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# Winston S. Churchill: The Prophet



**W**e are currently running a series of articles in *The Trumpet*, “Winston S. Churchill: the Watchman.” But he could just as easily be called a prophet. All he did was simply remember history, AND LEARN FROM IT.

After entering the demilitarized Rhineland zone in 1936, a clear violation of the Versailles Treaty, Hitler and the Nazi machine gobbled up Austria in 1938. The West stood by and watched as more catastrophes followed. “Negotiations between the Czechs and the Sudeten Germans continued. ‘Our latest information from Prague is rather more encouraging,’ Chamberlain wrote to Churchill on August 26. But Churchill did not share Chamberlain’s optimism. ‘The fabricated stories of a Marxist plot in Czechoslovakia,’ Churchill told his constituents at Theydon Bois on August 27, ‘and the orders to the Sudeten Deutsch to arm and defend themselves, were DISQUIETING SIGNS, SIMILAR TO THOSE WHICH PRECEDED THE SEIZURE OF AUSTRIA” (Martin Gilbert, *Winston Churchill*, vol. 5).

Churchill saw “disquieting signs,” but they were not *signs* to Prime Minister Chamberlain. That is because he refused to learn from the recent history of Hitler’s Austrian invasion.

Today, we refuse to learn from the signs of history. And some of those *signs* are happening inside that very same nation—Germany! Our peoples are again refusing to see what is really happening. Germany is prophesied to rise one last time, again to be the enemy of America and Britain (Isa. 10:5-7; “Assyria” is the ancient name of Germany). God helped us in World War II. But God has prophesied that He will *oppose us* in World War III, unless we repent. (Write for our free booklet, *The History and Prophecy of Germany*.)

Any good watchman looks for disquieting signs and warns his people. God has given me a watchtower from which to warn our people today. If they don’t heed, their blood will be on their own heads. If I don’t warn them, that blood will be on my head! (Ezek. 33:7-9). Either way, there is going to be much bloodshed, unless our people repent.

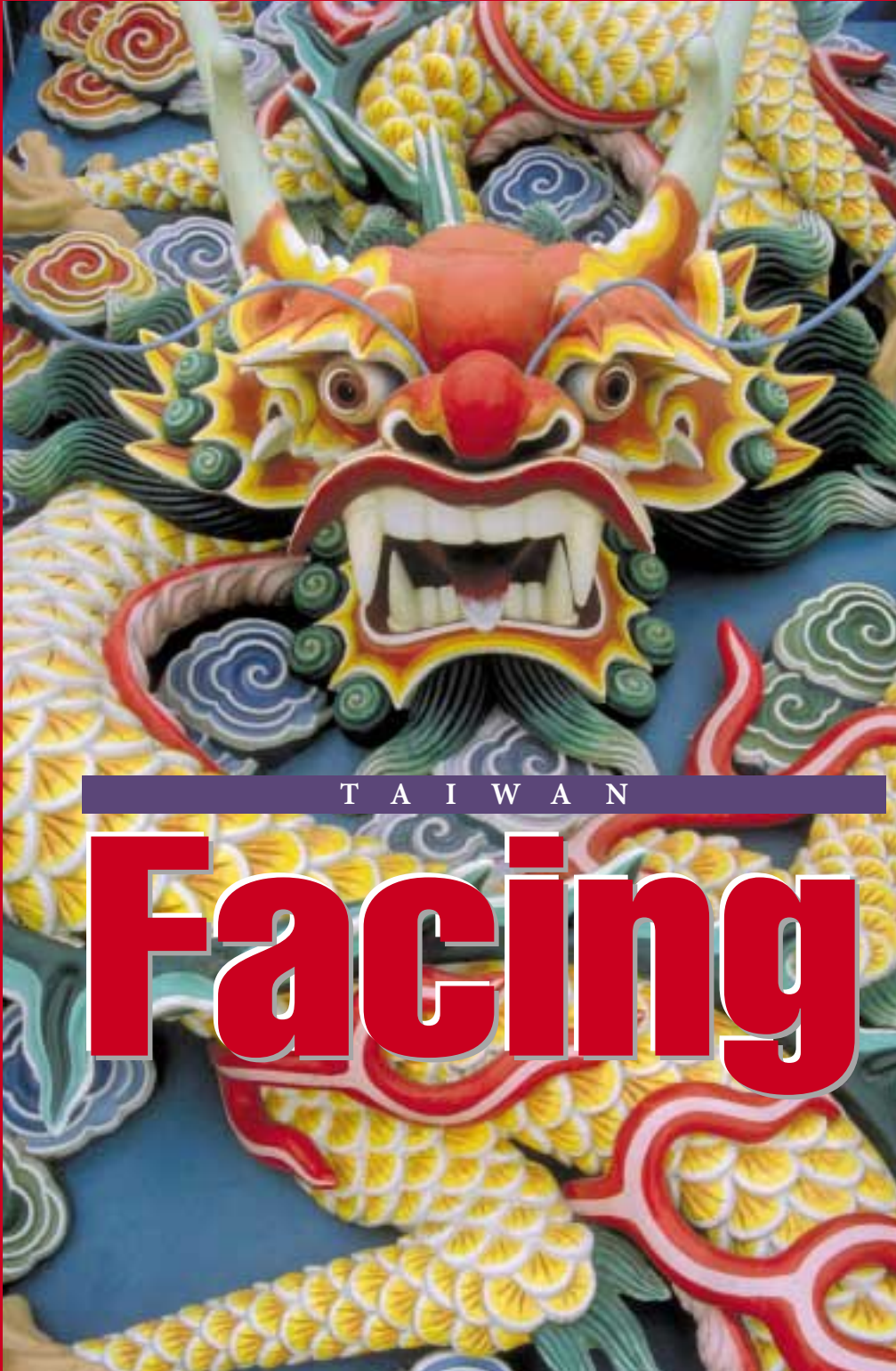
“In an anonymous paragraph which Churchill had written for the *Evening Standard* Londoner’s Diary on September 1, he warned of the dangers of ‘A MARKED DECLINE OF THE WILL TO LIVE, AND STILL MORE OF THE WILL TO RULE.’”

Churchill said there was a “marked decline” in Britain’s WILL to live and will to rule. He wondered if his people would just surrender to the Nazis without even a war—did they no longer have the will to truly live?

*The Times* of London was purposely vague in its stance on Czechoslovakia, but Churchill was quick to clarify it. *The Times* had written, “If the Sudetens now ask for more than the Czech Government are ready to give in their latest set of proposals, it can only be inferred that the Germans are going beyond the mere removal of disabilities for those who do not find themselves at ease within the Czechoslovak Republic. In that case it might be worthwhile for the Czechoslovak Government to consider whether they should exclude altogether the project, which has found favor in some quarters, of making Czechoslovakia a more homogeneous state by the cession of that fringe of alien populations who are contiguous to the nation to which they are united by race.”

Martin Gilbert sums up Churchill’s position: “In this single paragraph *The Times* gave its support to the most extreme of the Nazi demands, the complete cession of the Sudetenland, a demand which, if met, would have condemned Czechoslovakia to disintegration, and placed a majority of the Sudeten Germans under the grim rigors of Nazi rule. That same day, the Foreign Office publicly disassociated itself from the leader, but the damage had been done. Throughout Europe it was believed that *The Times*, in advocating a German annexation of the Sudetenland, spoke for the British Government, and that, as a result, Britain clearly would not fight to protect the Czech frontiers against German attack. On September 8 [1938] Churchill drafted a  
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**E**AST IS EAST  
AND WEST IS WEST  
AND NEVER THE  
TWIN SHALL MEET

THUS WROTE FAMED BRITISH author Rudyard Kipling amidst the golden years of the mighty British Empire.

Yet, contrary to this poetic observation on the seeming great gulf between the cultures, habits and traditions of the East which so separate it from the West, East did meet West, for a moment in time, during the 150 years of British possession of Hong Kong. But at midnight on June 30, 1997, British rule in the great merchandising sea port of Hong Kong came to an end. As has been stated by many, this was, in all likelihood, the last great British Imperial moment—and *nothing has been the same since.*

The *Trumpet* has well chronicled the startling economic and financial events which have rumbled increasingly around the world since that historic event. The Hong Kong handover was a seminal event that heightened the pressure on the floodgates of the “Asian contagion,” which burst through all its artificial restraints in the market crash of October 1997.

BY RON FRASER



**Britain's big gift** *Britannia pulls out of Hong Kong for the last time.*

As was pointed out in our January 1998 edition, the handover “may turn out to be *one of the most significant fulfillments of biblical prophecy in modern times*” (“Asian Financial Meltdown”). On reflection, it should be evident to all that the British handover of Hong Kong to the mainland Chinese was an event that triggered dramatic change in the financial markets of the world.

Wall Street commentator Nick Guarino stated at the time of the October 1997 crash, “*China has her own agenda. She was not going to stand aside and let the Hong Kong banks give capital to her enemies, such as Taiwan*” (*Wall Street Underground*, October 1997, emphasis mine).

That is exactly the point. The great Asian tiger, mainland China, may well be awakening from the stultifying grip of 50 years under a traditional communist command economy, but it has simply been biding its time, awaiting the

Chinese at the consummation of its 99-year lease on the New Territories, the northern part of the British crown colony. Indeed, from the joint declaration governing the handover of Hong Kong, issued in 1984 by the British and Chinese governments, China could afford to be philosophical about its Hong Kong/Taiwan strategy, knowing that the ace-in-the-hole, Hong Kong, would fall into its lap just 13 years later. For this sly old tiger, possession of Hong Kong was the thin end of the wedge which would finally prize Taiwan out of its pariah status and into the clutches of mainland China.

Taiwan’s greatest trauma is its present diplomatic isolation. Since the time that deposed premier Chiang Kai-shek was forced to flee, with his Kuomintang government, across the Taiwan Strait to the islands of Taiwan, communist China has maintained a binding policy of forcing the ultimate

moment to successfully merge *China, Hong Kong and Taiwan, Inc.* into a conglomerate with which it could challenge the world.

#### Diplomatic Isolation

Following Margaret Thatcher’s visit to China in 1982, it became most apparent that Britain would not resist handing back Hong Kong to the

return of Taiwan to the Chinese fold by peaceful means or otherwise.

On the other hand, Taiwan has continued to hold unshakably to a policy that sees its government as the rightful rulers of the whole of China. However, the odds are overwhelming of Taiwan being swallowed up by communist China; especially when one considers the prospect of a powerful

economy emerging in mainland China, with the world’s largest national pool of labor at its disposal. Only one opposing force has prevented this up to now: the demonstrated willingness of the U.S. to rattle the sabers of its military might in the Taiwan Strait when China has become aggressive.

All that changed on June 30, 1998.

#### China Courts America

Mainland China has courted and procured an ally in the leadership of the present U.S. government. But its relationship with Washington has been building for some time. Following decades of isolation from China, during which China was mostly viewed as an enemy, particularly as a result of the Korean and Vietnam wars, President Nixon broke the ice in 1972 with a visit to Beijing. Just one year previous, after China was admitted to the UN, Taiwan lost its UN seat. From Nixon’s visit emerged the “Shanghai Communique,” and with it the first crack in the wall that had shored up the U.S.-Taiwan alliance. In a carefully worded statement, the Nixon administration went public to declare its view on China and Taiwan. The communique stated that “the United States did not challenge the position that all Chinese on either side maintain there is but one China and that Taiwan is part of China.”

In 1978, under the Carter administration, a second communique was issued recognizing “the government of the People’s Republic of China as the sole legal government of China,” and acknowledging the *Chinese* view “that Taiwan is part of China.” The die was cast, sealing the ultimate fate of Taiwan. The upshot was, Taiwan’s diplomatic ties with Washington were ruptured and the treaty by which the U.S. had historically pledged to defend Taiwan from mainland aggression was canceled by the U.S. In 1979, American troops stationed in Taiwan marched out and returned home. China’s view, at the time, was that without guarantees of American protection, Taiwan would sink within three years.

It didn’t happen.

#### Means to an End

During the 1980s, as China developed its dialog with Britain in anticipation of its eventual takeover of Hong Kong, the aging Chinese premier Deng Xiaoping hit upon a catchall formula

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which was designed to fit the future of both Hong Kong and Taiwan in communist Chinese eyes.

The Chinese economy, under Deng, was evolving from a stultifying command economy into what the Chinese termed a “socialist-market economy.” This really meant that the Chinese were prepared to allow capitalist ventures on the mainland in order to kick start their ailing socialist economy into an end-of-millennium upgrade. The Chinese took to the new “socialist-market” philosophy like Peking ducks to water.

To explain how the Hong Kong and Taiwan capitalist economies would converge with the mainland Chinese economy, Deng hit on the convenient catch phrase, “One country—two systems.” Never in all recorded history had there been such a formula. Yet, in the Hong Kong deliberations, diplo-

tems” was to revive the massive Chinese economic system.

As Nick Guarino has stated, “*Capital-starved China has changed the game forever.... Hong Kong’s billionaire entrepreneurs are being handcuffed by the Chinese communists.*” It now remains only for the multi-millionaire industrialists of Taiwan to be swallowed up in China’s hegemonic push across the Taiwan Strait—and *Taiwan is quickly running out of both the time and the friends needed to support any resistance to this move.*

It is obvious that China, following in the shadow of Japan and the four tiger economies of Southeast Asia (Hong Kong, Taiwan, Singapore and South Korea), has predominantly changed into an *economic* state. Although political union with Taiwan remains a prospect for the future, economically Taiwan is already part of

The results were startling for the Chinese export economy. Exports of toys rose by 41 percent in 1992 and shoe exports skyrocketed by 44.3 percent. Yet the downside for China was the serious collapse of its state sector, as many state enterprises’ best-trained workers and supervisors flocked to Taiwanese factories.

Since 1989, the scale of economic integration between Hong Kong, Taiwan and mainland China, particularly South China, has grown in leaps and bounds. The fact is, the Taiwanese economy is progressively being bound to that of China. This has particularly been the case since the East Asian economic meltdown. Like Singapore and Hong Kong, Taiwan boasts a more balanced economy when compared to the other Asian countries. This results from the frugality of its population, yielding high domestic savings rates, low debts

## Befriending the Dragon

Since WWII, America’s attempts to help Taiwan have been overwhelmed by U.S. presidents cozying up to China.



### Nixon

His diplomatic coup—a visit to Beijing—had a price. “There is but one China and... Taiwan is part of China.”



### Carter

Recognized the PRC as “sole legal government of China.” Met Chinese demands of severing ties with Taiwan, pulling troops.



### Reagan

Tried to make amends with Taiwan by supplying new war equipment including F16s, but the plans were shot down.



