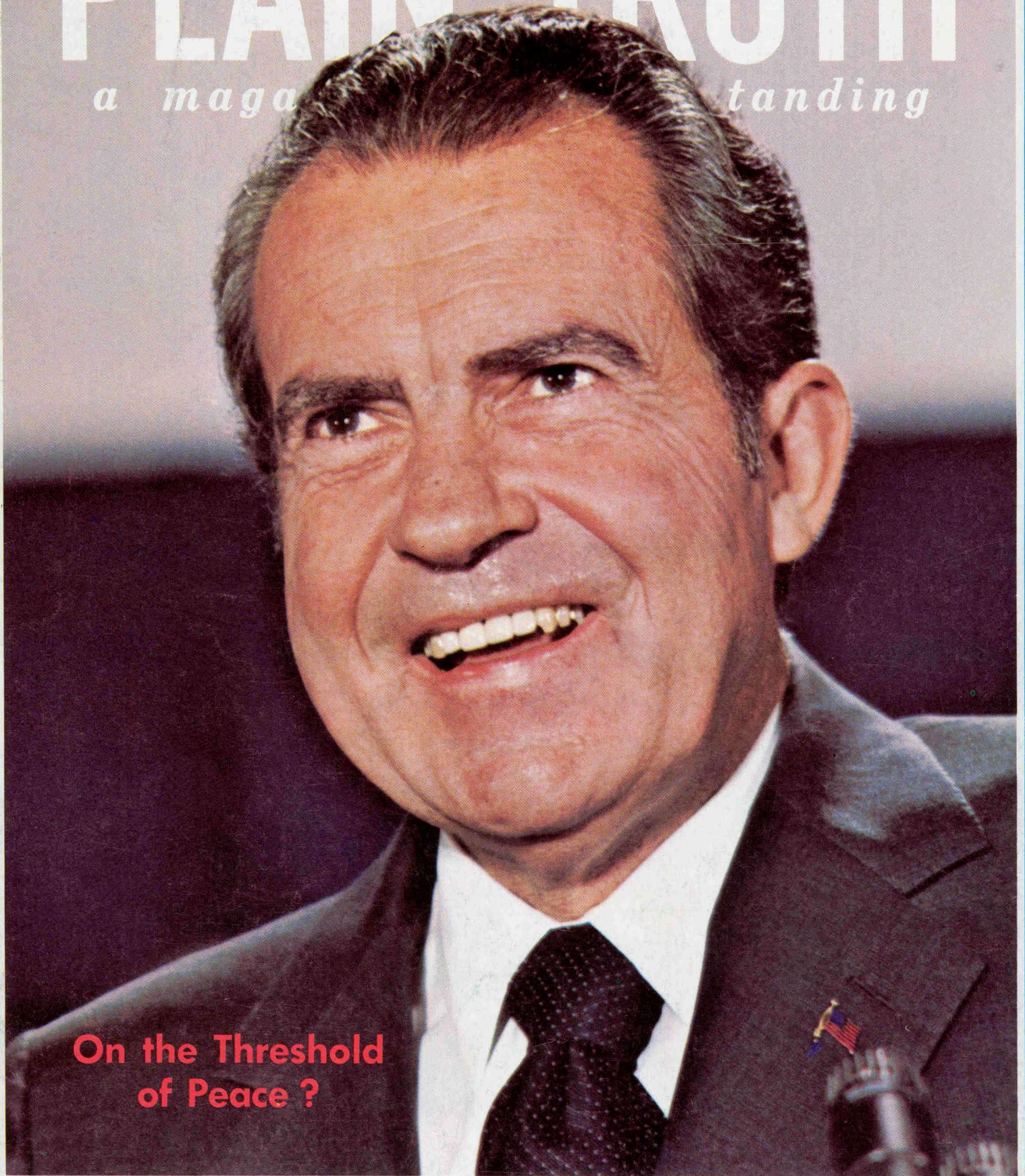


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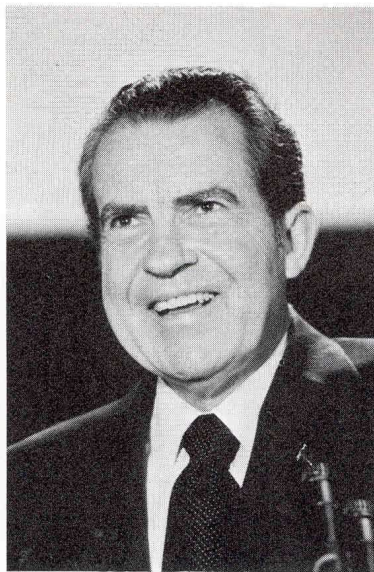


**On the Threshold
of Peace ?**

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Re-elected by an unprecedented 49-state landslide, President Richard Milhous Nixon is ready to pursue for another four years his goal of "a full generation of peace." In the November 7 balloting the president received a popular vote of 61%, compared to 38% for Democratic candidate George S. McGovern. The overwhelming mandate gave evidence that the majority of Americans found Mr. Nixon's plan for winding down the war in Vietnam more acceptable than that of his opponent, and that they approved of his diplomatic initiatives during his first four years of office. With a settlement in Vietnam in sight, Mr. Nixon is looking to the world at large and to the long-term future, in which he hopes nations will move from an era of confrontation to an era of negotiation.

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Personal from



WHY No World Peace?

ONE OF the ways that men are trying to bring about WORLD PEACE between nations is the Olympic games. We recently had a sample of that "peace" at the 1972 games in Munich, West Germany.

I think our readers need to know a few very significant facts. For this is just another example of what's WRONG with human efforts for world PEACE. Heads of governments and others have been trying to bring about world peace since the very dawn of history. But they don't know the WAY to peace.

These Olympic games have been going on every four years — on and off — since somewhere close to 800 B.C. The origin of the Olympic games is not known, exactly. They have died out at times — and then later been revived again.

They use the symbol of the five interlocked rings — supposed to be the symbol of the spirit of brotherhood. The general idea is that the various nations send their finest physical specimens of youth to the games to meet in friendship and brotherhood, demonstrating their various physical skills in sports. It's supposed to bring the nations of the world together in a friendly meeting of PEACE.

