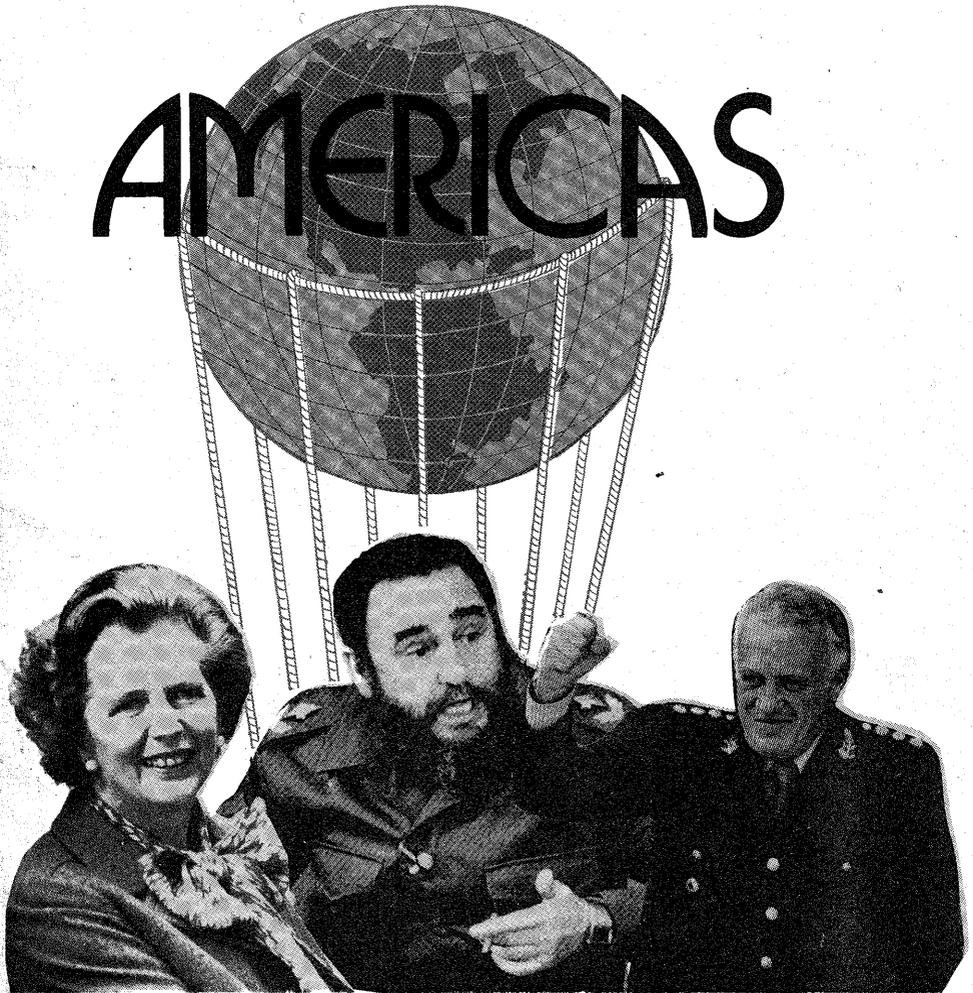


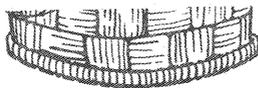
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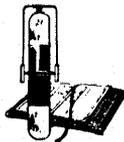
The chapters in this book are from our radio and television program. The characters who played an important role in events described may no longer be active. Haig is no longer Secretary of State and Galdieri is not the President of Argentina, but that is the way news changes and history is updated.

There is an inscription in the dome of our Capitol in Washington which says: "One far-off divine event toward which the whole creation moves."

When a visitor asked what the inscription meant, he was told by the guide, "I think it refers to the second coming of Christ."

Events in this book which relate to the infiltration of godless communism into our hemisphere also tell of the moving of God's Spirit in our world today.

With each news encounter may we realize we are getting closer to Christ's coming. "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." (Luke 21:28)



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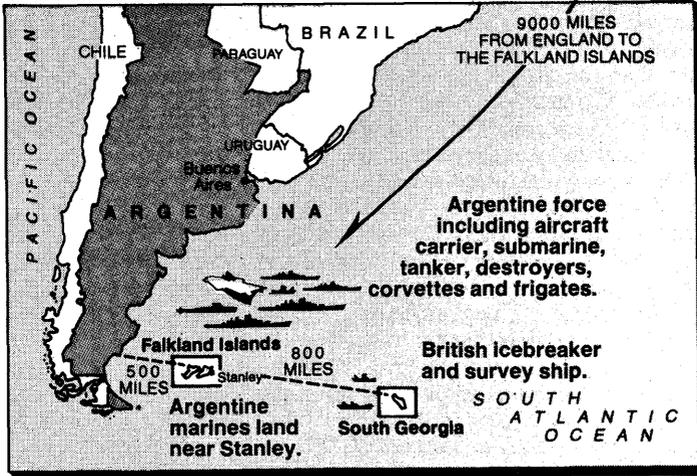
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The Falklands Crisis

Id Ohlsson—NEWSWEEK



The British called them the "Falklands" and to Argentina they are the "Malvinas"...islands most of us hadn't heard about until they became involved in a war in the South Atlantic.

School children in Argentina were taught that the islands, under the control of Great Britain, would one day become theirs again. On the other hand, the islands were a part of the British Commonwealth and Britain was not going to sacrifice them without a fight.

When Argentina seized the islands, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher immediately ordered the Argentines to withdraw from them unconditionally.

In spite of negotiations toward a peaceful solution by Secretary of State Haig, along with full United Nations' intervention, both sides were reluctant to agree to any kind of settlement.

Lamented Argentine Foreign Minister Costa Mendes, "This seems like a chapter in a science-fiction novel. The English reaction is so absurd, so disproportionate," he noted.

In Washington, U.S. ambassador-at-large Vernon Walter called the fighting between Britain and Argentina an "absolutely pointless" war. Involved in efforts for a peaceful settlement in the conflict, he added, "It is a silly war between countries which have great connections with each other, which have a great deal in common."

Stan Hoffman of the *NEW YORK TIMES* points out that invading the Falkland Islands, Argentina violated two crucial principles: the ban on the use of force for the settlement of political disputes, a principle without which there can be no order in international affairs, and the right of self-determination, which is the basis of modern international society. "These violations," he observes, "justify Britain's decision to apply force, even though it had been aware of the impossibility of hanging on forever." Britain, it is noted, "let negotiations with Argentina drag on for years, and cannot let the wishes of the inhabitants be the only determining factor at the end."

Steve Rattner of the NEW YORK TIMES says, "The arrival of military conflict has brought no joy to Britain, not even to the most ardent supporters for an assault. For nearly everyone, there is a profound sense of waste, that so many lives and so much money will have to be expended over the fate of a bunch of islands 8,000 miles away with only 1,800 inhabitants."

In Argentina, cries of "Viva Argentina" went up as people rallied to their flag. Others shouted, "Death to the pirates" and "Send the English into the sea."

Both countries sustained casualties too costly to make the fighting worth it!

What thoughts come to your mind as we witness the conflict between Great Britain and Argentina?

