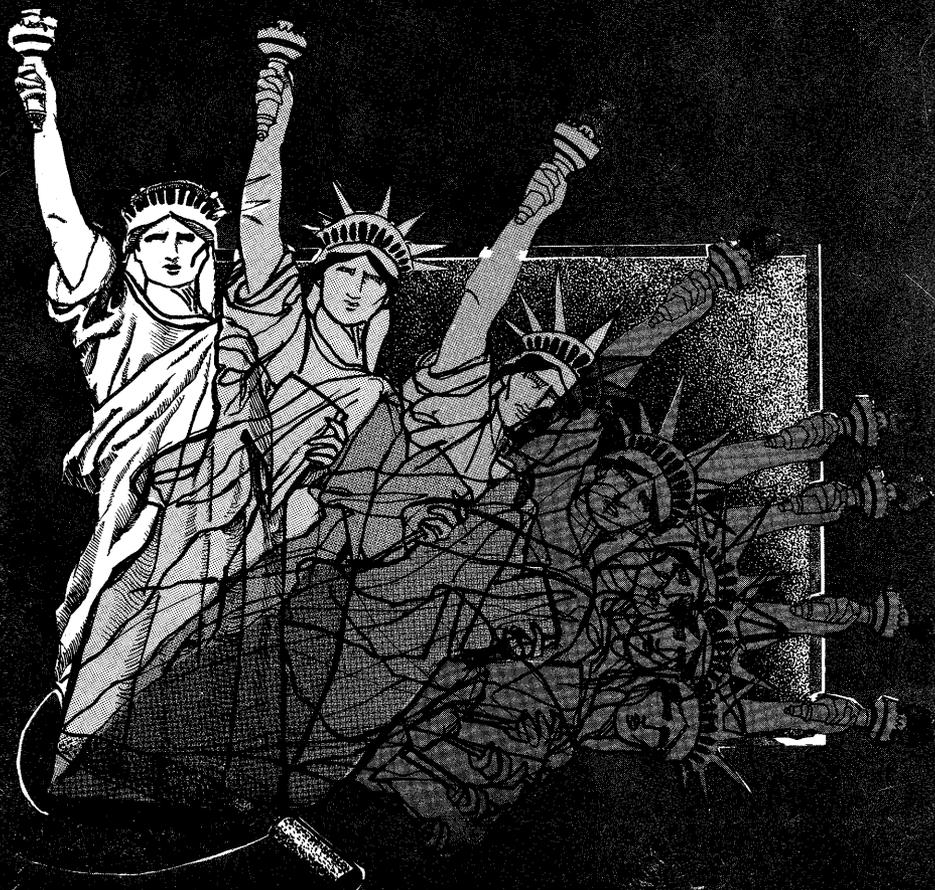


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What are some of the Threats Facing AMERICA?

A. Threat of a Surprise Attack

J. Edgar Hoover, F.B.I. Chief, warned before he died, "The most serious threat to the security of our country is Soviet Russia and its satellites."

We agree!

Air Force General Thomas Powers once declared that Americans may "wake up one morning" and find a number of nuclear-armed Soviet satellites "floating in stationary orbits over every part of the United States."

In view of the Scriptural forecast of a day coming when one-fourth of the earth will be destroyed, we must be realistic and ask ourselves, Is such an attack imminent?

Huang Hua, the Foreign Minister of Red China, addressing the United Nations, made it unmistakably clear that the Soviet Union is preparing for a "surprise attack."

The question we really face is, Will we experience another Pearl Harbor?

We would like to believe that before a nuclear holocaust destroys much of the earth that our Lord will rapture His redeemed saints. We must remember that when our Lord said we don't know the day nor the hour of His coming, He did not relate the event to the last soul being saved, as some would tell us. Rather, He said: "Heaven and earth shall pass away...but of that day and hour knoweth no man." (Matt. 24:35-36) Our Lord said we don't know when this time of destruction will come.

Now some would say that man will not destroy himself or the earth in which we live. Another nuclear war will never happen, they say. However, again we turn to the Scriptures which remind us that when our Lord returns He will "destroy them which destroy the earth." (Rev. 11:18b) Who is seen destroying the earth? The answer: Man is.

Jesus told us exactly how it will be when He returns, saying: "As it was in the days of Lot...even thus shall it be in the days when the Son of man is revealed." (Luke 17:28 & 30)

How will it be when Jesus comes? It will be exactly as it was in Lot's day and Noah's time. Before destruction came

God rescued both Noah and Lot and their families.

So, it is our understanding that before a nuclear blast strikes the earth and dangerous radioactive fallout sweeps over the globe, our Lord will reach and pluck out His redeemed saints from off the earth.

Would you be ready to meet Him if that were now?

B. Immorality

Lenin once predicted that America would rot from within and would drop into Communist hands "like an overripe fruit."

In 1900, one out of every 50 marriages ended in divorce. Today one in nearly two marriages is ending in our divorce courts.

CHRISTIANITY TODAY magazine says: "The moral foundations of America are not crumbling; they have crumbled."

This journal notes: "The voice of the true prophet must not be stilled. The prophet must cry...**"REPENT AMERICA! REPENT!"**

Dr. Robert E. Fitch was interviewed in U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT. He was asked, "What accounts for all the violence and disorders taking place in America today?"

Dr. Fitch replied: "I think we are reaping the harvest of the American home which has been too permissive in the upbringing of its children--and of an affluent society which has lost a firm grasp of what can be tolerated and what cannot."

Typical of the sexual revolution is a report from the University of California at Berkeley where an estimated thousand couples are living together--unmarried. And at the University of Pennsylvania where the motto is "Learning without morality is vain," the dean of women announced that the University had dropped the rule prohibiting female students from spending the night in the apartment of single males.

It would appear that the government is not only condoning such activity but enforcing such immoral relationships. Assistant U.S. Attorney General Drew Day ordered Brigham Young University to "prohibit sexual discrimination or segregation at all housing covered by the (Fair Housing) Act." The Mormon school of 25,000 students forbids single men and women from sharing apartments or to live next to one another.

University President Dallin Oakes said in a prepared statement: "We believe that sexual relations outside the bonds of marriage are morally wrong, and our church and university standards forbid them." Oakes expressed the belief that the "First Amendment guarantees of free exercise of religion protects our rights to teach these moral principles and to make them part of the requirement of enrollment and employment at this educational community."

Velma Price, attending the National Women's Conference in Houston, Texas, commented on the main issues being considered--ERA, abortion and Lesbian rights. She declared: "If

I were asked to confine my comments to one sentence, I would say: Wake Up, America, to the forces at work to destroy your family life, the private enterprise system and everything you hold dear as a Christian."

Both Jude and Peter refer to Sodom and Gommorrha as examples to those that should afterward live ungodly. Thus, Jack Wyrzten sees the sin of homosexuality so rampant in America that it would justify our destruction.

It is our moral deterioration that led Baptist Vance Havner to say, "We are at the bedside of a dying America."

C. Lawlessness and Violence

Episcopalian rector, Dr. Donald Henning, doesn't buy the theory that the United States is sick. In an interview he declared, "Anyone who supposes this country is sick is just reading out of the wrong book." He went on to say, "What you find in the streets today is the normal, inescapable consequence of what the Christian church has been preaching about the glorious liberation of the sons of God."

While the Lord is liberating men from their sins, there are ills related to our culture that seemingly cannot be cured. Lawlessness and violence are growing in a land once considered a Christian nation. Today we may have captured the title of the crime capital of the world. Actually our streets aren't fit to live on!

Congressman John M. Ashbrook once remarked: "We have the most favored Nation in all history. Surely," he notes, "if revolution and violence are needed to bring about change on this, God's most favored spot on earth, then there is no hope anywhere in the world."

And yet, there are those, including church leaders, who are advocating violence. At a conference of world churchmen a report was issued stating: "Men's conscience may lead them to full and clear sighted responsibility to engage in violent revolution."

Should it not be remembered that it was "violence" in Noah's day that brought God to the place of saying, It is enough! We read: "And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth." (Gen. 6:13)

How can a civilization such as ours survive?

Former Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Whitaker once asked: "Can anyone reasonably believe that a disorderly society can survive?" He notes: "In all recorded history none ever has...." Justice Whitaker went on to say: "History also shows, that, in each instance, the first evidence of the society's decay appeared in its toleration of disrespect for, and violation of, its laws."

Did you hear it?

In our day of lawlessness and violence, with disrespect for established authority, there remains little hope for our survival. The end is in sight.

D. Revolution and Anarchy

A British newsman, observing our mounting crime and increased lawlessness, expressed alarm, stating: "The fear is that the courts and politicians...have become so liberal to the criminal that we are on the verge of wholesale anarchy."

Similarly U.S. Congressman James Utt once declared: "Fantastic though it may seem, this great Republic is threatened with Anarchy."

Senator William Fulbright saw the United States well on its way to becoming a "virtual dictatorship."

Likewise, Billy Graham predicted eventual dictatorship of either the right or the left.

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT once commented: "At worst we may be headed for a new type of 'totalitarian' rule. In the end, the mass of people is likely to get tired of anarchy and lawlessness and may prefer a 'strong' government that will put an end to revolutionary violence."

The Scriptures indicate there will appear a world ruler at the end of this age who is called the "lawless one," (2 Thess. 2:8) He will rule with an iron fist so that no one dare oppose his authority. In fact, no one can buy or sell without his mark. (Rev. 13:16) He will be the embodiment of evil, blaspheming God, and making war upon the saints. (Rev. 13:6-7)

When conditions are ripe, he will make his debut upon the world stage. Revolution and anarchy will create the climate for his appearance so that any day we can expect this coming Anti-christ.

E. Economic Chaos

In an Associated Press NBC poll the problem of "inflation" was declared to be the most important issue facing the country today. The threat of economic catastrophe looms as an ever increasing threat.

Paul Pulitzer, writing in THE NEWS IN PERSPECTIVE, notes: "This nation, once upon a time the richest in the world, is in a state of bankruptcy. Its money is worthless, not worth the paper it is printed on. Its credit and credibility are a shambles."

Nelson Rockefeller similarly said, concerning the big industrial states, that they are on "a collision course with bankruptcy."

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT (March 13, 1978) states: "The U.S. currency is in deep trouble." This magazine reports: "All over the world, businessmen, bankers, and speculators

are dumping the dollar....”

According to Bible prophecy, we can expect our economic woes to increase. The time will surely come when it will be nigh to impossible to buy a loaf of bread. A quart of wheat will cost a day's wages. (Rev. 6:6)

Writes James: “Go to now, ye rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon you.”

Financial woes of the rich will increase until our business economy collapses. As Representative Wright Patman, chairman of the Joint Economic Committee, sees it, our nation is headed for what he calls a “full-blown depression.”