But DOES IT? Did the Munich games promote world peace? Let me

quickly review what actually happened — and then tell you what's wrong with the whole idea — and WHY the games CANNOT promote peace.

If you check the origin and spirit of the games in the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, you'll find that before the contests opened, all the competitors, the trainers and the judges swore a solemn oath to keep the competition clean and fair and to give just decisions — and I understand that this is still done today. But solemn oaths do not always mean much. The gracefulness and good sportsmanship of the contestants — and the method of

winning — were esteemed *equally* with the victory itself.

It was through the efforts of a French Baron Pierre de Coubertin that the Olympic games were revived in our time. He was not an athlete himself, but a brilliant educator and scholar. He believed that *one* of the reasons for the glory of the golden age of ancient Greece was the emphasis placed on physical culture and frequent athletic festivals. He concluded that nothing but GOOD could result if the athletes of all countries of the world were brought together once every four years on the friendly fields of amateur sport, *unmindful* of

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national rivalries, jealousies, and differences of all kinds, and with considerations of politics, race, religion, wealth and social status *eliminated*.

BEAUTIFUL, *altruistic* THOUGHT! There's just one thing wrong with it — HUMAN NATURE!

Let's go back over that beautiful recipe for world peace again. First, these athletes were supposed to be brought together on the *friendly* fields of amateur sport. But the fields of sport at Munich were not so FRIENDLY! Next, the friendly athletes were supposed to be UNMINDFUL of national rivalries. Yet the WHOLE THING is a matter of rivalry between one nation and another. They were supposed to be unmindful of jealousies and differences of all kinds.

WHAT???