### Clinton

Bound by loyalty to Chinese funders? Read from a Chinese-written script publicly opposing Taiwan’s independence.

mats from both sides seized the concept and went to work to produce the joint declaration of 1984, intended to institutionalize Premier Deng’s “One country—two systems.” Chris Patten, the last governor of Hong Kong, realizing the longevity of Chinese strategic thinking, states, “Hong Kong was offered the guarantees of a protocol *probably devised even more with Taiwan in mind.* There would be one country, he [Deng] said—China—but two systems...” (Chris Patten, *East and West*, p. 29, emphasis mine).

The Chinese leadership was all too aware that most business between Taiwan and China is transacted via Hong Kong. The takeover of Hong Kong, with the retention of its systems of governance, commerce and administration, was to be but a stepping stone to the coveted prize of Taiwan, thus cementing the two greatest independent and thriving offshore Chinese economies with the mainland economy. “One country—two sys-

what China watchers call “China, Inc.”

According to 1995 figures, Taiwan had an approximate \$20 billion investment in China, plus \$18 billion via indirect trade with the mainland through Hong Kong. In fact, the startling leap by China from the slough of a failed communist economy to the station of a leading trading power has largely been accomplished by the relocation of both Hong Kong’s capital and Taiwan’s labor-intensive manufacturing bases to the Chinese mainland.

Paradoxically, following the massacre at Tiananmen Square in 1989, the resultant sanctions imposed on China by Western powers proved a stimulus for Taiwanese businessmen. Despite their declaration of anti-communism as an article of faith, the Taiwanese rushed to fill the trade gap opened by the sanctions. In so doing they fell right into the tiger’s gaping maw! Welcoming them with open arms, Chinese authorities quickly established special investment zones for Taiwan.

and huge financial reserves. A by-product of the Asian contagion is that, while non-Chinese Asia is drawn into recession, the three Chinas will become increasingly dependent on each other for alternative markets. Whereas China will use Hong Kong’s stock market for new listings, Taiwan will be drawn into more foreign direct investment than was the case prior to the Asian economic crisis.

### Successful Strategy

China’s strategy for taking over Taiwan is built upon three major initiatives: 1) Offer incentives for Taiwanese business to invest and trade on a major scale; 2) continue to undermine Taiwan’s international status by exerting pressure, internationally, to increase its isolation; 3) employ the threat of military force to subjugate the pro-independence faction in Taiwanese politics.

On all points, it has to be said, China is winning hands down.

On the first count, the Taiwanese have required little encouragement to rush to invest in China. Witness their swift response during the post-1989 sanctions era to fill the gap in Chinese trade created by the East-Asian financial crisis.

On the second count, China's success may be gauged by the closure of the embassies of three of Taiwan's most important residual diplomatic partners during the current decade: Saudi Arabia, South Korea and South Africa. Taiwan has resorted to buying diplomatic recognition from impoverished third-world countries of little value in high-powered diplomacy.

*Associated Press* reported on November 24, 1998, that "Russia pledged not to sell weapons to Taiwan and to support China's claim to the Island, a Chinese official said today, underscoring Moscow's solid ties with former Cold War rivals in Beijing.... Although the pledges were largely symbolic...they provided more momentum to Beijing's campaign to isolate Taiwan diplomatically." China is now pressuring Japan to lend her support to the further diplomatic isolation of Taiwan by having them agree with Mr. Clinton's support of the "three nos."

Thirdly, although Taiwan has answered Chinese threats of military force with heavy investment in defense, its efforts are being countered by China's increasing defense budget. Although China is expert at muddying the waters when it comes to revealing its true expenditure on defense, estimates from Western intelligence sources indicate an increase of between 12.6 and 20.4 percent, annually, between 1988 and 1995.

All things being equal, discounting the employment of nuclear and chemical weapons and the sheer weight of numbers of its population, added to the recent and dramatic escalation of its economy (*aided by Taiwanese investment*), China is cast in the role of a giant waiting to swat a fly—prepared to bide its time, until the time is right on the international political scene to make its move.

### In the Lurch

That time may be fast approaching. The traitorous actions of the morally bankrupt leadership in America are destined to accelerate China's takeover of Taiwan more than



Temple overlooking Kaohsiung, Taiwan

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## Recent History of Taiwan

Prior to the arrival of the Dutch East India company to colonize Taiwan in the 17th century, the island was occupied by Austronesian Aboriginal people. No indigenous Chinese population was evident in Taiwan at that point in its history. The Dutch occupied and ruled Taiwan, known then as Formosa, from 1624 to 1661. The Dutch were routed from the island in 1661. Taiwan then became, rather loosely, a dependency of the Chinese Empire. In 1885, the island became an official province of China. In 1895, following a Japanese invasion, Taiwan became a Japanese colony. This situation continued until the defeat of the Japanese by the Allied forces in 1945. Following the capitulation of the Japanese, control of Taiwan was vested in the hands of Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang government, which presided briefly in mainland China. The People's Republic of China (PRC) came into being when the rebel forces of Mao Tse Tung overran and displaced the corrupt and decadent regime of the Kuomintang in 1949, which then fled to Taiwan. The Kuomintang-dominated government has ruled Taiwan, as a government-in-exile from the mainland, ever since. The PRC has never exercised sovereignty over the province of Taiwan.

any single event since the Kuomintang initially fled their mother country.

So unpredictable have been America's multifarious foreign policy initiatives, over the past 50 years in particular, that nations are left guessing as to whether the U.S. is an isolationist or an interventionist power. One of the most insightful commentaries written about the unique national character of the United States was penned by that masterful journalist of his age, Luigi Barzini. In his treatise, *The Europeans*, Barzini wrote: "The truth perhaps...is that the United States can be both things, isolationist and interventionist, but one never knows which it will be and when." The result of this schizophrenic national personality has been an "American foreign policy [which] appears to move uncertainly from *ap-peasement to panic* and back again. This has led numerous nations to observe of the United States, particularly since her failed venture in Vietnam, that the United States is forgetting its

global responsibilities and entrusting the future to juvenile, deceptively optimistic, fairy-tale hopes. They fear Americans really believe...that peace will come to men of good will, and therefore that good will alone can somehow generate peace" (ibid.).

This is pure Disneyland. The reality of the history of man proves that peace must be bestowed on any nation or group of nations by a higher and more powerful entity—and that there must exist a system of government and rule of law promoting a healthy fear of rebellion against that higher power. Peace, historically, is imposed and maintained by the power of a governing authority superior to any power retained by those governed.

The duplicitous proclivity of American foreign policy is well known by the rest of the world. In relation to Taiwan, following the battle for Qemoy in 1958, Chinese Defense Minister Peng Dehuai, calling on the Taiwanese garrison to enter a peace process, stated,

“The day will come when Americans will leave you in the lurch.... We are all Chinese...in the end, the Americans are our common enemy.”

China’s foreign minister Chen Yi at that time commented, in typical Chinese fashion, “Time is on our side, not on the side of the Americans.... The Americans will withdraw from Taiwan before my hair is completely white...within 10 or 20 years.” “This was rather prophetic, as in December 1978, exactly 20 years after the battle, President Jimmy Carter finally met China’s three demands: the severing of diplomatic ties with Taiwan, the withdrawal of American troops from the Island, and the termination of the defense treaty” (Willem Van Keminade, *China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, Inc.*, p. 147).

President Reagan did try to restore diplomatic ties with Taiwan and supply it with the latest in military technology, including F-16 fighters. General Alexander objected, and this initiative did not proceed.

### Finally, Panama

Even given this history of duplicity, one is still left wondering if, indeed, something more sinister is behind the remarkable convergence of three specific initiatives of America’s present Democrat-led government in relation to China and Taiwan.

Firstly, it appears undeniable that massive funds were channeled from Chinese sources to the Clinton election campaign. That is a matter of public record. One would have to assume that China thus endeavored to influence U.S. policy in favor of China.

Secondly, the visit of the U.S. President to China in June stands out glaringly as the forum at which he publicly declared America’s betrayal of Taiwan. “In Shanghai, Mr. Clinton expressed U.S. commitment to what is known in Taiwan and China as the ‘three nos’: no U.S. support for a declaration of independence by Taiwan; no U.S. support for the existence of ‘one China—one Taiwan;’ and no U.S. support for Taiwan’s membership in international organizations in which membership is based on statehood” (*Dallas Morning News*, July 3, 1998). President Clinton became the first U.S. president to publicly declare opposition to Taiwanese independence (see “Personal,” *The Trumpet*, August 1998).

The third initiative of this present

U.S. government, and perhaps the most mind-boggling (having received very little press coverage), is the handover of the Panama Canal on December 31, 1999. Of major concern is the fact that the giant Chinese corporation Hutchison Whampoa has secured the rights to control operation of the crucial canal ports of Balboa and Cristobal from that date. This was done with the approval of the current U.S. administration. It is tantamount to handing control of the Panama Canal to China. This will give to this great emerging trading nation total control of the flow of all goods, including oil, between the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans.

Captain G. Russell Evans, in his 1998 *Briefing Report on the Red Chinese Takeover of the Panama Canal*, raises the point that this impending handover of Panama to the Red Chinese has “all the earmarks of a quid pro quo for the millions of dollars illegally contributed by Red China to the 1996 Clinton-Gore re-election campaign! Our major media failed to report this quid pro quo. Why?”

CHINA IS ON A ROLL! And it is clearly being *aided* and *abetted* in its endeavors by a *double-dealing* U.S. administration which is prepared to turn its back on an old ally in the process! *The writing is on the wall for Taiwan.* It is only a matter of time before it either capitulates to its mainland communist relative or is overrun by her, economically, politically and militarily.

### Betrayal, Then Disaster

Former U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger scathingly attacked President Clinton for selling out Taiwan. “Mr. Clinton’s extraordinary diplomatic and political blunders will...encourage the Chinese to believe that they can use force against Taiwan.

And we will develop ingenious arguments as to why we need to do nothing to stop China” (*Forbes Magazine*, August 10, 1998).

What seems so startling in this diplomatic minefield laid by the U.S. is that it flies in the face of the clear facts which America’s own intelligence services have brought to light. In April last year, a new CIA report indicated that 13 of China’s 18 long-range missiles have single nuclear warheads aimed at U.S. cities. To any sensible, moral mind this would indicate that China regards America as its major strategic enemy. *MOST of its long-range CSS-4 missiles point to the hearts of major U.S. cities!*

This report put the lie to a statement made by the U.S. President in October 1996. “There is not a single, solitary nuclear missile pointed at an American child tonight. Not one. Not one. Not a single one” (*Washington Times*, May 1, 1998).

Clearly, China is set on the road to dominate its area of the world with the twin-pronged fork of trade and military power. “The danger to the United States of a Red Chinese takeover of the Panama Canal is very real. America will lose control of this vital choke point, through which massive amounts of shipping and our U.S. Navy pass, between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. Red Chinese J-11 attack jets, if launched from air facilities in Panama, *could strike the mainland United States.* Communist China will also have a critical base for its warships *in our backyard*” (Evans, op. cit.).

Chinese strategy appears to be geared towards *control of the sea lanes*, the vital trade lifelines crucial to major export economies such as Taiwan and Japan. With their possession of the Panama Canal pending, plus their rise as a naval force in the South China Sea,

## America’s Hong Kong *The U.S. will hand over Panama to China in 2000.*





China will soon be in the driver's seat when it comes to controlling the vital oil supplies which flow by supertanker through these choke points.

The U.S. sellout of Taiwan is not only a great betrayal of a staunch ally, it is the prelude to great disaster. Like the silly dove, Britain (Hos. 7:11), handing over Hong Kong, one of its final great strategic sea gates in the East (Gen. 24:60), the U.S. is turning its back on its only possible remaining stronghold in East Asia from which exists the prospect of containing a dedicated archenemy.

*Yet, this is so prophetic!*

Britain and the U.S. are the leading nations of biblical Israel. Prophecy reveals that these once-great nations will stoop to consorting with and buying favor from their archenemies (Hos. 1:2; 2:13). The latter-day diplomacy of this world's greatest nation has descended into a *great betrayal* of an old ally, sinister financial deals with its enemy and lying deceit to its public.

What will be the outcome of the wholesale sellout of Taiwan by the U.S.? Watch for Japan to respond, particularly by an upsurge in militarism and nationalism, as it emerges from its depressed economic state. The third largest economy in the world behind the U.S. and EU will not stand idly by and allow its vital oil supplies to be tampered with. The scene is set for either a historic alliance between China and Japan or heightened tension between these ancient enemies.

Either way, the U.S. stands to be left in the wake of these Eastern nations. History indicates that America, under such stresses, retreats into isolationism. Prophecy indicates that the day will arise when that isolationism will become plain cowardice, and even her trained military men will not heed the call to battle (Ezek. 7:14).

What a great shame it is that Britain and America must descend to this base level, and be punished for it by a merciful God—before He can use them in the future as a teaching resource for all nations to learn His way! For insight into the outcome of these events, write now for our free booklet, *The Lion Has Roared*, and discover that there is real hope for a renewed national glory to be given not only to Britain, America and other nations of Israel, but to ALL nations in a better world to come! ♦

# China's War on Obsolescence



**Zemin pushes for military modernization, as his ancient nation catches up with the new warfare.**

BY ANDREW LOCHER

**E**XTENDING TERRITORIAL BOUNDARIES; protecting overseas assets and trade routes; coming to the aid of an ally. Such causes have long motivated men to wage war. Yet the “reach” of a nation’s fighting arm is limited by its capability to supply and sustain the war effort. Technology has extended military power projection to a point today where many nations could influence geopolitics anywhere on earth.

Recent conflicts have demonstrated the need for rapid deployment of complicated fighting arrays at even the most remote locations. Most conflicts simply don’t permit enough time for a significant military build-up prior to a strike. What is needed is a quick, powerful strike, which allows some time to station troops near the area of confrontation. The current trend is to equip small, high-tech, elite units for combat. Their deployment is more covert, less expensive and, when aided by new technology, potentially more lethal.

All nations today are faced with the daunting task of reconfiguring their military to accommodate this new warfare. In an age of exorbitant costs and limited resources, the winner of this race will emerge the dominant global power.

## Brute Strength Vs. Technology

One would naturally assume that the military power with greater numbers and more equipment would prevail. But the latest flare-ups have demonstrated this era may have passed. Third-world nations, in possession of first-world technology, can pester or even defeat once-great superpowers. Witness the conflict in Chechnya with the Russians. The balance of power obviously heavily favored Russia. Yet the Chechen rebels enjoyed victory over

the superior forces, partially due to their possession of advanced weaponry. Technology has leveled the battlefield, reducing the impact of brute strength.

Hand-to-hand conflict is the most carnal, violent form of warfare. Gone are the days of this brutality. Today, we fight a vastly different kind of war. Unmanned, guided weapons are the choice. These bombs and missiles were made popular during the Desert Storm campaign in 1991 as CNN broadcasted video footage of sleek, destructive armaments slipping through open windows or over rooftops on their path to destruction.

