a policy of dismantling the famous old regiments of Britain's glorious past; not so much that he'd closed down numerous wonderful displays of regalia and mementos of battle that had made up many a fine regimental display across Britain. It was the fact that *no one had sufficient pride*

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**INAPPROPRIATE** A transvestite comedian entertains the royals.

# Parents

BY JOEL HILLIKER

“CLARISSA, WOULD YOU please take those dirty glasses into the kitchen?”

“Why? They’re not mine.”

“I don’t care if they’re not yours, Clarissa. You live in this house and I am asking you to take those glasses out into the kitchen.”

“But they’re not mine. I don’t have to do it.”

“Clarissa, you’re asking for it.”

“You’re asking for it.” \*

Ah—parents and their teens. Who else would share such an exchange? In times past, this conversation would have been a rarity (“I never would have talked to my parents the way she talks to me!”); now it is commonplace.

\* Taken from *Get Out of My Life* by Anthony E. Wolf

This kind of mouthiness highlights a monumental shift in teen attitudes toward authority.

Respect is simply gone. And the problems that creates go far beyond dirty glasses. They fill our homes, our schools, our streets.

Voices that say teens have always been such a matter of concern to adults, that today’s teens are no different, are drowned out by common experience. The fact is, today’s teens ARE different. The world they are inheriting is different. Not only do they confront a different set of problems from previous generations, they PRESENT a different set of problems. Look up the statistics on drug use, illegitimate births, teen violence; more and more teens (even the “good” ones) are doing the things only “bad” teens did a generation ago, that *no one* did two or three generations ago. And none of them seem to be immune from the *respect* problem. Though the world is more complicated for them than it was in the past, it is also much more permissive. Add to that changes in teen consumer habits, education, social concerns and technology. Statistics are one thing; just spending time with teens tells you as much: Teenage life today is unique.

There are a lot of reasons why this is the case. In this article we will focus on ONE of them, one that has had more impact on the teen scene than any other. It is the single greatest change teenagehood has ever seen. And it has only developed very recently—never a real factor until our CURRENT generation.

If you are unhappy with teenage behavior today, especially if you are a parent, deeply understanding this cause will put you on the road to SOLVING your problem.

The world has never seen teenagers like today. And the *biggest reason* is that WE’VE NEVER HAD PARENTS LIKE THE PARENTS OF TODAY.

## Half a Family

Let’s take a good look at today’s parents of teens and see just how their

being who they are has made teens who they are.

Consider this. In the U.S., statistically, of 100 children born today, 17 will be born out of wedlock. A full 48 will be born of parents who divorce before the child is 18, and 16 more will be born to parents who separate. Six will be born to parents of whom one will die before the child reaches 18.

That leaves 13 kids out of 100 who will reach age 18 having two parents with their marriage intact. A mind-blowing figure.

So what about those other 87 teens? They spend an average of about five years in a single-parent household. These kids’ concept of family is being *shaped* in an environment once uncommon, one that used to be considered unnatural. Single-parent homes, in the numbers we see today, are a distinctly modern phenomenon.

So what kind of parents do they make? Regardless of other factors, they are alone, solely saddled with the responsibility for being the family’s breadwinner, homemaker, caretaker and disciplinarian. They tread a hard and lonely road. Quality family time is at a premium. Some make a valiant effort to maintain high involvement with their kids; many surrender in the face of the demands, and the teens virtually raise themselves.

Another fact about single parents: Only 10 percent of them are dads. That’s a lot of kids with no adult male influence or example in their homes; and a lot with a mom who may be openly bitter about men.

Weighed down by responsibility, single parents are very needy for companionship. And today, many of them actively pursue their OWN boyfriends or girlfriends in a way much like teens do; they may spend nights on the town or have sleepovers. We can begin to see how such affairs may drastically affect teens’ views of parents, of authority in general, and of how to lead their own lives.

This situation gives rise to another fairly new, now common, circumstance in teen life: stepfamilies. Consider these facts: “Because more than

# Why Teens Rebel

## ◆ FAMILY

75 percent of divorced parents remarry, the majority of youngsters whose parents separate also experience living in a stepfamily at some time. And, because the rate of divorce is higher for second marriages than first marriages, the majority of youth whose parents remarry will experience yet a second divorce. Moreover, because divorces generally occur faster in remarriages, many children must confront a second divorce before they have finished adapting to having a stepparent" (Lawrence Steinberg, *Adolescence*).

What is God's perspective on divorce? Malachi 2:15-16 says, "Take heed to yourselves, and let none prove unfaithful to the wife of his youth, for I detest divorce and cruelty to a wife, the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, declares. Take heed to yourselves, never be faithless" (Moffatt translation).

When you examine the profound effects in the lives of the kids (let alone the parents), you begin to understand why God is so intent against it. Just think about the difference between teens with strong parents with a solid marriage as an example and a stabilizing force in their lives, and teens with a parent who has been wounded by a divorce, has no mate to go to for support, and is working the single scene. Think about kids who have to choose between living with mom or dad, who may regularly hear one complaining about the other. In times past, even in a family where dad was shipped off and killed in war, a teen's attitude toward authority would not be so severely rocked as it would with parents who just "couldn't make it work." America's second president, John Adams, said, "Children learn the meaning of morality, religion and respect for law from the habitual fidelity of their parents to one another." These words have never been more poignant than they are today.