Gabriel Sosa says, "I'm a Paraguayan, but I think Argentina is completely in the right. England has no business fighting a colonial war like this. All Latin America feels that way."

We're reminded of the words of Jesus who when asked by His disciples, "What shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?" replied: "And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars; see that ye be not troubled: for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom." (Matt. 24:6-7)

Did you hear it?

Who would have thought that Britain and Argentina would become engaged in a real war?

Winston Churchill, (whose statue is a reminder of courage and bravery,) is often quoted by the British government in justifying their military response to the Argentine seizure of the islands. And though the opposition parties have questioned the use of force to dislodge the Argentines, very few MP's have wholeheartedly condemned the Conservative government's reaction to the crisis.

Foreign Minister, Denis Healey, was asked whether it was worth spending both lives and money to protect the rights of so few people. He said, "Well, I think what has been spent already is worthwhile, particularly if it contributes, as I think it may, to a peaceful settlement. Because the issue is not just about the 1800 people living on the Falklands, it's whether you legitimize the use of force in the pursuit of territorial claims."

Joel may have described what we are seeing today—a proclamation of war, the use of force in settling disputes.

While there is much talk of peace and disarmament in the world today, there is also a rallying cry recorded in Joel 3:9 where we read: "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruning hooks into spears; let the weak say, I am strong."

If we were to analyze the economies of Great Britain and Argentina, neither can afford a war. Yet, Joel describes a time when implements of agriculture will be discarded for weapons of destruction in which the "mighty" are engaged.

Great Britain's colonial power has made her among the mighty of the past. Her days of glory have declined. Yet in this conflict with Argentina

95 percent of the British people favored going to war.

Argentina, one of the lesser-known nations, is among those of whom it might be said, "Let the weak say, I am strong."

Force is not a word that the Argentine junta would shrink from. When General Leopoldo Galtieri took over as President, he inherited a lot of pressing problems. Almost six years of tough military rule had not solved the problems left by the discredited Isabel Peron.

Galtieri appeared as a military "strong man" who pressed President Viola to step down to make room for his leadership. A hardliner, he sought to lead Argentina through a period of austerity and convince the people it was all for their own good. But his popularity rating wasn't very high. The invasion has changed this. But can an economy plagued by skyrocketing inflation and high unemployment sustain this military adventure?

We asked Dr. George Philip, lecturer in Latin American affairs, to comment. He replied, "Well, in one sense no. They have many much more pressing things they have to do, and the economic costs of fighting a war will be very high. On the other hand, politically, one might argue that they could not afford to stop before some form of military conclusion is reached and successive Argentine governments, especially military governments, have imposed almost any cost of the economy in pursuit of particular political objectives. And I think that the Argentine government at the moment will allow the economy to scream before they really allow their political objectives to be affected."

"Prepare war," says Joel. And war is what the Argentines chose rather than return the islands to the British.

The Argentine generals and Galtieri himself seemed to have judged this to be the will of the people. The Argentines had sworn they would one day place their own flag on the Falklands. The Malvinas, as they called these islands, would one day become theirs.

Before the crisis, the junta had been deeply unpopular with the Argentine people. But the war seemed to rally them to a cause that all would support.

The most serious threat now to the junta is the weakness of the Argentine economy. This is now so serious that no amount of nationalistic fervor can disguise it.

The prospects for the future are bleak. Although the shops, many of which have British names, are full of consumer goods, emergency economic measures are to be expected to prop up the economy and finance military operations.

Just to take over the islands may have cost 500 million dollars. As a result, inflation is rising because the junta has to print money to pay for the war.

We're reminded of what the Apostle James writes of the economy for the last days. We read: "Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you."

Argentina's finances are so bad, the whole of the economy is on the brink of collapse.

Writes James, "Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have

heaped treasure together for the last days." (James 5:2-3)

What may be true of Argentina seems to be true of the whole world. The economy is in bad shape. Gold and silver especially are affected.

Howard J. Ruff, financial advisor to 150,000 who pay \$145 a year for his financial advice, sees 25 percent inflation ahead. And, of all things, he sees 35 to 40 percent interest rates within a few years. To him this is the "dangerous decade."

Gold will advance from around \$400 an ounce to as much as \$4,000 an ounce. Silver, he notes, is even better.

Ruff scoffs at media critics who dismiss him as a "doomsday prophet." Rather, he observes, "We face a threat of either a depression or a recession and I hope we don't abandon democracy and the free market." He notes: "This is a very dangerous time for free societies and inflation is the most dangerous threat to a free society."

We think of the words of the Apostle James who, after reminding us of the miseries to come upon the rich (and we are rich), further exhorts, "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it until he receive the early and the latter rain. Be ye also patient, stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

What words of comfort and hope!

Jesus said that until He returns, there would be buying and selling, planting and building. A measure of prosperity exists for those who would find it. No need to be without a job. Paint mailboxes. Sweep sidewalks. Fill potholes. There's surely something we can do if unemployed.

To be patient means to endure under trying circumstances. We would like to have it easy. But "Easy come, easy go." Life's lessons are best learned amidst difficulties.

As Howard Ruff, the economist says, "I'm not headed for the hills. I'm a fighter."

So — let's fight the good fight of faith together. Support ministries if you can possibly do so. What you give to God you gain. What you invest in souls is that which counts for eternity.

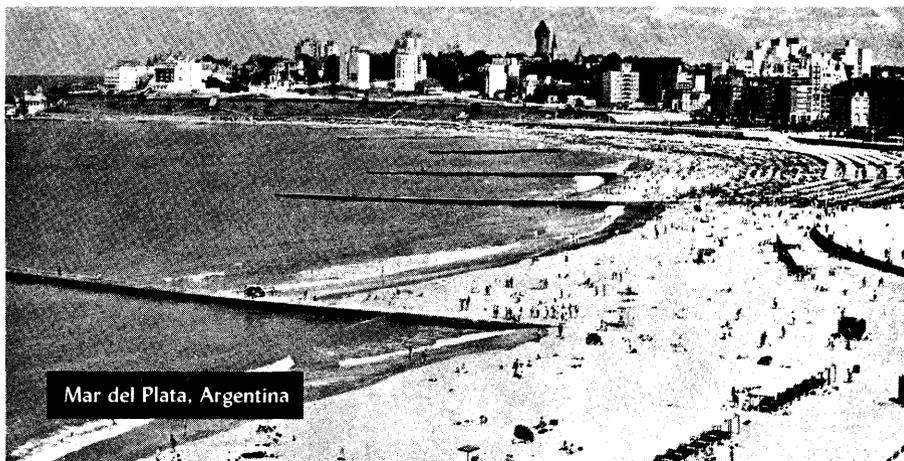
Today we reviewed the plight of England and Argentina and a war they do not need...a war that will drain them financially when they already face bankruptcy.

The outlook is bleak. Only the uplook is bright. For momentarily we expect the return of our Blessed Lord. So live for Christ. Witness for Him. Let your life count for Him. Give for the cause of precious souls, and be ready when He comes. Remember, His reward is for those who are "faithful."

Accept Him as your Savior if you've never done so. Then live for the moment when at His coming He smiles with approval, saying, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

"Be ye therefore ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

Mysterious Disappearances In Argentina



A two-year study by the prestigious Aspen institute may indicate Latin America is in for other crises similar to the war fought over the Falkland Islands.