What should be the believer's attitude toward the economy? With the value of the U.S. dollar shrinking at home and abroad he needs to be more conscious than ever of the need of missionary support here and elsewhere.

As Willard Cantelon urges: “Give now while the dollar currency is still in your hand and directly under your control.”

Alexander Solzhenitsyn, speaking at Harvard's graduation on “The Decline of the West,” concluded his address by saying: “No one on EARTH has any other way left but--UPWARD.” That's what we have been saying on nearly every broadcast.

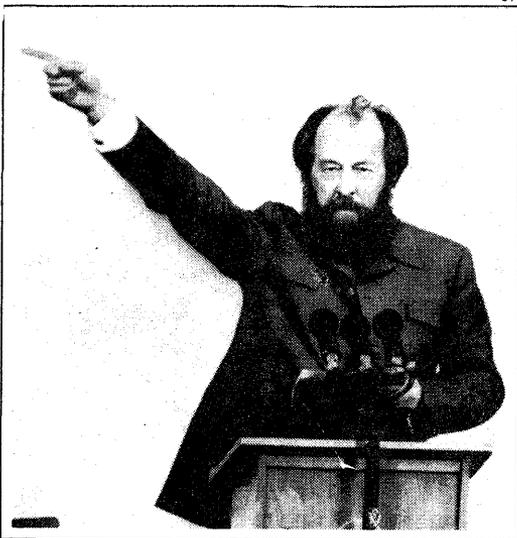
It is in view of the threat of a surprise attack along with increased immorality, lawlessness and violence, revolution, and anarchy, and the encroaching economic chaos that we would also point upward as our only hope of escape from coming catastrophe.

For it was in view of His coming that our Lord testified, saying: “When these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh.”

With faith in Christ we can trust Him for the future. Without Christ is to be without hope.

So “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved” is the promise of Holy Scripture.

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



Alexander Solzhenitsyn at Harvard

Is America in Danger?



Major General George J. Keegan, Jr., recently retired Chief of Air Force Intelligence, says the Russians are presently working on a system designed to nullify all ballistic missiles. This means they could nullify all our missiles, removing any threat to them. It is our understanding that we are not even working on such a system.

The General goes on to make the observation that the average American feels that America will not fall. In spite of increasing degeneracy and rampant immorality of our society we stand as an indestructible bulwark of freedom.

The same might be said about every past civilization. Rome, too, was indestructible but Rome fell. Because of moral decay and spiritual apathy Rome fell when it lost its sense of true values. It fell from within.

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn points out, "The U.S.S.R. has focused all of its economy on a war footing."

Russia is on an all-out war economy (like we were on during World War II). Did you know that the gross national product of Russia is about one-third that of America, and yet for armament they spend 145% as much as we do?

Concerning the Soviet Union, Solzhenitsyn observes: "They are passing us militarily; soon it will be two to one, and then three to one, and then five to one and then one morning we will wake up and hear the announcement, 'America Attention! We are marching our troops into Europe. If you resist, you will be annihilated.'"

It is believed that Soviet Cosmonauts have been conducting extensive military reconnaissance from their space station that passes over the U.S. twice a day. The Russians may be intending to keep cosmonauts in space from now on.

Meanwhile, Pentagon officials are working desperately to offset Soviet gains. Satellites with alarms or decoys to lure attackers from their targets are envisioned. Contractors are also working on ways to protect space systems from laser, nuclear, or non-nuclear damage.

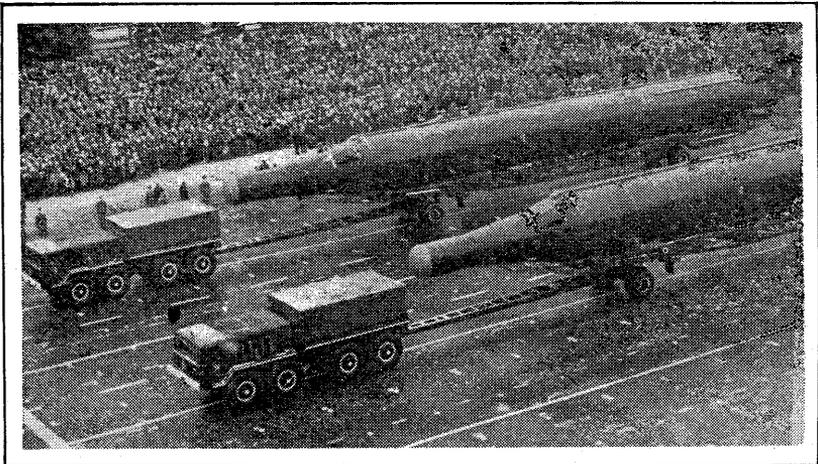
As General Keegan points out, not only has the Soviet Union surpassed us in every area important to strategic balance in terms of combat-kill effectiveness, but they have built and deployed a massive anti-ballistic missile system surrounding all their major cities.

We're told they have also built the most incredible civil defense system of atomic bomb shelters conceivable. They have succeeded in protecting 100 per cent of the industrial workers of Russia with atomic bomb shelters.

The subway system of Moscow is well over two hundred feet deep which is good protection against a hydrogen bomb attack on the city. Almost the whole population could survive such an explosion.

The Russians have concluded they could withstand every missile we could throw at them and lose only two to three per cent of their population. They lost 20 million people in World War II so that two to three per cent is negligible.

On the other hand, if hit by a nuclear strike from Russia, our government estimates that we would lose approximately 150 million of our people.



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Soviet ICBM's parade in Red Square

Without question, America is in danger.

General George Brown, outgoing Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, testifying before the Senate Armed Services Committee, warned, "I worry about the day coming when we are not going to be able to stand up."

Did you hear it?

Dr. D. James Kennedy, pastor of the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church of Fort Lauderdale, Florida, has written concerning those who are informed of dangers confronting America.

He says: "In talking to people, I have noticed a negative, defeatist, or escapist attitude. They often say, 'Don't talk about it. It disturbs me.' Or, they say, 'Well, there is nothing we can do.' Others say, 'God won't let it happen.' Or some make the remark, 'Maybe the Lord will come first.'"

As we see it, Christ's return may be our only hope. Knowing what the Bible has to say about the future, we need to keep our eyes focused heavenward. As Jesus said: "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." (Lu. 21:28)

Naturally, facts which we have given you today are most disturbing. And I don't know when I have prayed as much as in the presentation of this series of broadcasts. For we want you to know what God says about the future.

Is there an escape from our dilemma?

Is the situation as bad as we think it is? Is there the possibility of the loss of our freedom?

Ask that question to the people of South Asia. And what about Eastern Europe where country after country has become entangled in the Soviet web? And now we see unrest and bloodshed in Africa with the Communists taking advantage of every opportunity to take over that Continent.

Of course, Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, when asked by reporters, "What about Africa?" replied, "We have no intention of grabbing either the whole of Africa, or its parts. We don't need it."

And yet it is well known that troops with the blessing of the Soviet Union and armed with Russian weapons are involved in an attempted invasion of certain African countries today.

When it comes to the United States, Dr. Kennedy expresses a belief that there are solutions to our problems. He says: "I believe things happen because people make them happen. I believe that God works through His people to accomplish His will. I believe it is eternally true that the only thing necessary for evil to prevail is for good men to do nothing."

So it is hoped that this broadcast, and the voices of other concerned Americans, will stir us all to action. We can do something. We must do something.

If we do not act to support our freedom, we will lose our freedom.

Then Dr. Kennedy asks, "Can you imagine a world without America?" He replies, "The planners in Moscow can imagine such a world. It would be a world without the impediment to their plans for global domination."

Three things are then suggested:

First, we need a true perception of the nature, goals, and real threat that we face today.

This is not simply a military matter. The Christian Church must speak against evil, and atheistic Communism embraces the greatest assemblage of evil the world has ever known.

Atheism has become the official religion of Communism, which looks upon human beings merely as complicated animals. Even when not at war, Communists have killed up to 100 million people, more than have died in all the wars of history.

This encroaching evil threatens the work of Christ. If the United States falls, the bastion of Christian missions goes with it. If the United States falls, all the Christian institutions in the world fall with it. All the mission societies, theological seminaries, Bible colleges, Christian orphanages, all of the Christian Churches fall with it also.

One Christian leader said, 'If the United States falls, we'll just have to be like the Church in Eastern Europe.' And I said to him, 'To say such a thing is incredibly naive. Have you not read statements of intentions? The Church is allowed to exist in Eastern Europe and Russia simply for propaganda purposes. When there is no one to propagandize, what then?'

Second, we need to take a stand for righteousness and against wickedness. We need to turn from sin in our own lives and then protest, in whatever way we can, the immorality, pornography, ungodliness and injustice in this country and to make our voices heard.

As Dr. Kennedy notes: "If God is going to stay the hand of the unbelievers in Moscow, it is going to be because the American people have repented of their sins and have turned to God in prayer."

He warns: "Unless the people in this country turn to God in unprecedented numbers, I believe they will not have the backbone to stand up in the days we still have before us. They are going to capitulate."

Finally, Kennedy says, "We need to demand a civil defense system and antiballistic missiles so that we are not left helpless before a rain of Russian atomic missiles." We need the protection that we can afford.

"Bent on eradication..."

Dr. Kennedy adds this warning, saying: "Remember that if it comes, however it comes, whether by surrender or missiles, the Communists are bent on eradicating the Christian Church, root and branch, and destroying all possible counter-revolutionaries, who would include all those who profess the Christian faith.

As surely as the tide comes in each night, the Red tide is drawing closer. It may already be too late. I don't know. But I do know that we have a promise from God which is good news in these dark hours. He has declared unequivocally: 'If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive

their sin, and will heal their land.” (2 Chron. 7:14)

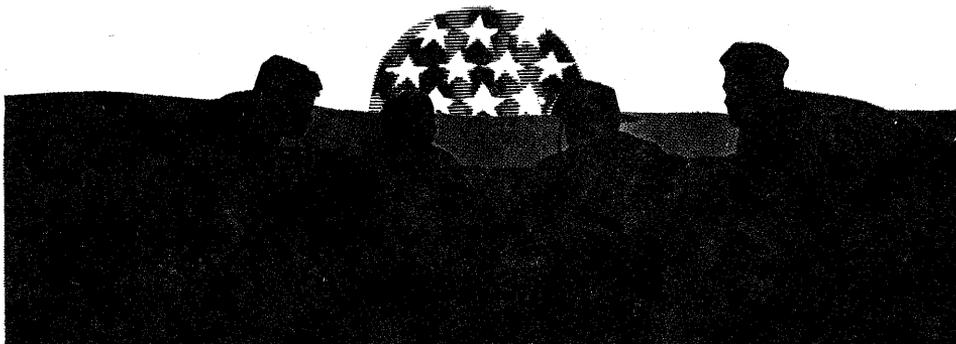
Will you join in this prayer? Let us search our hearts together and see if there be any wicked way in us, and let us return unto our God so that He will forgive and pardon us.

