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Wide World Photo

**WEST BERLIN TODAY**—Traffic moves along the Kurfürstendamm, showplace of the city. Modern buildings illustrate the rebuilding that has taken place in West Berlin since end of World War II. In this issue the truth about the Berlin crisis is made plain.

# Heart to Heart Talk With the Editor

YESTERDAY, driving a visiting minister from Pasadena around London, we drove over to the Parliament Buildings and stopped at the entrance to the House of Commons visitors' gallery.

Britain's Prime Minister, Mr. Macmillan, was scheduled to deliver a history-making speech, urging Britain's immediate entry into negotiations for joining the European Common Market. We wanted to hear that speech.

On both sides of the entrance, people were queued up in long lines. On inquiring of officials, we learned that many had been standing or sitting there for many hours, and that it would be three or four more hours before doors would open to the Visitors' gallery. Further, there already were more people waiting in line than would be admitted.

So we read his speech in the newspapers later.

It was, in truth, more of a history-making speech than even the Prime Minister probably realized. His central point, it seemed to me, was his emphasis on the danger to Great Britain to be left on these islands, isolated and alone. He sees this burgeoning Common Market bringing unreamed-of prosperity to its six European members. He sees Greece, and now Denmark, clamoring to join. He sees ahead, but never talks about, a UNITED *political* Europe. He sees, just across this channel, across which some men and women can swim, a giant new world power developing that will be mightier, as a military power, than the United States or Russia.

He sees this United Kingdom *stranded*, alone, by itself, on these islands. He sees the HANDWRITING ON BRITAIN'S WALL! He sees it spelling the DOOM of the British nation. He is alarmed—afraid!

*And he is right!*

The handwriting *is* on Britain's wall! These factors, which I have just seen developing in Europe's capitals, *do* spell the DOOM of Britain as a nation! Unless a drastic move is made to prevent,

Britain's END is not more than 12 to 15 years away, at most!

And WHERE is this great nation—formerly the world's greatest—turning in this hour of her greatest peril? She is turning to her potential ENEMIES—the very enemies God's prophecies say are going to destroy her as a nation! She wants to JOIN THEM.

Mr. Macmillan reasons that Britain still has influence. Britain can make her weight felt more on the inside, than on the outside looking in. That is human logic.

But THIS THING IS OF ALMIGHTY GOD!

God Almighty says He is about to PUNISH TERRIBLY both Britain and America—*because our sins are increasing!*

Across this English channel, BABYLON is being resurrected! God Almighty SHOUTS to Britain, in this, her hour of imminent peril: "COME OUT OF HER, MY PEOPLE, THAT YE BE NOT PARTAKERS OF HER SINS, AND RECEIVE NOT OF HER PLAGUES!"

And in this dark hour growing constantly darker, Britain is trying to RUSH IN!

BRITAIN, like America, *has forgotten her GOD!*

The Eternal GOD is the one in whom to put our TRUST. When Britain puts her trust in BABYLON across this narrow water, this BABYLON becomes the false god in whom she tries to trust. Britain, in this, is having another god before her own true GOD! For this national sin, she shall be punished—until she learns that The ETERNAL is God—and turns to HIM!

America is trusting, likewise in the false gods of enemy "allies," and military armaments. Both nations are going to have to learn that GOD determines the outcome of wars. GOD causes nations to rise or fall. GOD RULES THE UNIVERSE!

These things are mighty REAL. I'm right here where I SEE it taking place.

But, as with nations, so with the in-

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dividuals who, together, form nations. Where are YOU placing *your* trust? WHO—or *what*—is the god in which YOU trust? These are perilous times! It is fast growing LATE! Better examine your own inner heart, and see where YOU stand!

# GIANT WORLD POWER Rising out of Common Market

*Prophecy is leaping to life! The fastest moving, most powerful military machine of all time is developing at lightning speed! You need to know the FACTS about the Common Market!*

HAMBURG, GERMANY:

by Herbert W. Armstrong

**T**WO BIG-NEWS developments are hurling this world, *fast*, toward nuclear WAR! But you are not getting the true significance—the *real meaning*—through ordinary news sources.

One of these BIG-NEWS developments is the *immediate world crisis*—BERLIN! The other is the fast-developing *Common Market* here in Europe.