Among the contributing factors to current tensions are: (1) Declining power of the United States, which it says has meant a "reduced capacity to dominate and influence the region." Then there is the (2) growth of "middle powers" like Argentina, Mexico and Brazil..."increasingly able to use their growing capacities unilaterally..." (3) Growing influx of sophisticated weapons...including nuclear weapons, particularly in Argentina and Brazil.

If there was a major winner in the Falklands' war, it was the Soviet Union.

The Soviets, for example, are friendly with Argentina. They already buy about three-fourths of Argentina's grain exports. And, they have supplied Argentina with intelligence from their satellites over the South Atlantic.

Grain sales have been an important source of income for Argentina. Because of crop failure in the Soviet Union it is important to be able to buy grain in Argentina.

After the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, the United States cut off sales of U.S. grain as a political protest. But Argentina made no such objections, and even increased its supplies to make up for America's refusal to sell grain. Naturally, the influence of communism also increases with Soviet trade.

Another area of Russian infiltration is in the field of technology. Following World War II it is known that German scientists and technicians found favor in Argentina. Thus, the country has been developing a nuclear capability supplied by West Germany.

Witnessing this increase in Soviet/Argentine relations will simply drive that country further from the United States.

However, there is fear lest the situation in Argentina may provoke a revival of the Peronists, dating back to the time of Juan and Eva Peron who once ruled Argentina.

A rumor circulating in the Canadian peace movement has it that Argentina wants to use the Falkland Islands as an atomic test site.

The story, which appeared in the LOS ANGELES TIMES, relates how in the 1950's President Juan Peron tried unsuccessfully to have a bomb built. In the mid-1960's, Argentina bought "heavy water" power reactor equipment from Canada. This kind of reactor creates more plutonium, one of the two fuels useable for an atomic weapon, than do U.S. reactors.

Asks the writer of this article, "Who wants a world with Gen. Galtieri's finger on the button?"

Another concern in Argentina is for the thousands of people who have disappeared.

Daily you'll find people milling about in the square, not rioting or demonstrating, but anxious and alarmed. They are very much concerned about the policies of the government in power that finds people disappearing without a cause.

Every week you'll see these people gather—many of them "mothers of the Plaza de Mayo" whose sons and daughters have disappeared without a trace. The government refuses to release any information on these who have disappeared.

We can't help but be reminded of a time coming when there will be mysterious disappearances.

The greatest of all disappearances will be at the time of the Rapture when our Lord will come and those who are Believers will be "caught up to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

What an exciting and thrilling thought...at least, for those who are ready for Christ's return.

Concerning the Rapture one author writes: "Millions will turn up missing in a moment. Babies will disappear from their mothers' arms. Pilots will vanish from the cockpit of airplanes. Engineers will desert the throttles of railroad trains. Drivers will disappear from buses. Pall bearers will feel caskets lighten. Clerks will vanish from desks."

Indeed, what a day that will be. It surely pays to know the Lord and to be ready for His coming.

Perhaps you've read tracts on the subject or have seen the RAPTURE JOURNAL with the headline, "Multitudes Missing," relating the disappearance of millions of people from off the earth—showing express trains traveling at high speed and suddenly left driverless; of storm-buffed ships on the high seas without helmsmen; of airborne passenger-laden planes plunging to their destruction as Christian pilots are Raptured. Is this fact or fiction?

Will the number of missing persons make a tremendous impact upon the world, or will it all happen without headlines? It is reported that some newspapers have the headlines already made up, with the complete story from the Bible as to the meaning of the event we call "The Rapture" to use when it occurs.

We read of one Bible teacher who expects that UFO's will be blamed for the disappearance of people from off the earth. He sees the Antichrist rejoicing in the fact that all of the religious zealots are gone, for they would

surely seek to hinder his program of a united world political-religious system.

One of the most unusual and strange phenomena of modern times is the appearance of UFO's (Unidentified Flying Objects) and the mysterious disappearances of those who have been taken on board these crafts. In some cases, automobiles as well as airplanes and people have vanished.

In Italy, a report has come of two fishermen in a boat who disappeared without a trace on a clear night when the sea was as smooth as a mirror and lit by a full moon.

In Buenos Aires, Argentina, a couple of stock car racers told of a strange force shutting off their engine and lifting their car and setting it down a minute later 75 miles away.

In southern Chile another report appeared in the news of a huge saucer hovering over a car and then swallowing it up along with the occupants and depositing them back down again unharmed.

Then, in Miami, Florida we read of the appearance of a purple UFO that appeared and sucked up a man into the craft. The man had been standing by his stalled automobile when the UFO suddenly landed. "Don't take me! Don't take me," shouted Filiberto Cardenas who disappeared into the space ship and was found an hour and a half later nine miles from where he was abducted.

Most Latins, we are told, think these UFO's are friendly visitors from space on a peace mission.

A Rio de Janeiro school teacher said he had contact with a UFO Commander who said his mission was to "prevent nuclear holocaust."

Likewise, the head of the Argentina's UFO Observatory Commission states of these UFO's, "They have vested interest in averting a nuclear war on Earth, as this would blow the planet apart and alter the cosmos."

Reports of people missing remind us of a passage in Matthew 24 where we read: "But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be..."

Listen! "Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Watch therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come."

Dr. T. J. McCrossan, the Greek Scholar who was an instructor at the Manitoba University, says of this passage of Scripture that it is a reference to the saints.

He notes, "When mention is made, 'One shall be taken, and the other left,' the reference is to Believers who will be caught up when Christ comes."

The Greek word used here is "Para-Lamban-etai," and means to be "taken away by force." He notes it is the same word used by Christ in John 14:3 when He says, "I will come again, and take you unto myself."

Then Dr. McCrossan comments on the passage in 1 Thess. 4 where we read, "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

Says Dr. McCrossan—the words "caught up" in the Greek means to

“snatch away quickly and suddenly.” He explains that this is the exact meaning of the word “Rapture” which means to “seize quickly or suddenly.”

Witnessing reports of persons and planes missing makes us think of the time when our Lord will come and those who are ready will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air.

Will we be in that number?

That’s how it will be when our Lord returns with truly born-again Believers raptured.

Recently I read of four ministers who were traveling the Interstate and talking about the Rapture—how it will be when our Lord returns.

Suddenly, and without warning, they saw a car careen across the center line, barely missing oncoming traffic, which came to rest in a ditch. They watched as others stopped to lend a helping hand only to discover there was no one in the car. The driver was strangely absent. Immediately they thought of how it will be at the time of the Rapture when drivers and occupants who know and love the Lord will mysteriously disappear from their vehicles.

They learned later that the car was being towed behind a truck and became disconnected before it landed in a ditch.

Fortunately no one was hurt.

Or, will we be left behind to go through the coming awful great Tribulation?

The story is told of a man who had a dream when he suddenly awakened to find that his wife was not beside him as usual. He arose and dressed and checked on his daughter’s room and found her missing, too. Then he went to his son’s room and found that he was gone. He then awoke to find that it was all a dream.

But one day it will be a reality. Loved ones will be gone who know and love the Lord. Those who are not ready will be left behind.