### The Vanishing Homemaker

In 1955, 60 percent of U.S. households had a working father, a stay-at-home mom and two or more school-age kids. A "model family." Most 14-year-olds could expect mom (or their grandmother, or at least their neighbors) to be home during the day. These kids had full-time moms. Obviously there was a lot of parental involvement in their lives.

## FAMILY A Teen Perspective

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That was only 47 years ago. Such families virtually evaporated—within a single generation. By the 1970s, both parents worked in 50 percent of families with school-age children. In 1986, the 1955-family model made up only 7 percent of our homes. Today, three of four moms with school-age kids have left home to join the work force.

Sociologists studying this trend plainly state how this change has affected the lives of today's teens. Many cite it as one of the *most drastic* changes in modern times. But they will not say this is a bad change. In fact, they tend to highlight the *positive* effect on teenage girls of having a working mother. (They do not note a positive effect in teen boys, however; in fact it tends to lower their academic performance.) The criterion they use for defining "positive" effect? That the girls have higher career aspirations!

The real effects on teens, again, go back to parental involvement and monitoring. A family with two working parents, in one way, has the same problem as a single-parent home: The adults are so caught up in *providing* for the family that *caring* for and actually **REARING** the family get neglected!

"The Carnegie Corporation points out that 30 percent of eighth graders are on their own after school, some as long as five hours a day, which gives them much more private, personal space than their postwar predecessors ever enjoyed. Seventy-five percent of sexually active teenagers cite their home (or their boyfriend's home) as their usual meeting place, since the coast is inevitably clear. 'Unsupervised time after school,' the *Washington Post* reported in 1992, 'is the most common occasion for adolescents to have sexual intercourse, often at a boy's house while his parents are at

work'" (Grace Palladino, *Teenagers: An American History*).

When teenagers spend a full day at school packed in with other teenagers, and then spend most of their spare time either alone or in completely unsupervised social situations with other teenagers, there are bound to be problems. Again, God has given us plain instruction that largely goes unheeded: "The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame" (Prov. 29:15). Later we'll go deeper into the instruction contained in that verse.

Parents have traditionally been very present in their children's daily lives. It hasn't been until recently that teens have been, in many cases and for a lot of the time, cut loose. What unhappy results this self-governance has yielded.

Now let's step away from the present for a bit. We will be able to learn a lot more about the parents of today's teens by looking back to when they themselves were teens.

### Where Did Teens Come From?

Did you know that 100 years ago, "TEENAGERS" DID NOT EXIST? The term *teenager* didn't come into common use until about 1940. And there is a reason for that.

Kids worked. In 1900 only 6 percent of 17-year-olds in the U.S. graduated high school. Public education just wasn't a priority. Most youth spent the bulk of their time with family or in the adult world. There was no "youth culture." No movies, MTV or malls.

In the '20s, high schools revamped to attract more students, adapting their traditional, scholarly education to include practical classes like bookkeeping and home economics. It paid off: By 1930, almost half the teen population were high school students, and the trend continued upward. More than ever, teens were ripening in an environment composed almost entirely of their peers. High school was now a full-out teenage social experience.

Savvy businessmen were quick to pick up on this emerging demographic. In the '40s, advertisements aimed directly at the teen market began to appear for household furnishings, hope chests and fashions. The products were wholesome—an extension of, say, home economics in school—preparing youths for adulthood. But money was



clearly bottom-line. The onset of the "teenager" had everything to do with their increase in buying power.

The teen market burgeoned in the wake of America's post-World War II prosperity. Suddenly, even working-class teens had the chance to cast their dollar votes. "Once a mixed group of teenagers were encouraged to speak in their own, distinctive voices, they shifted the market's focus to an uncharted world of teenage passion and excitement in the form of rock 'n' roll, leather jackets, fast cars and drive-in movies" (ibid.).

Hence, the world flipped upside down within a generation. As teen numbers and economic clout swelled, so did an onslaught of rock 'n' roll culture and delinquency. The '50s and '60s saw an unprecedented upsurge in youths' spite for authority and parental control; the war between parents and teens came into full swing (it was in the '60s that the term "generation gap" was coined). Youth culture rocked the entire world: the entertainment industry, the universities, the government. The atmosphere of protest gave rise to gangs, beatniks, rockers and hippies, bent on casting off constraint, high on the heady fumes of hedonism.

Parents who turned in their Bibles to scriptures like Romans 1:30 and II Timothy 3:1-2, which describe disobedience as being a sign of the end of the world, had a pretty good case to make. While these youths spoke out against the mistakes of the previous generation (which had only succeeded in bringing the world to the brink of nuclear annihilation), the only alternative they seemed to offer was a self-destructive one.

But by that time, the economic value of the teen market had silenced all but the most determined critics; it had become the CENTER of commercial attention. And it would continue to be stoked and exploited in the decades that followed.