To bring you the PLAIN TRUTH on the Berlin crisis, *on the spot*, we have flown into West Berlin Garner Ted Armstrong, Executive Editor of *The Plain Truth* and co-speaker on *The World Tomorrow*, and David Jon Hill, an Associate Editor. Their reports appear elsewhere in this number.

But WHAT IS The Common Market?

To bring you the *real meaning* of this European Common Market, fulfilling prophecy *so fast* very few realize just what *is* happening—I have just visited, once again, Brussels, Belgium; then the pulsating smoke-belching German Ruhr, and I am now writing from Hamburg, Germany.

You hear *about* the Common Market constantly—on newscasts, in newspapers and magazines. It is BIG news today! But you are not getting the REAL STORY—the fantastic, overwhelming MEANING. You are not, from these sources, being told *where it is leading*—the incredible world-shaking catastrophe it is precipitating—and you probably do not really know exactly *what it is!*

Actually, it is one of the crucial developments of world history. It is bringing to life a slumbering giant. It is developing into—creating—a GIANT NEW WORLD POWER, that will be mightier than either Russia or the United States! It is swiftly, dynamically, fulfilling PROPHECY! It is resurrecting the ROMAN EMPIRE!



Wide World Photo

West Berlin's KaDeWe (Kaufhaus des Westens) department store, with shoppers briskly crossing street.

Already! New Capital of Europe!

The other day, just before entering Germany again, I was in Brussels, Belgium.

What's important about that? A great deal!

More than 27 years ago I proclaimed over the air, and wrote in *The Plain Truth*, the Bible PROPHECY that the old Roman Empire was going to come to life—in *our time*. I said it would come as a UNITED STATES OF EUROPE. I said, while others scoffed, there would be ten nations in the territory of the old Roman Empire that would give all their economic, political and military power to the human leader designated as "The BEAST" of Revelation 17.

I said it would not stick together—it would last but a short time, and then fall apart. I said it would be DESTROYED by Russian armies, and by the second coming of Jesus Christ!

Therefore, *when* it rises up, I said, we would be *very close* to the END of this world, and the coming of Jesus Christ to establish the WORLD GOVERNMENT of the Kingdom of God.

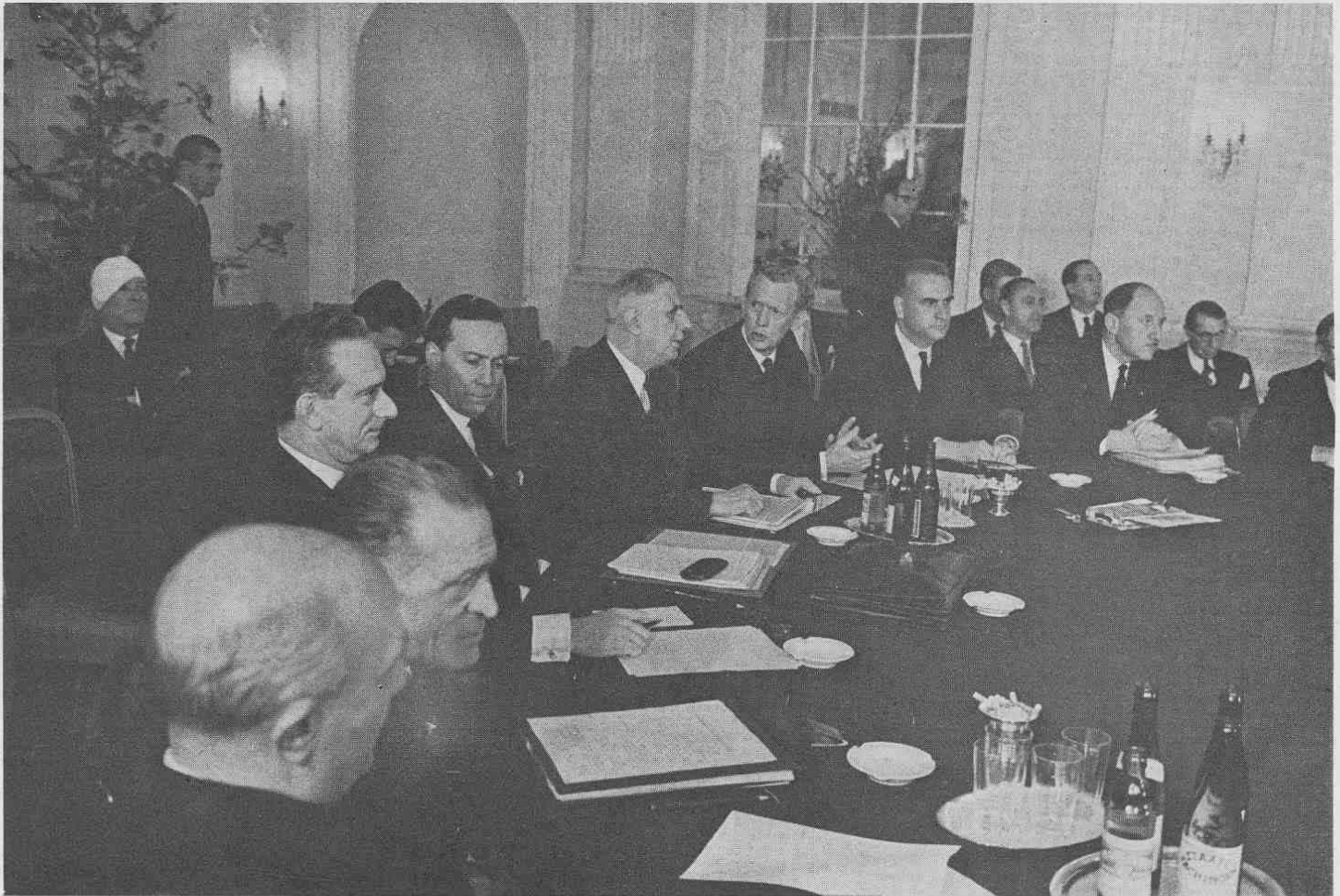
But people scoffed.