Billy Graham once wrote: “Many times when I go to bed at night, I think to myself that before I awaken, Christ may come.”

The question we would ask again is—are you ready for the coming of Jesus? Will you be among those who are taken when he appears for His own?

Beloved, now is the time to make preparation for our Lord’s return.

For He hath said, “Be ye therefore ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh!”

The Outpouring Of God's Spirit Alternative To Armageddon.

Editorial Atlantida—Gamma-Liaison



At a congressional hearing in Washington, asked how long one of our nuclear-powered carriers would last in an all-out-war, retiring Adm. Hyman Rickover replied bluntly, "About two days!"

One thing the war between Britain and Argentina has shown is the vulnerability of a country's naval fleet in an age of high-technological warfare.

Take the HMS INVINCIBLE, Britain's largest aircraft carrier, 19,000 tons of ship, carrying a thousand men. In view of deadly-accurate missiles that can be computerized to ride to their target, what chance do some of our modern ships have to withstand such an onslaught?

The INVINCIBLE may no longer be "invincible!"

As Lord Hill-Norton, retired Admiral of the British Fleet, has observed, "What the Sheffield disaster proved is that modern weapons do what most of us have said all along they would do: they hit instead of missing." What he was referring to was the destruction of the \$250-million-dollar Sheffield by an Exocet missile costing a mere \$200,000.

The question being asked—have big warships become impractical to build?

Gen. Jacques Mitterand, brother of the French president, has observed: "The significance of the HMS Sheffield attack is that it will make these navies realize once more the importance of smaller vessels." He noted, "The traditional thinking has been: the bigger the boat, the happier the admirals."

A supercarrier can be the size of three football fields, capable of carrying as many as sixty fighter planes.

Testifies Secretary of the Navy John Lehman, "Carriers are the only way to get superiority over seven-tenths of the earth's surface." Says Lehman, "Going to smaller, less survivable, less fast, hardened aircraft carriers that carry fewer aircraft with inherently less capability seems to me to be heading backward!"

Large vessels are simply better targets for enemy bombs and missiles. They are also more costly!

But war is costly in both lives and property, which leads many of today's religious leaders to suggest it be avoided.

The war between Britain and Argentina has proved that our navies are especially vulnerable to enemy rockets and missiles in our day of computerized technology.

The war has also shown that nations have not learned to solve their problems peacefully, and that one day all the nations of the world will wind up at Armageddon.

EVANGELICAL NEWSLETTER (Nov. 1981) relates a conversation one of our senators had with the President in which he declared his belief that the Battle of Armageddon would be fought in the Middle East. President Reagan also is reported to believe that Russia will be involved in that battle.

Witnessing the skirmishes taking place in that part of the world, one can't help but wonder if we are not fast nearing that event!

The Prophet Joel's message relates to the Last Days. And, he gives the inhabitants of the nations a choice: yield to the Holy Spirit and the fruits of love, joy and peace . . . or prepare for war!

Writes Joel: "Multitudes, multitudes, in the valley of decision for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision."

We are part of this vast multitude! We must make a decision either to receive Jesus Christ and be controlled by the Spirit of God, or, to have lust, hate and fear dominate our life and maybe become part of the army to fight at Armageddon.

All of the indications tell us that we are approaching this day of which Joel writes. The DAY OF THE LORD we believe is near! Armageddon is at hand!

One government leader got in trouble when he used official stationery to relay to his colleagues, "We are in the early days of Armageddon."

Lester Goddard, State Savings and Loan Commissioner for the state of Nevada, wrote: "Witnessing worldwide and national problems . . . rising crime and terrorism . . . as a student of history and the Bible, I have seen the handwriting on the wall."

However, Goddard rejoices in what he calls "the rising trend of religious fervor spreading across the land, which will ultimately be the salvation of this country, when we reach the final showdown, probably about the end of this decade, between the communists seeking to control the world, and this great free country of ours."

Yes, there is a choice for each of us to make . . . either to prepare for the coming of the Lord or be left behind to face Antichrist and Armageddon. As we would understand it, the return of Christ for His own in the event we

call "the rapture" takes place seven years before the final battle of Armageddon. The Rapture, then, could occur at any moment!

Today we see the armies of earth on the move . . . marching, preparing we believe for this final battle!

Writes Joel: "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles: prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near: let them come up: beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong."

This is what we are seeing today! What country isn't preparing for war? There is a fear worldwide of the future!

One clergyman stated: "I'm convinced that we are a frightened and anxious people . . . our fear and anxiety is shared universally. We are afraid we will die, not because we cannot control our nuclear weapons but because we cannot control ourselves."

That seems to be the basic problem. We cannot control ourselves.

The Apostle James explains that wars have their beginning in each of us. Unless we are born-again and controlled by God's Spirit, we are likely to be controlled by our inner passions.

Notice what we read, "From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war . . ."

What a picture of the human heart!

What's the remedy? James goes on to say, "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Why do we have war? Why are nations fighting among themselves? The answer is—for the simple reason why families fight! If husband and wife can't get along, grabbing at each other's throat, how can we expect nations to get along?

Today one out of two marriages breaks up. Why? Most often because of a "warring nature" which the Bible calls "lust."

Take an illustration from the Old Testament of a young man named Amnon, the son of David. He became infatuated with Tamar. He told a friend, "I love Tamar." So his friend suggested he make believe that he is sick and then have Tamar come and make a meal for him. He would then force her to make love with him.

According to the story everything went as planned. Except when the escapade was all over, he could not stand to have her around. We read: "Then Amnon hated her exceedingly; so that the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he loved her." (II Sam 13:15)

Does that typify the relationship you have with your wife or your husband?

Once she was the dream in your life. He was your Prince Charming. Amnon said to Tamar, "Arise, be gone!" And that is what you have said to the one you thought you loved.

What's wrong?

I'll tell you what's wrong—it's that warring spirit within us! It's lust within us that makes us the way we are!

If you marry for lustful purposes, you can be sure your marriage will end

in divorce! We are not animals to live like animals. We have been made in the likeness and image of God. And God wants to put within us His Spirit manifested in fruits of "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance.

Is this what you want? At least, it's what we need! And this is what God has promised to give us if we'll submit to Him.

The Apostle Paul explains, "The flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh."

We read, "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God!" (Gal 5:19-21)

Are these lusts in your life?

Verse 24 of this chapter of Galatians 5 says, "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts."

Invite Christ into your life. Let him take over completely your business, your social life, your family life . . . and you'll discover the new life that he came to give you. He said, "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

Now, if after inviting Christ into your life you have a battle with the flesh, there are secrets you can learn that will make you strong in your faith.

A little child begins walking but falls down again and again. Does the child stop trying? No. There comes a time when the child no longer falls. So God is able to keep you from falling.

May we suggest a crucifixion service? We need to put to death the lower nature.

The Apostle Paul could say, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless, I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." (Gal 2:20)

Crucifixion is painful. But our Lord taught it would be better to cut off a hand, or pluck out an eye, rather than for sin to control us. Said Jesus, "it is better for thee to enter into life halt or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into everlasting fire."

You may have a sinful habit that you have tried to quit. Now declare, "In the name of Jesus I am dead to that thing. I am alive to Jesus Christ and the power of God's Spirit!"