Human nature unmindful of jealousies and differences of all kinds? Just what is human nature, anyway? It is VANITY, lust and greed, and jealousy, envy, resentment and hatred. How many human beings do you know that are UNMINDFUL of any of those things?

They were supposed to leave not only their human natures at home, but also to eliminate considerations of politics, race, religion, wealth and social status as well.

Were there any politics and race considerations when the black African nations, by POLITICAL PRESSURE, forced the withdrawal of Rhodesia before the games started? Did that promote world peace? Avery Brundage, President of the International Olympics Committee said, "The games of the 20th Olympiad have been subject to TWO savage attacks. We lost the Rhodesian battle against naked political blackmail." And in regard to the heinous massacre of eleven members of the Israeli team by

Arab Palestinian terrorists, Mr. Brundage said, "I am sure the public will agree that we cannot allow a handful of terrorists to destroy this nucleus of international cooperation and good will."

"GOOD WILL?" There *was* some of it there — but there was plenty of BAD will, too!

Of course the one great tragedy at Munich was the violent massacre of eleven Israeli athletes by Arab Palestinian terrorists. That was the tragic stain on the entire 1972 games. It's true, of course, as pointed out in a London *Times* editorial, that the MOTIVE for those killings had nothing to do with the Olympic games, yet there is a connection, because, as the editorial pointed out, "The games have become a political spectacular, as well as an athletic celebration." Then the *Times* editorial continues: "They [the Olympic games] were refounded in the modern age with a *political intent* . . . 'to help to construct a better and more peaceful world.' It is not the absence of that ideal, but its *corruption* that now threatens their future."

And that pinpoints the whole fallacy. With human nature, there is corruption.

There was the deplorable incident of two U. S. athletes, winning first and second in the 400-meter dash. The second place man, in defiance of the rules, stepped up with the first place man on the top platform at the time of the presentation of the medals. At each such medal presentation, the flag of the nation of the first-place winner was hoisted above the flags of the other two, and the band played that country's national *anthem*. These two contemptuous athletes insolently looked away from the stars and stripes, swinging their medals, standing "at ease" in an indolent manner, while another black athlete from an African country — the third-place winner — faced the stars and stripes respectfully, at attention and standing erect as the U. S. national anthem was being played. Leaving the victory

stand, the insolent U. S. athletes contemptuously whirled their medals, and gave the "black power" salute. Would they have been shot for TREASON, had this happened about 75 years ago? The International Olympic authorities banned them from Olympic competition FOREVER, but instead of trying them for treason, the U. S. officials protested the ban.

There were a number of other offenses of bad sportsmanship. But what I want to emphasize is this: There is a CAUSE for every effect. There is a CAUSE for the LACK of peace in the world. And if there is ever to *be* world PEACE, there has to be a CAUSE to produce it.

And what is that CAUSE — what *is* the WAY to peace? It is COOPERATION — a spirit of OUTGOING CONCERN for the GOOD and welfare of OTHERS — and the spirit of COMPETITION is the very OPPOSITE of that way.

Mankind does not see it that way. The Spirit of God is the Spirit of LOVE — of OUTGOING concern for the welfare of others — the spirit of giving, serving, sharing, helping.

The Olympic games are based on the spirit of COMPETITION. This is contrary to the spirit of giving, sharing — of outgoing concern for the good or welfare of others. It is *contrary* to the WAY that causes PEACE. It is the WAY of human nature — of vanity, greed, desire for SELF-gain, SELF-reward. It is the way that has CAUSED rivalry and wars.

In our very present generation, WORLD PEACE is going to come!

How?

By *changing* human nature!

But that's IMPOSSIBLE, you say?

By man, yes. But more than 1900 years ago Jesus Christ came with the most tremendous ANNOUNCEMENT this world has ever heard. They put Him to death because of that Message. Few today know what it was.

Let's take a quick look at the astonishing fact.

Look, first, at an astonishing prophecy. It's found in the book of

Isaiah, in the 9th chapter, beginning the 6th verse:

“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the GOVERNMENT shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and PEACE there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.”