The proliferation of missile and rocket technology has armed many with the ability to strike their neighbors without ever leaving home. As the range and lethality of these weapons increases, so will their popularity.

## The New China

China, the most populous nation on earth today, has an endless supply of manpower. But as times have changed, so too must the Chinese. “In recent years, China has been moving away from its long-standing defensive ground warfare doctrine toward a forward-deployment strategy employing smaller, but better balanced, forces trained to operate in areas remote from the homeland” (*Warships*, Summer 1998). Though limited technologically, the Chinese have made progress in modernizing their forces. The Chinese have traditionally looked to the former Soviets for advancement, but they currently have set their sights on the advanced navigation systems and avionics, radar and early detection equipment, propulsion systems and other secret technologies of Western powers.

The deceptive appearance of scaling back manpower may fool some. Today, many nations are forced to reduce their soldiery for economic

reasons. But the Chinese are cutting personnel, while at the same time spending more on their armed forces. Where is the money going? Into advanced weaponry. President Jiang Zemin has penciled in a 12 percent increase in military spending in his new government's first budget; by 2000, over one half million troops will be demobilized to free up capital for hardware purchases.

China's latest diplomatic ventures support its changing military structure. Bill Clinton recently made the first official presidential visit to China since the Nixon era. Visiting Tiananmen Square, site of the 1989 massacre of student protesters, President Clinton restated diplomatic recognition of the People's Republic of China. His statements underscored a shameful abandonment of an old American ally, Taiwan.

But China is not only cozying up to the U.S. They've increased trade and economic cooperation with the great bear to its north—Russia. This move has eased tension between the two significantly, which, in turn, has increased the flow of military equipment to the Peoples' Liberation Army of China (PLA). Even China's age-old, most-feared Asian enemy, Japan, has overcome history and prejudice to address their mutual interests in trade and investment.

Not to be left out, the EU and Britain have also pledged greater cooperation with China. We can't forget the significance of the return of Hong Kong to China after decades of British rule. Not only did the British develop this superior natural harbor, they cultivated the economy which now benefits the Chinese. As the June 1997 *Trumpet* predicted, this handover of Hong Kong has had many ominous impacts on the free world. "'Never before has so much, used by so many, gone for so little,' declared the ministry of defense sales slogan in a rather sad parody on Churchill's famous statement in support of the brave few who fought and won the Battle of Britain." Our article went on to report on the gifting of Hong Kong's \$380 million modern naval base, constructed and financed by the British, to the Chinese.

### An Air of Openness

The once-secret Chinese military is taking on an air of openness. In 1997, two of China's largest modern ships,



**The new priority** While Zemin (front center) is cutting military personnel, overall military spending is increasing—to buy more advanced weaponry.

the Luhu and Luda III, sailed into Pearl Harbor and then San Diego. Docking at U.S. naval berths, these destroyers were opened for military inspection. "While the Chinese on the one hand realized that they probably had nothing new to show the Americans, openness on their part was an encouragement for the U.S. to share more high technology" (ibid.). The Chinese are playing every possible card in their pursuit for new technology.

The problem for the Chinese is to modernize their aging arsenal. For instance, their navy is comprised of 1100 ships. That is nearly three times as many vessels commissioned by the United States. But 80 percent of the Chinese fleet is built on old technology which would render it useless against most nations. They only have six nuclear submarines. The diesel-electric submarine fleet is not much better. Their surface warships were constructed in the 1970s, which means most are not equipped with anti-aircraft missiles. In fact, only 35 percent of the fleet carry SAMS (surface-to-air missiles)—all of which are short range—leaving the navy exposed to a devastating aerial assault. Even the navy's electronics capabilities are poor by Western standards. The most common ship in the PLA is a coastal patrol boat. These lightly armed vessels are no match for the modern weaponry they would undoubtedly face in any confrontation.

So China has actively pursued a massive refit of their fighting forces—especially their navy. Local construction of a new fleet of warships is already under way. Early in the next century, the Chinese are expected to commis-

sion a new class of nuclear submarine capable of firing on U.S. coastal targets from Chinese patrol areas. The sub also will provide a platform to launch the new Chinese-made underwater cruise missile.

### Indian Threat

The greatest threat facing China is populous India, one of the world's newest nuclear powers. China has allied itself with Pakistan to check the problem, but India, with its millions of potential fighters, lurks restlessly across the border. Of particular concern is the Indian navy. India's submarine force excels China's, both in technology and numbers. They also have two World War II vintage aircraft carriers. Though they are not the modern equivalent of a U.S. Nimitz-class aircraft carrier, they are vessels the Chinese PLA Navy does not have.

Speculation abounds that the Chinese are working to acquire the unfinished, 33,600-ton Varyag aircraft carrier from the Ukraine. If the Chinese were to acquire and complete construction on this colossal ship, the balance of naval power would tilt in their favor.

### Taiwan Threat

The little island nation of Taiwan, situated roughly 100 miles off the coast of mainland China, draws international attention far out of proportion to its size. Because of its strategic significance, this land of 21 million has been a major concern to Beijing for decades.

The United States has pledged and carried out significant financial and military contributions to Taiwan. "America is their most important

ally—the source of their military armaments. Without America’s military and psychological support, they would have already been conquered by mainland China. They have little or no chance to survive without our support” (*Trumpet*, Aug. 1998). But today, as this issue of *The Trumpet* details, support from the United States is waning.

The Taiwan Relations Act regulates trade with Taiwan in the absence of formal diplomatic ties. The United States has long supported Taiwan with military cooperation and arms sales under this act. This will continue despite Clinton’s comments in support of mainland China, according to U.S. State Department spokesman James Rubin: “There has been no change in our longstanding and consistent policy with regard to arms sales to Taiwan. In bilateral meetings, the (mainland) Chinese frequently raise their concern about U.S. arms sales to Taiwan, and we respond to those concerns when they do so. But nothing in those discussions signals in any way the fact that we are changing our policy” (March 30, 1998).

Thus far, defense contractors have continued to supply Taiwan with American arms. In October, Lockheed Martin reported that they delivered more F-16 fighters to Taiwan. Of the 150 planes promised Taipei back in 1992, 103 have now been transferred and are in service. The new jet fighters will certainly make Taiwan’s Air Force one of the premier in the world. Currently under consideration is the proposed sale of 61 vehicle-mounted “Stinger” anti-aircraft missile launchers and 728 missiles. These too will strengthen Taiwan’s air defense.

The Taiwanese Navy received sub-

stantial reinforcement in late July as the third batch of U.S. Navy Knox-class frigates arrived in port. Since 1993, Taiwan has acquired six of these vessels on a rental basis. In August, the U.S. also announced plans to sell \$350 million worth of Harpoon missiles and MK-46 anti-submarine torpedoes to Taiwan.

France too has publicly spoken against Taiwan and at the same time sold high-tech weapons to them. Taipei bought six of the French-built, radar-evading Lafayette-class stealth frigates and 60 of the advanced Mirage 2000-5 fighter aircraft. Now there are reports of other European nations trying to make their armaments available on the Taiwanese market.

Though Taiwan has only 2 percent of the population mainland China has, their defense spending is almost equal to China’s! With foreign aid from the United States and France, the Taiwanese military is equipped with the most modern and lethal weaponry.

### Taiwanese Military Production

Ironically, the nations that built up the Taiwanese military are now deserting them diplomatically. It is only because arms sales are so lucrative that foreign nations continue to pour in the weaponry. But the diplomatic message is abundantly clear to Taiwan. Western nations are distancing themselves from Taipei. Now that the diplomatic ties are being severed, how much longer can the Taiwanese rely on military cooperation and assistance? Because the answer is uncertain, Taiwan has increased domestic research, development and production of their own weapons.

After the U.S. formally severed diplomatic ties with the Taiwanese gov-

ernment in 1979, they began funding a secret weapons program. In April 1998 they successfully tested their first homemade supersonic anti-ship missile. This weapons program is also reported to be working on missile systems, which can deliver a variety of warheads—including chemical, biological and, someday, nuclear. But on August 4, 1998, the Ministry of National Defense (MND) reiterated that “it is Taiwan’s firm policy not to do research on, develop or produce chemical, biological or nuclear weapons.” These comments were made in response to a statement by Gerald Segal (director of studies at the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London) which appeared in the *Asian Wall Street Journal* that same day: “In order to forestall American efforts to push them into the arms of mainland China, representatives of the Taipei government are embarking on a subtle campaign to remind the world that Taiwanese military retains the option of completing the development of a nuclear deterrent.... They evidently hope that a nuclear card will force the U.S. to reaffirm its commitment to protect Taiwan’s security, in order to avoid seeing the stand-off across the Taiwan Strait go nuclear.”

With the prospect of little or no international support, Taiwan has no alternative but to arm itself in defense against their nemesis across the Taiwan Strait. But Taipei’s actions are regarded as provoking the People’s Republic of China, which in response is arming itself

### The Ultimate Advantage

With economic crisis, political turmoil and human nature running rampant, the nations of Asia are arming themselves to the teeth. If successful in their attempt to modernize their military, the Chinese could pose a threat to civilization unlike any other nation. Though the current trend is to downsize and modernize, sheer manpower is one factor which will perpetually favor the Chinese. Millions of potential fighters, using some of the world’s most advanced weaponry, are a formula for devastation the likes of which this world has never witnessed.

Pay close attention to what is taking place in China as this vast nation modernizes and works to extend its hegemony, and India and Taiwan strive to ensure their security. ♦

**Thorns in China’s side** *Taiwan has 2 percent of China’s population, but spends about as much on defense, as on these French Mirage 2000-5 fighters.*





# CONSUMER TRADE WARS

American consumers have been fleeced for the holidays and face a slowing U.S. economy with rising unemployment. When the bills come due and new spending stops, will world trade pressures explode?

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CONSUMER SPENDING ACCOUNTS for two thirds of U.S. economic activity, and fully half of that spending historically occurs in the last quarter of the year. Holiday spending by Americans in 1998 was forecasted to increase 6-7 percent over the 1997 holidays, with retail sales expected in the \$50 billion range, mostly for bargain-basement-priced imported goods.

The fate of the global economy hinges on the American consumer because of the extreme excess and over-capacity afflicting the world today. In fact, the entire world's economic future depends upon a massive increase in the U.S. trade deficit to help economically ailing nations sell their way out of financial devastation which is complicated by massive unsold inventories.

There are essentially two solutions to the problem of excessive inventories worldwide: either large-scale industrial downsizing and extensive layoffs, or increased consumer spending and a mountain of consumer debt. The latter plan of action has been chosen by world leaders, manipulated by the "big

money" behind them, as they attempt to bring to life mankind's latest attempt at one-world government: the global economy.

Simply stated, to stave off massive unemployment at home and abroad and to keep the financial god of the global economy from collapsing, Americans must continue to buy more foreign products than the U.S. sells to other nations. As will be seen in 1999, however, the present lofty level of American consumer spending is unsustainable, and a new way to attain a one-world economy will be sought.

### Sacrificing the U.S. Consumer

Within a recent seven-week time-period in the last quarter of 1998, the U.S. Federal Reserve Bank handed Americans three successive "gifts" in the form of interest rate cuts totaling 0.75 percent. Lower rates stimulate consumer demand and enticingly reduce borrowing costs. The goal of American central bankers was to spur domestic consumer spending.

The ugly truth lurking behind those rate cuts is that the Fed knows the U.S. economy will slow dramatically in

1999 and unemployment will rise. The recent holiday season was the only opportunity available to greatly reduce bloated global inventories and to help offset declining export sales of U.S. products. The American consumer was sacrificed in this soon-to-be-failed attempt to save the world's faltering economies.

U.S. consumer credit (installment debt, like credit cards) is presently at a record high level. As a result, the national rate of private savings has fallen to the lowest level ever seen in America.

Over the last four years, U.S. consumer spending has risen almost twice as quickly as has income. This last holiday season, American citizens were led like lambs to the slaughter into negative savings territory. In two consecutive months, for the first time in the 60 years since the Great Depression of the 1930s, Americans *spent more than they earned*.

Through interest rate cuts and tantalizingly inexpensive imports, U.S. consumers have been deliberately enticed deeply into debt and savings withdrawals, as they naively stare into the face of impending upsurges in unemployment and bankruptcies in 1999. This baited trap was sprung on the American consumer to generate enough Christmas retail sales to at least temporarily alleviate the nation's and the world's economic ills.

Clearly, spending cannot continue to exceed income for very long unless you are a government which can print money. Because of that simple, but realistic, law for all individuals, the mirage of a continuing U.S. economic boom may very soon turn into a bust. The U.S. economy is now vulnerable to a sharp slowdown and perhaps even a recession or worse. The questions now are only when and how.

### False Market Signals

We should guard against being deceived by the recent rise in stock markets, which was also caused by the triad of U.S. interest rate cuts. Many economists called those market rises a "dead-cat bounce" and noted that even in 1930, as the Great Depression began, there was a rebound in the Dow Jones industrial average.

The schizophrenic American stock market is indeed a very risky place. We need only look as far as Japan, Russia or Brazil to see the recent examples of

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what happens when a market bubble deflates. The U.S. has in all likelihood reached a point of credit saturation and depleted savings in which consumers can no longer continue spending, thus beginning a contraction of that enormous portion (two-thirds) of the American economy composed of consumer spending. Further interest rate cuts will not be able to sustain consumer spending and will only serve to inflate the U.S. stock market to the bursting point.

*The Economist* of November 21, 1998, described the peril of last November's interest rate cuts: "What is wrong with America's cutting rates now just in case? Plenty. Every rate-cut pumps up an already inflated stock market. Investors pile in more money in the conviction that the Fed will bail them out [with lower interest rates again] if prices start to fall. Rising share prices, in turn, allow consumers to carry on

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spending, and companies to keep investing [because of the paper wealth created in the stock market]. But the more share prices become overvalued, the more they will eventually have to fall. And the more consumers have spent and companies have invested on the basis of those overvalued prices, the more painful the economy's eventual adjustment will be. The Fed failed to prick the bubble by raising rates a few years ago before it grew too big. It may now regret that; and it may come to regret cutting rates now."

That same *Economist* states in another article, "The fact that share prices are almost back to their levels of the summer [and have exceeded them] is in itself a main cause of financial fragility: what goes up too far may crash. If the market's exuberance was irrational when [Federal Reserve Chairman] Alan Greenspan first said, it is verging on the insane at the moment."

### **Growing Trade Pressures**

The U.S. stock market has created an illusion of wealth which has been fueling spending. That is now about the only way the world can export its way

out of trouble. An economist quoted in the *Investor's Business Daily* on November 25, 1998, stated bluntly, "Never underestimate the willingness of American consumers to spend everything they have and then some. With the stock market going to new highs, you have a wealth effect on top of a higher income effect."

