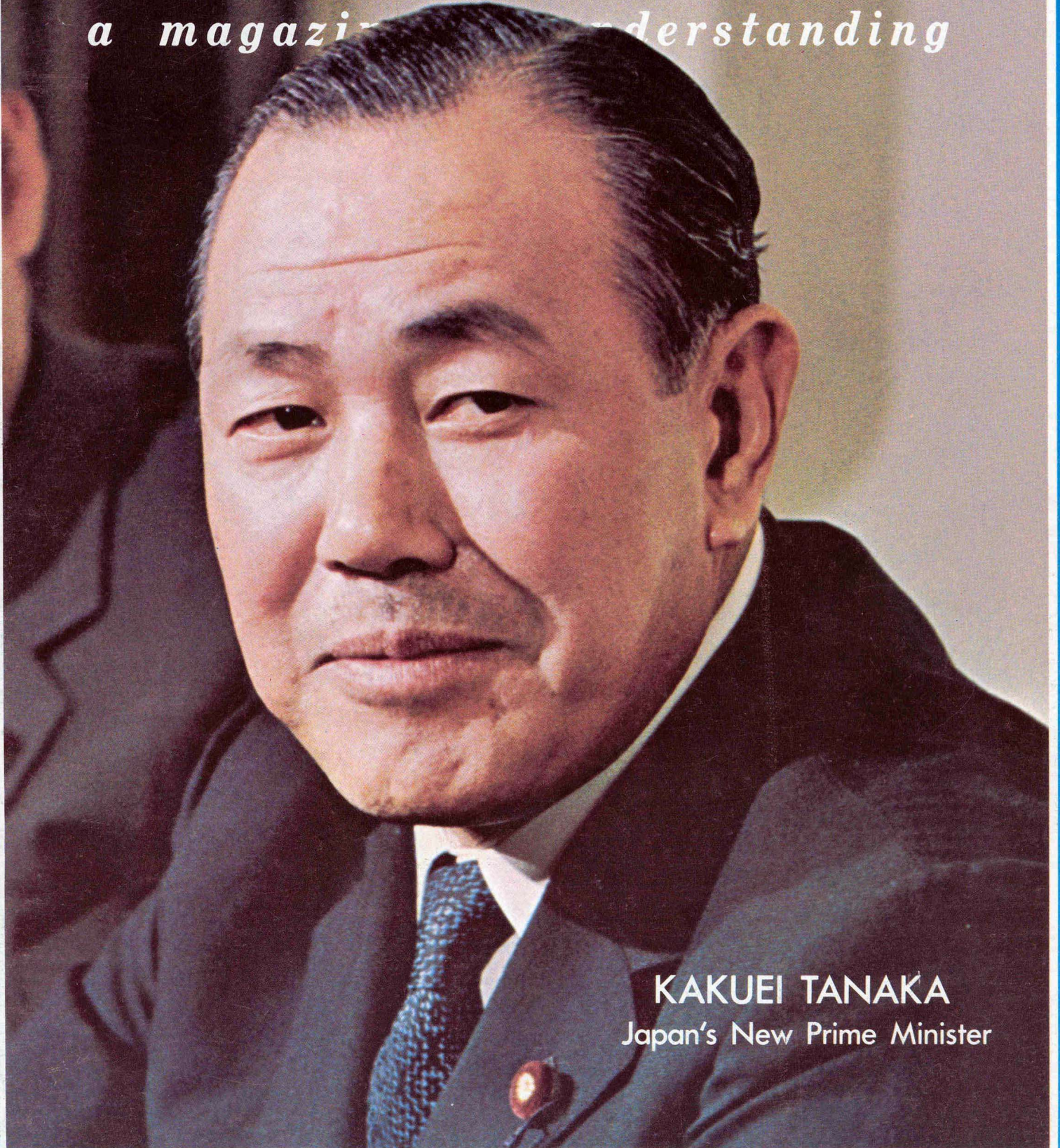
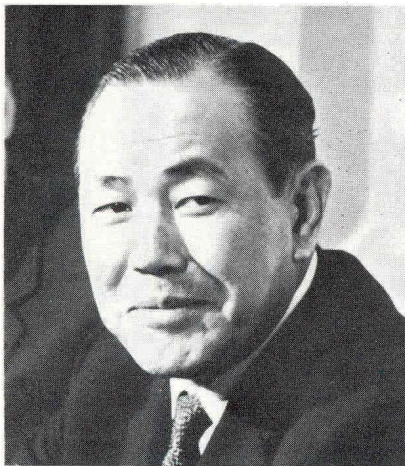