If you have never done so, invite Jesus Christ into your heart and life. Ask the Holy Spirit to come in and take control of your life. And realizing our Lord is coming again to receive unto Himself His own in habitations He has prepared where we will abide with Him forever, may we be ready for that day.

May we watch and pray that we may escape all the things seen coming upon the world that we may stand before the Son of man, clothed in His righteousness, washed in His blood, ready for His return.

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

The Threat of a Surprise Attack



We all remember the Cuban Crisis of October, 1962, when President John F. Kennedy stunned America by announcing that Soviet-nuclear missiles were nearly operational in Cuba. They were poised for a possible surprise attack on the United States. Were these to be unleashed in another Pearl Harbor type of attack it could have meant the destruction of our country.

Today we are told that underwater-launch missiles are again threatening the destruction of the United States. We are told that submarines equipped with a mechanism designed to thwart our underwater sonar detection system have planted such nuclear devices that could rain death and destruction upon our cities. The Soviets could launch these in a surprise attack or could threaten us with an ultimatum to surrender or be destroyed.

We couldn't begin to discuss all of the threats to the security of our nation but only those which we see are of the greatest danger.

If we were to understand the reason for the present Soviet threat, we would have to go back to the days of the Cuban Crisis which was settled by negotiation.

In the *READER'S DIGEST* (Feb., 1971) Charles Murphey related how the Kremlin made a humiliating retreat by removing its missiles from Cuba. It is reported that the Soviet negotiator said, "This is the last time you Americans will be able to do this to us."

Declared the author of this article in the *DIGEST*: "In the aftermath of the Cuban miscarriage, Soviet planners made a crucial decision: to strike out for military superiority on earth...."

Let's face the facts. The possibility of a nuclear attack upon the United States increases with each passing day. In fact, the Soviet Union sees it in her best interest to launch such an attack before Red China becomes a comparable nuclear power.

It is not that China would not attack if the time were ripe. Rather, it has been the belief of Mao Tse Tung and his followers

that Russia and the United States will one day wage war on each other. Then China will build a world empire on the ashes.

Mao once said: "Let us have an atomic war. Russia will be wiped out; America will be wiped out; and most of us will be wiped out. However, with the remnant we will build a society infinitely better than anything mankind has known."

On another occasion it was reported in the PEKING REVIEW (July 22, 1977) where Mao indicated he did not fear America's nuclear might. He declared: "The Chinese people are not to be cowed by U.S. atomic blackmail. Our country has a population of 600 million and an area of 9,600,000 square kilometers." Mao noted: "The U.S. cannot annihilate the Chinese nation with its small stack of atom bombs. Even if the U.S. atom bombs were so powerful that, when dropped on China, they would make a hole right through the earth, or even blow it up, that would hardly mean anything to the universe as a whole, though it might be a major event for the solar system."

A surprise attack

From time to time we have reported on the threat of nuclear destruction by a surprise attack which we believe to be the greatest threat that we face in the United States.

We carried a statement once made in U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT which declared: "American strategists have long worried over the possibility that a massive 'first strike' by the Soviet Union would surprise and annihilate most of the nation's strategic bombers on the ground and missiles 'still in their holes.'"

Of course, statements like this have been issued from Moscow time and again that "The Soviet Union is a peace-loving state and has no intention of attacking anyone."

However, witnessing the Soviet military build-up, a Citizen's Report was published in U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT (April, 1971) in which it was stated: "The evidence is now reasonably conclusive that the Soviet Union is deploying strategic-weapons systems designed for a first-strike capability."

Isn't it time we wake up?

A book published in Russia called SOVIET MILITARY STRATEGY maintains that Russia will launch an all-out nuclear war upon the United States once it has nuclear superiority. The Russians are believed to have that superiority.

In fact, Dr. Eberhardt Rechtin, a scientist at the California Institute of Technology, has testified that Russia is far ahead of us. He noted: "In a sense, we are so far behind that the Russian competition does not even look back to see where we are."

A former Secretary of State has warned, "The threat of a surprise attack is an ever-increasing threat."

Has Moscow not called for a ban of the testing and deployment of all new Soviet and American intercontinental missiles through 1985?

“War is inevitable”

However, according to Ed Tracy, the Soviets cannot be trusted. He writes, “Let not the peaceful coexistence propaganda that comes out of Moscow betray you into thinking they really mean it.” He goes on to note, “The blatant prognostications of the Communists are replete with references to the overthrow of the United States by force.” And he concludes by saying, “There has not been a noted leader among them that has not re-echoed the philosophy that Capitalism and Marxism must eventually be decided on the field of armed conflict, and that before world communism can become a reality, the United States must be smashed.” (From the UNITED STATES IN PROPHECY)

A high-ranking Soviet official often quoted is Dimitry Z. Manuilski, who once declared: “War to the hilt between Communism and Capitalism is inevitable. To win we shall need the element of surprise. The bourgeois will have to be put to sleep. So we shall begin by launching the most spectacular Peace movement on record.” Says Manuilski: “The Capitalistic countries, stupid and decadent, will rejoice to cooperate in their own destruction. They will leap at another chance to be friends. As soon as their guard is down, we shall smash them with our clenched fist!”

One of our great five-star generals, Omar Bradley, once said: “Our people do not understand what faces us.” He warned, “Our greatest danger is still imperialist communism!”

Declared Bradley: “We see their methods of accomplishing their aims by so-called brush fire wars such as in Korea and Vietnam, and by outright invasion such as Hungary and Czechoslovakia, and even by infiltration of our own society.”

It was also Bradley’s personal observation, “If a Third World War should start, it would start with an attack upon the United States.”

Dr. Charles A. Taylor, in his book, *WORLD WAR III AND THE DESTINY OF AMERICA*, quotes Ezekiel 39:6 which speaks of this end-time destruction. The passage refers to Magog which Bible scholars say refers to Russia. And reference is also made to those who dwell carelessly in the isles, or “coastlands.”

In this verse, the Lord says: “I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles; and they shall know that I am the Lord.”

What an amazing prophecy!

Says Taylor: “The U.S.A. is a part of the ‘coastlands’ of the world which will be greatly burned and damaged by the

holocaust of World War III.”

Now, there are some who would tell us America will never be destroyed.

However, it was the opinion of the late Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse that America did face destruction. Said Barnhouse, “I am convinced that by not mentioning America, the Bible infers that great judgments will come upon our nation. For the United States is not included in the list of the nations that will be most powerful at the end of the age, and during the brief period of the Great Tribulation which will follow the removal of the Church.”

A great hope

Amidst all of the threats that face America there is a rainbow of hope. But it is a hope that is only for believers in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Apostle Paul writes: “Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” (Titus 2:13-14)

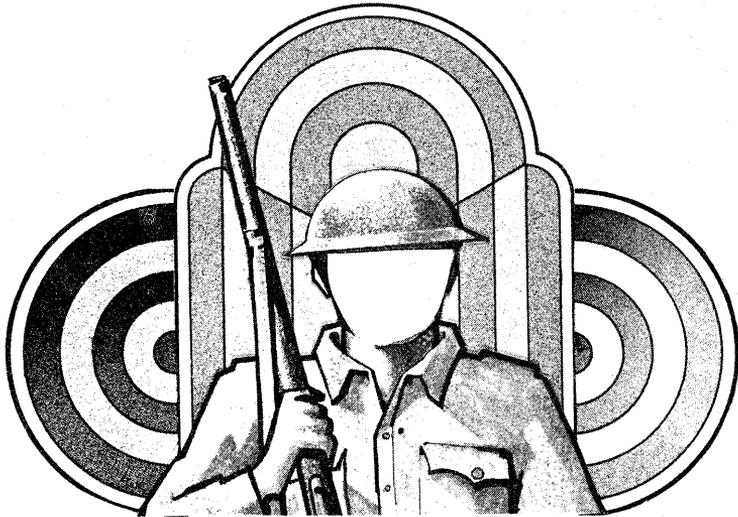
Did you hear it?

It is in view of this hope that we are called to holy living. Think of being rescued from this sin-cursed world just before the wrath of God falls in judgment. We believe before missiles land on our cities, or satellites explode overhead, there will be this glorious exodus from earth. Christ will come for all who love His appearing. He will rapture His saints--those who are ready to meet Him. Hallelujah!

Would you be ready if our Lord were to come today? Have you invited Christ into your heart and life? Has He taken over as the Lord and master of your life? Are you living for Him everyday so that whenever He comes you will be ready?

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

The Invisible War



A report from the U.S. Embassy in Moscow of a secret shaft containing sophisticated electronic listening and transmitting devices shows how far the Soviets will go in spying on the United States.

The shaft, connected to a previously unknown underground tunnel, was discovered by workmen doing some remodeling. A Russian who may have been in the process of manning surveillance equipment scrambled swiftly away leaving wires and other electronic gear in the tunnel. The principal piece of equipment retrieved from the shaft was reportedly a dish-shaped instrument believed to be a transmitter-receiver.

For some time it has been known that the Russians were beaming microwaves at the embassy in an apparent effort to listen in on conversations. There was also Soviet speculation that the radiation beams were intended to disrupt U.S. equipment on the embassy roof that was designed to pick up radio transmissions.

It is not surprising to discover evidence of this newest eavesdropping. This is a way of life for the Kremlin both at home and abroad.

One news source declared that with the proper gear the Soviets could have electronic instruments capable of duplicating a letter or memo based on the sounds made by different typewriter keys as they strike the paper.

What harm the microwave bombardment may have done to embassy personnel is a well kept State Department secret. Tests conducted as early as the 1960's would indicate possible genetic damage resulting in birth defects of personnel employed at the embassy.

For instance, a 1.75 million dollar claim has been brought by parents of a five-year-old boy in Seattle afflicted with severe hydrocephalus, a birth defect of the brain and central nervous system. The child's father had served as a Marine security guard in Moscow.

According to the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency, we learn that the Soviet Union is deeply involved in researching ways to use microwaves to induce disease, control minds and even kill.

In an article in the ENQUIRER, Paul Bannister tells of animal experiments where microwaves were used "to produce death by heart seizure" in frogs, with the possibility the same thing can be done with humans.

Research in Russia, according to a government report, has established that microwave radiation can induce such effects as "headaches, fatigue, perspiring, dizziness, menstrual disorders, irritability, tension, drowsiness, sleepiness, depression, forgetfulness and lack of concentration."

In a related phenomenon, before the end of this decade, we're told, there exists the possibility of Soviet diplomats using ESP to steal the secrets of foreign enemies.