As stated earlier, the entire world's economic future depends upon a massive increase in the U.S. trade deficit. In 1999, imported products into America are predicted to exceed exports to other countries by \$300 billion, and the sound of rattling trade sabers may soon become deafening as American businesses begin to complain.

The all-time record U.S. trade deficit was in 1987 when the trade balance, called the current account, ballooned *out of balance* to the then-incredible figure of a \$153 billion deficit. The U.S. is facing a trade deficit of *twice*

that in 1999. As a result, many American business people will likely become increasingly agitated at America's role as the import target for the rest of a slowing world.

### **Rising Imports—Falling Exports**

In the past year, imports into America from eight major Asian economies have risen at the same time that Japanese imports from those same countries have actually *decreased* by more than 13 percent. During that rise in American imports, the U.S. is experiencing a decline in exports to other countries, because the strong dollar makes American products too expensive and less competitive than products from countries whose currencies have been devalued by the economic crisis.

American businesses are being squeezed in the increasingly tighter jaws of rising imports and falling exports. Because of the resulting lower profits and upwardly climbing unemployment, more and more cries are being heard for protectionism, meaning trade barriers like higher import duties and tariffs.

The American manufacturing sec-

tor is virtually in recession, with 193,000 factory jobs lost since the beginning of 1998. October unemployment figures released on December 1 show that for the sixth month in a row manufacturing employment has declined—caused by falling sales revenue compounded by overproduction and unsold inventories. Unfortunately, about 40 percent of the rest of the world is in the same condition, and those vast foreign inventories are showing up on American wharves at fire-sale prices, while American products are being taken off the world's shelves.

American farmers are facing the worst agricultural crisis in decades. Markets in Southeast Asia are drastically cutting back on U.S. farm products, which are piling up unsold, in spite of severely depressed prices on everything from corn to cattle. The *Washington Post* of September 28, 1998, stated, "The price of wheat recently, for example, was \$2.15 a bushel, compared with \$3.20 a bushel this time last year [1997]. Corn is getting \$1.56 a bushel, compared with \$2.28 a year ago, and soybeans \$4.80 a bushel compared with \$5.85. Moreover, hog prices were at a 24-year low, and beef cattle were selling at \$50 per hundredweight, compared with \$60 a year ago." The article mentions "a staggering 98 percent plunge in net farm income in North Dakota alone, from \$764 million in 1996 to \$15 million last year [1997]. Nationally, net farm income is expected to be down \$7.5 billion [in 1998], resulting in the failure of thousands of small farms." The production of food and fiber in America amounts to 15 percent of the GDP—the Gross Domestic Product—meaning the total of all goods and services sold. That major portion of the GDP is being severely weakened by the global financial and trade crisis, which in turn is crumbling the very foundation of the American farming family.

An examination of the number of shipping containers leaving America empty compared to the number of full U.S.-bound containers from Asia paints a clear picture of the plight of U.S. farmers and business people. The Port of Long Beach, Calif., is the largest container port in the U.S., with the vast majority of ships that dock there plying the routes from Asia to the U.S.—the busiest ocean-trade lanes in the world. According to a November 16 "flash report" by the Port of Long Beach, the

number of containers being sent back empty to Asia in 1998 rose 86.2 percent over 1997.

The empty shipping container problem is so great that ocean carriers are raising their rates on Asia's U.S.-bound cargo by 30 percent to offset the staggering decline in shipping revenue caused by the virtual absence of U.S. products being ordered by Asia.

### Steel Wars

Steel, the world's most basic manufacturing industry, is likewise in crisis, raising the specter, according to industry analysts, of as many as 100,000 lost American jobs. On September 30, twelve U.S. steel companies and two steelworker trade unions filed trade complaints against Russia, Japan and Brazil for illegal dumping or unfair subsidies on their hot-rolled carbon-steel exports to America.

Dumping is the practice of selling goods at unfairly low and even below-cost prices in export markets to get rid

competitive in price. To offset the price-driven fall in domestic demand, Japanese steelmakers are exporting at cut-throat prices. That cheap steel is coming into America so fast that it is piling up unsold in parking lots in the port of New Orleans.

Two U.S. steel companies filed for bankruptcy-court protection in 1998: Acme Metals, Inc. of Riverdale, Ill., and Laclede Steel Co. of St. Louis, Mo. Employing 1300 workers, Laclede has been in business for 75 years, but suffered a 1998 second-quarter loss of over \$65 million.

Nucor Corp., based in Charlotte, N. C., in an attempt to remain competitive with imported steel, has recently announced severe price cuts to the lowest level in company history. Simultaneously announced by Nucor were significant cuts in its output, dropping production to 65 percent of capacity at one mill and 80 percent at two others due to import sales absorbing domestic demand.

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of excess inventory. Export subsidies are payments by a government to producers to enable them to sell their goods at lower prices in order to be more competitive. Both practices are currently creating havoc in the steel industry.

The culprit is the major industrial downturn being faced by countries now deeply mired in recession. Russia is the worst offender, exporting steel to the U.S. for as little as one-third its cost of production. Since 1995, U.S. imports of hot-rolled steel from Brazil, Russia and Japan have soared 500 percent, absorbing 28 percent of the U.S. market—up from 10 percent in 1997 and 4 percent in 1995.

A case in point: Japanese construction and automobile industries have experienced a sharp slowdown which has caused a glut, or oversupply, of steel in Japan where demand has fallen in the second half of 1998 to its lowest level in 27 years. The recent fall in the value of the U.S. dollar has caused the Japanese currency, the yen, to rise and therefore makes Japanese steel less

According to Eurofer, the European Confederation of Iron and Steel Industries, EU steelmakers are prepared to mirror their American counterparts in filing formal trade charges against up to eight Asian, African and eastern European countries to stem flows of cheap steel imports. The U.S. has warned, however, that such a move by the EU will create friction with the U.S., resulting in a protectionist backlash unless they open their markets wider and shoulder more of the avalanche of cheaply priced Asian products presently flooding the world.

The result of all this saber-rattling is that trade tensions between the U.S. and EU are quickly mounting. The *Far Eastern Economic Review* of December 3, 1998, stated, "In early November, talks between the U.S. and EU about starting a new trans-Atlantic economic partnership ended up in a *fierce quarrel* over who's doing more to help Asia's embattled export-oriented economies." The *Financial Times* subtitled an article on October 23, 1998, "Oversupply in the world steel industry threatens to ig-

nite a trade war with serious consequences for relations between the U.S. and Europe."

### Banana Wars Too

The European Union and America are increasingly at each others throats over other trade matters as well. Both sides are acting irresponsibly at a time when stability is greatly needed for global economic recovery. No doubt the world trade system is heading into a difficult period, as Fortress Europe comes into being and vies for credibility and position.

In the so-called banana wars, the U.S. threatened to impose 100 percent tariffs (import taxes or duties) beginning January 1, 1999, on a wide range of European exports—ranging from French cheese and wine to German coffee-makers—if Europe didn't amend its discriminatory banana import rules.

The U.S. contends that the EU is maintaining an import quota on Latin American bananas (mainly sold by American company Chiquita Brands International, Inc.) while giving a duty-free access quota to Caribbean countries and other former European colonies, thus violating world trade rules. This threat of action by the U.S. has appalled leaders on the Caribbean islands of Dominica, Grenada, St. Lucia and St. Vincent, which depend on bananas for about 60 percent of their export earnings.

Even though the World Trade Organization (WTO) has ruled for years that the EU must change its banana importation practices, very little has happened. If America carries out its threat of imposing trade sanctions against the EU, it will breach world trade rules and further undermine the effectiveness of the WTO, which is already viewed as less than effective in its dispute-settlement techniques after it replaced GATT, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The great fear in all of the posturing and threats about tariffs and trade barriers is that U.S. and international legislation will be enacted similar to America's short-sighted and isolationist Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act of 1930, which established a protectionist tariff regime. It is widely believed that this act and similar measures in other major trading countries, including Germany and the United Kingdom, strangled world trade and helped produce the

Great Depression and the resultant global economic conditions which eventually led to World War II.

As world leaders grope for answers to the present deepening economic crisis, we must ask, regarding the rising trade friction, is this the “New World Order”? Has worldwide over-production aimed at capturing the immense U.S. market led mankind once again into a deadly trap? Will the mistakes of the past be repeated? Sadly, it appears so. As we begin 1999, the world appears once again to be entering stage two in the unholy trinity of economic crisis, leading to trade war, followed by hot war.

### Enter the Euro

By attempting to build a Global Economy as a form of one-world government, mankind is only building another “Tower of Babel.” As 1999 dawns and the new European money, the euro, becomes a legitimate currency, we see it metaphorically aspiring to be on top of that symbolic tower by driving down the U.S. dollar.

On January 1, the euro became a major international currency, second only to the dollar. The euro is backed

by an economy strikingly similar to that found in the U.S. Europe’s combined GDP was \$6.5 trillion in 1997, compared with America’s \$8.1 trillion. Europe’s share of international trade outside of Europe itself is about 19 percent, compared to America’s slightly smaller 17 percent. The primary financial difference between the two is in the financial markets themselves, with the EU having a slightly smaller bond market and a much smaller stock market than found on Wall Street.

Obviously, the dollar’s role in international finance is considerably larger than the newly born euro. The dollar is the main currency used in world trade and investment, with roughly half of world trade invoiced in dollars. Commodity prices (oil, wheat, gold, etc.) are almost always priced in dollars. The dollar is used in at least one side of 87 percent of all foreign-exchange transactions, while Germany’s D-mark is used in 30 percent and other euro-member currencies in only 24

percent. About 57 percent of world reserves are held in dollars, with almost half of the world’s foreign-held bank deposits likewise in dollars.

The strength of the infant euro depends upon how quickly and to what extent financial institutions, private investors and world governments diversify their investment portfolios into euros. One camp thinks the euro will need to develop a track record before much of a change becomes apparent. Others see a very quick challenge to the dollar, especially if Britain, which has better-established capital markets than the continent, joins the euro.

According to *The Economist* of November 14, 1998, the director of the Institute for International Economics expects “a portfolio shift of between \$500 billion and \$1 trillion into euros” very soon. Two economists from the London Business School and London School of Economics are then portrayed as suggesting “that a portfolio shift



## CONTEMPLATING THE EURO: “A PORTFOLIO SHIFT OF \$700 BILLION INTO THE EURO MIGHT DRIVE DOWN THE DOLLAR BY 40 PERCENT. SUCH A CHANGE WOULD...HAVE A BIG IMPACT ON THE ECONOMY.”

of \$700 billion into the euro might drive down the dollar by 40 percent. Such a change would, to put it mildly, have a big impact on the global economy.”

The *Economist* article then states that “a lesson of the 1930s is that the existence of two semi-dominant currencies (in that case, the pound and the dollar) can be destabilizing.” This was put another way by the September 1998 *Economic Intelligence Review*, which described the “builders of Europe—the constructors of this new ‘Tower of Babel’ [as being] a recipe for economic, social and political disaster.”

### Tremendous Change Is Coming

Time will prove that this latest and final attempt by mankind at one-world government through a global economy will lead to the collapse of civilization as we presently know it.

For over 50 years, the late Herbert W. Armstrong taught a strong prophecy message which included God’s prophecies about a “beast” power comprised of ten nations or groups of na-

tions (Dan. 2:28-43; Rev. 13). That multi-national, religion-led superpower is now rising to the forefront of world economic news before our very eyes, and will soon dominate the world and all of its inhabitants (Rev. 13:16-17).

A European economic and military powerhouse led by Germany and a “universal” church will soon take mankind down its final and most deadly pathway of destruction! (Read Rev. 13:11-15; Ezek. 5; Jer. 9:12-16; the entire book of Lamentations, and many other prophetic scriptures dealing with the “latter days.”)

Truly, the only answer to the repetitive and destructive cycle of economic crisis leading to trade war followed by hot war is world government. But how will it come? Mr. Armstrong wrote in *The Wonderful World Tomorrow—What It Will Be Like* (pp. 99-102): “Statesmen, scientists, educators know the only hope for survival and for peace is one-world government. We could

quote many scores of world leaders affirming this.

“We could quote other scores of world leaders saying it is impossible.

“So it’s ‘world government—or annihilation’ on the one hand, and it’s ‘world government is impossible’ on the other hand.

“That is the stark paradox of terror facing all mankind today. No wonder God Almighty says ‘the way of peace have they not known’ (Rom. 3:17).

“But what man cannot do for himself, the great living God will do for him. World government—perfect government—is coming in our time, in the hands of the great ruling Christ, and unnumbered thousands of co-rulers given immortality with and under Him.

“And that good news is the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. Christ is to inherit the world throne (Luke 1:32-33), which God had promised to David would never cease on this earth (II Sam. 7:13). Jesus said, before Pilate, it was for this express purpose that He was born (John 18:36-37)....

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## Merger mania

When the final congratulatory pat on the back has been given in response to recent mergers in the petroleum industry (part of the continuing merger mania that seems to have developed into an international contagion), we are left wondering, *What's going on?* Why are so many large companies suddenly reluctant to stand on their own?

British Petroleum (BP) surprised the oil industry in August when it announced its planned takeover of the American oil group Amoco, in a \$110 billion deal that positioned it as the world's second largest oil and gas producer behind Shell. This was followed by the announcement of Exxon's purchase of Mobil for \$73.3 billion in stock, making the Exxon-Mobil group the biggest oil refiner in the world. These two, along with the Royal Dutch-Shell group, will form a triumvirate of giant companies that will be at least twice as large as any of their competitors. Why this restructuring of the oil industry? A December 1 *Reuters* headline sums it up: "Big Oil Merging to Survive, Not Dominate."

The price of oil has steadily and drastically declined over 1998. Average prices for the year, at \$13.60 a barrel,

were the lowest since 1976. (A year ago, crude oil on the New York Mercantile Exchange traded above \$19.40 a barrel.) Overproduction, coupled with a decreased demand due to an already glutted market, the Asian financial crisis and moderate winter temperatures (particularly in the heavy energy-consuming U.S.), has forced oil producers to cut costs in order to boost profits.

An OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) meeting in November produced no answers on how to curb the crisis. Internal division and accusations of quota violations have resulted in a suspension of any action until March.

While a drop in oil prices means cheap gasoline prices for U.S. consumers, not everyone benefits. The BP-Amoco merger will result in a loss of approximately 6,000 jobs; the Exxon-Mobil merger, about 9,000. Countries which depend on oil-export revenues are suffering. Mexico and Venezuela, both heavily dependent on oil exports, are also the two largest oil suppliers for the U.S. (as the U.S. has in recent years moved to decrease its dependency on Middle Eastern oil). If this crisis continues and the governments are forced to slash their budgets, domestic social and political crises are likely. The implications of this, internationally, are cause for concern.