Now, we are a full generation beyond the development of modern youth culture. The students who protested at colleges around the country were absorbed into the system and are now the professors and administrators. The teens who once declared WAR on parental control are the *parents* of today.

Consider: The average parent of an adolescent in his mid to late teenage years is between 35 and 45 years old,

which means they were born in the '50s or '60s; and that they went to high school roughly between 1971 and 1985. Pretty tumultuous—and influential—years in the history of American youth.

So, what do you do if you've grown up REBELLING against authority, against parents and everything they stood for, and suddenly realize one day that *you're a parent*?

The answer is very telling.

### Parenting Today

"I feel better knowing where my child is, so I decided that his room is his territory, his privacy." That is one mother's explanation, as printed in a *New York Times* feature (April 4, 1991), of why she allows her teenage son to entertain girlfriends in his bedroom—overnight.

Just a generation or two ago, parents were trying to keep their teens from dating the wrong people; now some parents' biggest concern seems to be the comfort of the bed their teens fornicate in! If such a degree of permissiveness seems rare, just think of the movement within school systems to distribute contraceptives to students. The attitude of, "Well, they're going to do it anyway so they ought to do it right," pervades not only modern parenting, but modern education in general.

Perhaps it's too easy to overlook just how very NEW this development is. Where the previous generation's authorities violently resisted letting go of their control over teens, with youth fighting bitterly for every freedom, today's authorities seem to be bending over backward to AVOID CONFRONTATION with youth. Fear of confrontation is NOT a helpful quality in authority figures. It leads to parents with no control. It leads to youth able to have whatever they want by intimidating adults.

This problem was prophesied very specifically. "And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. ... THE CHILD SHALL BEHAVE HIMSELF PROUDLY AGAINST THE ANCIENT, and the base against the honourable. ... As for my people, CHILDREN ARE THEIR OPPRESSORS, and women rule over them. O my people, *they which lead thee cause thee to err*, and destroy the way of thy paths" (Isa. 3:4-5, 12).

Modern books on parenting and education will speak frankly of how

out-of-control most teens are, and will even link the problem directly with laxness in modern child rearing. A typical assessment: "This is the era of 'permissiveness.' As a result, the most effective weapons have been taken out of a parent's arsenal. ... It's inevitable that without these harsher forms of enforcement, children's behavior has changed. This is just human nature. The new teenager does feel freer to do as he or she pleases, especially at home. ... Old-style respect is gone. We have entered a new era in child rearing. Perhaps the old way was both easier and more pleasant, but it is gone" (Anthony E. Wolf, *Get Out of My Life*).

Having pinpointed the problem, these "authorities" ("they which lead thee") will *never* say the solution lies in returning to those methods that once worked. Instead they look for answers in new, progressive forms of parenting, "cooperative discipline" and the like.

These new methods have been around for several decades; what's different now is that they are 100 percent mainstream. A handout given to teachers in an Oklahoman junior high school on "Tips for Anger Management" includes this point: "Acknowledge the student's power—the



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more we *try* to control, the more the student resists. When we GIVE UP CONTROL, the student has nothing to resist. Once their resistance is lowered and the confrontation calmed, we can use a consequence [which may be something like depriving the student of tokens for good behavior which can be cashed in for free candy] to *influence them* to choose a more appropriate behavior” (C.A.F. Associates, *Anger Management: Developing Options to Anger*).

Do these types of strategies work? Are they easing teen problems? Are they stabilizing out-of-balance lives? Are they producing peaceful, character-driven adults? Not at all! The only “good” that comes from these parenting “options”—if we would just be honest about it—is that they demonstrate beyond doubt just how MIXED UP things get when our understanding of and respect for AUTHORITY is ambiguous and topsy-turvy.

Grasp this point! We have set up a grand experiment to see what will happen if we take a bunch of kids who “know better than their parents” and shuck off every restraint imposed upon them—and give them their parents’ jobs. Now we are seeing these parents with their hands tied! They can SEE that their “solutions” are not working. But because of their past they don’t feel they have any right to say anything; they don’t want to be “parental,” for fear of feeling hypocritical. They have never been taught the way an active, loving, authoritative parent should act. And they are too absorbed in their own selves (just as they were taught to be by the youth culture they embraced) to do anything significant about it!

Truly, the PARENTS of today’s teenagers are totally *unique* in history!

#### A Parent’s Responsibility

What’s wrong with these methods of modern parenting we’ve been discussing? The fact that they completely deny the way of TRUTH God explains to us in Scripture!

Remember the proverb we read earlier. It talked about the importance of “rod and reproof” in raising a child who will not bring shame to his parents. God says that a proper level of control must be maintained over children. This verse is talking about DISCIPLINE—corporal punishment—and INSTRUCTION. God COMMANDS that par-

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Deuteronomy 6:6-7

ents use both!

Proverbs 13:24 says that parents who fail to physically discipline their children actually HATE them. That their concern for themselves exceeds their concern for the long-term well-being of their children. That may rankle modern parents. But remember, it is GOD—the Creator of heaven and earth, of mankind—who gave this instruction. Rather than dismissing it offhand, shouldn’t we try to UNDERSTAND it?