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Japan's New Prime Minister



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Kakuei Tanaka, at 54, is Japan's youngest postwar Prime Minister and one of the youngest in his nation's history. A popular, self-made man of boundless energy, Mr. Tanaka has been called a "computerized bulldozer." He possesses an almost photographic memory. Unlike his Liberal-Democratic Party associates, as well as past Prime Ministers, Mr. Tanaka had no university education, no well-placed connections and no long history in the government bureaucracy when he first entered politics in 1947. He has since headed three cabinet posts, the last one being the Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

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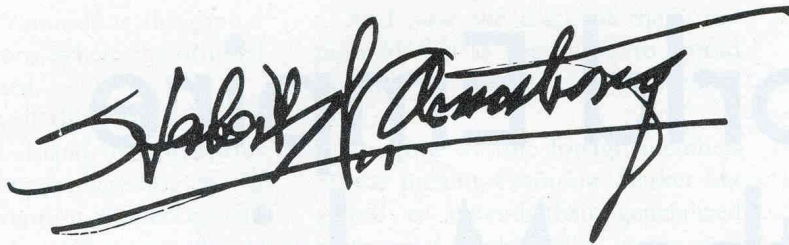
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Personal from



Meeting With Japan's Prime Minister Tanaka in Tokyo

I HAVE JUST come from the residence of Prime Minister Tanaka — Japan's new Premier. Mr. Tanaka was installed in the Prime Minister's office only two weeks ago.

This was a preliminary meeting. One of longer duration is planned for later in the week. But I needed to see him this morning, if only briefly, because we had planned a cover story on him in this issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, and I had a deadline to meet.

I knew Mr. Tanaka was an early riser, and since he has been in office only a few days, thousands are clamoring to see him. It was an eye-opening experience. My meeting was scheduled for 7:30 a.m. When I arrived at 7:20 in the morning, 300 were, or had already been, there to see him, mostly official and in groups; some were private citizens. The official callers were Congressmen — members of the Japanese Diet. The Diet is the Japanese law-making body — like the U. S. Congress, the British Parliament, the Israeli Knesset. Groups of six or eight and up to 30 or 40 were going into the Prime Minister's office to present petitions, or complaints, requests or demands.

Automobiles in front of the resi-

dence were arriving and leaving at the rate of three or four a minute. The front enclosed automobile entrance was alive with police and uniformed security guards. It all had a very official appearance.

When I last had a meeting with Mr. Tanaka, in March of this year, he was engaged in an important Diet meeting, but excused himself for 15 minutes to meet privately with me, Mr. Rader and Professor Gotoh, our Japanese representative. We met in the Prime Minister's private meeting room in the Diet building — the

Japanese capitol. At that time, he was relaxed, smiling, casual. He motioned for me to sit in the Prime Minister's chair. I smilingly shook my head and motioned for him to sit there. He insisted that I take the chair.

This morning, however, under the pressure of these first strenuous days of his official Premiership, he was tense, alert, and showed his dominance, power, and leadership.

I was met at the entrance by two prominent Diet members, whom I met in March. One was Mr. Okuda,

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PRESIDENT NIXON welcomes Kakuei Tanaka to San Clemente in January 1972. Mr. Tanaka was at that time serving in Prime Minister Sato's cabinet.

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whom we had flown, at Prime Minister Sato's request at San Clemente last January, to our Texas campus for two days. The other was Representative Ishii, a Stanford University graduate, who also accompanied Prime Minister Sato to the San Clemente meeting with President Nixon. I met Representative Ishii in Tokyo in March. He is a chief adviser to Mr. Tanaka. Both of these gentlemen had made this early morning visit to accompany me in the meeting with Prime Minister Tanaka.