What course of action will the U.S. take if its main oil suppliers in Latin America fall into chaos? What may a desperate oil situation mean for an already tense Middle East? OPEC, by suspending action, has tossed the die to the wind. That leaves several months for the pieces to fall where they may.

◆ GERMANY

## The Germans are coming

With lightning-fast swiftness, leading German corporations have positioned themselves powerfully on the world economic stage through a series of strategic takeovers and alliances. In the past year, mergers and takeovers by German companies almost doubled.

With all the glamour of a Las Vegas show, the world's newest auto manufacturer began trading on Wall Street November 17 under the new symbol DCX. The company,



DaimlerChrysler, is the product of the biggest industrial merger to date. The \$42 billion deal combines Europe's largest industrial manufacturer, Daimler-Benz, with Chrysler. The combine will create a German-dominated conglomerate with holdings in cars and light trucks, heavy trucks, aerospace, railway trains, automation technology and electronics (an ominous combination when considering a nation's ability to prepare for war).

Coming right after Volkswagen and BMW took over Rolls Royce, the DaimlerChrysler deal provides another piece of the emerging German puzzle: swift, aggressive economic expansion and dominance. Is it possible that what Germany was unable to obtain through war, it is now gaining through peace?

German gains in the global economy have been spec-

tacular. Just recently, merger fever gripped Deutsche Bank, Germany's largest commercial bank, when it announced that it had come to a preliminary agreement with the New York-based Bankers Trust on pursuing a merger. If the deal goes through, the merger will bring Deutsche Bank's total assets to \$1.3 trillion and make it the largest financial institution in the world.

As the stage is set for the introduction of Europe's new currency, the euro, Germany's recent rash of mergers has put it in the economic spotlight. Combined with the EU presidency that it will take over in January, and control of the European Central Bank, Germany will have staked out a position both in Europe and in the world's leading economies from which she will be able to wield unprecedented influence.

◆ EUROPE

## Schroeder at the helm

For the first six months of 1999, Germany will be at the helm steering the European Union.

Under the presidencies of Britain and Austria in 1998, little change was effected in the bungling bureaucracy of the EU, the year ending with auditors revealing that \$4.8 billion went missing from the EU purse during the previous 12 months. Though the EU has turned a blind eye to its continuing series of frauds, foul-ups and scandals over the past two years, that may change under German leadership.

Germany will operate its presidency of the Union from a far greater position of power than other EU nations. Its economy, even given the difficulties of the past year,



with escalating unemployment and eastern German reconstruction sucking massive funds out of the Federal budget, is still the powerhouse of Europe.

The European Central Bank, which launched the euro this month, is located in Frankfurt, the city whose stock market is increasingly being touted as a rival bourse to those of London and New York. Meanwhile, the fanfare surrounding reopening the Reichstag building and relocating the German capital



The new Reichstag

from Bonn to Berlin will occur during the EU's German presidency. These events will strengthen Germany as the EU's leading nation as the millennium draws to a close.

Of particular significance is the unpredictable German Chancellor's stated intentions for the German presidency of the EU. Recently, Chancellor Schroeder indicated that the European single currency will be but a stepping stone to "a political union... a modern Europe of the social market economy... we will actively set the pace in reforming the EU." Then, for the first time since World War II, a German chancellor told the world which model would be used to reshape Europe—"a federal order in Europe

seems the best guarantee of peace, solidarity and progress. *The federal system in Germany has proven itself*" (*The Guardian*, Nov. 11, 1998).

This should leave no doubt in anyone's mind that Germany sees Europe heading in one direction and one direction only, the yielding of member nations' national sovereignty to a common European federation fashioned on the German model. Kaiser Wilhelm had the same vision, and before him Charlemagne; most recently, Hitler, the author of "Mein Kampf," an Austrian corporal in the federal German army, had the same vision. The last time an attempt was made to implant this vision on Europe, it ended in the deaths of 50 million souls.

#### ◆ VATICAN

## Poised for power

The Vatican is well on its way toward its clear and quiet goal of unquestioned religious prominence on the world scene. Pope John Paul II's recent decision to support an investigation into the Inquisition (a campaign against heresy, authorized by the popes, which saw those accused of dissent tried, tortured and burned at the stake between the 13th and the 19th centuries) marks the climax of a series of gestures by the Vatican intended to clear the church's collective conscience of its sins over the past 2,000 years and boost public relations, gaining respect and credibility in the minds of its modern adherents and the world. This will set the Holy See in a more favorable light at the advent of the new millennium as it attempts, like its old co-worker

Germany, to leave the past behind once and for all.

As the church prepares a document in advance of the millennium which will ask for a general pardon for its sins over the past 2,000 years, it is also making forgiveness more readily available to its adherents. Pope John Paul II has declared that in celebration of the approaching third millennium of Christianity, "penitents who do a charitable deed or give up cigarettes or alcohol for a day can earn an 'indulgence' to eliminate punishment on earth or in purgatory.... The medieval church sold indulgences, a practice that drove Martin Luther to rebel, leading to the Reformation" (*New York Times*, Nov. 28, 1998).

This bold link to its past, even as the church carefully prepares its request for forgiveness of its dark past, shows that the old beast has just put on a friendlier facade. As the *Associated Press News* stated October 30, 1998, "The church remains unrelenting in both its campaign against any weakening of authority or doctrine and its drive to clear its conscience of past excesses."

#### ◆ U.S.

## Milosevic to Go?

The first signs of tension within president Slobodan Milosevic's rump Yugoslav government emerged in December when he sacked his closest aids. Gone are his chief of intelligence and his most senior general, plus other confidants.

Observers see this as a sign of weakness in the Milosevic regime, as the president is increasingly frustrated by the resilience of the Kosovo

Liberation Army and international resistance to his efforts to isolate and subsume Kosovo into his maverick Yugoslav state.



Milosevic with his wife

Germany continues to quietly restock the Albanian rebel forces in Kosovo and to train the KLA through their advisors in Albania. Watch for Montenegro to seek cessation of its partnership with Milosevic's rump Yugoslav state and either seek independence or seek alliances with its neighbors, as it feels increasingly insecure at the prospect of the failure of Milosevic's government.

Watch also for the EU, under the presidency of Germany, to pounce as a "peacemaker" should civil strife emerge in greater Serbia. Germany needs a foothold in the Serbian-Orthodox-dominated central strip of the old Yugoslav federation to gain a corridor connecting it with its allies Slovenia, Croatia and Albania, and give it the ground space for a further eastward push (using the EU as the vehicle) to Hungary and Romania.

Intrigue within Milosevic's court during the dark months of the European winter could result in his downfall by spring and a fresh season of unrest in the Balkans following the winter thaw.



# The Trouble Behind TV!

BY DENNIS LEAP

**G**OOD OR BAD, TV IS HERE TO STAY. At the time of television's invention in the 1930s, some wondered if the new technology would catch hold. Today, we know that it did in a very big way. Surveys show that 98 percent of American households have one TV set; 64 percent have two or more. Numerous surveys show that the average American (including children) watches more than three hours of TV each day. Children whose parents work watch six to eight hours each day.

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

We must agree that it is a mass-communication wonder. Developments in its technology have been simply astounding! The first TV screens were monochrome and 7 to 10 inches diagonally across. Today we have color TV screens in all sizes. The first TV cameras were large and bulky. Today we have miniaturized TV cameras that can be used for military, scientific and home security purposes.

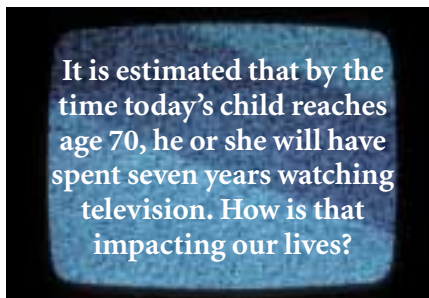
TV technology linked to space-age satellites has given us the ability to view our world better than ever before. For example, TV cameras mounted on satellites help us predict weather. High-resolution cameras mounted in Landsat satellites have been successfully used to provide surveys of crop, mineral and marine resources. The marriage of TV technology and satellites has also provided us the opportunity to view a news event, as it happens, anywhere on the globe. Ted Turner's CNN brought the

Gulf War into American homes. Many were mesmerized by the military action over Baghdad as it happened. Closed-circuit TV is used as an educational tool by many institutions of higher learning. A teacher or a professor can instruct students in a myriad of classrooms around the globe at the same time.

## Escaping Reality

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

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



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

proved that the *untrue* and *unreal* were far more favored. Men like Murrow were quickly removed from TV. Why? People wanted to be distracted, deluded, amused and insulated from the terrible truths running rampant in the real world.

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

A 1964 article in *TV Guide* summed up what most Americans were feeling about their world. "Who is to tell the American public what it should watch on TV? Shall a handful of eggheads tell the public that they should watch only bumbling old men on interview shows discuss what's wrong with the world?... In the quiet of the evening, in our own homes, we want to close the door on the world of reality. We want to relax. We want to be entertained. The Western TV show is the favorite entertainment of Americans. That has been proved each and every week.

"If the world is going to come to an end, let it come while we're watching 'Gunsmoke,' 'The Rifleman,' 'Tales of Wells Fargo' and 'Shotgun Slade.'" If this article was a true reflection of the sentiment of the American people then, think how much more true it must be today. Scientists have recently moved the doomsday clock to nine minutes to midnight. Nuclear doom is on our doorsteps.

## Plug-in Drug

Let's face it. We love TV because it helps us escape reality. That is why TV has taken such hold on people. The desire to escape from the pressures and stresses of our world is understandable. Escaping from time to time is healthy. But we have to recognize that our television watching has become an obsessive habit—we have lost control. Most people are now completely out of touch with the reality this world faces. Soon, earth-shaking trouble is going to descend on an unsuspecting world.

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

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

It used to be that television programming was only offered by three networks: ABC, CBS and NBC. Now, it seems, new networks are added each

year. We can now select programs on FOX, WB, UPN and PAXNET. All of these networks compete for your viewing time. Why? High viewership means high ratings. High ratings bring in big advertising dollars. TV junkies make TV pushers very rich.

## Damage to Children

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

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

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

We must not delude ourselves. Our kids are affected by what they see on TV. A steady diet of violence teaches aggressive attitudes and behaviors. Although not every child watching TV violence will imitate violent acts, some will. Law officials wonder if the unusual number of violent shootings in high schools last year was the result of teens imitating what they viewed on news broadcasts.

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

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

## Substitute Parent

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

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

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

tisements are produced to sway the minds of your child. Why? There is money to be made from your child.

Have parents come to depend so much on television that they refuse to admit that something could be wrong with their use of it? The wrong use of television is one of the most powerfully destructive forces within the family. It prevents families from doing things which upbuild the family. It prevents them from talking and discussing important issues. It stops family activities like crafts or hobbies. It hinders families from playing indoor games and outdoor sports. It takes away from family festivities at holiday times.

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

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

### Prince of Air Waves

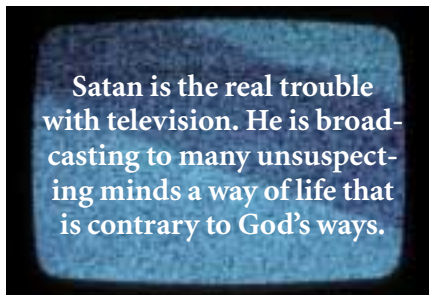
The real trouble behind television is not television at all. It is the super being who influences TV.

It is not popular to believe in Satan today, although there are many graphic programs on demonic themes. Did you know that Satan rules the airwaves? Your Bible says so. Paul writes, "And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins: Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the *prince of the power of the air*, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others" (Eph. 2:1-3). Here Paul reveals that Satan is the *prince of the power of the air*. In other words, Satan is a master broadcaster.

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

"I have stressed the point that Satan, the former great archangel cherub Lucifer, was the most perfect and powerful being that God could create as an individual being. He was perfect as originally created. But he is composed of spirit, and thus he is invisible to human eyes.

"This great and powerful being, even though evil, has power literally to surcharge the air around this earth. He broadcasts!" (*Human Nature—Did God Create It?*, pp. 7-8). Of course, Mr. Armstrong was mainly speaking spiritually; yet, in type, the same principle can be applied physically. Satan is the mastermind behind television. *Satan is the real trouble behind television*. He is



broadcasting to many unsuspecting minds a way of life that is contrary to God's ways. Experts know that if you want to change the minds of the public, do it with television.

Many of our traditional values have been changed by sitcoms. Think about it. Homosexuality, lesbianism, premarital sex, couples living together and pot smoking have all been made acceptable by television. Can we see that television keeps us in tune with a world going contrary to God? The Apostle John warned Christians, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever" (I John 2:15-17). We must come to realize that television teaches us to love this world and all the wrong, harmful pleasures it offers.

### Get Control

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

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

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

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

Limit your viewing time. If you or your child are passively watching five to six hours of television each day it could mean that you are living in an unreal world. Remember, TV can look real, but it is mostly make-believe and fantasy. It can rob us of valuable time that would be better spent with the family. Husbands and wives need to relate to each other. The early evening hours during the school year should be full of activities like eating a meal together, talking and helping with homework. During summer vacations and school breaks, outdoor and other activities should be planned. Children should be encouraged to develop an interest or hobby. TV viewing should be only one of a series of scheduled activities. Then when the activity is over, turn off the set. Turning off your TV is probably the hardest thing to do. But the more frequently you do it, the easier it becomes.

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



There has probably never been a greater political watchman than Winston Churchill. Still, the Western world hates the message and scorns the messenger. But the biggest tragedy is that we didn't learn from that shameful and near-fatal disaster!

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## WINSTON S. CHURCHILL THE WATCHMAN PART THREE

BY GERALD FLURRY

AS WORLD WAR II CAME DANGEROUSLY NEAR, WINSTON CHURCHILL was severely alarmed by the government's half measures and procrastinations. He said the leadership "at the summit" was grievously lacking. Britain refused to build up a strong military while Adolf Hitler was building a formidable fighting machine. Even more disturbing, British leaders lacked the will to use what power they had. The more Churchill spoke out, the more he was scorned.

In his splendid biography, *Winston Churchill*, Martin Gilbert quoted Churchill (vol. 5, emphasis mine throughout): "At any rate my conscience is clear. I have done my best during the last three years and more to give TIMELY WARNING of what was happening abroad, and of the dangerous plight into which we were being led or lulled. IT HAS NOT BEEN A PLEASANT TASK. IT HAS CERTAINLY BEEN A VERY THANKLESS TASK. IT HAS BROUGHT ME INTO CONFLICT WITH MANY FORMER FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES. I HAVE BEEN MOCKED AND CENSURED AS A SCARE-MONGER AND EVEN AS A WARMONGER, by those whose complacency and inertia have brought us all nearer to war and war nearer to us all.