Unlike so many raising teenagers today, God has been interested in maintaining parents’ authority over their kids. “Honor thy father and thy mother” is the Fifth Commandment—just before “Thou shalt not kill.” Teens break it routinely without second thought. You may think the fault lies with the teens themselves, since the law is directed at them (it is not written, “Make sure kids honor their father and mother”). But who teaches children the sanctity of the law? No teen will respect commandments they were not brought up by their parents to respect.

This is, in fact, a towering expectation God has of parents. “And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up” (Deut. 6:6-7). A parallel passage in the New Testament is found in Ephesians 6:1-4.

Logic tells us that, regardless of the world’s state of affairs, parents’ example and instruction to their teens STILL DO have considerable influence on their character in the long run. Recent studies back this up. “Many surveys ... show that while youth tend to value their peers’ evaluations over parents’

on things like music, clothing and what’s ‘cool,’ they continue to look to parents for basic values and guidance in the more important areas of life, such as life and career goals” (“Is There a Generation Gap?” Montana State University Communications Services).

So parents must be very cognizant of the example they set. Very deliberate in the choices they make in their own lives. And very clear in the instruction they give. There are so many appealing and destructive “lifestyle alternatives” out there for teens, parents must ensure they are offering something genuine—offering the TRUTH.

This is a point that was made in a *Plain Truth* article 36 years ago. It should convict us today all the more. The article stated, “Today’s leaders failed their duty—they did not teach the younger generation the real purpose of life. Why? Because they themselves did not know the purpose of life. Society never taught them. Their teachers never taught it in school because they in turn had never learned it. People simply don’t know why they were born!” (“The Beat Generation,” March 1966).

Later the article said, “The trouble is society has taught its ‘children’ directly or indirectly THAT THERE IS NO REAL PURPOSE TO LIFE”! (emphasis mine).

What about you?

Do YOU understand the purpose of life well enough to teach and CONVICT your children of it? Are you willing to LEARN? It will be the MOST IMPORTANT THING you could EVER GIVE YOUR TEENAGER! ◆



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# The Trouble With TV

BY DENNIS LEAP

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**G**OOD OR BAD, TV IS HERE TO STAY. At the time of television's invention in the 1930s, some wondered if the new technology would catch hold. Today, 98 percent of American households have at least one TV set; 76 percent have two or more. Numerous surveys show that the average American watches more than three hours of TV each day. Children whose parents work watch six to eight hours daily.

Because so much time is spent watching television, shouldn't we take some time to evaluate its impact on our lives? TV has been both praised and denounced. But even those who denounce it don't understand the real trouble behind television.

We must agree that it is a mass-communication wonder. Developments in its technology have been simply astounding! The first TV screens were monochrome and 7 to 10 inches diagonally across. Today we have color TV screens in all sizes. TV technology linked to space-age satellites has given us the ability to view our world better than ever before. For example, TV cameras mounted on satellites help us predict weather. High-resolution cameras mounted in Landsat satellites have been successfully used to provide surveys of crop, mineral and marine resources. The marriage of TV technology and satellites has also provided us the opportunity to view a news event as it happens, anywhere on the globe. Closed-circuit TV is used as an educational tool by many institutions of higher learning. A teacher or a professor can instruct

students in a myriad of classrooms around the globe at the same time.

Scientists are continuing to develop and improve television's technology. But why has TV taken such a hold on people? Is it because of the advancement of technology?

## Escaping Reality

Even with TV's marvelous advancement, let's not be fooled—TV is entertainment. Edward R. Murrow, one of the most talented pioneers of TV news broadcasting stated, "Television in the main is being used to distract, delude, amuse and insulate us."

Carefully consider this statement. Murrow clearly saw the trend developing with television. A technology that could be used for much good was almost immediately rendered useless. How? Realize, Murrow was fired from CBS in the '50s because of his unswerving desire to tell the truth with news. But truth in news adversely affected ratings. CBS officials recognized that Americans didn't want to know the truth. In fact, American tastes in TV programming proved that the *untrue* and *unreal* were far more favored.

Men like Murrow were removed from TV. Why? People wanted to be distracted, deluded, amused and insulated from the terrible truths running rampant in the real world.

It is the *unreal* that gives TV its appeal. Remember, television was developed at the same time our world had been shattered by two world wars. The atomic bomb, exploded at the end of World War II, defined a stark, new reality that permanently colored all future human activity. With the further development of the hydrogen bomb, most people could not deal with living in the shadow of the bomb. They wanted to escape the reality of a world gone lunatic.

TV gave people the means.

A 1964 article in *TV Guide* summed up what most Americans were feeling about their world. "Who is to tell the American public what it should watch on TV? Shall a handful of eggheads tell the public that they should watch only bumbling old men on interview shows discuss what's wrong with the world? ... In the quiet of the evening, in our own homes, we want to close the door

on the world of reality. We want to relax. We want to be entertained. The Western TV show is the favorite entertainment of Americans. That has been proved each and every week.