As Joel declared, God will give us of His Spirit. Peter at Pentecost said, "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 'And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh . . .'" (Acts 2:17)

Hear me! These are the last days. As Moody, the great evangelist, declared: "Pentecost is a specimen day!" What God did then He wants to do for you now!

You ask, how can I have the fulness of the Spirit? How can I be victorious over my fleshly lusts?

Even in Old Testament times, before Pentecost, it was known that the Spirit would be outpoured when we turn from sin to trust the Lord.

For example, in Prov 1:23 we read, "Turn ye at my reproof and I will pour out my Spirit upon you."

At Pentecost, Peter preached, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost!"

Gen. William Booth, who founded the Salvation Army, said this age would be one lacking in repentance.

Have we repented? Have we turned from sin to trust the Saviour?

When you turn to Christ, seeing Him dying on the cross for your sins, and receiving Him as your Saviour, the miracle will take place and your sins should drop off like ripe fruit falls from a tree.

Then, if you have never done so, appropriate by faith all that God has for you.

You need God's power in your life. And the Bible says, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." (Acts 1:8)

Many suppose they have this power when they have never met the conditions to receive it.

We realize there is much misunderstanding about the Holy Spirit's working in the Believer. Personally, I believe if we'll hunger and thirst for God's anointing in our life, and meet the conditions laid out in His Word, we can know of this outpouring of the Spirit promised for the Last Days.

D.L. Moody once said, "If the Son of God has got to be anointed, do not his disciples need it, and shall we not seek it, and shall we barely rest with conversion?"

Beloved, is this what you want? Do you want God's best?

Concerning Jesus, we read how He loved righteousness and hated iniquity; therefore God anointed Him. (Heb 1:9) So if you want God's anointing in your life, you need to love His Word and hate your sin, and believe God for it.

Catherine Booth wrote: "God never gives the gift of the Holy Spirit to any soul who has not come to the point where he would sell all he had to obtain it."

Now, some would question her theology declaring that we receive the Holy Spirit at the time of our conversion. And, this is true. In fact, before we are saved, we have the Holy Spirit convicting us and showing us our need of Christ.

Concerning His disciples, the Lord promised to send them the Holy Spirit, whom He called "the Comforter." The Greek word is PARACLETOS, meaning "One called alongside to help."

Jesus said of the Holy Spirit, "He dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." (John 14:17)

It's wonderful when you are driving in a strange town to have someone beside you to give you directions how to get to where you are going. But it's better yet to have that person get behind the wheel and drive you there.

So, the Holy Spirit wants to get behind the wheel of your life. But He can't unless you will let Him.

In Ephesians 5:18 we read, "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is

excess; but be filled with the Spirit."

What a comparison. You can be driven by your own lusts like a man under the influence of alcohol, or you can be controlled by the Holy Spirit.

Notice, too, it is a God-given command. We are to be filled with the Spirit!

Are we filled with the Holy Spirit? Or, do we fight and rebel when we hear this message?

Moody had a great work in Chicago. He was reaching boys and girls and adults in one of the largest Sunday Schools in the city. One day some dear old ladies said to him that they were praying for him to be filled with the Spirit. That really made him angry. Here he had one of the largest churches in the city. "Pray for the lost," he told them.

However, there came a day when God's Spirit triumphed and Moody felt the power and presence of God as he had never felt it before. Ever since he called upon those to whom he preached to be filled with the Holy Spirit. He often quoted the words of Jesus who said, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." Said Jesus, "If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children; how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?"

Have you ever asked the Holy Spirit in his fulness to take over in your life?

Ask and ye shall receive. The word for "spirit" in the Greek is "air" or "breath." So as you breathe in the fresh air, say, "Lord, I breathe in of your Spirit."

In Bible days, following Pentecost, they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit . . . providing the hearts of the recipients were ready to receive."

Evan Roberts of the Welsh Revival stressed, "Obey God." For in Acts 5:32 we read, "The Holy Ghost is given to them that obey him."

Will you receive Christ and be filled with God's Spirit? Or will you miss out on the greatest blessing that can come to any man?

Pray this prayer with me:

"Dear Lord, come into my heart and life. Forgive me of all my sins which you promised you would do if I received you as my Saviour and master. I do now believe you died on the cross for me, and rose again, and will come for me when you return for your own. Amen."

Pray that prayer and mean it. By inviting Christ to be Lord of your life, you are also preparing the way for the Holy Spirit to take over in your life.

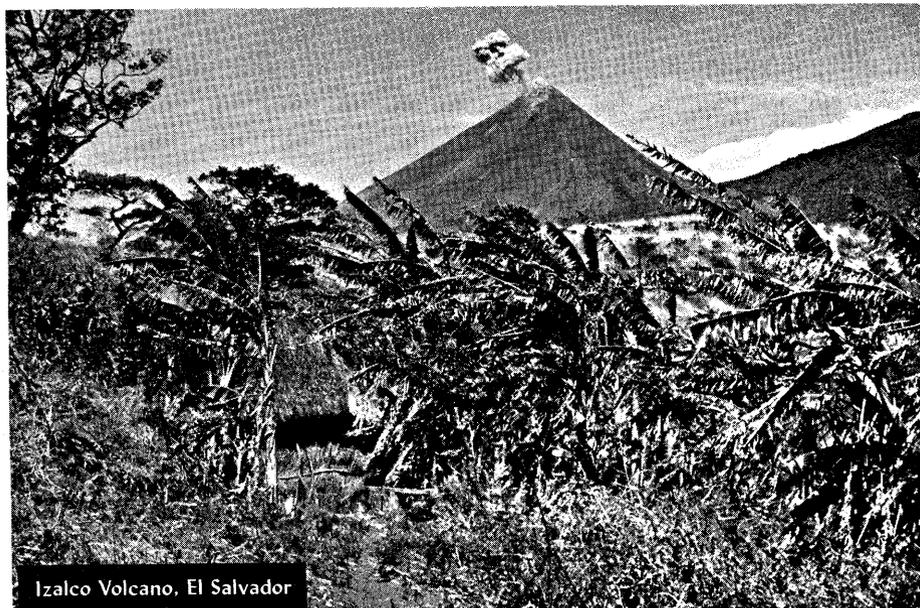
For, as we read in 1 Cor 12:3, "No man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost."

Ah, yes, Jesus said, "Many will say in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." (Mt 7:22-23)

If we're going to call ourselves Christians, then let's live like Christians. "Let everyone that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity!"

And, "Be ye therefore ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

War In El Salvador



Izalco Volcano, El Salvador

Nowhere in the world today is there a fiercer, bloodier battle for control of a nation than in El Salvador.

While there is reported fighting elsewhere, between Iran and Iraq, and while Britain and Argentina have engaged in actual warfare, in El Salvador you'll find the country torn by turmoil and strife, by heartache and pain, by disease and death.

For many in El Salvador the tribulation has already come. And people must decide whether to be on the side of the government in power, or the guerrillas trained by Castro's men who roam the countryside.

The guerrillas often work in their own bomb factory. Here the implements of guerrilla warfare are assembled—crude road mines, booby traps, hand grenades . . . all of the ugly weapons to kill, hurt and destroy.