"But I have the comfort of knowing that I have spoken the truth and

done my duty, and as long as I have your unflinching support I am content with that. Indeed I am more proud of the long series of speeches which I have made on defense and foreign policy in the last four years than of anything I have ever been able to do in all my 40 years of public life....

"Through our own folly and refusal to face realities and deal with evil tendencies while they were yet controllable, we have allowed brutal and intolerant forces to gain almost unchallenged supremacy in Europe and have placed ourselves in a position of weakness and peril, the like of which our history does not record for two-and-a-half centuries....

"We are going away on our holidays. Jaded Ministers, anxious but im-

potent Members of Parliament, a public whose opinion is more bewildered and more expressionless than anything I can recall in my life—ALL WILL SEEK THE ILLUSION OF REST AND PEACE."

Many authorities agree that the Western world probably would not have survived without the warning and leadership of Winston Churchill. It is hard to imagine a greater service than that. Yet he was castigated even by many of his friends and party members as a scare-monger and warmonger. A thankless service indeed.

Yet I perceive that Churchill's warning is being pushed aside more and more by some scholars today. It is to their shame and our terrifying danger that they do so.

### The Illusion of Security

The British people continued to seek the comforts and pleasures of life. They wanted the easy way of self-indulgence.

Churchill commented, "I must say that I am astounded at the wave of optimism, of confidence, and even of complacency, which has swept over Parliament and over public opinion. There is a veritable TIDE OF FEELING THAT ALL IS WELL, that everything is being done in the right way, in the right measure, and in the right time" (ibid.).

The Labor Party refused to even support rearmament in spite of Churchill's warnings. Most people had convinced themselves that there would never be another war after World War I. Nobody who understands human nature could reach such a conclusion. Such naïve reasoning always leads into dangerous deception.

Our being deceived before World War II also reveals a greater potential danger. Many people also thought World War II was the war to end all wars. Because we don't understand our evil human nature (Jer. 17:9; Rev. 12:9), we are easily deceived, which puts us in much greater danger today. We can ill-afford such deception in this age of potential nuclear destruction.

Churchill also warned, "We are in the midst of DANGERS SO GREAT and increasing, we are the guardians of causes so precious to the world, that we must, as the Bible says, 'Lay aside every impediment'...."

Martin Gilbert wrote: "On October 3 Churchill was present at the Oxford High School for Boys, for the unveiling

of a memorial to T. E. Lawrence [Lawrence of Arabia], who had been killed in a motorcycle accident in May 1935. ‘All feel the poorer that he has gone from us,’ Churchill said. ‘In these days dangers and difficulties gather upon Britain and her Empire, and we are also conscious of A LACK OF OUTSTANDING FIGURES WITH WHICH TO OVERCOME THEM’ (ibid.).

Lloyd George, one of Britain’s most prominent leaders (prime minister in World War I), praised Hitler as the greatest German leader of the age. This was said in 1935, *after* Hitler had murdered political opponents and instituted racism. Such statements were criminal—the opposite of what a great leader should have said.

It takes great men to lead us to face huge problems. That is a sobering truth which also escapes us today. Today, as before World War II, politics and the press often keep outstanding leaders out of office.

Winston Churchill didn’t get a leadership role until *after* the war

more hideous catastrophe! That is why the World War II lesson is so vital.

If we drifted so recently (as in World War II), is it alarmist to think we could do it again? Churchill said: “I feel our country’s safety is fatally imperilled both by its lack of arms and by the Government’s attitude towards the Nazi gangsters. It is fostering in them the dangerous belief that they need not fear interference by us whatever they do. That can only encourage those savages to acts of aggression and violence of every kind. I have, therefore, chosen to go my own way and to act independently in order to FURTHER THE SAFETY OF OUR COUNTRY AND OF THE CIVILIZATION WITHOUT WHICH WE CANNOT SURVIVE AS A NATION” (ibid.).

Churchill knew that if Britain fell, Europe would also fall and perhaps the whole of Western civilization, including America. Some people may have forgotten how close we came to destruction in World War II. It will be to our own deadly peril if we fail to remember.

great empire, built over centuries, would be destroyed suddenly. He was in deep sorrow, fear and despair as he watched his beloved nation drift toward disaster. But that was a mild crisis compared to the one we face today. The nuclear, biological and chemical weapons problem, alone, poses a gruesome nightmare. We first must experience some of Churchill’s sorrow and fear to be motivated to change. There is hope only if we face reality and have the vision of what is on the horizon.

### Austria Falls

Germany seized Austria. Most people today believe only 25-35 percent of Austrians supported Hitler. “Within 24 hours of the German invasion of Austria, all the brutal apparatus of Nazi tyranny was put into effect. Throughout Sunday March 13 [1938], and in the days and weeks that followed, all those suspected of hostility to the new order were arrested and sent to concentration camps. Many hundreds were shot. Others, fearful of Nazi terror, committed suicide” (ibid.).

The weak-willed press continued to deceive the people, even after Austria was conquered, aiding Hitler more than many of his own soldiers! “The division of opinion was exacerbated by the attitude of the press. *The Times* in particular urged the Czechs to make concessions to Germany, and ARGUED THAT IT WAS CZECH OBSTINACY THAT WAS THE MAIN OBSTACLE TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. Yet even the factual reports in *The Times* did not give a true picture of the nature of Nazi rule. On March 18 Churchill was sent a first-hand account of events in Vienna since the German occupation from a young acquaintance, David Hindley-Smith, who had been angered by reports in *The Times* that Hitler had received an enthusiastic welcome from an overwhelming majority of Austrians....

“Is our system of government adapted to the present fierce, swift movement of events? Twenty-two gentlemen of blameless party character sitting round an overcrowded table, each having a voice—is that a system which can reach decisions from week to week and cope with the problems descending upon us and with the men at the head of the dictator States? [He was wondering if a democracy was adequate in times of war. He was making a case for stronger rule from the top.] It broke

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began. He was kept out of office by politicians, educational institutions and the press. Today, nations have nuclear weapons and the power to deliver them in minutes. If we make the same mistake Britain and America made in World War II, our nations will not survive!

That is why I keep saying we must learn from the horrendous mistakes we made before and during World War II—or we will wake up too late. And just as Churchill warned Britain, we are experiencing the same lack of WILL against strong dictators today. History warns about this disastrous kind of retreat. Churchill said “Parliament is dead as mutton.” The leaders and the people had no real sense of the approaching danger of World War II. They didn’t see the danger, so they didn’t prepare for it. And they drifted into this precarious condition. They were moving “towards some hideous catastrophe.” Today Britain and America are also drifting toward a far

Neville Chamberlain tried to make friends with Mussolini and Italy. One of the strongest members in the cabinet, Anthony Eden, resigned. This was one of Churchill’s blackest moments. “I must confess that my heart sank, and FOR A WHILE THE DARK WATERS OF DESPAIR OVERWHELMED ME. FROM MIDNIGHT TILL DAWN I LAY IN MY BED CONSUMED BY EMOTIONS OF SORROW AND FEAR. There seemed one strong young figure standing up against long, dismal, drawling tides of drift and surrender, of wrong measurements and feeble impulses. My conduct of affairs would have been different from his in various ways; but he SEEMED TO ME AT THIS MOMENT TO EMBODY THE LIFE-HOPE OF THE BRITISH NATION, the grand old British race that had done so much for men, and had yet some more to give. Now he was gone. I watched the daylight slowly creep in through the windows, and SAW BEFORE ME IN MENTAL GAZE THE VISION OF DEATH” (ibid.).

Churchill believed that Britain’s

down hopelessly in the War [World War I].

“But IS THIS PEACE IN WHICH WE ARE LIVING? Is it not war without cannon firing? Is it not war of a decisive character, where victories are gained and territories conquered, and where ascendancy and dominance are established over large populations with extraordinary rapidity?”

“Churchill went on to warn of the dangers of allowing any momentary easing of tension to lead to complacency. ‘After a boa constrictor has devoured its prey,’ he said, ‘it often has a considerable digestive spell.’ There had been a pause after each German move—after the revelation that a secret air force had been set up, after the proclamation of conscription, and again after the militarization of the Rhineland. He went on:

“Now, after Austria has been struck down, we are all disturbed and alarmed, but in a little while there may be another pause. There may not, we cannot tell. But if there is a pause, then people will be saying, ‘See how the alarmists have been confuted; Europe has calmed down, it has all blown over, and the war scare has passed away.’” The Prime Minister will perhaps repeat what he said a few weeks ago, that the tension in Europe is greatly relaxed. *The Times* will write a leading article to say how silly people look who, on the morrow of the Austrian incorporation, raised a clamor for exceptional action in foreign policy and home defense, and how wise the Government were not to let themselves be carried away by this passing incident” (ibid.).

*The Times* was considered by many to be the greatest newspaper in the world. It had thundered many accurate warnings in the past to build its reputation around the world. It was recognized as the voice of the British government. Now, it had descended to this: rebuking the Czechs as being “obstinate,” since they would not voluntarily give a large portion of their country to the vile Nazis! They labeled the Czechs as the obstacle to peace—not Hitler! How could a revered institution pollute the truth so badly? And their reports grotesquely distorted Austria’s image in a dangerous way. They were a powerful support to Hitler’s people-enslaving and people-destroying war machine! Their own weakness and fear stained their reputation for years to

come. Much of their reporting in the 1930s was a CRIME AGAINST HUMANITY!

Because they were consumed with fear, the truth was cast aside. Such powerful institutions must be held more accountable. And we trust them at our own peril!

Has the press learned from their shameful mistakes of the 1930s?

The press deceived themselves about what was really happening. But not Churchill. He kept writing and speaking against this tragedy.

Most of the newspapers which had printed his speeches and articles stopped doing so. Even the people, on average, were more inclined to agree with Winston Churchill than the press.

Churchill was great enough to rise above the press, educational institutions and politics. Do we have any such leaders today?

#### American Tragedy

Churchill kept encouraging America to support the defense of Europe. “America’s attitude is vital to morale,”

America should be ashamed of this history, before and during World War II. Not just in words. A radical lesson must be learned, or we are destined to repeat the history—which will mean a deadly calamity!

Many authorities say World Wars I and II were the greatest tragedies of our century. I disagree. THE WORST CATASTROPHE IS THAT WE FAILED TO LEARN A LESSON FROM CHURCHILL’S WARNING! That means we have retained our deadly capacity for deception into the nuclear age. That is why we are destined to experience a nuclear holocaust unless we wake up!

“‘What price have we all to pay for this?’ Churchill asked. ‘No one can compute it. Small countries in Europe will take their cue to move to the side of power and resolution’” (ibid.).

Other nations did move closer to Hitler because of his power and strong will. At the same time, they were turning away from Britain because of its weak will.

That is exactly what is happening

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Colville noted in his diary, ‘but AMERICA IS THE SLOWEST TO ACT OF ALL THE DEMOCRACIES’” (ibid., p. 547).

Even some of America’s news networks were against Edward R. Murrow’s strong CBS broadcasts condemning Hitler. They feared that America’s neutrality would be compromised.

But *neutral* is a heinous word under those conditions! Being neutral between Hitler’s Nazis and Britain was a shameful evil. And when would we have stopped being neutral if Japan hadn’t bombed us into the war at Pearl Harbor?

Our press often fails to make strong judgments against evil deeds committed today. They too often behave as though God and the devil should have equal time. This lack of judgment and courage allows the political leaders and their “spin doctors” to play the press like a fiddle. They are used and abused by politicians. As a result, many people become confused and deceived.

today with the U.S. Though we have a greater military than any nation on earth, we lack the will to use it. That is a major reason why other nations hate us and fail to support our policies.

“So they go on in strange paradox,” Churchill continued, “decided only to be undecided, resolved to be irresolute, adamant for drift, solid for fluidity, all powerful to be impotent. So we go on preparing more months and years—precious, perhaps vital, to the greatness of Britain—for the locusts to eat” (ibid.). America shared that deadly pacifism.

#### “Fool’s Paradise”

Winston Churchill’s own Conservative Party was turning against him. “The House of Commons listened to him with what he later described as ‘a patient air of skepticism.’ There were frequent, angry interruptions, and his criticisms of Chamberlain were widely resented by his fellow Conservative MPs. Bitterly he told them: ‘YOU ARE

CASTING AWAY REAL AND IMPORTANT MEANS OF SECURITY AND SURVIVAL FOR VAIN SHADOWS AND FOR EASE” (ibid.).

The people wanted to continue in a peace-time atmosphere. Churchill tried to get them into an *emergency* posture, in tune with what Hitler was doing. Churchill served as an outstanding watchman for the whole Western world. But they hated the messenger and rejected the message!

The people wanted to believe they were living in ordinary times. “On June 8 [1938] Brigadier-General Edmonds, his former literary assistant, wrote from the Historical Section of the Committee of Imperial Defense: ‘Providence looks after us and confounds our enemies, but expects “works” as well as faith. To ensure peace we must be strong.’ But many people took it for granted that Britain was already strong, and even the *News of the World*, which had on May 1 published Churchill’s major warning, BEGAN TO ASSURE ITS READERS THAT ALL WAS WELL” (ibid.).

Even those who published Churchill’s major warning didn’t believe him! They thought all was well. It’s as if they were in a coma of deception! Those institutions which should have helped Churchill worked against him. As Churchill said, this helped the people continue “living in a ‘fool’s paradise.”

“On June 24 George Harrap published the selection of the speeches which Churchill had made on defense and foreign affairs in the ten years since 1928. Entitled *Arms and the Covenant*, the volume had been both suggested and edited by Randolph, and was welcomed by his friends.... The South African writer Sarah Gertrude Millin, whom Churchill had met during her visit to England that summer, wrote on 15 December 1938, ‘THE BOOK READS LIKE A TOLL AND KNELL OF DOOM. All that heartens me is that you yourself, as I saw, have still MORE HEART THAN ANY OTHER PERSON I HAVE MET IN ENGLAND’”(ibid.).

This book helped those who would listen to see how accurate Churchill’s prophecies and warnings were! Anybody who sought the truth could find it. But the people didn’t want to hear the truth. That was at the heart of the problem. The people wanted to hear “smooth things” and “deceits” (Isa. 30:10). THEY WANTED TO BE DECEIVED! That is the biggest challenge each one

of us must always face: Do we really want to hear the truth?

Sometimes hearing truth can be the most painful experience of our lives. It often means ripping wrong ideas from our proud minds. But the truth sets us free and greatly enriches our lives.

### Czechoslovakia

Hitler soon demanded that the Sudetenland of Czechoslovakia be given to Germany. He said it was because many Germans lived there. But most of the Germans there did not want his rule!