No one agreed, then! No one believed it!

Most evangelical ministers who believed Christ would return in Person to earth shouted in "revival meetings" that "the Lord may come any minute—He may come to 'snatch away His Bride' even before this night is over!" I continued to proclaim that Christ could *not* come until certain things occurred first—among them, this new United Europe!

Now what's so important about Brussels, in Belgium?

Just this: on its elegant Avenue de la Joyeuse Entrée today there is a new, very modern glass-and-concrete building. If you are in a tourist group, your



Wide World Photos

Two scenes from the Little Summit Conference meeting at Bad Gotesberg, July 18, 1961. Represented are chiefs of the six European Common Market nations meeting to work out program for political cooperation.

guide will proudly point it out as "THE NEW CAPITAL OF EUROPE!"

Here you can *see, with your own eyes*, that prophecy coming to fulfillment!

Actually it is the Headquarters of Euromart—the new Common Market of Europe. Already it is being called *The New Capital of Europe!*

Everyone over here seems to realize, and even take for granted, that the Common Market is only the *start*—it is going to develop into a united *political* Power!

Also in Brussels is another startling evidence of this—a new UNIVERSITY. This university is something new and different—for Europe. Its purpose is to train the most promising and ablest young men of Europe for important posts in the coming united Government of Europe!

It is realized that this will be no ordinary government. Most governments propagandize *nationalism*—loyalty to

the one nation—the one language. But this coming United States of Europe will be made up of a crazy-quilt of *many* nations, speaking *many* languages (Revelation 17:15), each having its own national aspirations, customs, loyalties, prejudices and hatreds.

The governments of these nations, in the past, have trained their peoples to envy, distrust, and feel a sense of rivalry against one another.

The coming new UNITED government must try to override the jealousies and hatreds of the past, and instill a new international sense of loyalty. This is going to be like trying to solidify together many different chunks of iron and miry clay, as prophecy so vividly pictures it! (Daniel 2:33, 42-44.) They shall not remain united together, except for *a very short time* (Rev. 17:10, 12), and shall be demolished at Christ's coming (Dan. 2:34 and Rev. 17:14) and replaced by the Kingdom of God.

Nevertheless, they are going to TRY! They are *now* starting a school on the advanced graduate level, open only to college or university graduates, to attract the ablest young and middle-age men of Europe. In this new college the purpose is to train these men to run the coming government of the resurrected Roman Empire!

Another such school is being established at Florence, Italy.

#### Already a Summit Conference

If anyone doubts that there is serious and determined PURPOSE to expand the Common Market into a united political GOVERNMENT, listen to this!

On July 18, at Bonn, Germany, a Summit Conference was held for this very purpose! The Chiefs of the governments of the six Common Market nations met for the sole purpose of discussing the *political integration* of the Common Market countries.