What a contrast to the message of the Gospel. Jesus said, "I am come that ye might have life, and that ye might have it more abundantly."

Washington alleges these guerrilla forces are in receipt of 800 tons of Soviet-supplied armaments—right in our own hemisphere!

US General Gordon Sumner, retired, says: ". . . the Soviet plan is to get at the United States by moving into the very socially, economically, and politically troubled areas of Latin America and using that as a base to be able to operate against the United States!"

The question is—do we care? Are we concerned for this Marxist entrenchment to the south of us?

For fear of a Vietnam-type involvement, we are afraid to get involved militarily in El Salvador.

The main thrust of the guerrilla drive is to win the war against the American-backed junta.

Willing to suffer and bleed and die for a cause in which they believe, these guerrillas are bold in their belief that Marxism must win in our world.

Organizing political and social activities, they succeed in getting thousands of civilians to contribute to their cause. Gathered under the shade of a huge mango tree the guerrillas go through their paces. They sing their liberation anthems, salute the raising of the red flag and seek sympathy for their cause. It is surprising how many in the church espouse their cause. Parents of little children have been murdered, wives have been raped and properties have been stolen which have added to the frustration of the past.

The people willingly accept the guerrillas' message that they have come to help them, to liberate them from their oppressors, to free them from their fears.

Washington claims that sophisticated Soviet-Cuban machine is behind all this. And there is fear the communists will seek to take over, not only El Salvador, but our entire Western Hemisphere.

Four guerrilla-run schools dominate the area. Only makeshift furnishings, few pencils, and five children to a textbook . . . but classes go on along with the war.

How sad that these people should have lined up with the guerrilla forces. For their lives, already disrupted by war, by sickness and disease, might be snuffed out entirely.

While these villages seemed to enjoy a normal kind of life, there came a day when their tranquility was shattered, their homes devastated, and there was great destruction.

The army was blamed for the awful devastation, but in a war there seems to be little choice but to destroy the enemy.

Army troops, supplied with NATO type rifles, go on the offensive to snuff out all resistance. President Reagan is largely responsible for the aid of military weapons and such items as helmets and uniforms furnished as a result of American aid. There has been a shipment of Howitzers, which have shelled the villages where the army claims the guerrillas are holding out. Helicopters, too, have been playing a crucial role in the fighting. Any human movement below is regarded as enemy movement, whether by guerrillas or unarmed peasants. This accounts for a great loss of life.

Shortages have resulted in the recruitment of soldiers who are only fifteen. The troops have been told that there are hundreds of Cubans, Russians and even Chinese fighting in El Salvador.

We're reminded of the observation of Jeane Kirkpatrick, our ambassador to the United Nations, who has stated: "Cuba provides the arms, training, advisors and logistical support to Marxist-Leninists . . . seeking power in Central America!"

She once declared, "Persons trying to defend themselves against Marxist-Leninist insurgency, dependent upon the United States for supplies, are given neither the arms, nor the advice, nor the training, nor

the logistical support which they need in order to defend themselves."

President Reagan, when he came into office, expressed his concern that an attack anywhere in the Americas was an attack on all of the Americas.

Said Reagan, "No area of the world should have a higher priority than the place where we live, the Western Hemisphere. My administration," said the President, "will forge a new more realistic policy toward our own hemisphere as an integral part of my program for peace."

The spearhead of the armies' operation is a brigade trained by the American Green Berets. On one mission, flying over country infiltrated by guerrillas, they were soon to come upon the mango tree where a few days before there was the singing of the Liberation Front Anthem and the raising of the red flag. In a raid that took place here it was reported that over 300 guerrillas were killed. Where once there were children studying in guerrilla schools, it was quiet except for those hiding out in the dense forest. Now destruction had come with flames engulfing the area, buildings smashed, and destruction as though hit by an earthquake.

The guerrillas were later to report that they managed to get many of the people out before the army's attack.

But it is that kind of a war that raged in El Salvador.

The coastal highway in the southeastern region of El Salvador is guerrilla country. Here sabotage has forced the army to stretch its manpower by placing permanent guards on the bridges.

One cannot help thinking of the Scripture that says, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy." (John 10:10)

One has to be blind to see that Soviet-styled revolutionaries are behind this guerrilla war going on in the world today.

Here rebel units are so powerful that they hold up the traffic on the main roads. And their aim is not always sabotage or pilferage. These leftist guerrillas will order everyone off a bus, for example, just to hear a political lecture. Can you imagine it?

What indoctrination! If only we were as ambitious in preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ that could radically change lives for the better!

These guerrillas wage war in the economic area as well as the political field, seeking support by either ballot or bullet.

Witnessing the destruction, whether by Leftist organizations or by Rightist groups, we blame the devil.

Turn to Isaiah 14 where we read, "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how are thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!"

Lucifer, the one who weakens the nations, is the devil.

Eventually, the world will recognize that the only way to stop war is to have a world government! And Satan, through his Antichrist ruler, will one day govern the world!

What havoc then! What awful destruction!

You think you're seeing destruction here in El Salvador. Wait until a world ruler takes over! Concerning him, we read: "Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; that made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof . . ."

War is nothing but destruction . . . destruction of lives and destruction of property!

We can't help but believe man will be so controlled by Satan that he will bring on the great destruction forecast for the endtime!

Declares Isaiah, "Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left!"

Think of it!

Jesus said there was a day coming when there would be "great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved . . ."

As we see some of these people who were killed, and their bodies lay upon the ground, we think of what Jeremiah writes.

Because of man's wickedness, his breaking God's laws, we read, "I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the Lord of hosts."

We read, ". . . he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Lord."

So God allows destruction to come at the end of this age, possibly by a nuclear war, or by wars such as in El Salvador, or the final Battle of Armageddon.

Jeremiah pictures awful vast destruction, saying, "And the slain of the Lord shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground."

Did you hear it!

War is a result of Satan's activity. It also is because of the curse that has come upon the earth. As Isaiah says, "The curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate; therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left."

In the book of Genesis we see the curse as a result of disobedience to the will and authority of God.

When Adam disobeyed God and ate of the forbidden fruit, the Lord said, "Cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life."

Then when Cain slew Abel, his brother, the Lord cried out, "What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now art thou cursed from the earth . . ."

So this earth has been under a curse ever since Satan was cast out of heaven, and beguiled Eve, and deceived Adam, and got Cain to kill his brother.

But in the last book of the Bible we find the tree of life again offered, bearing twelve manner of fruits, and the leaves for the healing of the nations.

And we read: "And there shall be no more curse . . ."

Witnessing war and bloodshed on a scale unprecedented, it's wonderful to know of a day coming when there will be no more sorrow, no more pain!

It's a day when as we read in Isaiah 2:4, recorded on the wall at the United Nations' building in New York . . . "They shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." (Isa 2:4)

The United Nations won't bring this about because they do not recognize God, but a day is coming when our Lord Jesus Christ will return to this earth. In the "last days" it will come to pass, says Isaiah. "Out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among the nations." (Isa 2:3b-4)

That is the day for which we're waiting! There will be no more war for He is coming as the Prince of Peace!

Our Lord is coming to reign as "King of kings and Lord of lords!"