According to Edward Pullman, director of the Southwest Hypnosis Research Center in Dallas, Texas, "a spy would be hypnotized, then his invisible 'spirit' would be ordered to leave his body, travel across barriers of space and time to a foreign government's security facility, and there read top secret documents and relay back their information."

While the Soviets are reported to have twenty or more centers for the study of para-psychological phenomena and for the purpose of conducting psychic research, their most advanced technology may be in the field of scientific development.

There is the announcement that the Soviets have been experimenting with anti-satellite interceptors designed to destroy some U.S. satellites. In fact, Defense Secretary Harold Brown announced in October of 1977 that Russia had reached such a capability.

A lethal device

Then there is the "death ray" which is more powerful and deadlier than nuclear weapons, according to top government officials. When perfected, such a weapon will deliver a high-powered laser beam over a great distance with pinpoint accuracy.

General George S. Brown, as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told Congress: "Spaceborne lasers could greatly expand communications and satellite tracking capabilities."

How far the Russians have gone in perfecting their laser technology is evidenced in the fact that top officials believe the U.S.S.R. may already be capable of destroying our satellites

and U.S. intercontinental ballistic missiles. Thus, they could neutralize the effectiveness of most of our strategic weapons and leave us helpless in a nuclear attack.

Such laser weapons, emitting relatively high-frequency rays, would be capable of penetrating long distances in the dense lower atmosphere, and reportedly can "burn through heavy stainless nickel steel at range." Thus, they may be capable of intercepting an incoming ballistic missile from the ground.

Soviet spying

While this all concerns the safety of our country, we cannot overlook Soviet infiltration within the United States which looms as a threat to our security.

Representative Steve Symms (R. Idaho) has charged: "If all the facts about KGB spying were known, it would probably blow the dome off the Capitol."

Symms reportedly told the ENQUIRER: "KGB agents have an open door to the Capitol." He noted: "They're roaming around collecting every scrap of information they can--and our government is letting them get away with it. Virtually every Soviet citizen our congressmen come in contact with is KGB-controlled, and they're here for one purpose--to gather intelligence and send it back to Moscow."

Symms went on to observe: "The flood of Russians coming here gets bigger every year. Last year alone, 50,000 Soviet 'visitors' came to the U.S. And reliable sources estimate that 70 to 80 per cent of these people are really KGB operatives."

Senator Barry Goldwater (R. Arizona) says: "I have heard that some offices have been infiltrated. Not just 'bugged', but infiltrated by potential enemies."

The CIA has come under fire because of its activities. Senator Frank Church has stated: "it is the CIA, not the KGB, that is feared all over the world."

One writer points out that in Russia a worker for the KGB makes more money than a Moscow surgeon with twenty years experience. It is clearly understood that the Soviet secret police enjoy money, status and glory, while in the United States our CIA is looked upon as performing meaningless tasks. For example, Senator James Abourezk of South Dakota called the CIA a "secret army going around fighting undeclared wars"

It is no wonder that America is left weakened and faces destruction from within and without by its enemies.

As William F. Biernes writes in the MIDNIGHT CRY magazine, "World War Three is all planned and the die is cast. At a given signal, the worst holocaust of the century will be unleashed on humanity."

What about our future? Is destruction our destiny?

Whatever our evaluation of the threats facing America, we can be sure that God is justified in allowing certain judgment

to come on account of our many sins.

As Dr. W. A. Criswell, Dallas pastor and a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, testified, "God once permitted the merciless Assyrian Empire to chasten and punish His people for their sins. So, God may be allowing the ruthless Red Russian Empire to exist in our modern world as a scourge and chastisement of the Christian nations of the West."

Of this we are convinced, the hour of our Lord's Return is approaching. As the editor of a Biblical publication in Australia writes: "In the growth of Russian power and in the failing influence of restraining forces against armed aggression, we are witnessing in our day the signs leading to the return of Christ to the earth."

Good news

What a message we have to proclaim--Jesus is coming again!

We're talking to someone today who is fearful and afraid. The future holds no promise of hope. You may even be despairing of life.

Yet, Jesus would say to you: "I am come that ye might have life, and that ye might have it more abundantly."

Our Lord came the first time to save all who despair of life. John 3:16 reminds us: "Whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

You can have this everlasting life, this abundant life, if you'll simply acknowledge your need of the Saviour and pray this prayer: "Lord Jesus, come into my heart and life. Forgive me of all my sin. Give me pardon and peace. Save me now, I pray. Amen."

Beloved, He will do it.

He has promised, "He that cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out." Again we read: "Come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." (Heb. 4:16)

And in Revelation 3:20, we read: "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

Jesus is standing at the door of your life. He offers peace and forgiveness. He will not only save you, but He will stay with you forever. He promises: "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Again we read, "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

That's His promise. By His Spirit He will lead you and guide you. Then one day He is coming again to receive unto Himself His own. He came the first time as a lowly babe; He is coming again as the sovereign King of kings. And He says, "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I overcame, and am set down with my

Father in his throne.”

How can you be an overcomer?

The answer is by reading God's Word everyday, by talking to Him in prayer, and telling others about Him.

In 1 John 5:4, we read: “For whatsoever is born of God, overcometh the world. And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.”

The next verse asks: “Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?”

The world about us is filled with turmoil. Many are without God and without hope. But through Jesus Christ you can be born-again, filled with His peace, empowered by His Spirit, and ready for His coming.

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

WHY IS THE F.B.I. UNDER ATTACK ??

THE PRESBYTERIAN JOURNAL, in its editorial column, asks the question: "Did you see where the President's Attorney General is prosecuting a former head of the FBI for doing his best to protect the country during the period of its worst internal turmoil in over 100 years?"

An unbelievable situation exists where L. Patrick Gray III, acting director of the bureau under President Nixon, along with Mark Felt and Edward S. Miller, were arraigned for violating the civil rights of citizens, mainly the WEATHER-MAN fugitives, by ordering "illegal" break-ins.

As these three FBI leaders appeared in the U. S. Courthouse in Washington, D.C., there was applause from some 700 past and present FBI agents who gathered in support of their chieftains. At the Courthouse door, New York Agent Patrick Connor read a statement which said: "Let this event assure the American people that our fight against terrorists was nothing more than our just and sworn duty."

When top officials in our government are pledged to protect this nation and, because of technicalities of the law, they are punished for doing so, then something is radically wrong. We should not sit idly by and see men of our highest calibre destroyed for trying to keep our country from being taken over by leftist revolutionary elements.

As a prominent Baptist pastor remarked in a recent sermon: "In Jeremiah's time the 'horrible thing' was that religious leaders prophesied lies for money and the people loved to have it so." He went on to say, "Today, the only apparent way to gain preferred treatment is to be an enemy of the United States, and the leaders of the land seem not to



FBI agents applaud former Director L. Patrick Gray

care.”

After all, what is wrong with wire tapping, break ins, and even the opening of mail when the purpose of such activity is for surveillance of known enemies sworn to “burn down” or “take over” the United States.

It would be interesting to know how many public figures were kept from assassinations, how many bombings were prevented, and how many buildings were kept from being burned as a result of past surveillance. To tie the hands of the FBI and the CIA because of legal technicalities is not only unrealistic but is anti-American.

They added that 23 million envelopes from selected countries are set aside and about 270,000 are opened, most of them first-class mail. Of those opened, federal attorneys argued, one in six contains contraband.

The Supreme Court is expected to rule on the question before its term ends in June. The appeal stems from the case of two Washington, D. C., men who allegedly mailed letters from Thailand to several U. S. addresses. Customs agents in New York allegedly found some that contained heroin.

We might ask, Why can't such mail be opened? Regulations against the invasion of privacy does not condone illegal drug activity nor does it approve the smuggling of dangerous weapons such as bombs that might be concealed in parcels entering this country. There have to be ways of protecting the American people.

Surely a “sign of the times” is an episode involving FBI men who, during the Vietnam War, were known to have opened the mail of known insurrectionists and revolutionists bent on overthrowing our government. It is inconceivable that an FBI agent hired to defend our country from such traitors and tyrannists should be tried for doing his job, that of pro-

tecting our freedom.

Why punish the C.I.A.?

Although we would admit that lawmen are not perfect, nevertheless, to tie their hands so that they cannot properly defend this country is absolutely ridiculous. In a day of electronic gadgetry when foreign agents within our shores are bugging our telephone lines unrestricted, why should our FBI and CIA be penalized for similar activity while seeking to counteract revolutionary activity?

Surveillance goes on constantly with Americans and Russians spying on each other using high-resolution cameras aboard ships, submarines, and overhead via satellites. The major U. S. spy-in-the-sky right now is nicknamed "Big Bird". This is a 12-ton, 55-foot-long technological marvel that carries electronic listening gear along with black and white, color, and infrared television and still cameras. This satellite can provide detailed data on Russian and Chinese grain harvests, while charting military movements and missile locations.

The Assistant FBI Director, J. Wallace LaPrade, pointed out that the "Weathermen" was a radical underground anti-war group suspected of working with the PLO.

In response to questions concerning this group, this top official declared: "I want to stress that the activities of the FBI agents conducting 'Weathermen' investigations were done in good faith, with recognized authority and from no motive of personal gain." He went on to say, "They had as their sole purpose the protection of the American people."

It was further stated, "Because of warrantless searches and surveillance by the FBI, as many as 300 persons were saved from death or injury because agents learned that the PLO had planted three bombs in March, 1973, at the El Al Israel Airlines terminal at Kennedy International Airport and at the Israeli Discount Bank on Fifth Avenue. The bombs were disarmed."

Authorities estimate that at least 50 different revolutionary groups, numbering 3,000 persons in all, are living "underground" throughout the world. And evidence mounts steadily that seizure of U.S. citizens, along with the destruction of U.S. property and U.S. business, is now a prime objective.

"The trouble has already started," declares Dr. Yonah Alexander, internationally renowned authority on terrorism, "and it's going to grow much, much worse...Terrorism is becoming endemic."

A former FBI agent, who served in Indianapolis for 20 years, points out that all this surveillance took place during the period of the assassinations of the Kennedys, the college riots, and other acts of terrorism.

Concerning these FBI men who have been indicted, he says,

"I feel these agents are trying to tell the American people, 'Look, our superiors and ourselves are not criminals and we do not deserve to face the possibility of prison for doing what we felt was necessary, and what we felt our government and its citizens would expect of us to combat subversion and terrorism'." He concludes by saying, "The FBI deserves and needs the wholehearted support of every honest, patriotic American."

Indicted for doing their duty?

Another former FBI man in Denver comments, "We were given a job to do, namely, protect U.S. internal security. Now we are told that that was long ago, your acts were wrong, you are indicted." He adds, "Russia and the KGB must be applauding and rolling in the aisles with laughter."