Here is a shocking statement only now available to the public. “Unknown to anyone outside his secret circle, Hitler was already contemplating a dramatic outcome. ‘I WILL DECIDE TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST CZECHOSLOVAKIA,’ he had informed General Keitel on June 18, ‘ONLY IF I AM FIRMLY CONVINCED, as in the



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case of the demilitarized zone and the entry into Austria, THAT FRANCE WILL NOT MARCH, AND THAT THEREFORE ENGLAND WILL NOT INTERVENE” (ibid.).

Hitler was going to take action ONLY if he was firmly convinced that France and Britain would not intervene!

This statement greatly exposes the mind of a tyrant, which America and Britain generally refuse to understand. It is not complicated. It’s very simple. But it also reveals a lot about our nations. It clearly shows that we are weak and fearful nations when facing tyrannical dictators.

It was vastly different in much of America’s history. Theodore Roosevelt, for example, NEVER backed down from a tyrant!

There is a very strong and clear message in all this: Tyrants ALWAYS prey on weakness. All they ever understand and respect is superior force.

Why can’t our well-educated people understand this? Because they reason out of vanity, weakness and fear. THAT MEANS YOUR GREATEST ENEMY IS YOURSELF! Until we face our own weak-

nesses and fears, we are condemned to repeat our past mistakes.

Germany started and lost World War I. The Allied powers imposed upon them the Treaty of Versailles, which prohibited them from entering into a demilitarized zone in their own nation. In the 1930s they broke that treaty in every way. They took military control of the demilitarized area. The world watched and did nothing, fearful that opposing the Germans would lead to war. Then when Hitler seized Austria in 1938, again the world watched and did nothing. They feared it would cause a war if they stood up to the Nazis.

Hitler marched into those areas because he saw how weak Britain, France and America were. The same evaluation was being used with Czechoslovakia.

Now we can better see why Churchill called World War II “the unnecessary war.” He believed it could have been prevented if the democracies of Europe had stood up to Hitler in the

beginning.

CHURCHILL WAS THE ONLY BRITISH LEADER THE GERMANS FEARED. That fact alone should have gotten him into the British Cabinet. Instead, it was the main reason he was kept out! “On August 7 the British Military Attaché in Berlin, Colonel Mason-Macfarlane, reported secretly to the Foreign Office that Hitler had already decided to attack Czechoslovakia in September, whatever agreement Benes [the Czech leader] might reach with the Sudetens. Six days later the Conservative MP Charles Taylor, who had been traveling in Germany, informed the Foreign Office of massive German troop movements between Nuremberg and the Czech frontier. That same day Churchill wrote to Lloyd George: ‘Everything is overshadowed by the impending trial of WILL-POWER which is developing in Europe. I think we shall have to choose in the next few weeks between war and shame, and I have very little doubt what the decision will be.’

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grew, with over 1½ million men under arms, Hitler announced that he was holding the usual peace-time maneuvers. His announcement was widely accepted by the British and French public, for, as Orme Sargent noted in a Foreign Office minute on August 15, THE FRENCH PRESS HAD PROBABLY RECEIVED THE SAME ‘HINT’ AS THE BRITISH ‘TO WRITE DOWN THE GERMAN MOBILIZATION AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE SO AS NOT TO CREATE A SUDDEN PANIC.’ Churchill, however, in an article in the *Daily Telegraph* on August 18, warned that ‘if the optimists were proved wrong,’ the Governments who shared their views would find themselves ‘at an enormous disadvantage in the opening stages of a world war.’ His article continued: ‘It would be only common prudence for other countries besides Germany to have these same kind of maneuvers at the same time and to place their precautionary forces in such a position that, should the optimists be wrong, they would not be completely ruined’ (ibid.).

What logical and practical advice.

But it was rejected. Of course, the democracies ended up getting war—and shame!

Churchill thought America would come in sooner than they did in World War I. “The feeling in the United States against Germany is now far stronger than it was even in 1914,” he said. “In fact, there never has been in time of peace so fierce a feeling against any European country. *It seems to me very likely that the United States would not wait so long this time before coming in themselves*” (ibid.).

But the U.S. again waited a long time before entering, as they did in World War I. Edward R. Murrow said, “We didn’t enter World War II, we were bombed into it” at Pearl Harbor.

**The Beast Reawakens**

Today, Winston Churchill’s philosophy is becoming less and less popular as Britain and America grow weaker. Germany recently began to show some of the same ugly aggression of the past. They recognized the breakaway states of Croatia (allied with the Nazis

in World War II) and Slovenia (a Nazi puppet state in World War II) from Yugoslavia. Civil war immediately broke out, and there has been internal war ever since.

Almost all of Europe and the U.S. were against Germany recognizing these states as independent powers. But Germany’s view prevailed and the civil war began.

The U.S. secretary of state at that time, Warren Christopher, said that “Germany bears a certain responsibility.” This view was quickly silenced by Germany’s strong complaint. As usual, America meekly submitted, and that silence continues today. Leaders are already fearful of criticizing Germany again! But they almost always criticize the Yugoslavian Serbs—Germany’s bitter enemy. What an amazing turn of events.

If Germany and the Vatican were deeply repentant of what they did in World War II they would never have recognized these two states and challenged all the Western leaders on this issue. They would have been too ashamed to even mention it! What the Nazis and the Catholic Church *did in Croatia* is some of the most evil history ever recorded; it explains a lot about why the Serbs hate Croats today! But, of course, you never hear this side of the story presented in mainstream media. (Read the following article on Croatia, p. 24.) But their repentance is shallow, and the West has a will too weak to even speak out!

Meanwhile, a powerful Germany continues to rise and bully Europe and the U.S. And your Bible reveals that what the Nazis did in World War II was child’s play compared to what they are going to do in the near future—unless we wake up! And we don’t have much time to do so.

Germany started both of this century’s world wars. The Allied powers promised to never even allow Germany to rearm so they could start another war! But all those promises have now been forgotten—to our great peril!

There has been an alarming increase in right-wing extremism in Germany. So it isn’t alarmist to discuss such issues. It seems unbelievable if we don’t!

As has been said so often, if we don’t learn from history, we are condemned to repeat it. ♦

*(to be continued)*



# CROATIA

## Reveals the Rising Beast!

Revelation 13 and 17 discuss a dreadful beast that is to rise in this end time. That beast is rising now, and at a very accelerated pace!

BY GERALD FLURRY

WHAT IS HAPPENING IN CROATIA reaches far beyond the boundaries of that small nation. It is so shocking that the nations of this world would be paralyzed with fear if they really understood! Shamefully, *America* is its CHIEF ARCHITECT. Herbert W. Armstrong prophesied of this unparalleled disaster for over 50 years.

To give you the background, let me begin by quoting from a 1995 issue of *Intelligence Digest* (emphasis mine throughout): “American generals trained and advised the recently triumphant Croatian army, and German pilots have been training the Croatian air force (UN sources at Zagreb airport

say air-traffic control frequencies ‘resound to the voices of German pilots’). Yet the recent events in the former Yugoslavia, important (and dangerous) as they are, form *only a small part* of an OVERALL U.S.-GERMAN PLAN FOR EUROPE. Subscribers *should be* in NO DOUBT OF THIS....

“America’s solution is to encourage and support German hegemony [political dominance] in both east and west Europe.

“Germany’s control of Western Europe is exercised through the European Union (EU), and *American support* for GERMAN DOMINANCE of the EU has been evident since at least 1990. At that time a pro-German U.S. State Department under James Baker started

a whispering campaign against British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher because of her opposition to any further surrender of British sovereignty to the German-dominated EU (or European Community as it then was).

“This whispering campaign was partly responsible for Mrs. Thatcher’s ouster from the leadership of the Conservative Party and hence from the British premiership. (Under President Reagan, Mrs. Thatcher had unwavering American support, and this bolstered her at home. The withdrawal of that support by President Bush and Secretary of State Baker, at a time when she was in domestic difficulties, did much to weaken her parliamentary power base.)...

“Washington is following an intentional policy the purpose of which is to leave both east and west Europe under German domination....

“So Germany, *with the full backing of America*, IS TO BE THE SOLE GREAT POWER OF EUROPE....

“Washington *urgently* needs to think again BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE: its policy for Europe IS NOT A POLICY FOR FUTURE STABILITY; *it is the reverse*” (Aug. 11-25, 1995).

So American foreign policy supports German dominance in the EU. And both America and Germany support Croatia’s independence in Yugoslavia. The question is *why*?

### A Look at History

Let’s consider some recent history concerning this war-torn region in former Yugoslavia.

In December 1991, serious events began to take shape within Germany and Eastern Europe. Strongly opposed by the European Economic Community, the U.S. and the UN, Germany recognized the breakaway states of Croatia and Slovenia. The Pope quickly followed Germany by also recognizing these states. (This was not by coincidence; the people of these two states are very loyal to the Roman Catholic Church.) The European Economic Community eventually recognized these two states on January 15, 1992.

Here is what the *New York Times* wrote about this watershed event in a front-page article titled, “Germany Admits it will Recognize Yugoslav States”: “Germany will go ahead with its plans to extend diplomatic recognition to the breakaway Yugoslav

publics of Slovenia and Croatia, German officials said today, increasing prospects for a pronounced rift on the issue in the Western alliance. Chancellor Helmut Kohl's spokesman, Dieter Vogel, said on Friday that the Bonn government would wait until after a meeting of European Community foreign ministers in Brussels on Monday before announcing recognition, which HAS BEEN OPPOSED BY THE UNITED NATIONS, THE UNITED STATES AND BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. But officials made clear that Bonn's decision would not be affected by the outcome of Monday's meeting" (Dec. 15, 1991).

GERMANY WAS OPPOSED BY VIRTUALLY THE WHOLE WORLD ON THIS MATTER! Yet they still proceeded. Why? Does it make sense that a nation with Germany's recent past would attempt such a thing? It makes a lot of sense if you understand Bible prophecy about the Holy Roman Empire!

Another *New York Times* article entitled, "UN Yields to Plans by Germany to Recognize Yugoslav Republics,"

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said, "The Security Council backed off a confrontation with Germany over Yugoslavia today after Germany's European allies on the council decided that THEY DID NOT WANT A MAJOR CLASH WITH BONN.

"The incident underscored Germany's *growing political power* within the 12-nation European Community, diplomats said. Some added that it marked THE SINGLE MOST VISIBLE DEMONSTRATION OF THAT POWER since reunification of the two Germanys more than a year ago [in 1990].

"Moreover, in its unusual assertiveness in moving ahead with a plan to extend diplomatic recognition to the breakaway Yugoslav Republics of Croatia and Slovenia, Germany has

STIRRED TROUBLING HISTORICAL ASSOCIATIONS.... Nazi Germany DOMINATED the two Yugoslav regions during World War II, absorbing Slovenia into the Third Reich and CREATING A PUPPET REGIME IN CROATIA" (Dec. 16, 1991).

That's why Germany was so determined to recognize Croatia! But why would the U.S. support such a move? Well, at first, America did not. But that quickly changed once Germany flexed its political muscle. A December 8, 1991, article in the *New York Times*, "U.S. is at Odds With German Backing for Slovenia and Croatia," explains Germany's historical ties with the Yugoslav "breakaway" republics: "Germany has long historical ties, both glorious and shameful, to Slovenia and Croatia. Slovenia was part of the Austro-Hungarian empire, and many people there still identify with the German-speaking world. There has also been German influence in Croatia, and during World War II, CROATIA WAS RULED BY A PRO-NAZI REGIME.

"This aspect of Croatian history, and the fact that the TUDJMAN GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED TO DISASSOCIATE ITSELF FROM THE CROATIAN FASCISTS who ruled the republic in the 1940s, has made European leaders unwilling to move quickly toward recognition. German public opinion is strongly pro-Croatian and anti-Serbian."

This is a shocking article. German public opinion is STRONGLY pro-Croatian and anti-Serbian, or in reality anti-Yugoslavian. The German people are emotionally involved with these two republics. Why? Most Americans probably were unaware of these two republics a few years ago.

Isn't it also disturbing that a *Croatian leader* who will NOT DISASSOCIATE HIMSELF FROM THE CROATIAN FASCISTS, OR NAZIS OF THE 1940s *can be a respected leader in a Roman Catholic country*? If these people are good Roman Catholics, HOW CAN THEY STILL BE FASCISTS? Shouldn't this strike us as rather alarming? If Croatian leaders won't disassociate themselves from such a horrible past, and the Pope has spoken out openly that he recognizes Croatia in its struggle for independence despite being opposed by most of the world—shouldn't these facts cause people to think that there is something dangerously ominous developing?

Do you understand the importance of this history? How quickly the

world has forgotten the events surrounding World War II. How quickly the world has forgotten that Germany has historically considered it a primary duty to protect the Roman Catholic Church! During the various reigns of the Holy Roman Empire, they have felt it was their duty to enforce the church's desires—good *and* bad. That helps us to understand why Germany will stand up against the European Community, the United Nations, the United States, and the entire world!

THERE IS SOMETHING VERY DARK AND SINISTER STIRRING IN EUROPE. What is *now happening* in Croatia is ONLY A SMALL SAMPLE OF WHAT IS ABOUT TO SPREAD OVER THE ENTIRE CONTINENT! This is the "straw that is going to stir the drink" to unify all of Europe. It will not be long before Europe is reunited as the Holy Roman Empire. It will be led very assertively by Germany.

Two republics now have their independence because of Germany and the Pope. The *whole world* would have been AGAINST the independence of these two republics HAD NOT GERMANY AND THE POPE SPOKEN OUT IN SUPPORT OF THEM! That reveals a great deal about the power Germany has today. But more importantly, IT PROJECTS WHERE GERMANY AND THE VATICAN ARE HEADED IN THE FUTURE!

Germany forced the issue and revealed how weak America and the West really are!

Many Serbian leaders feel the driving force behind the independence of Croatia and Slovenia has been the Roman Catholic Church! This is only a small part of a rising *Holy Roman Empire*. Germany and the Vatican are willing to offend the whole world because they want to recognize two little Roman Catholic republics! These events show anybody willing to take note that *something dreadful* IS STIRRING IN GERMANY AND THE VATICAN.

For the most part, what is happening in Europe is invisible to the world. Even many political leaders in Europe will be moved with great emotion in support of European unity, not truly understanding why they are doing it.

The Bible shows that Satan the devil is the real power behind European unity. "And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon [or Satan, see Rev. 12:9] gave him his

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power, and his seat, and great authority” (Rev. 13:2). Satan knows he has very little time left, and he is pushing political events and leaders to unify quickly.

“Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having GREAT WRATH, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time” (Rev. 12:12). The devil is using human emotion to achieve his ends. Even Satan must use something to unite people. A strong religion is often his best tool. Satan can use the ideals of the Holy Roman Empire to unite Europe. Europe thinks this will be for the world’s good. The Bible says otherwise.