In the NEW YORK TIMES a full page ad appeared, stating, "THE CHRIST IS NOW HERE!"

Our Lord warned us, saying: "Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect." (Matt 24:23-23)

There are many imposters who claim they can bring peace to the world. Many will be deceived. But you don't need to be misled.

The Apostle Paul, speaking of the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, "Which in his times he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords . . ." (1 Tim. 6:14-15)

Are you awaiting His appearing?

Don't be deceived by false Christs and false prophets who promise peace!

Rather, there is only one who can bring true peace. He is our Lord Jesus Christ. He alone came to lift the curse that finds men in bondage to sin, to war, and to crime.

As we read in Gal. 3:13, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree!"

Beloved, won't you accept Him today as your sin bearer? When He hung there on the tree, He bore your sins and mine so that we could be free!

That is the glorious message of the Gospel!

In El Salvador and elsewhere there are those who call themselves "liberators." They talk of freedom. But the Marxist system is one of bondage and not freedom.

Whereas, Jesus Christ came to set men free!

And He is coming again for all who have come to know Him as their Lord and Saviour.

In closing may we ask—have you received Him as your Saviour? Is He your sin bearer? He bore your sin in His body on the tree that you can be free!

Receive Him today. Invite Him into your heart and life by praying this prayer: "Lord Jesus, I am a sinner. I need your pardon and forgiveness. Come into my heart and life right now. Set me free from my sin. And save me. Amen!" Pray that prayer and mean it! And, "By ye therefore ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

God Is Working In Guatemala

Lake Atitlan, Guatemala



Sandwiched between Mexico and El Salvador to the south of us is the country of Guatemala.

In each of these countries Marxist insurgents are on the move, which led one of our popular news magazines to ask, "Is Central America Going Communist?"

This magazine notes, "From Mexico south to Panama, a swelling tide of communist-backed revolution threatens to engulf a region strategically crucial for the United States."

But as the scriptures suggest, "Where sin abounds, grace much more abounds."

So, where communist insurrection seemed to engulf the country of Guatemala, it turns out that the leadership of that country suddenly was turned over to a born-again general who wasn't even running for office. Where communism was working havoc and ruination, a testimony for Jesus Christ suddenly radiates from Guatemala in the geographic center of Central America.

It was the military that helped to sweep Efraim Rios Montt into power in Argentina.

Guatemala, ruled largely by the military, decided they had enough of corruption, bloodshed and fighting that characterized the regime of outgoing President Lucas Guarcia.

Calling upon Rios Montt to take the reins of power, officials found him in a prayer meeting where he was summoned to head the country. The official announcement stated, "The Guatemalan army appointed Rios Montt as President of the Central American Nation of 7.2-million people."

Montt's message to the leftist guerrilla forces and the rightist death squads that roamed the country were, "Lay down your arms, there will be no more dead bodies on the roadsides. We will execute by firing squad whoever goes against the law. But no more murders."

Addressing a nationwide audience, he stated, "God is the one who gives and takes away authority." Although not suggesting how to solve the country's problems, he did suggest "Prayer to God our Father," declaring, "God has changed things in this country."

Upon the selection of Rios Montt as President of Guatemala, a western diplomat asked, "How is a Jesus freak in jungle fatigues going to go over on Capitol Hill?"

In a film we acquired on the Guatemalan election, Rios Montt was not even considered as a candidate for office.

We do, however, know the conditions that lead up to the coup when Gen. Montt took over the Presidency.

Fifty-five percent of the population is Indian, the rest are called "Lendinos"—a mixture of Spanish and Indian blood.

The Indians are descendants of the great Mayan civilization and are among the most underprivileged Guatemalans today.

Alejandro Maldonado Aguirre, a moderate candidate for President, showed concern for the problem and it became an election issue.

Senor Maldonado said that the Indians had little help in the development of their country. In fact, they had been almost forgotten by the Government. He said a program was needed to favor their interests—if there was to be peace in Guatemala. But he went on to say that any program would mainly help Indians promote their own self-expression and development.

More than ninety percent of Guatemala's small land holders are Indian. They own just over twenty percent of the land. But many do not even have legal claim to the land they have worked for hundreds of years. And so this has become one of the problems which needs to be solved by the Government under President Montt.

In January of 1982 we did see the occasion when sixty Indian families were presented with land deeds which gave them legal claim to their land. A carnival atmosphere prevailed in this remote village in north-eastern Guatemala.

Land reform has always been seen as a first step to social change in Guatemala and elsewhere in Central America.

The man who had been swept into power, amid widespread charges of fraud, was General Anibal Guevara, who was the candidate for the military. He claimed that politicians were using the Indian problem as a political football.

The officers that led the bloodless coup that put Rios Montt into office

said the election had been "manipulated" to assure victory for General Guevara.

With a born-again General in power in Guatemala, it doesn't mean that the Indian problem will go away. However, there has been a response of acceptance by the people who believe it was time for a change. As one said of General Montt, "He believes in something besides lining his own pockets."

To illustrate some of the problems the General faces, we point to Feb. 17, 1982. Fifty-three peasants lay dead in the village of Chumac. The Government said they were killed by leftist guerrillas because they wouldn't pay a so-called war tax. On the other hand, the guerrilla forces said it was the Government that massacred these civilians as part of their campaign to keep the people from joining the guerrillas.

In the midst of this violence there is rejoicing that a born-again leader now heads the Government of Guatemala.

A respected Presbyterian missionary writes, "The Lord gave this country its first Christian President overnight. The atmosphere has changed and there is jubilant celebration everywhere.

Hugh Powlison writes: "It was appropriate that the army should have called a man who legally had won the election in 1974 but was prevented from taking office at that time by sheer force of military arms. Since then he has become a Christian and an elder in a prominent church in the capital city. He was actually in an elders' session meeting when the summons came for him to head the new Government."

Writes this missionary, "If ever there was an opportunity for you at home to engage the forces of evil in open prayer battle, this is it! The corruption here is so long-standing and deep-rooted that the President has said he doesn't know where to begin the surgery. He is facing the combined forces of the evil which wants to control the world and which currently is trying to encircle the U.S.A. as a means to that end."

He notes, "These forces would like to destroy this man as early as possible and only our united prayers can assure that he is protected as Elisha was when he told his servant, 'Fear not: for they that are with us are more than they that be with them.'" (2 Kings 6:16)

If Guevara would have won, he would have continued the long line of military Presidents that have ruled Guatemala.

But as Daniel declared, "Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever: for wisdom and might are His: and he changeth the times and the seasons; he removeth kings, and setteth up kings . . ."

We have surely seen this in Guatemala where a born-again man, General Efraim Rios Montt, became President when he wasn't even a leading candidate or contender.

We need to pray for President Montt . . . and for the people of Guatemala. Although 96 percent belong to the Catholic Church, there is a hunger for God in this country that is agriculturally rich and bolstered by mineral and oil finds.

Like everywhere else, Guatemalans need to know that God saves and keeps and satisfies the longing of the heart. Disease, malnutrition and high infant mortality rate are rife here, but President Montt carries a message of hope to his people, testifying to the saving and healing power of

God today.

Miracles are taking place. And, if we pray, we can expect the country to be transformed from a battleground to a garden where bananas and coffee are grown.