And this person asks, "How can we be so naive as to put on trial those who are trying to cull the known subversives and traitors to this country and toss aside majority rights for the so-called rights of a few? It doesn't make sense. At this rate, we won't have a country to defend. We've got to stop tying the hands of our law enforcement officials."

It is known that similar offences such as wire tapping and opening of first class mail goes on all the time, some with court approval and some without.

For instance, while the CIA may have stopped opening first-class mail entering the United States, the U. S. Customs Service continues the practice even though a court order prohibits such activity.

David Arnon, a Customs Service official in Los Angeles, says a 1971 ruling by the 10th Circuit of the U. S. Court of Appeals in Denver permits opening of mail without permission. In a more recent ruling, however, Federal Appeals Court in Washington, D. C , said customs can't open overseas mail without a court order.

Justice Department attorneys say that customs officials open more than one billion pieces of first-class mail, packages, and other mail annually.

While the Soviets also have spy satellites in the sky, great concern is expressed for their "hunter-killer" satellites which are capable of blasting American pay loads out of the sky. Soviet cosmonauts are believed to be conducting extensive military reconnaissance from the Salyut space station that passes over the U. S. twice a day. It can readily be seen where one day all of this satellite activity will be employed by the Antichrist to keep tabs on everyone on earth. That day surely may not be too far distant.

All this activity is provoking comment from listeners who write us. One such letter came after a broadcast we did on "Sky Quakes" to say: "Did you ever stop to think these

occurred while the Russians were on their space platform for 90 days?" Said this listener, "I think they are practicing for the future bombing of American cities."

Another letter comes from a foreign listener who writes: "Don't you think that your country should begin constructing colossal underground shelters and storage sites to provide even for the minimal of survival...?"

So, while we show little or no concern, there are those who are concerned for us, for America remains the last bastion of freedom and the free nations' only hope. If the United States should succumb to godless tyrannical forces, then there is no hope left for the world.

Much more could be said about the danger that confronts us. There is a Bible verse that keeps coming into my mind that I can't get away from. It is found in Isaiah 57:1 where we read, "The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart."

Now, if the verse said "The wicked perisheth," we would understand. But, the lament is for the "righteous."

Is this not a description of our day when attempts are being made by the enemy to destroy us, to take away our freedoms, and to annihilate our cities?

Of greater concern is the souls of men, as well as those who would be killed if devastating destruction were to be hurled upon our towns and large metropolitan areas where millions would be destroyed or left suffering from radiation burns.

Hear the Psalmist, too, as he cries out: "No man cared for my soul." (Psa. 142:4)

Beloved, we care. And for that reason we have prepared this message to awaken and alert every red-blooded American as well as every "righteous" person so that we need not perish.

Watch and pray

May God preserve and protect and keep His own until Jesus comes. May we ever "watch and pray always" that we may be "accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." For we're reminded, "As a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth." (Luke 21:36,35)

We would remind you again that it is your continued monthly support of this ministry that makes possible this radio and television outreach. On a thousand stations we are able to send forth this message every week. Think of it.

Thank you for sharing our heart's burden that the whole world hear that "Jesus Is Coming Soon. Be Ready!" ■

THE RIGHTEOUS PERISH

Dr. D. James Kennedy, pastor of the Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, has expressed his concern in a sermon he delivered in which he said; "Today I believe we are right where Europe was in the thirties. The storm clouds have been gathering for a long time, but we have preferred to ignore them, to deliberately turn our backs upon them, to stop our ears to those who would warn us of the coming danger.

One person said to me, 'Oh, I've heard about that for years. There couldn't be anything to it because I heard about it 20 years ago.' Others warned us about it 100 years ago! In the 1880's, Charles Hodge, the great theologian, wrote at length about the threat of what later came to be known as Communism.

"During the 18 years I have been in this pulpit, from time to time I have looked around and seen the storm clouds gathering. I have cried out and then, like a groundhog, I have gone back to my busy doings and have forgotten. Every time I come up the storm clouds are closer and now they are almost here.

"The Communists have not left us in doubt; they have told us that the Church would be exterminated and that all discoverable Christians would be annihilated. As much as it would lie within their demented powers, they would extirpate the Christian Church from the world."

There's a Scripture that comes to mind as we see our nation succumbing to one pressure after another, and the forces of godlessness gaining ground in the world. In Isaiah 57:1, we read, "The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart."

Did you hear it?

First, we see on a political scale where nation after nation is being taken over by the Communists. In southeast Asia, and now in Africa, we are seeing a tidal wave of terrorism as country after country is experiencing insurrection. Revolutionary, pro-Communist factions are committing all kinds of atrocities in places like Cambodia where untold numbers have perished.

The number increases of those who are dying for their faith in Jesus Christ. It is reported that the Communists have killed up to 100 million, with many of these believers. That's more than have died in all of the wars of history.

Surely, "The righteous perisheth, and no man taketh it to heart."

Of greater concern, however, is the multitude of men and women, boys and girls, who know not Christ but will perish in a lost eternity unless someone reaches them with the Gospel.

While it is pointed out that in a nuclear war with Russia, we would lose approximately 150 million Americans, there would be a greater loss if these should die without Christ.

Jesus said, "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matt. 10:28)

We think of inter-continental missiles poised for the take-off. In addition, there may be satellites overhead that could be detonated by pushing a button in Moscow, along with missiles launched from submarines surrounding our shores, that could bring death and destruction in the middle of the night. We would never know about it, except perhaps for those who would live through the holocaust to die a slow radiation death.

As terrible a fate as that seems to be, it is far worse to read of a place "where the worm dieth not and the fire is not quenched" that becomes the habitation of every soul that dies without Jesus Christ.

But would you notice again our text? We read, "The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart." It doesn't say the wicked perisheth. It is understandable that the wicked shall perish. As we read in Psalms 1:6, "The way of the ungodly shall perish."

On the other hand, the message of the Gospel is clearly taught in verses like John 3:16 which reminds us, "whosoever believeth in Him (Jesus) shall not perish but have everlasting life."

But we read, "The righteous perisheth." How can you account for that?

A necessary repentance

Jesus taught that it was necessary to repent in order to find salvation. Today we have an "easy-believism" taught that requires no repentance. But Jesus said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

Bishop J. C. Ryle explains: "We must carefully remember that without repentance no soul was ever yet saved. We must know our sins, mourn over them, forsake them, abhor them, or else we shall never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Bishop Ryle goes on to say: "There is nothing meritorious in this. It forms no part whatever of the price of our redemp-

tion. Our salvation is all of grace from first to last. But the great fact still remains, that saved souls are always penitent souls, and that saving faith in Christ, and true repentance toward God, are never found asunder. It is written," says Bishop Ryle, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Lu.13:3)

My friends, God "is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2 Pet. 3:9) Peter spoke those words in connection with the day of the Lord. He writes: "The day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness..."

Leonard Ravenhill writes: "We Christians are so wilfully smug to the lostness of men! so chronically lazy! and so callously different! As lax, loose; lustful and lazy Laodiceans, we are challenging God to spew us out of His mouth. (Rev. 3:14-19) God pity us, or smite us!"

Some see the Laodicean Church as representative of unbelief, but others see it as the church that will be left behind at the Rapture to go through the tribulation.

We would ask, Should we not be concerned about these represented by the "foolish virgins" whose lamps are seen going out? We should be concerned about the servant who buried his talent, who was told he should have invested his money profitably, but because of his unfaithfulness is cast into outer darkness where there is weeping and gnashing of teeth.

We should be alarmed over those, who like the servant in Luke 12, says, "My lord delayeth his coming." For we read: "The lord of that servant will come in a day when he looketh not for him, and at an hour when he is not aware, and will cut him in sunder, and will appoint him his portion with the unbelievers." (Lu. 12:45-46)

How the words of our text burn into our hearts, "The righteous perisheth and no man layeth it to heart."

Would you be ready were Jesus to come today? Do you know Christ as your Saviour, and is He Lord of your life? Are you walking in obedience to His will as revealed in His Word? Are you supporting His work? Have you given up all to follow Him? Have you forsaken the world to serve Him? Have you laid aside even the weights and the besetting sins? Have you purified yourself by obeying the truth revealed by the Holy Spirit?

These are serious questions, sober questions, and our purpose is not to rob anyone of their faith, but that we may examine ourselves to see if there is anything in our lives that might keep us from being ready 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." ■

THREATS FACING THE CHURCH

From East Germany comes word of an agreement reached between Protestant Church leaders and the head of state, Communist Party chief, Erich Honecker.

For the first time, Protestant pastors will be allowed to hold services and talk to inmates in East German prisons. The church has also been granted air time once a month on radio and, on special occasions, on television for religious broadcasts. And, the state has promised to put pressure on local authorities to allow the building of churches in new residential areas.

Among other agreements, church sources say, the state will be more generous in allowing the importation of religious literature. Church leaders hope for a new era of coexistence between Christians and Communists who are often zealously anti-God and anti-church.

Today we might ask, What about the church in America? And what about the future of the church everywhere?

Of this we can be sure, our Lord declared, "The gates of hell shall not prevail against the church" which He Himself founded.

Although we hear of much persecution abroad with the church having gone underground in many communist lands, yet we see the purpose of God being fulfilled. For it is often in the midst of persecution that God perfects His people. His ultimate objective is "that he might present to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Eph. 5:27)

It is well-known that the churches that are most successful today are those who preach a "born-again" experience, and emphasize the Bible to be the Word of God. We might ask, What is an evangelical? Pollster George Gallup reports the results of a survey on the question.

The success of this program, we believe, is largely related to the belief that everyday events are somehow related to the

Scriptures. The Bible has an answer to all of life's problems and complexities.

Furthermore, as one pastor testified, we believe that "Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life, and that no man cometh unto the Father but by Him."

Today we would like to discuss some of the threats facing the church.

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT has stated: "Experts agree that the social upheavals of recent years--and personal frustrations, inflation and domestic and international security--combine to provide a climate in which both old-time and new faiths flourish."

While the old-time religion is that of simple faith in Jesus Christ as the only Saviour and Lord who forgives sin and gives eternal life, the new so-called "faiths" include mysticism and even witchcraft.

As this magazine goes on to relate: "Not all seekers of spiritual fulfillment are looking to Christianity. Zen Buddhism, Yoga, Transcendental Meditation, the Krishna Consciousness Society and other movements draw great followings."

Besides, there are believers in witchcraft, spiritualism, astrology and even Satan worship.

But these are not the threats that we want to discuss today.

A lukewarm church

The first threat to the true church of Jesus Christ is mentioned in 2 Timothy 3:5 where we read of those "Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof; from such turn away."

Where the church has become formal and ritualistic it has failed to meet the needs of the people. That's why the churches today that are getting the crowds are those where lively gospel songs are sung rather than opera-type anthems, and where there might be an occasional hand clapping, or an "amen" without expecting an usher to escort you to the door.