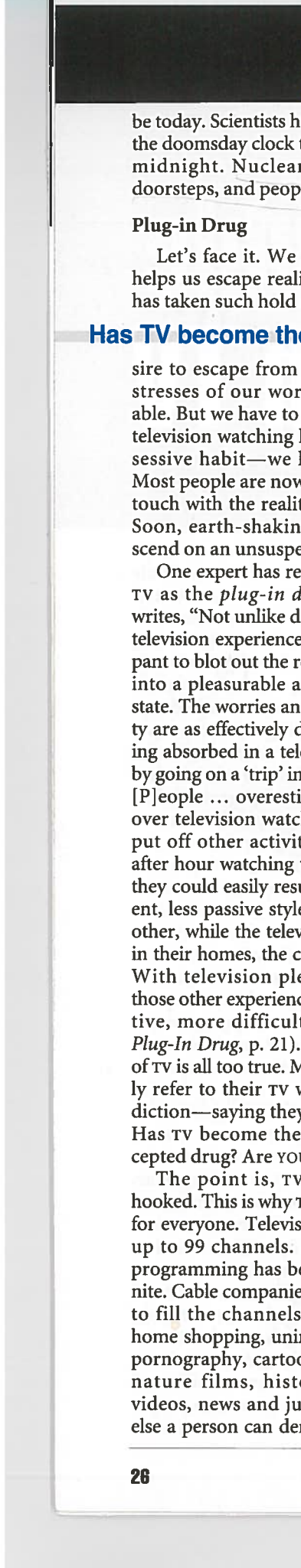
"If the world is going to come to an end, let it come while we're watching 'Gunsmoke,' 'The Rifleman,' 'Tales of Wells Fargo' and 'Shotgun Slade.'"

If this article was a true reflection of the sentiment of the American people then, think how much more true it must



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Edward R. Murrow



be today. Scientists have recently moved the doomsday clock to seven minutes to midnight. Nuclear doom is on our doorsteps, and people want an escape.

### Plug-in Drug

Let's face it. We love TV because it helps us escape reality. That is why TV has taken such hold on people. The de-

## Has TV become the most socially accepted drug?

sire to escape from the pressures and stresses of our world is understandable. But we have to recognize that our television watching has become an obsessive habit—we have lost control. Most people are now completely out of touch with the reality this world faces. Soon, earth-shaking trouble will descend on an unsuspecting world.

One expert has reasonably described TV as the *plug-in drug*. Marie Winn writes, "Not unlike drugs or alcohol, the television experience allows the participant to blot out the real world and enter into a pleasurable and passive mental state. The worries and anxieties of reality are as effectively deferred by becoming absorbed in a television program as by going on a 'trip' induced by drugs. ... [P]eople ... overestimate their control over television watching. Even as they put off other activities to spend hour after hour watching television, they feel they could easily resume living a different, less passive style. But somehow or other, while the television set is present in their homes, the click doesn't sound. With television pleasures available, those other experiences seem less attractive, more difficult somehow" (*The Plug-In Drug*, p. 21). Winn's evaluation of TV is all too true. Many people casually refer to their TV watching as an addiction—saying they are *hooked on TV*. Has TV become the most socially accepted drug? Are you hooked?

The point is, TV moguls want us hooked. This is why TV offers something for everyone. Television sets come with up to 99 channels. So your choice in programming has become almost infinite. Cable companies have found a way to fill the channels with everything: home shopping, uninterrupted movies, pornography, cartoons, sci-fi thrillers, nature films, history films, music videos, news and just about anything else a person can derive pleasure from.

There is a delicacy for every taste.

It used to be that television programming in the U.S. was only offered by three networks: ABC, CBS and NBC. Now, it seems, new networks are added each year: FOX, WB, UPN, PAXNET. All of these networks compete for your viewing time. Why? High viewership means high ratings. High ratings bring in big advertising dollars. As in the drug world, TV junkies make TV pushers very rich.

### Damage to Children

Being hooked on TV is dangerous. This is especially true for children. There are a multitude of studies now published that prove the harmful effects of TV on them. Obesity, irritability, depression and poor physical and mental development can be linked to excessive TV viewing. TV is passive; no input is required. Healthy growth and development in children comes as a result of challenging, constructive activities such as building with blocks, reading books, learning to play a musical instrument and playing sports. Children need to *do*—not just watch. Excessive TV viewing robs children of healthy bodies and minds.

But of even more concern, TV damages children (and adults) *morally*. Marshal McLuhan, a communications expert, stated, "Television is teaching all the time. It does more educating than the schools and all the institutions of higher learning." TV is full of violent, sexually explicit and cynical programs. If we look at TV honestly, we have to conclude that our children are getting a great education in moral depravity.

A National Cable Television Association study conducted over a three-year period counted 50,000 violent acts shown on TV. The study, published in April 1988, concluded that children are directly affected by TV violence. Members of the motion picture industry criticized the study, calling it skewed; they do not believe that a direct correlation can be made between TV violence and youth violence.

We must not delude ourselves. Our kids are affected by what they see on TV. A steady diet of violence teaches or in-

fluences aggressive attitudes and behaviors. Although not every child watching TV violence will imitate violent acts, some will. Law officials wonder if the unusual number of violent shootings in high schools in recent years has been the result of teens imitating what they viewed on news broadcasts.

In a similar vein, we must conclude that a steady diet of illicit sex teaches kids that illicit sex is okay and encourages them to imitate sex acts they view on TV.