I presented the new Prime Minister with a customary gift — a beautiful office desk piece of Steuben crystal. Mr. Tanaka seemed delighted with it — opening the red leather case, in which it was presented, three times to look at it. We did not have opportunity at this early morning, preliminary meeting to enter into any discussion since other groups were waiting outside to get in, but agreed to arrange, through Representatives Ishii and Okuda for an extended meeting later in the week.

Mr. Tanaka and I have a number of things in common. As young men, we were both inspired with drive and determination to make a bigger success in life than our fathers. Both of us have been self-educated and have been through the school of "hard knocks."

A meeting with the new Foreign Minister, Ohira, is being arranged for later in the week.

Tonight we are having dinner with Japan's foremost private-citizen couple, Dr. and Mrs. Ohama. Dr. Ohama is Japan's number one educator. They have been our guests at both the Pasadena and Texas campuses of Ambassador College. Dr. Ohama accompanied me on the Okinawa visit, and he and Mrs. Ohama

flew with us last March to Seoul, Korea.

Tomorrow we take the fast, new, streamlined train to Kyoto to place the order for production of the large main curtain for the new auditorium now under construction at the Pasadena campus. These new streamlined trains travel at a speed of more than a hundred miles an hour. It is much handier and just as quick, if not quicker, to take the train than to fly. There is no landing field at Kyoto. We would have to land at Osaka and drive a car for about an hour to reach Kyoto.

I have a number of other appointments coming up — one or two with Japanese press correspondents, and a meeting with Prince Mikasa, brother of Emperor Hirohito, to discuss our joint project of an Institute of Biblical Research in Tokyo, where people of the East may study to learn about the culture of the West and the Middle East. On Saturday night we are having dinner with Prince and Princess Mikasa, and the Israeli Ambassador.

Next, a meeting is planned in Jakarta with President Suharto of Indonesia, and, if there is time, another meeting with the King of Thailand. We are participating with the King in his program for the educating of his mountain people.

Next will be a couple of days at Ceylon. Officially, the name of Ceylon has now been changed to *Sri Lanka*. We are invited there for meetings again with the President, and the Prime Minister, and other top personages.

Then on to Israel, where we have 90 students finishing a summer's work on the huge archaeological project, in which we are in joint participation with Hebrew University. Every year at this time, Hebrew University hosts a banquet in my honor, which is attended by our students, with faculty and staff members who have been there with them. We will be joined in Israel by Dr. and Mrs. Roderick C. Meredith. Dr. Meredith is a member

of the Board of Trustees, a Vice President of Ambassador College, and Deputy Chancellor at the Pasadena campus.

From there, we will spend a few days at the campus in England, and then fly on back to Pasadena.

U. S.-Japanese Ties

Japan's new Prime Minister, Mr. Tanaka, is an advocate of close ties with the United States. He has said, "Japanese-U. S. relations are like those between air and water. Without them we cannot live."