Dave Wilkerson, in speaking to the National Association of Evangelicals, noted traditional churches are not reaching the youth. He chided the church for its coldness and inactivity.

The Scriptures describe the church of the end-time as lukewarm, and often "rich, and increased with goods, having need of nothing." Why is it that people feel they must support a building rather than to build lives around the person of Jesus Christ?

As Don Norbit in INTEREST magazine writes: "Some have said concerning today's youth, 'they reject certain things that mark the religious establishment. Big, elaborate church buildings are out--What a waste!' " he notes. "Very proper, structured church services should be junked--What a drag!" The smug materialism of affluent Christendom is rejected--Thousands

have never heard the Gospel and we dare drive luxury cars. The complacency of attending church meetings with little concern for the lost is condemned--God, help us to realize that people are on their way to hell!"

Merely entertainment?

Another threat to the Church of Jesus Christ is merely seeking to entertain. The Scriptures again warn that in the last days there will be those who are "lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God." (2 Tim. 3:4)

While it may be true that every time the church doors open there need not be a sermon delivered, or a Bible lesson taught, it is wholesome for young people to have a place to meet where they can enjoy a time of spiritual refreshment, so long as they remember "whatever they do, to do to the glory of God."

Who did not enjoy the old-time Youth for Christ programs on a Saturday night where they had special music, sometimes a gospel film, an enthusiastic speaker, and occasional refreshments?

On the other hand, there can be the danger of planning a program completely around the aesthetic, that which pleases the senses rather than that which lifts the spirit.

Notice what the Prophet Ezekiel writes concerning the abominations that he saw which are in evidence today. He writes of those who say, "Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from the Lord." We read: "And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, BUT THEY WILL NOT DO THEM: for with their mouth they shew much love, but their heart goeth after their covetousness."

And listen to this: "Lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not." (Ezek. 33:30b-32)

Did you hear it?

Some of you will be surprised to know that is in the Bible. But too many times we come to services in our churches to enjoy the music, or be entertained by a film, or hear some jokes told by the preacher, rather than to hear from heaven.

It's time we realize that unless the songs are anointed of the Holy Spirit, and the message reveals the voice of God through His Word, and we are challenged to go forth to witness for Christ and live lives glorifying Him, we had better not "play" church.

Church is serious business. To hear the message and not heed it, said Jesus, "is like a man which built his house upon the sand; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it."

On the other hand "Whosoever heareth these sayings of mine," said Jesus, "and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock; and the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not; for it was founded upon a rock." (See Matt. 7:24-28)

The foundation of our faith must include obedience. The super-structure of the church of Jesus Christ is based not only on belief which includes correct doctrine, but on discipleship--forsaking all to follow Jesus.

Spiritual "business"?

Another threat to the Church of Jesus Christ is that of making it a business enterprise rather than to make the salvation of souls the business of the church.

Why is it that we think we must build tall, stately, multi-million dollar structures which will crumble during the tribulation when earthquakes will be so powerful they will level mountains? It is a trick of Satan to put money into the ground that should go toward evangelizing the lost.

To us it would appear that radio and television constitutes one of the greatest ways to preach the gospel today, but many people would rather put their money into buildings which will only crumble and decay.

The Scriptures speak of those who teach and preach "for filthy lucre's sake." (Titus 1:11)

How sad it will be for any ministry that has as its goal "getting gain" rather than "saving souls."

In the parable of the talents, the man that "dugged in the earth, and hid his lord's money" was reprimanded with the words, "Thou wicked and slothful servant...Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury." He was cast into outer darkness where there was weeping and gnashing of teeth.

How it behooves us to wisely use funds entrusted to us. In fact, we read: "It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful." (1 Cor. 4:2) It is not something optional as to what we do with our money. It is a requirement that we invest our time and talents wisely in the Lord's service.

In our own ministry we seek to stretch every dollar entrusted to our use, knowing we must one day give an account to God for our stewardship. I'm sure when it is realized that we are able to broadcast on a thousand radio and TV stations, mail out millions of pieces of literature, and pay salaries, utilities and mortgages on an annual budget of \$500,000 it must be an encouragement to our friends to give to such a ministry. For we seek to carefully use funds entrusted to our care.

Think what we could do if God entrusted us with a million

dollars. We could take on many more radio and television stations, reaching millions more with the message--"Jesus is coming soon. Be ready!"

God does not condone deceit or dishonesty particularly as it relates to the ministry.

In Jeremiah 48:10 we read: "Cursed be he that doeth the work of the Lord deceitfully...." This should speak to every minister who is seeking to serve God in the work to which he is called. We cannot afford to be negligent or careless.

There are some novel ministries to which people are led to give which look glamorous on the surface but are not wisely using monies trusted to their care, nor preaching the straight and narrow gospel of Jesus Christ with a call to holy living. There are other ministries which boast of great accomplishments and yet are filling the till with funds that pay exorbitant salaries and which go for buildings and equipment.

A careful investment

May God give us discernment as to how to invest wisely in the Lord's work. As Dr. Oswald J. Smith said it: "We must decide whether we are going to put our money into the building or into the message. Not until the Church realizes that the message is more important than the building will we evangelize the world." Says Smith: "God did not tell us to build luxurious churches and invite the people to come in. He told us to go out with the message and preach the gospel to the entire world. Let us then change our methods. Let us put our money, not into the building, but into the message."

Again, how careful we must be where we invest the Lord's money knowing we must give an account of our stewardship.

How wonderful it will be when we stand before the Lord to know we have sought to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit in giving of our time and talents to His cause! It will be worth every investment we have made to hear our Lord say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant...enter thou into the joy of thy LORD." (Matt. 25:21)

Are you a faithful servant? Do you know Jesus as your Saviour and Lord? And would you be ready were He to come today?

These are questions worth pondering and which deserve an answer.

Receive Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and live for Him daily, and be ready when He comes.

For He hath said: "Be ye therefore ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."■

Are we spiritually lukewarm?

U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT, in a copyrighted article by Joyce Carol Oates, says: "America has entered an era of intense religious upheaval." She notes further, "You can see this in the 'born-again Christian' phenomenon and in cults like the 'moonies' and the Hare Krishnas."

She points out her observation that "Historically, the United States has occasionally undergone periods of religious hysteria." She states: "America is susceptible to such hysteria partly because it has a somewhat adolescent and unstable consciousness." And she observes: "We're not evil or wicked - just somewhat immature."

We are reminded of what the Lord said to Samuel during the time that Saul was king over Israel. God had commanded King Saul to destroy utterly the enemy, including the oxen and the sheep. But Saul spared the best of the oxen and the sheep so that he might sacrifice them unto the Lord.

Now, outwardly it would appear that Saul was doing God a great big favor. In fact, he told Samuel: "I have performed the commandment of the Lord." But Samuel replied: "What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?"

And Samuel said: "Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king." (1 Sam. 15:13-14, 22-23)

Saul then admitted that he had transgressed the commandment of the Lord, saying, "I have sinned." But he explained it was because he "feared the people, and obeyed their voice."

My friends, there are those who say that we are not so bad, that we are not evil or wicked. But God looks on the heart. As we read in 1 Samuel 16:7: "...for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart." That's why we need to be born-again! We need a change of heart.

Malcolm Muggeridge sees Western civilization as comparable to the collapse of the Roman Empire.

He notes that Rome didn't crack up because of a lack of power or wealth, but because "the moral shape that lies behind all other shapes are breaking up. The truth is that, unless men have a sense of moral order within themselves and in their universe, they will not be able to build any other kind of order, economic, political or social."

Did you hear it?

Dr. William Ward Ayer observes: "The United States is now the most immoral nation in history. We are an immoral people, guilty in one way or another of the major sins of all the ages--God-rejection, sensuousness, adultery, sodomy, and infidelity."

He notes: "In many ways we have outdone Sodom and Gomorrah of the days of Lot. Our orgies are as filthy as the sex-mad drunken bacchanalia of the Romans and Greeks."

How can we look at ourselves and say we are not wicked or evil?

A dark fate...

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, writing in CHRISTIANITY TODAY, tells of a trip abroad where he viewed the remains of past civilizations. He noted a similar dark fate had, in our own century, overtaken world powers and warned that America might be next.

Listen to the caution that he flashed to the United States. "Everywhere one travels in the Near East today he can find the rubble remnants of great empires of the past...One by one they have fallen...The whole course of history pays its testimony to the nature and activity of God: He sends disobedient nations down to their doom."

Dr. Henry goes on to observe: "Europe and the United States are closer to moral chaos than men realize...We are rapidly losing clear-cut lines of faith: sacred and cherished terms, like justice, law, order, democracy, human dignity, are given glib meanings not alone by men who speak against Christianity, but by descending on our era," says Dr. Henry.

We wonder if we appear to God as Israel appeared to Him in the days of Isaiah, the prophet.

Listen to what we read: "Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters; they have forsaken the Lord." (Isa. 1:4a)

Could this be said of us today?

Look at the great number of those who say they are "born-again." Why we can't be that bad!

One magazine points to 80 million Americans who consider themselves Christians but who no longer attend church services.

J. Russel Hale, on the faculty of Lutheran Theological

Seminary in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, finds these so-called believers falling into seven categories:

- The "Anti-institutionalists" who see organized religion as somehow opposite of "true religion."
- The "boxed in," those who find church membership confining.
- The "burned out" who feel they were exploited or used by church membership.
- The "cop-outs" who were never really committed to the church.
- "Happy hedonists" who substitute pleasure for religion.
- "Nomades" who are continually on the move and want no ties with a parish or congregation.
- "Pilgrims" who are looking for the "right church."

Rich or poor?

The book of the Revelation describes the end-time church as "lukewarm," that is "neither cold, nor hot."

How many of us would fit that category today?

God has ordained that the church of Jesus Christ be pure and holy, and burning with the fire and enthusiasm of the Holy Spirit, ready for the day when our Lord will come as the bridegroom coming for His bride.

Are we such a church?

Paul writes: "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish." (Eph. 5:27)

Are we that kind of a church?

The Laodicean church is pictured as "rich, increased with goods, and having need of nothing." But, in reality, she is wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.

Think of it!

Concerning the true church of born-again, blood-washed, Spirit-filled believers, our Lord says, "The very gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

But of this Laodicean church of the end-time, we hear our Lord saying: "So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." (Rev. 3:16)

May God help us!

Could it be that we are lukewarm?

If so, Leonard Ravenhill says, "we are challenging God to spew us out of His mouth."

The Laodicean Church represents those who refuse to have their lives regulated by the Word of God. Like King Saul, they go through the motions of religion but fail to heed the Biblical admonitions to faith and holiness that should characterize believers.

Today we are told there are upwards to forty million or

more who are born-again in the United States.