Of equal concern should be the fact that watching so much violence *desensitizes* children (and adults) to violence. Children who view a lot of violence are not shocked by it. Studies show that children who watch a lot of violence accept it as a normal part of life. Isn't this true of American culture? As a society we are becoming less bothered by violence in general. There have been many disturbing news reports of neighbors or passers-by simply watching another human being murdered. No one intervened to help. Could the real act of violence have seemed like just another TV drama?

### Substitute Parent

Many parents express their concerns about TV. So why don't more parents do something about it? Unfortunately, TV has helped ease the difficulties related to child rearing. Parents have discovered that nothing can silence kids better than the tube. It is a convenient baby-sitter. For families

## Parents express concerns about TV, but many do nothing because it is a convenient baby-sitter.

where both parents work, it has also become a *substitute parent*.

We live in a fast-paced society where both parents generally work. This creates enormous pressure on families. People are stressed out. After a hard day at the office, or on the job, few parents have the energy to deal with the needs of kids. So, most parents let their children watch television. Some parents who work cannot afford proper child care, so the kids are home alone after school and during the summer months with the TV. Often children's TV viewing is not monitored. Studies show that kids will most always choose adult programs over kids' shows.

Leaving kids alone with a TV is probably the worst damage done to children.

To keep their children safe, many parents diligently teach their children not to talk with strangers. Yet parents will let strangers indiscriminately into their living rooms through their television sets. Children sit in front of the tube *wide-eyed*—taking in all that is said and done. And all of it looks real! Realize, a child cannot necessarily discern what is real and what is unreal. Your child is a target! Advertisers and movie producers openly admit that programs and advertisements are produced to sway the minds of your child. Why? There is money to be made from your child.

Have parents come to depend so much on television that they refuse to admit that something could be wrong with their use of it? The wrong use of television is one of the most powerfully

### Have parents become too selfish to spend time with their children?

destructive forces within the family. It prevents families from doing things that upbuild the family. It prevents them from talking and discussing important issues. It stops family activities like crafts and hobbies. It hinders families from playing indoor games and outdoor sports. It takes away from family festivities at holiday times.

Almost everybody recognizes that there are better and more fulfilling things for families to do than watch television. Yet few actually break TV's hold. Why is that?

Could it be that parents have become too selfish to spend time with their children? It does take a measure of effort and unselfishness to talk, work on a craft project, play a game or read a book. Many adults are too lazy to understand and do something about the trouble with television.

#### Prince of Air Waves

The real trouble behind television is not television at all. It is the super being who influences TV.

It is not popular to believe in Satan today, although there are many graphic programs on demonic themes. Did you know that Satan rules the airwaves? Your Bible says so. Paul writes, "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins: Wherein in time

past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the *prince of the power of the air*, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others" (Eph. 2:1-3).

Here Paul reveals that Satan is the *prince of the power of the air*. In other words, Satan is a master broadcaster.

Herbert Armstrong wrote: "GRASP IT! Satan is here called 'the prince of the power of the AIR!' I could not have understood that 60 years ago. I did not then realize how communication by sound and by picture can be broadcast instantaneously *through the air*."

"I have stressed the point that Satan, the former great archangel cherub Lucifer, was the most perfect

and powerful being that God could create as an individual being. He was perfect as originally created. But he is composed of spirit, and thus he is invisible to human eyes.

"This great and powerful being, even though evil, has power literally to surcharge the air around this Earth. HE BROADCASTS!" (*Human Nature—Did God Create It?*).

Of course, Mr. Armstrong was mainly speaking spiritually; yet, in type, the same principle can be applied physically. Satan is the mastermind behind television. *Satan is the real trouble behind television*. He is broadcasting to many unsuspecting minds a way of life that is contrary to God's ways. Experts know that if you want to change the minds of the public, do it with television.

Many of our traditional values have been changed by sitcoms: Homosexuality, lesbianism, premarital sex, cohabitation, pornography and pot smoking have all been made acceptable by television. Can we see that television keeps us in tune with a world going contrary to God?

#### Get Control

What can you do to protect your family and yourself from the harmful effects of TV? Let me emphasize that you need *not* throw out your TV. YOU

MUST GET CONTROL OF IT. There are some worthwhile programs on television. In fact, this very magazine has a companion television program, *The Key of David*. (Check the back of this magazine for airing times in your area.) It will keep you well-informed about the difficult problems facing our world.

So how do you get control of your TV? Be more selective about the programs you watch. Become aware of the programs that are actively promoting values, thoughts and mores you do not agree with. Programs that glamorize crime, violence and illicit sex should be eliminated from your viewing diet. Parents will have to exercise authority with teens and children. There is nothing wrong with telling your child "no" to any program.

Studies have shown that it is best for small children if parents watch TV with them. Wrong values or fallacies that creep into good programs can be dealt with immediately. Realize that even some family-oriented programs are filled with rebellion against authority, drug use and premarital sex. Watching TV with your child gives you the opportunity to teach your child right values.

Limit your viewing time. If you or your child are passively watching five to six hours of television each day, it could mean that you are living in an unreal world. TV can rob us of valuable time that would be better spent with the family. Husbands and wives need to relate to each other.