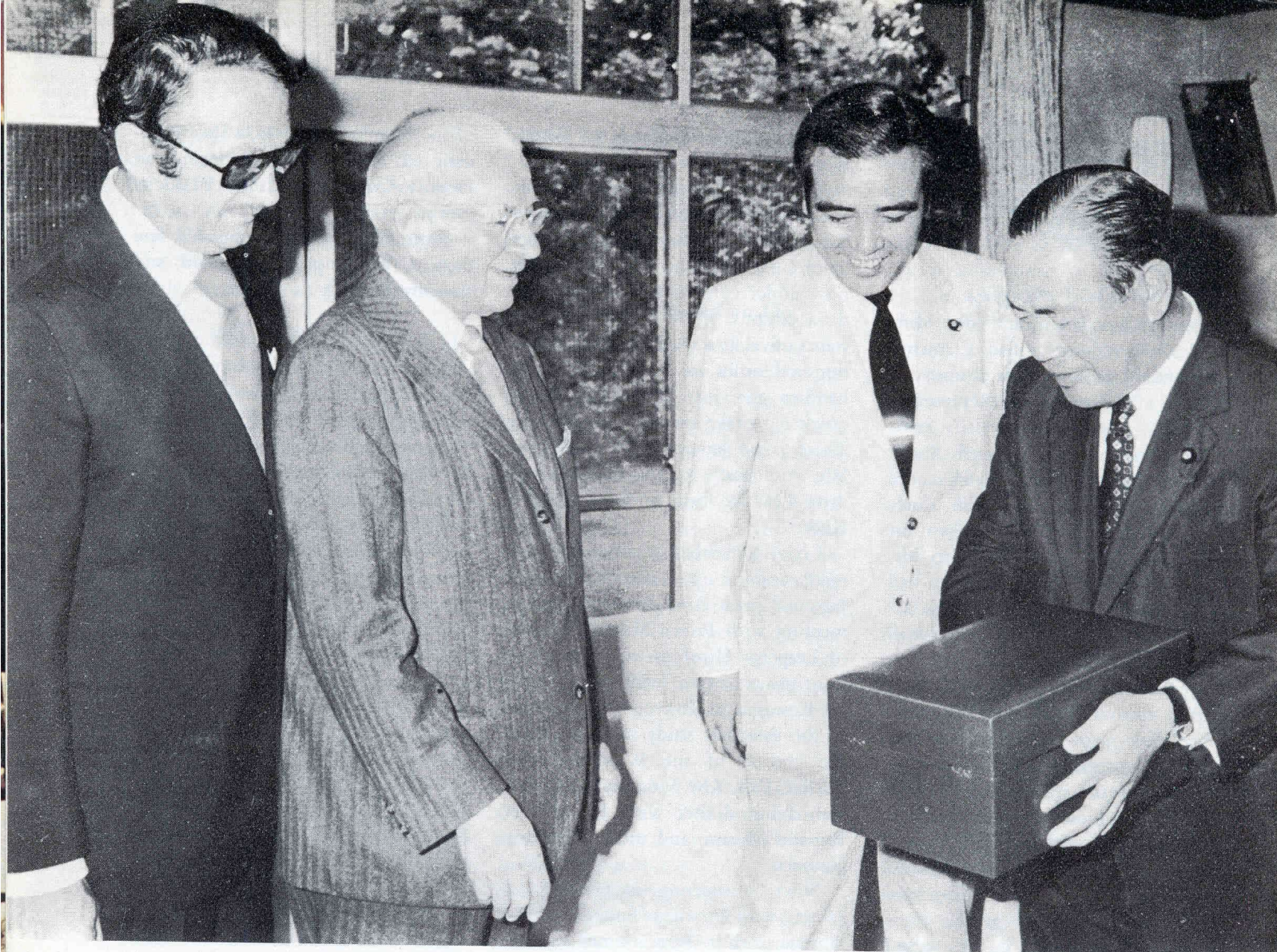
Japanese-American relations have been somewhat strained the past two years. I wrote, in this *Personal*, after my meeting with former Prime Minister Sato, in December, 1970, of his delicate and diplomatic warning of U. S. tariff policies starting a trade war like the one that previously resulted in war. Mr. Tanaka's most immediate task is going to be to try to heal the breach and restore better U. S.-Japanese relations. In fact a preliminary meeting, at a lower level, was held here in Japan yesterday with apparently good results. Mr. Tanaka is to meet President Nixon in a few weeks at Honolulu in a summit meeting. Mr. Tanaka says he is willing to bend, but not too far.

A high-ranking U. S. diplomat has said that the United States and Japan are on a collision course, economically.

Early this morning, seeing all the activity, with the uniformed security guards and police, I simply *had* to think about this problem of world PEACE.

The highest people of Japan, both in the Imperial family, the government, and the universities, have been not only courteous and friendly, but also very *warm* toward me, personally. I'm sure that they want only close and FRIENDLY ties with the United States. I'm equally sure that not only the people of the U. S., but also our government officials, want only close and FRIENDLY relations with Japan.

And right here is the very crux of



PRESENTATION to Prime Minister Tanaka of a gift of Steuben crystal, Representative Ishii looking on.

the problem of WORLD PEACE. No nation can live unto itself alone. Nations are interdependent on one another. Each nation *needs* raw materials or manufactured products from others. But the trouble gets right back to what I have been trying to get this world to see all along. There is a CAUSE for every effect. And there are *the two* WAYS of life, which I state briefly and simply as the "GET" way and the "GIVE" way. All humanity, as a whole, is following the "GET" way. Each individual is looking out for number one. Each nation is trying to protect its own interests, and at times, some have even tried to *take* from others by wars of aggression and invasion.