In August of 1980 there were those of the clergy in Guatemala who wrote: "The army as part of the ruling class is occupying virtually the whole country, waging war against its own people . . . in this dreadful situation, there seems to be no hope whatsoever for a peaceful solution."

How wonderful to have a ruling authority who knows the solution to the problems in Guatemala and elsewhere is Jesus Christ.

Jesus could say, "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me."

Yes, you can come to God by placing faith in Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord and then trusting the Holy Spirit to lead and guide your life.

What a day in which to live. God has promised in the last days to pour out of his Spirit upon all flesh. As God is moving in Guatemala, he is moving wherever there is a desire to know His power in their lives.

As Carlos Ramirez, a Christian leader in Guatemala, testified of their new President, "We feel Efraim will be operating with a power not like man's power. He has a special anointing from the Lord."

While Washington is reluctant to accept Rios Montt, especially since Mr. Reagan had congratulated the elected President, we have Ramirez stating concerning the man now in office, "I know his heart will continue to demonstrate to the world that he is a Christian man. He wants betterment of the people, but even more than that, he will aim at their spiritual betterment."

Although there will be trials along the way, we can only hope that many will pray for Guatemala and its leadership. And, most of all, that we will seek and find the leadership of the Holy Spirit for our own individual lives, for he has promised to lead and guide into all truth.

To that end may he guide in a life of surrender to the will of God. Having discovered salvation through Jesus Christ, may we also find joy and satisfaction in living for Christ so that we may be ready when he comes.

If you've never done so, pray this prayer: "Lord Jesus, come into my heart and life. I believe you died on the cross to save me, and henceforth I shall live You. Give me of Your Holy Spirit to guide and direct me till you come. Amen."

Pray that prayer and mean it. Give yourself to reading God's word. Confess Christ to everyone you meet. Let Him become so real in your life that you commune with Him as with your closest friend.

And, "Be ye therefore ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."

Is Mexico Now Marxist?



Pyramid "El Castillo," Yucatan, Mexico

U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT notes: "From Mexico south to Panama, a swelling tide of Communist-backed revolution threatens to engulf a region strategically crucial for the U.S."

Particularly in view of the British defeat of Argentina over the Falkland Islands is there a tendency of nations in the southern hemisphere to align themselves against the United States.

What we have sought to show in this book is factual evidence to substantiate the claim that Marxist elements are infiltrating into South and Central America with the intention of sealing off the United States until such a time when an invasion could take place with guerrilla forces coming into this country from Mexico.

As Alexander Haig, Secretary of State, declares, "What is at stake is the radicalization of the Western Hemisphere by foreign powers and by interests that are being manipulated from Moscow through Cuba." Says Haig, "Now we face the prospect of having the first Central American totalitarian Marxist regime in Nicaragua and the threat of its expansion from El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and Colombia." Haig warns, "This has the most ominous consequences for the United States and for the interests of the American people—in fact, for all the peoples of the hemisphere."

Is it possible the Communists may one day succeed in their plans to expand their power base from one nation to another until every country to the south of us is communist?

Guatemalan President, Gen. Efraim Rios Montt, who once declared he would never negotiate with the leftist rebels, now has sent an envoy to Mexico City for talks with the Guatemalan guerrilla leaders in Mexico. One of the few hopes that might dispel communism from gaining a grip in Guatemala is for God to miraculously intervene and send revival instead.

If not, if revival doesn't come, it can be expected that guerrilla forces from Cuba and Mexico will continue to harass countries to the south of us until they succeed in their drive to reach the borders of the United States. Then, at a given moment we can expect guerrillas to cross illegally into Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Southern California and what we see taking place in countries such as El Salvador will begin to take place in the U.S.

The following predictions have been made by an informant who prefers not to be identified. Having lived in Mexico, he predicts Central and South America will ally themselves with the Soviet Union. Even Canada eventually will find itself in the Socialist camp.

Because of the Falklands, England is "finished" in her dealings with Latin America, and the U.S.A. will likewise feel the brunt of the political and military action resulting from the war.

Declares an American ambassador in one of the Central American countries, "We are on the defensive throughout the region."

If what we predict will happen—with communist regimes taking over in country after country, the implications for the U.S. could be grave.

As U.S. NEWS observes, "In the north, potentially dangerous revolutionary pressures in Mexico inevitably would be intensified. Political observers point out that conflict there could convert the present flow of illegal immigrants into a flood of refugees across the porous border with the U.S."

Our informant believes the time will come when Mexico will break off diplomatic relations with the United States.

He further predicts continuous revolution that will not only involve us but will be directed to the Jewish population. A bloodbath will follow.

Billy Graham reports a successful campaign in Mexico City Arena with overflow crowds. Surely where sin doth abound, grace doth much more abound.

It is hoped that revival will spread and the Spirit of God be outpoured. For only then can the tide of godless Communism be stalled and its effect dissipated.

Already havoc has resulted in forcing religious radio stations to go off the air, or at least change their format from gospel to secular. Of course, there are American stations that come in to Mexico loud and clear and television has been known to have an impact there.

However, in view of the times in which we live, we can expect evil men to wax worse and worse. The Bible says, "Evil men and seducers will wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived." (2 Tim. 3:13)

Why would the Communists accept the Marxist-Leninist line? Is it because Satan knows that his time is short and is working overtime to convince the world of the success of communism over capitalism? In reality, Communism doesn't have a successful program to offer. Her history is one of agricultural failure and economic defeats.

It is known that where the Bible is an open book, and where faith in Jesus Christ becomes a reality, that the result is often better homes, better families, better parents.

In Communist-dominated countries this is not the case. In addition to the loss of freedom as we know it, there is a determined effort being made to blot out Christianity.

President Reagan, in addressing the United Nations, asserted that the Soviet Union began with a "record of tyranny" following the Yalta agreements after World War II. That tyranny has included oppressive acts against believers, forcing many to leave their homes for labor camps in Siberia.

Is this what we want to see in our hemisphere?

Every day we should rejoice in the freedom we enjoy. We should thank God for our homes and our churches and support these institutions with the respect and love they deserve.

We would ask, Do you know the Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ, who has promised to prepare for all a heavenly home?

Listen to His words in John 14:1-3, "Let not your heart be troubled, ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

How sad for those who have been denied their freedom and forced to leave home, family and friends. However, there is the hope of being united again with loved ones if we only know the Lord as our Saviour.

When Theodore Roosevelt returned from a trip to Africa, he was welcomed in New York by parades with soldiers, sailors and marines saluting along with the throngs of people who welcomed him home.

On the same ship a missionary was returning. Only a few old friends were on hand to meet him. Said one of them, "We're sorry we can't welcome you home as Theodore Roosevelt is being welcomed." The missionary responded by saying, "I'm not home yet!"

From all indications our Lord's coming hastens. He is preparing for the day when He will come and take us home to be with Him forevermore. How important to be ready and to get our friends ready for that glorious moment when the saints are caught up from off the earth, and forever we shall be with the Lord.

We close with this admonition. If not a believer in Christ, prepare now for the event when He is seen coming for His own. Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31)

Then, live for Jesus every day. Attend faithfully a church where the Bible is preached and Jesus Christ is real.

"Indeed, be ye therefore ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."