We might ask, What then do we do with Scriptures such as given by Jesus that "Straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, that leadeth to life, and few there be that find it"? Is this a global evaluation? From a world standpoint, will few be saved?

Remember, on one occasion Jesus was asked, "Lord, are there few that be saved?"

And Jesus answered, "Strive to enter in at the strait gate: for many, I say unto you, will seek to enter in, and shall not be able."

We read how some will say, "We have eaten and drunk in thy presence, and thou hast taught in our streets. But he shall say, I tell you, I know you not whence ye are; depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity." (Luke 13:23-27)

Do you not have a belief that you can live as you please and still be ready for Christ's coming?

Keep yourself for Him

The Bible says, concerning those who have this glorious hope of being ready for the rapture, that if we are anticipating the coming of our Blessed Lord we will be ready. Like two who are in love plan for their wedding day, and dress in the purest white, keeping themselves for each other, so true believers will be preparing for the day when Christ will come.

As we read in 1 John 1:2-3: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."

Is our life lived with the hope and expectancy that our Lord may come at any moment? And would we be ready were He to come today? Or does sin cloud our relationship, and disobedience characterize our actions?

May God help us to see that we need to repent.

We think of what God said to Isaiah: "Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and shew my people their transgressions...." (Isa. 58:1)

Are we guilty of transgressing the laws of God? Is iniquity condemning us? Are we conscious of actions and attitudes that should not be in our lives? Then let us turn from our transgressions and find forgiveness. For we read, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)

Notice what God says concerning those whom He urges to turn from their sin. These are not the wicked to whom He is speaking. He is talking to His own--those "who seek me daily, and delight to know my ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinances of justice; they take delight in

approaching to God.”

That could include many in America today. We go through the religious ritual. We read our Bible and have our prayer. We watch Christian television programs and listen to Bible broadcasts on the radio. Are we sponges that take in and never give out? Is the message like water on a duck's back that is for everyone else but not for us?

We're reminded of the preacher who was concerned about the sexton and whether he was right with God. He would preach messages that he was sure would reach the sexton only to have the man say, "My, those people surely needed that message today."

Then one day it stormed and only the sexton appeared to open the church doors. The snow was deep and drifting so that no one else came. "Here's my chance," said the preacher, "I'll surely get through to him today!"

Afterward, the sexton said to the preacher, "That was a good sermon. It's too bad you didn't have anyone here to hear it."

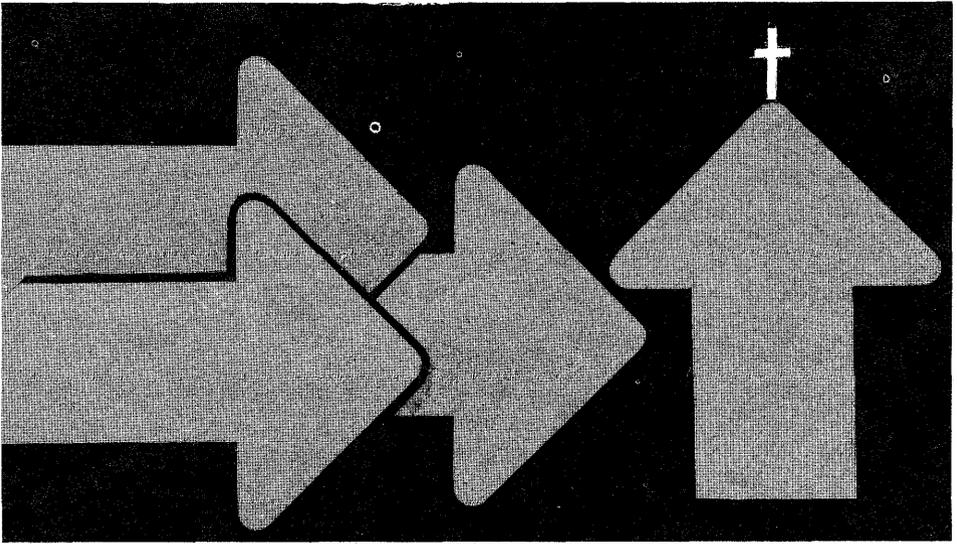
My friend, Jesus is coming soon. He wants us to be on fire with a flame of love burning in our hearts for Him and His Word. He wants us to know our sins are forgiven and then He wants us to be living for Him. If "lukewarm," He will spue us out of His mouth.

May God speak to our hearts to be flames of fire, burning brightly, testifying to His saving grace and keeping power, and keeping us ever ready for His soon coming.

For our Lord hath said, "Be ye therefore ready also, for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh."■

MYSTERY BABYLON

THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH



Frank Seifermann fled Nazi Germany in 1937. He came to the United States because he knew we had freedom of religion.

Seiferman, a Roman Catholic, was attending a lunch at his church for senior citizens. The program was financed by the federal government.

It was Seiferman who usually stood up and offered the prayer before the meal. After thanking the Heavenly Father for the food, and praying for the senior citizens that were sick, he concluded his prayer in the name of "Jesus Christ. Amen!"

Standing near him was a young woman who was appointed to oversee the nutrition program. She told Seiferman they could no longer pray. "If a prayer is prayed at a federally-funded program, it should be nonsectarian," said the young woman who represented the federal funding.

Some wept, others refused to eat. Finally, an interpretation from the director of the office of the mayor's nutrition program said there was a misunderstanding. So prayer continues at the luncheon for senior citizens at Queen of Angels Catholic Church in Chicago.

One of the threats facing the church is that eventually tax-exemption privileges may be withdrawn. The state, in its quest for tax monies, may ultimately be required to tax churches and church properties. (See: CAN THE COURTS TAX THE CHURCHES?)

Various forecasts have been made concerning the future of the church.

Basilea Schlink writes: "Whether we wish to realize it or

not, atheistic and anti-Christian movements are increasing in number from month to month, and their goal is to come to power and establish their rule. Even now," she notes, "they are beginning to put pressure on the Christians in schools, colleges, training centres and many different professions." She warns: "A world-wide persecution of Christians is imminent."

Do you see it coming?

Billy Graham is reported to have forecast the "possibility of great suffering coming to Christians within a generation." Of course, he noted, "God's grace and love can sustain believers in the worst of times." (TIME, May 12, 1975)

We might ask, Will the time ever come that persecution will come to the church in America?

A world church

What Bruce Dunn sees is a world church that the Scriptures talk about as coming into being. He notes: "America is being brainwashed into thinking that world government is the answer and the U.N. is the answer. And that a great ecumenical church is the answer."

Dunn goes on to say: "History has taught us that a single church becomes the respiratory of pride and of power, and gives very little attention to the real needs of men." He notes: "Competition is good," and observes, "It would not be good for America if General Motors were the only car manufacturer, or A & P the only grocer."

Concludes Dunn, "We should be afraid of a super-church like we should be afraid of a super-state."

The Scriptures point to a day coming when a world religious system will prevail. There will be an amalgamation of all world faiths. The Bible calls this "Babylon" meaning "confusion."

Dr. Lehman Strauss, in his booklet, THE COMING WORLD CHURCH, notes: "Babylon will appear to compromise a little here and a little there...." He points out that in the modern ecumenical movement there is the growing tendency to downgrade the Bible as the inspired and infallible Word of God. "People go to church on Sunday seeking to have their spiritual needs met..." he notes, "but because the minister has relegated the Bible to a lesser place (or no place at all), those needy souls, hungering for the Bread of God, must listen to twaddle about higher wages, disarmament, the nation's foreign policy, federal aid to education, civil rights...."

Here are observations we might make concerning the world church which the Bible calls MYSTERY BABYLON.

In the first place, when the tower of Babel was built centuries ago we read: "The whole earth was of one language, and of one speech." So ultimately we see religion, government, trade

and commerce swallowed up in a "one-world iron-clad Utopian empire." This federated kingdom will be under the rule of one we call the "beast" or the antichrist.

Antichrist's appearance is announced in 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4 where he is described as the "man of sin", who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."

Did you hear it?

A further description is given in Revelation 13:8 where we read concerning him: "All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."

Worship of a man

The religion of the antichrist will be the worship of a man and not God, and there will be no allowance for the name of Jesus Christ.

If you want a definition of the doctrine of the antichrist, it is simply a denial of Jesus Christ. So, when we hear of the name of Jesus removed from all Christmas celebrations, or school functions of any kind, you know that this is the spirit of antichrist seen prevailing in the end-time.

Listen to what we read in 1 John 2:22-23: "He is antichrist, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also."

This was the crux of the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ that He was one with the Father. Hear Him as He says, "I and my Father are one." (John 10:30) You'll recall how they picked up stones to kill him for in their understanding it was blasphemous to say that you were equal with God unless you were truly the Messiah. And since Jesus was truly the Messiah He could say, "I and the Father are one."

On another occasion, our Lord testified again that He was God. You'll recall He was in the presence of His disciples when Philip says to Him, "Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us." (John 14:8)

We read: "Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?"

What we are pointing out is that Jesus was the true revelation of God to man. He was God Who came to earth in human form. As we read in 2 Corinthians 5:19, "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself."

What a beautiful passage!

And where you have those who would deny you the right to use the name of Jesus, or to pray in the name of Jesus, the

Scripture would warn that this is the spirit of antichrist that is coming to the world.

Mystery Babylon

In the second place, we would note that true unity is not accomplished by organizations gathering together into a world church movement, but rather a spiritual oneness that prevails among believers who are born-again children of God.

Dr. John Walvoord, president of Dallas Theological Seminary, has said, "The very evidence of the ecumenical movement in the world, and the existence of the United Nations in the political scene, are signs to us of the lateness of the hour."

By the term "ecumenical movement" is meant the attempt being made by various religious denominations to merge into one vast super-church. When this happens, it will create a monopoly so vast as to force out the existence of all fundamental or evangelical groups for they know what the Bible says about this merging of religions which constitutes the religious phase of what we call MYSTERY BABYLON.

We repeat, there is a true unity of believers. Regardless of denominational affiliation, if you are saved by Jesus Christ and born into the family of God, you are my brother or my sister. We should ever strive for this spiritual unity.

Our Lord, in His intercessory prayer, prayed for His disciples "that all may be one." (John 17:21)

Ecumenical groups take this to mean that our Lord supported merging of interests such as we see in organizational unity. But there must be a sacrificing of cardinal truths taught in the Word of God to have this kind of unity. Thus, evangelicals consider this a spurious and false kind of unity, rather than the spiritual unity based upon allegiance to the Word of God and to the person of Jesus Christ, who was born of a virgin, died for man's sins, rose again, and is coming again. These are truths accepted by all born-again believers.

In the third place, you hear those in the world church movement who say that all religions lead to God, and whichever one you choose makes no difference. You will get to heaven by following one as much as you will another.

Beloved, this is not true.