Read that again! Think of it! A CHILD is born. That means a HUMAN child. Yet he is to be called the Mighty God — the PRINCE OF PEACE! He is to become a great KING — for the GOVERNMENT shall be on his shoulder. It shall INCREASE continually without end — FOREVER! He is to REIGN on the throne of David!

Now follow this prophecy on through. We continue with its fulfillment in Luke, the first chapter, beginning the 30th verse:

An angel was speaking to the virgin Mary: “Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.”

Here, in the NEW Testament of the Bible, are almost the same words as the prophecy in Isaiah, with two additions — the child was born of the virgin Mary — the mother’s name is now identified. And the child’s name is identified. He was JESUS. He is the Son of GOD, as well as of the human Mary.

Now WHAT was Jesus’ Gospel — His Message from God — His ANNOUNCEMENT? And WHY have you probably never heard it? You haven’t heard it because every effort was made

to stamp it out and substitute a FALSE GOSPEL *about* the person of a false Jesus. Read the astonishing truth in your own Bible!

Notice Mark 1:1, 14, 15: “The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. . . . Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God, and saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.”

What Gospel — what Message — what ANNOUNCEMENT did He bring? The Gospel of the KINGDOM OF GOD! The announcement of the very GOVERNMENT that is to be on His shoulder — the government He is to rule!

Why did they put Jesus to death? Because He said He was the future King of the world — to rule the whole earth! Because of His MESSAGE! His own people — His “citizens” — said, “We will not have this man to reign over us” (Luke 19:14).

On trial for His life before Pilate, He said: “. . . I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world.” But He also said, “My Kingdom is not of this world” (John 18:36-37). His government is not of this AGE — this present world — this time.

In the 19th chapter of Luke is the account of the parable in which Jesus pictured himself as a young nobleman, going into a far country (God’s throne in heaven) to be given the authority to reign, and then to return again to earth. In the 14th chapter of John it is recorded that Jesus spoke of going to the throne of God, the Father, in heaven. And He said that if He went, HE WOULD COME AGAIN. In the 19th chapter of the book of Revelation, He is represented as coming back to the earth, already CROWNED — coming this time in all the SUPREME POWER AND GLORY OF THE GREAT GOD, as King of kings and LORD of lords — to govern ALL THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH.

World famous scientists have said

the ONLY HOPE for world PEACE is WORLD GOVERNMENT — a single all-powerful super-government over all nations. President Eisenhower said the same thing. So did President Truman, President Johnson, and President Nixon. By MAN this is impossible. But with God, it is not only possible — IT IS CERTAIN!

This coming super WORLD-government was the Message — the GOSPEL of Jesus. The world rejected it. The world rejected Him. The world STAMPED OUT that Message — that announcement!

And WHEN was Jesus to return in all that power and glory to reign by supernatural force? His disciples asked Jesus that question. And He answered, WHEN “this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness to ALL NATIONS” (Matthew 24:14). And at the time when men would be able to destroy ALL HUMAN LIFE so that *unless* God supernaturally intervened, no flesh should be saved alive (Matthew 24:21-22).

That Gospel ANNOUNCEMENT has now been going to the world, beginning with *The World Tomorrow* broadcast and the publication of *The PLAIN TRUTH* in 1934. Within the last decade, for the first time in earth’s history, the weapons of MASS DESTRUCTION have been produced that WILL, unless restrained, destroy humanity from the earth!

Therefore WE KNOW that this most wonderful event in all human history is now very NEAR! We are in the CLIMAX of this world’s EVILS, at the “TIME OF THE END” of this chaotic man-ordered society.

The mighty WORLD RULER is soon to COME!

He will come to CHANGE human nature!

He is coming to bring us, at last, WORLD PEACE!

The PLAIN TRUTH is a voice in the wilderness of this world’s chaos and evils, proclaiming to the hundreds of millions the WAY to world PEACE — preparing the WAY before the coming of our Great Deliverer! □