The early evening hours during the school year should be full of activities like eating a meal together, talking and helping with homework. During summer vacations and school breaks, outdoor and other activities should be planned. Children should be encouraged to develop an interest or hobby. TV viewing should be only one of a series of scheduled activities. Then, when the activity is over, turn off the set. Turning off your TV is probably the hardest thing to do. But the more frequently you do it, the easier it becomes.

Take some time to evaluate how TV impacts your life. Use television wisely, and it will benefit you and your family. But remember, there is real trouble with television if you allow it to dominate your life. ♦

in these symbols of power left to pay them any deference! This celebration, the minions of government had decided, had to be so touchy-feely that a prime minister's wife could prance on stage singing rock songs—so in touch with the perceived “needs” of the public that a female host could mouth an expletive during her commentary in front of an audience of millions via the BBC!

Yes, the crowds were there, one million in London, waving their flags and giving honor to their Queen. But they had simply lost the *memory of why!*

Just a century ago, that was not the case. Britain then had real power and a real pride in that power! What's more, Britain then gave credit to Almighty God for giving that power. That was a time when the British had no other explanation as to how they were gifted such a vast empire.

Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in June 1887 did not cater to the taste of a touchy-feely public. The age of *elegance*, of *quality* entertainment, of *true* art, culture and taste had not yet died.

What has happened to Britain in just 115 years is a clear demonstration of the fulfillment of biblical prophecy. Speaking of that which would befall their nation if the British peoples rebelled against their God and lost sight of the reason for their once great power, gifted to them by their Creator, God declared, “[I]f ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all [my] commandments ... I will *break* the pride of your power” (Lev. 26:14, 19).

If you were one who wondered what was missing during the jubilee celebrations in London, *there* is the answer! Britain's national pride has been *broken!* Yes, Britain rejoices in celebrating the only thing which gives that nation and its dominions a feeling of *continuity*, in a vain effort to fill the vacuum created by its loss of power as a once-great nation. But people no longer remember *why!* So Britain turns to the banal, the crass, the tasteless, the futile in a subconscious expression of *shame* in its once-great, God-given, imperial heritage. ◆

**CORRECTION** The caption for the map on the cover of our June 2002 issue should have read: “A map of the six nation-states that formerly constituted Yugoslavia plus Albania.” The intention was to show Germany's sphere of influence in the Balkans.



## First Victim of World War III

☞It is refreshing to have a voice in the wilderness crying out in these perilous times. The modern-day media would not know the truth if it hit them squarely in the face.☞

*Pickwick Dam, Tenn.*

THE ARTICLE “THE NEW TEEN SEX EPIDEMIC” in the June edition is very informative, refocusing my wife and myself on the importance of teaching our three kids (ages 3-7) about “right, wholesome sex education,” while we as parents are to be models for them at our home. Thank you.

*Laurel, Md.*

I BELIEVE IN ALL THE WORDS AND PROPHECIES in your articles because I see that the Word of God is your number-one source. I loved “The New Teen Sex Epidemic” and “The Fraud of Evolution” articles (I was sincerely blown away and now think twice about what my biology teacher teaches). I'm 14 years old, and it opened my eyes.

*East Elmhurst, N.Y.*

IN RESPONSE TO YOUR ARTICLE “FAILING AT History,” I thank you. My children attended a private school for several years, and I am sad to say that in overhearing my conversation, they did not know who Hitler was. We talked further, and they didn't know much about our American history and how we became this great nation. We began to home educate our children four years ago. History is one of our strongest subjects. Without knowing our history, we are doomed to repeat the same mistakes.

*Cincinnati, Ohio*

## Media Bias

I CAME ACROSS YOUR MAGAZINE IN A WAITING room. Intrigued by the article on page 1 and thinking that your magazine is based on non-biased opinion, I read every single article. Theories and ideas I came across made me laugh. Every single word in your magazine is actually a product of the same kind of bias as described by your editor.

*Lawrenceville, Ga.*

YOUR EXCELLENT REVIEW OF BIAS SHOULD have mentioned the press too. The bias in our media is more dangerous than one

can imagine. They have allowed Americanism to be uprooted and have planted socialism in its place.

*Wichita, Kans.*

I HAVE A DEVOUT ROMAN CATHOLIC FRIEND that had only derogatory things to say about your organization, which only prompted me to investigate further. Although we are still friends, I have come to pity his horse-with-blinders attitude. I feel you are doing a blessed work.

*Pomona, N.Y.*

I FIRST SAW ONE OF YOUR PUBLICATIONS about a month ago and have read it from cover to cover. Your publication is thorough in its attempt to correlate current and future events and how they relate to what the Bible calls the end of time on Earth as we know it. While I'm not wholly convinced everything published in your magazine is entirely accurate, it is still the best I've seen in explaining the potentials of what is to come.

*Greenville, S.C.*

AS LONG AS I HEAR FROM YOU I WILL KNOW that I have not entered the Tribulation (which gives me hope). But I realize that it is getting really close to that time. I am scared, I will admit. Thank you for being there for me. Thank you for waking me up from my slumber.