I attended a meeting outside Chicago where all so-called founders of major religions are revered as God's prophets. I heard them say: "Join us and you are sure to be right."

I could not help but ask the question, What about Jesus' declaration in John 14:6 where He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me"?

The question cannot be answered by those who say we can approach God through some other well-known religious founder.

Our Lord made it very plain that He was God's ordained sacrifice for man's sin. There could be no other. He was the

Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world.

Other religious leaders have come and gone. They had great followings, and some espoused good ethical teachings, but only Jesus Christ came and died for the sins of the whole world. And "whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

Some think they can approach God through Mary or one of the saints. But, as Jesus said, "No man cometh unto the Father but by me." We believe He is our only means of approaching God.

As we read in 1 Timothy 2:5: "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

Again, in Acts 4:12, we read where the Apostle Peter declares: "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

The ecumenical movement that accepts other religions and their founders is referred to as MYSTERY BABYLON, meaning confusion, for it waters down the gospel and makes salvation through Jesus Christ equal to the salvation of any other religious leader.

Our Lord made it very clear that He was the door to heaven. He declared: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber." (John 10:1)

We would rob the Lord Jesus Christ of His Deity, as well as His exclusive right to save all who come to Him. All others who pretend to be religious founders are thieves and robbers. They are imposters and deceivers for Jesus Christ alone saves. This is the message of the Gospel.

Arnold Toynbee once suggested that there was one great religion capable of becoming a universal religion to replace Christianity, because it was concerned with human suffering, frustration and pain. But there is no gospel to compare with the message of Jesus Christ who came that we might "have life and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10)

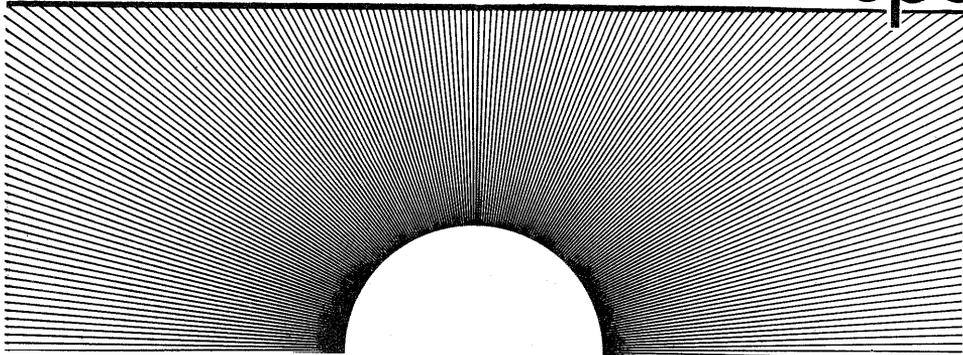
Do you have this abundant life? Is Christ your Saviour and Lord? Do you believe that He died for your sins and rose again, and is today exalted at the right hand of God soon to come for those who look for Him?

If so, this is the Gospel by which you are saved.

Trust Christ today, and live for Him always.

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

Christ's Return-Our Blessed Hope



Many Americans have been concerned about our giving away the Panama Canal, but now there seems to be a new and larger threat which was reported in SPOTLIGHT magazine, and has appeared in other journals.

Harry T. Everingham reports that the President has already signed two U.N. treaties which, when ratified by two-thirds vote of the U.S. Senate, would give the United Nations the right to abolish private property throughout the world, including the United States.

Alice Widener, syndicated columnist and editor of "U.S.A.," suggests these treaties which the President signed on October 5, 1977, are even worse and more dangerous than the Panama Canal treaties.

These are the U.N. Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and the U.N. Cultural Rights.

We are informed, "If two-thirds of the U.S. Senate present vote to ratify these treaties, then free enterprise and the ownership of private property in the United States are doomed."

Again, quoting Alice Widener: "There are many other valid objections to the two U.N. treaties from the point of view of freedom-loving Americans, but the exclusion of private property rights is of paramount importance. The right of every American to own property individually and in association with others, and the right of every American to own property free from arbitrary governmental confiscation or seizure without just compensation are rights guaranteed to us under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to our Constitution."

While this may be true, the fact remains that America is so heavily in debt as to go bankrupt, and all of the plans being laid are leading us to a world government that will be headed up by the coming Antichrist. We surely can see the day coming when the United Nations could officially take over by sanctioning expropriation or nationalization of any property deemed "necessary or desirable" by the government of any member state.

Everingham concludes: "There is no doubt that these treaties are being used as the groundwork for world government through the United Nations."

Dr. Edward Teller, nuclear scientist and "father of the H-Bomb, has warned that the news media is not telling the American people the truth about the imminent dangers that we face.

Teller has noted that if Russia attacked the United States and we responded with a successful counter attack, 97% of the Russian population would survive. But, says Teller, "The majority of the American people will perish because next to nothing is being done about saving lives in case of attack!"

Did you hear it?

A time such as we have never seen

Beloved, this is our concern! This is why we sound forth this end-time message calling for men everywhere to repent and flee the wrath to come! This is why we believe the Lord has permitted our broadcast to be heard on radio stations every week to herald forth the message--"Be ye therefore ready!" For we believe the only escape from a holocaust so frightening that words cannot describe the pain, misery and destruction is to be found in the coming of Christ for His own.

It is our conviction that one of the reasons for the rapture is that Christ will come for His own, and we will be caught away before this end-time holocaust takes place.

So, we ask, Could it be that before this nuclear holocaust, our Lord is seen coming for His own in the event described so vividly in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18? For we read: "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. Wherefore, comfort one another with these words."

Hallelujah! What comfort to know that our Lord is coming again. And in that day we will be caught up to meet Him in the air. The Greek word for "caught up" means to be seized by force and carried away speedily.

However, and whenever this happens we can be assured of one thing--it will pay to be ready to meet the Lord when He comes. By having received Christ as Saviour and found living for Him, we believe we can be ready to escape this coming day of wrath.

On the other hand, those left behind will have no choice but to endure the awful great tribulation which Jesus described as a time such as the world has never seen nor shall ever see again.

My dear friends, these are the latter days. These are days of destiny. Our fate hangs in the balance. It is not for nought that God has given us an open door to the people of America.

On a thousand stations we shout forth the message every week--
 "Jesus is coming soon. Be ready!"

Invasion-a real possibility

We believe the time is ripe for this invasion. The Russian Bear is becoming more bold and may soon be ready for the attack. The question is, When will it happen?

What constitutes the greatest threat to the security of the United States?

Recently we heard that there were close to twenty million Mexicans entering our country illegally. We were told this constitutes a greater threat to the security of the United States than that of Russia.

We do not know how these aliens would prove to be subversive unless they would become a sort of "fifth column" within our midst. Now that the Communist party is accepted in Mexico indicates the influence that Russia has upon our neighbor to the south of us.

In the United Nations, grave concern has been expressed by our government over the arms build-up within the Soviet Union.

Vice President Walter F. Mondale attacked Kremlin policy, accusing Soviet leaders of escalating the nuclear arms race. Mondale also criticized Soviet activities in Africa and elsewhere, accusing Moscow of staging a "continuing build-up of unprecedented proportions in Europe." He also attacked Soviet deployment of a mobile medium-range missile known as the SS20.

The Russians are pretty sure of their military posture. They are where Hitler was before World War II.

Major General George Kegan, recently retired from the Air Force, says Russia is in a superb position to blackmail the United States into surrender.

And Alexander Solzhenitsyn predicts the day will come when the announcement will be made: "Attention America... We are marching...if you resist, you will be annihilated."

God's Word tells us what will happen! Armies from the North are seen pillaging and plundering their way to Palestine. We're told: "It shall be in the latter days."

A prediction

Are we not already seeing what Jesus predicted when he foresaw the "distress of nations, with perplexity"? (Lu. 21:25)

We are simply heading each day to a catastrophe from which there is no escape. We are fast moving toward the Niagara Falls of disaster from which we cannot return.

What should be the attitude of believers?

(1) We must redeem the time. It would be worthwhile to sell every available commodity not considered vitally needed, and put the money toward the worldwide distribution of the Gospel. Rather than let missions suffer, may we invest in souls, knowing one of these days our money will be worthless anyway and our property will be taken from us.

(2) We should live each day at a time. To foresee the future with its consequence of disaster would only lead to despair. "Take no thought for tomorrow," is what Jesus taught His disciples, in seeking to emphasize their relationship to the Kingdom of God. In fact, he urged: "Seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. 6:33-34)

(3) Accept each gloomy forecast as a sign that our Lord's return draws ever nearer. For after Jesus spoke of nations in distress, he spoke of additional calamities such as "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth; for the powers of the heaven shall be shaken."

Notice what we read next: "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory." HALLELUJAH!

But what we are witnessing today is a clue to what's ahead! For we read, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh!" (Lu. 21:25-28)

If not a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ, there would be little encouragement that we could offer to America. We believe our future is secure only if we have faith in the Lord and the promises of His Word. The world is heading toward a dictatorship run by Satan's puppet, the Antichrist. But we look not for the appearance of the Antichrist, but for the return of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who promised to come for His own before this coming day of wrath. "For God hath not appointed us to wrath but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ. Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him. Wherefore comfort yourselves together..." (1 Thes. 5:9-11a)

The coming of our Blessed Lord draws closer with each passing day. Can't you feel the tension building? There is a feeling of hopelessness everywhere.

A bright hope

But Christ's Return looms ever brighter as the believers' "blessed hope." We read: "Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the Great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ..." Hallelujah!

Dear One, we are convinced that God has raised up this broadcast for this hour, but your help is needed in order to keep this voice crying in the wilderness of man's need. I am asking you to help us sound forth the message of warning to men everywhere to "flee the wrath to come" by sending your much-needed offering TODAY.

Indeed, you can be a King's Herald by welcoming Him who is coming as the "King of kings, and Lord of lords."

Regretfully we see little hope for America. We have sinned away our day of grace. We repeat, "Our only hope is Christ's Return!"

Won't you write me today and say, "Brother Ray, I agree with you and want to help you get out this message. Enclosed find my check."

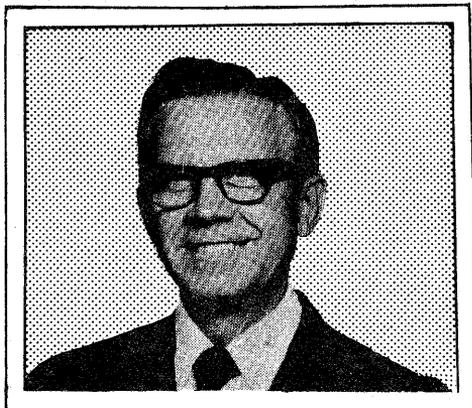
It is urgent that we hear from you.

Please write me today and let me know you will stand by our effort to warn America before it's too late.■

Yours, for souls,

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