I've explained before how the U. S. got the jump on other countries in mass production. So far as I know, it was started, in the automobile indus-

try, at least, by Henry Ford. I've explained how, in early January, 1914, I was in Utica, New York as editorial representative of America's largest trade journal. I received a telegram to go immediately to Detroit, to get a firsthand story on the *then* sensational Ford \$5-a-day wage policy. The union scale at that time was \$3.75 a day.

I learned that Ford did it by instituting the assembly-line system of mass production. The U. S. then had a mass market. No other country did. Machine production meant mass production. Mass production by machines meant lower-cost production. This provided lower prices for the consumer, larger profits — and

unions saw to it that it also meant higher wages.

That raised the American standard of living — the U. S. wage became 50 to 100 percent higher than in other countries.

But now, other countries have gone into machine production, but they still produce with LOW-COST LABOR. That means other nations now can produce at lower cost than the United States. To meet this situation, and hold U. S. labor on a higher wage scale than that of other countries, the United States is threatening to raise tariff barriers. Other countries would begin to feel the pinch, and soon we would be in a TRADE WAR, which, in the past, has led to a shooting war.

It was impressed so strongly all over again on my mind this morning how the ONLY solution to the world's problems is that which leading scientists say is the world's only hope — a single, all-powerful, WORLD-RULING GOVERNMENT that will equalize all these problems fairly and righteously for ALL PEOPLES. Of course scientists say such a world-ruling government is impossible. Yet the Biblical revelation says it is NOT impossible — and that it is actually coming — and IN OUR TIME.

It's about time that SOMEONE speaks out, in this world, and tells the world that the very GOSPEL of Jesus Christ was the advance ANNOUNCEMENT of this very world GOVERNMENT — a government, NOT by selfishly motivated man but by the living all-powerful God.

Jesus Christ's message — His Gospel — was the Kingdom of God — the GOVERNMENT of the living God! I've been proclaiming it for 38½ years — and worldwide for 19 years!

Jesus Christ was BORN to be a KING (Luke 1:31-33). When Jesus was on trial for His life, Pilate said to Him: "Art thou a king then?" Jesus answered, "Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world..." (John 18:37). Jesus had just told Pilate: "My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence [that is, not of this age, but of the world tomorrow]" (John 18:36).

Jesus is coming in supreme POWER and GLORY. Notice this description of the event: "Then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory" (Matthew 24:30).

He is coming to set up the GOVERNMENT OF GOD and to rule all nations with the help of those who

have qualified in this life. In Revelation 3:21 Christ is quoted as saying: "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." And again: "He that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father" (Revelation 2:26-27).

Jesus is the Messiah the Jewish people have looked for, for millenniums. Notice Isaiah's prophecy about the Messiah's coming government. "For a child is born unto us, a son is given unto us; and the government is upon his shoulder... that the government may be increased and of peace there be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it through justice and through righteousness from henceforth even for ever" (Isaiah 9:5-6, Jewish Publication Society).

Micah predicted this time when he wrote: "In the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more" (Micah 4:1-3).

When the Messiah returns with all the power of God, we shall have WORLD PEACE, with happiness, joy, prosperity — and a CHANGED WORLD inheriting ETERNAL LIFE. □

What Our Readers Say

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people think that the crown was taken from James and given to a stranger with no claims to it.

All in all, your analysis of the situation is a very fair one, and the solution you offer is the only sensible one put forward so far. But, I am very sorry to say, no one will do anything about it until they are forced to. Human nature again!

Mrs. M. S.,
Ilford, Essex

• James II was the younger brother, not the son of Charles II. Thanks for correction of an editorial slip.

What You Can Do

I note the article in your July issue on the dangers of aspirin. Research shows that it can also cause encephalitis, i.e., inflammation of the brain. Aspirin is a dangerous drug that should not be sold uncontrolled over the counter to an uninformed public.

Orval K.,
Pocatello, Idaho

"Ten Reasons Why I Tithe"

I have been a reader of *The PLAIN TRUTH* for many years and enjoy many of its fine articles. Just now I finished reading the article, "Ten Reasons Why I Tithe." This is very good and should be read by everyone. . . .

Albert U.,
Montezuma, Kansas

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