Let me give you a more recent quote from the *Detroit Free Press*, by Alexander Cockburn: “When Germany led the Western powers to recognize Croatia, Slovenia and finally Bosnia at the start of the ’90s, the Serbs remembered vividly what had happened to them at the hands of the Nazi-backed puppet state of Croatia in World War II. At least 700,000 Serbs—some say as many as 1.2 million—along with 30,000 Jews, were slaughtered by Croats in the Jasenovac concentration camp.

“The Croat lobby in the United States has displayed eel-like slipperiness when pressed about the fascist predilections of Croat leader Franjo Tudjman. Inquiries into his character and intentions are very much to the point: Tudjman has written books of spine-chilling anti-Semitism and apologetics for mass extermination.

“This is the man pampered by the West, even as he drives toward a greater Croatia built in the image of Ante Pavelic’s Croatian Republic of the 1940s” (Aug. 24, 1995).

That reminds me of the years leading up to World War II, after Hitler



**Friendly Welcome:**  
Tudjman greets the Pope on his second visit to Croatia.

had already written his hateful diatribe *Mein Kampf*. Yet Neville Chamberlain and other weak leaders were actually cozying up to and pampering this man who would head the Nazi war machine.

### Germany’s World Dominance

The civil war in Yugoslavia began shortly after Germany recognized the breakaway republic of Croatia. Many people blame Germany for causing that civil war.

All of Europe and America were openly hostile to Germany’s action at that time. But Europe quickly caved in when Germany threatened to pull out of the European Community.

America saw the flow of events and, as usual, weakly changed its public view by submitting to Germany.

Franjo Tudjman, the leader of Croatia, HAS PUBLICLY AND REPEATEDLY SAID HIS COUNTRY WAS RIGHT IN SUPPORTING HITLER! He is very adamant and unrepentant.

An inquiring mind might ask how Germany and the Vatican could openly and flagrantly support a Nazi-type leader, considering their own recent history? Nazi atrocities and the Vatican’s involvement in protecting and hiding Nazi leaders during and after World War II is overwhelmingly documented!

Now they are unrepentant and headed in the same direction again. IS THERE A FRIGHTENING SPIRIT AFOOT HERE THAT WE NEED TO BE VERY CONCERNED ABOUT?!

Sadly, the facts become more disturbing. America has surrendered to Germany’s nationalistic Croatian policy. The U.S. has lifted the arms ban

against all of Yugoslavia. Now Germany is supplying modern military armaments to Croatia. America is supporting Bosnia.

According to some reports, America has signed a secret agreement to continue operating with the Croatian military. And remember, this is the SAME NATION THAT WE WERE BULLIED INTO ACCEPTING AS AN INDEPENDENT REPUBLIC IN 1991! Where Germany leads, we seem to follow.

This American foreign policy shift in 1991 enraged our traditional allies: Britain, France and the Netherlands. These nations saw what Germany was doing, not only in Yugoslavia, but all over Europe. The European Community collectively had *hoped* to KEEP POWERFUL GERMANY UNDER CONTROL—with help from the U.S.! Instead, as Joseph de Courcy wrote in *Intelligence Digest*, America is helping Germany enforce its will on Europe! The Europeans who are being helplessly swept along are painfully aware that Germany has *caused* two world wars—IN LIVING MEMORY—and the death of 60 million people!

Has America forgotten our loyal allies of World Wars I and II and in 50 years of cold war? Germany has bullied us INTO ALMOST WRECKING THAT ALLIANCE!

These traditional American allies know a great deal about Germany’s desire to control Europe. The U.S. leaders seem to be ignorant of the danger of a powerful Germany. It seems that we learned little or nothing from the lessons of World Wars I and II.

Russia has supported the Serbs to some extent. But they can do very little

now since their economy has collapsed and since they are dependent on German loans.

This is an amazing scenario! THE ONLY OUTSTANDINGLY POWERFUL FOREIGN POLICY IN THIS WORLD COMES OUT OF GERMANY! At first, America was BITTERLY OPPOSED to Germany's recognizing the republic of Croatia. NOW WE ARE HELPING GERMANY FIGHT WITH CROATIA! WHAT A PATHETIC TURN-AROUND.

In Ezekiel 23:12, God condemns Israel—primarily America and Britain—for “doting” on the Assyrians or Germans. (Write for our free booklet, *The History and Prophecy of Germany*.) Verse 17 says the *mind* of Israel is “alienated” from the Chaldeans, or the German-led Holy Roman Empire. Look at the recent history of the two world wars and you can see that our minds are indeed “alienated” from Germany. God condemns Israel for making the Germans our lovers and not trusting *Him*. Unless we wake up, the Holy Roman Empire is going to BETRAY us and fight against us! Then we shall know very deeply what God thinks about our “lovers”!

After an open skies treaty, the Germans are now making surveillance flights over the United States. Also, all of our nuclear weaponry is now controlled from Washington D.C. There are no more submarines with independent authority to launch nuclear missiles. America and Britain are becoming dangerously vulnerable to their *lovers*, who will soon betray them!

“Therefore, O Aholibah, thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I will raise up thy lovers against thee, from whom thy mind is alienated, and I will bring them against thee on every side” (Ezek. 23:22). This is a specific prophecy aimed at Israel—the American and British peoples in this end time! “And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols: and YE SHALL KNOW THAT I AM THE LORD GOD” (v. 49).

In spite of this colossal tragedy, there is still good news. This towering crisis is going to bring our nations to repentance. Then they shall really get to know the great God! Most of our peoples only *think* they know God today. What a shame that it takes such a terrifying crisis to awaken our peoples. But it doesn't have to be that way, if only they would heed this message. ◆



## Lessons from World War II

“Thank you for the *Trumpet*. It's a good lesson in history. What a revelation God is giving Gerald Flurry. There is nothing to compare with *The Philadelphia Trumpet* magazine.”

*Isidra Garcia—Las Vegas, Nev.*

KEEP WRITING THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT really happened in history, and not just how the media would like us to hear it. I trust your side of the story because you find the true facts. I believe that because of Mr. Flurry's teachings I have become a much-better-informed person and have become closer to God than I have ever been in my life. And for that I am truly thankful.

*Anonymous*

I HAVE READ YOUR LAST TWO COPIES WITH interest because of the leadership issues. I share your general views that we just don't have the international leaders as we had during and immediately after World War II. It is a fact that the world's moral values, as well as discipline, have decayed. In South Africa we have our own problems with our leadership—not sexual problems, but discipline, law and order. I enjoy your magazine tremendously, having previously been a *Plain Truth* reader.

*Clarence F. Janse van Rensburg  
Hennopsmeer, South Africa*

THANK YOU FOR PRODUCING A MAGAZINE that is not afraid to tell it like it is. This godless society that we have become needs more brave leaders such as yourselves to print and broadcast the truth—not an idealized version that the media and our government wants us to believe.

*Dawn Hagen  
Sylmar, Calif.*

## Hunger for the Truth

I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THE FREE literature, because it has really changed my life! I have such a hunger for the truth that only the Philadelphia Church of God is willing to share. Each issue has teeth and pulls no punches! As I study and learn, I know that I have been truly blessed to have come into such a godly news source. We have all been so deceived by Satan that most have no clue as to what is really going on in the world.

Between the *Trumpet* and *The Key of David*, I have never known such peace and had such hope for my future!

*Greg Mayhue  
Iowa Park, Tex.*

I HAVE BEEN RECEIVING A SUBSCRIPTION FOR the *Trumpet* magazine for a little over a year. I have read *Mystery of the Ages* and have found it truly remarkable and life changing due to Herbert Armstrong's insight into the Bible and how it relates to me. I can't learn enough, and your materials are of great help in my study of the Bible.

*Christopher Noyes  
Tempe, Ariz.*

I RECEIVED MY FIRST BOOK, *THE UNITED States and Britain in Prophecy*, and my first *Trumpet* magazine. My joy knew no bounds. I was so happy to have found the original Church of God. After receiving my second book, *Malachi's Message*, everything became crystal clear.

*Augustine Charan  
New Rochelle, N.Y.*

UPON RECEIVING THE *TRUMPET* I FELT A wave of joy come over me. I immediately started to scan the magazine and was overwhelmed as to all the articles devoted to the end time.

*Jacques Van der Merwe  
Leondale, South Africa*

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## Personal *(From page 1)*

'letter to a correspondent' in which he set out his views. But THE LETTER WAS NEVER MADE PUBLIC" (ibid.). The leaders certainly no longer had the will to rule as past British empires ruled. They weren't willing to challenge Hitler and demonstrate that will to rule! If there was a "marked decline" of their will then, how about now? It's far worse—and what's more, it was prophesied!

### The Law of Moses

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.... And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end" (Dan. 12:4, 9). This is an end-time book. It is only for us today.

Daniel prophesied what would happen to us today. "As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet made we not our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand thy truth. Therefore hath the Lord watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us: for the Lord our God is righteous in all his works which he doeth: for we obeyed not his voice" (Dan. 9:13-14).

Moses, the man who wrote the first five books of the Bible, also prophesied that this evil would come upon us! Unless we repent, the problems are going to get worse. God is bringing this evil upon us. It has been prophesied from man's very beginning!

Here is one of Moses' prophecies: "And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass" (Lev. 26:19). I have said many times that we did not win the Persian Gulf war. Some people disagree. But how could they, when you see what Saddam Hussein is doing today?

We simply lack the will to deal with tyrants and finish the job. We have a pathetic lack of will in a very dangerous world. It always gets back to the will to lead and the will to follow a strong leader.

That weak will was afflicting us badly in World War II. But the good news is, we could change that weakness if we turn to God.

### Media Bias

The *Times* newspaper now had a shameful history to remember—and perhaps try to forget! Not only did they distort the available facts, they refused to print Churchill's view! And his view had been amazingly accurate for years. They had a blatant bias visible to the whole world. This was no small crime by the prestigious *Times*. Their supposed purpose was, and is, to print the truth—and the spirit of the truth. What great lessons we all have to learn.

Many readers were deceived because they failed to "prove all things" (I Thes. 5:17). We simply cannot escape our individual responsibility. Sooner or later we must face the truth.

But again, have the press learned lessons from their own lack of will? The evidence I see shows they have grown even worse today. Since this matter involves our survival, surely each person needs to be concerned!

Our lack of will before World War II almost caused the Western world to be destroyed. Are we making the same mistake—before a nuclear World War III?

The *Times* thought it was proper to give Austria and a part of Czechoslovakia to the Nazi demons!

Would they have thought the same about their own nation? Certainly not. But this is why we lack the will to fight for righteousness anywhere: We are too selfish to be strong!

The Sudetenland in Czechoslovakia was given to Hitler without any real resistance. When Churchill returned to England on September 21, he immediately issued this statement to the press denouncing Chamberlain's policy: "The partition of Czechoslovakia under pressure from England and France amounts to the complete surrender of the Western democracies to the Nazi threat of force. Such a collapse will bring peace or security neither to England nor to France. On the contrary, it will place these two nations in an ever weaker and more dangerous situation. The mere neutralization of Czechoslovakia means the liberation of 25 German divisions, which will threaten the Western front; in addition to which it will open up for the triumphant Nazis the road to the Black Sea.

"It is not Czechoslovakia alone which is menaced, but also the freedom and the democracy of all nations. THE

BELIEF THAT SECURITY CAN BE OBTAINED BY THROWING A SMALL STATE TO THE WOLVES IS A FATAL DELUSION. The war potential of Germany will increase in a short time more rapidly than it will be possible for France and Great Britain to complete the measures necessary for their defense" (ibid.).

That is blunt language. But it's true! Churchill knew that the issue was far more than just Czechoslovakia. It was "the freedom and democracies of all nations" who desired it.

If we truly believe in freedom then we must support other nations and perhaps even fight for their freedom. ♦

Please read part three of "Winston S. Churchill: The Watchman," page 19.

## Trade War *(From page 13)*

"Christ, the King of kings. Perfect in character, absolute in honesty, integrity, faithfulness, loyalty and trust; filled with outgoing concern for the governed—their welfare and salvation; total knowledge, understanding, wisdom. Complete love, mercy, patience, kindness, compassion, forgiveness. Yet, possessing total power, and never compromising one millionth of an inch with His perfect law—which is the way of love. He will enforce God's law—God's government on earth. He will compel haughty, carnal, rebellious humans to yield in complete submission to God's government.

"No one will be deceived, as the vast majority of mankind is today. All will know the truth. No more religious confusion. Eyes will be opened to the truth. Humans will become teachable. People will start living God's way—the way of outgoing concern for others—the way of the true values—the way of peace, of happiness, of well-being, of joy."

Yet today, as the ominous clouds of trade war gather, following the year-and-a-half long Asian financial meltdown, mankind faces even stormier seas in the future, with no safe port in sight. Luke 21:36 gives each of us hope if we will "watch therefore and pray always that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things which shall come to pass." Be warned—an unparalleled time of darkness and trouble in mankind's immediate future first must be navigated before the dawn of the wonderful World Tomorrow. ♦

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## TELEVISION LOG

### North America

#### United States

**Nationwide cable**—Goodlife Network 6:30 am ET, Monday  
**Nationwide cable**—KTLA 8:00 am PT, Sunday  
**Nationwide cable**—WGN 6:30 am ET, Sunday  
**Northeast United States cable**—WPHL 6:30 am ET, Sunday  
Alabama, Montgomery—WHOA 7:00 am, Sunday  
Arizona, Phoenix—KSAZ 6:30 am, Sunday  
Arkansas, Little Rock—KASN 8:00 am, Saturday  
California, Concord—KTNC 10:00 am, Sunday  
California, Fort Bragg—KFWU 10:00 am, Sunday  
California, Fresno—KNSO 8:00 am, Sunday; 9:00 am, Monday  
California, Los Angeles—KTLA 8:00 am, Sunday  
California, San Francisco—KTNC 10:00 am, Sunday  
California, San Francisco—KBWB 8:00 am, Sunday  
California, San Jose—KTNC 10:00 am, Sunday  
California, Sacramento—KTNC 10:00 am, Sunday  
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Illinois, Decatur—WAND 7:00 am, Sunday  
Indiana, Indianapolis—WRTV 9:00 am, Sunday  
Kansas, Wichita—KSAS 10:00 am, Sunday  
Kentucky, Bowling Green—WKNT 9:30 am, Sunday \*\*  
Kentucky, Louisville—WBNA 10:00 pm, Saturday  
Kentucky, Paducah—WDKA 7:30 am, Sunday  
Louisiana, Shreveport—KMSS 8:00 am, Sunday  
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Both conferences will commence Sunday evening with Mr. Flurry's opening-night message, giving a broad overview of current world conditions. The next night, Monday, other *Trumpet* contributors will discuss significant social and political trends and developments subscribers need to watch in 1999.

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