*Baldwin Park, Calif.*

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# A Frightening Equation

What happens when America has to borrow money to make its interest payments?

**I**N FINANCIAL TERMS, THE OLD ADAGE GOES, "WHEN THE U.S. sneezes, the whole world catches cold." Well, the greatest of economic sneezes surely can't be too far off. It's a matter of simple mathematics.

The modern management tool employed by business when the bottom line is threatened is simply to sack labor. Consequently, the past half-decade has seen many a U.S. business cut its labor force significantly. Tens of thousands of employees have been cast off the payrolls of countless corporations in the U.S. That amounts to multiple millions in salaries and wages that are not being earned, spent or saved within the U.S. economy.

As this has been going on for some time now, it ought to be having some sort of an effect on the U.S. economy. Yet, the primary indicators watched by investors and economists to denote the health of the economy disguise this reality.

"[T]he U.S. productivity number came in for the first quarter—and it was great. Then came the GDP number—and it looked terrific. Next up, Cisco proved that there was still life in the New Economy, with its breathtaking first-quarter profits up 2 cents above expectation ... helping to drive stocks back up above 10,000. And now this ... consumers are not only 'hanging in there,' the ... fools are spending like they had just stolen someone else's wallet!" (*Daily Reckoning*, May 15).

Yet, true economic recovery depends not so much on consumer spending as on *business investment*. Without the injection of capital investment into a nation's economy, significant productivity gains are not possible; no new technologies are initiated, no new profits generated and no new jobs created, thus diminishing savings to invest.

So where will business investment come from in an economy that has suffered multiple corporate crises, from Enron to Kmart to Arthur Andersen; which sees headlines declaring, "Airlines Won't See Profits Until 2005" (so why invest in new planes?); where two out of five factories are idle (so why build more?); and where the average citizen is saving far less than ever?

With this deck of corporate gloom stacked so high, how come we have not had a crash on Wall Street? Simply because of what analyst Dr. Kurt Richebacher calls "Ponzi financing."

Ponzi financing creates a fearful vision of our economic future. In Richebacher's terms, it refers to an end process of "degenerate capitalism," which is no longer based on the long Anglo-American tradition of savings and investment. Instead, it is driven by selfish, globalist, corporate management gratification and stock market speculation that is ruthless, greedy, and short-term in outlook.

Richebacher describes the new capitalism: "[T]he essence of this new Anglo-American capitalism [is]: deal-making for quick profit and inherent neglect of new investment, a dis-saving public and unfettered credit creation for consumption and speculation. The old capitalism had a sense of high responsibility for future generations. The rising responsibility of corporate managers under the new Anglo-American capitalism begins and ends with today's stock prices. ...

"In reality, this is not new capitalism but late, degenerate capitalism dominated by the most narrow-minded financial interests.

"It is late, degenerate capitalism because it propels asset trading at the expense of asset creation with inherent negative effects on economic growth and overall profitability" (*Richebacher Letter*, Jan. 2000).

Enter "Ponzi financing," in which "debtors have largely stopped financing their interest service out of current income, meeting it instead by further borrowing" (*Daily Reckoning*, op. cit.).

To assess just how huge the U.S. economy's sneeze will be when it lets go, Richebacher has calculated that it will take about \$2 trillion annually to service the interest indebtedness generated on the outstanding credit in the U.S., which, according to Richebacher, totalled \$29 trillion at the close of the year 2001. The scary part of this equation is that this amount of \$2 trillion in *interest demand* equates with the amount of annual *credit growth* in America. What does this mean? Simply that America is *borrowing* money to pay just the *interest* on its grossly bloated credit bill! A surer recipe for an economic crash could hardly be envisioned.

America's massive economic squeeze is inevitable. It's just the *timing* that is in doubt. But when it blows, the effects on Britain and America will be *disastrous*.

As Editor in Chief Gerald Flurry has stated, economic disaster for Anglo-America was foreseen over 2,500 years ago in the vision of the Prophet Zephaniah.

"Howl, ye inhabitants of Maktesh, for all *the merchant people are cut down; all they that bear silver are cut off*. And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with candles, and punish the men that are settled on their lees: that say in their heart, The Lord will not do good, neither will he do evil" (Zeph. 1:11-12).

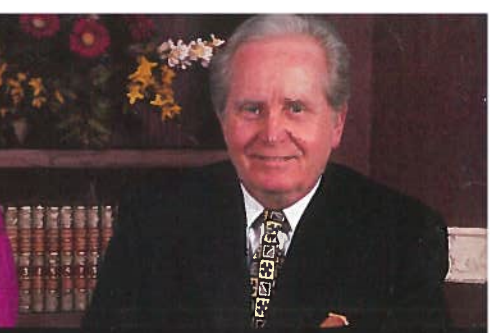
"What do these verses mean? This world is about to enter into a grave crisis. There will be crying and howling. Anciently, the merchants, or business people, resided in Maktesh. *The economies of the United States, Great Britain and other Israelitish nations will soon be ruined*. After that, ALL of this world's merchants will be cut off" (*Zephaniah's Day of the Lord*, p. 11; emphasis mine; request your free copy).



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