Plans for the United States of Europe *definitely are being made!*

The prophecies I have been proclaiming, on the air, and in *The Plain*



Truth for 27½ years are in definite process of fulfillment before your eyes! No one scoffs any longer!

And now, on July 10, comes the news that Greece has signed an agreement of association with the Common Market nations to join them. Britain is trying to get it—possibly won't, or if she does, probably will not become a part of the politically organized new united GOVERNMENT.

The prophecies show that there will be TEN nations uniting to restore the Roman Empire.

#### You Need to Know!

You need to know what is back of all this—what it means—what it *is*—how it is going to *change your life* and the whole world!

At this point, in writing this article, it became necessary to break off, and drive on over to the capital of *another* Common Market country.

I am now writing from Amsterdam, Holland.

Here in Amsterdam, earlier this year, a new magazine was started. It is called

"IBC" which stands for *International Business Contacts*, the new international monthly for promotion of world-wide foreign trade. In it I find additional facts about the Common Market. This magazine, promoting European UNITY, will be received regularly hereafter at the Ambassador College News Bureau in Pasadena.

All through this magazine I notice the emphasis on European unity. The opening article contains, from the European viewpoint, the REASONS that have prompted these nations to fulfill God's prophecies by uniting.

#### WHY Europe is Uniting

The people of Europe need to bear in mind, it says, that Europe is going through a *completely new phase of development* in this second half of the 20th century. Three facts have caused this:

1) Most European nations previously maintained prosperity by possessing *colonies* in Africa and Asia. Now they are lost, or being lost. This source of former prosperity is stripped from them.

2) Two world wars on their soil in 25 years have wreaked both material and moral destruction. Indeed, both are everywhere in evidence. The material destruction has been largely rebuilt—thanks to U.S. dollars! But the moral decay is obvious everywhere. In Oslo many on the streets after 9:00 p.m. were drunk. In Stockholm a mother said it is now common practice for late teen-age sons to bring their girl-friends to their own homes to sleep with them for the night. The divorce rate is rising sharply. Girls do not show any expression of shame on their faces—sexual promiscuity is the socially accepted custom, no longer looked upon as wrong. But these girls *do* show unhappiness, boredom, cynicism, and a lack of that happy, sparkling, exuberant and innocent eagerness that once was their maidenly charm and beauty. Everywhere people are seeking pleasure and sensual gratification.

3) The scientific and economic upward surges of both the United States and Russia, together with the cold-war  
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RADIO COMUNEROS — Asuncion, Paraguay—970 kc.—8:30 p.m. Thursdays.

RADIO SPORT — CXA19 — Montevideo, Uruguay—11835 kc.—4:00 p.m., Sundays.

RADIO CARVE—CX16, 850 kc., and CXA13, 6156 kc. — Montevideo, Uruguay — 3:30 p.m., Saturdays.

In French—

RADIO CARAIBES—Santa Lucia, West Indies—840 kc.—9:45 a.m., Mon.; 10:05 p.m. Wed.

squeezing them in the middle. They are so close to the U.S.S.R. that they can almost look over the border from their own home or apartment windows and see the Russian military juggernaut poised at their door-step ready to roll over all Europe!

Up until now, these many little European nations have relied on United States military and nuclear power to restrain the hungry Russian bear from devouring them. But United States prestige is being rapidly dragged in the dust and trampled down into the mire of Communist insults. Communist propaganda gives the impression that the U.S.S.R. is fast pushing America into second place in nuclear, missile, space, and general power development.

### What Europeans See

All this leaves the nations of Europe uneasy.

They have been taking a good look at themselves! And what do they see?

They see many nations, each small compared to the mighty U.S.S.R. at their border, yet if joined together as ONE EMPIRE possessing potential *greater* population, *greater* industrial and economic capacity, *greater* military power than either Russia or America! And yet, here they are, robbed of their former source of prosperity, helpless—and WHY? Simply because they are *divided!* No one country, by itself, is strong enough to protect itself.

Here are many nations, each speaking a different language. Their borders have been IRON BARRIERS! They have looked at one another in a spirit of jealousy, envy, competition, strife. Each has its own kind of money. Each has imposed heavy economic tariffs against the others. If the Steinway piano factory at Hamburg, Germany, tried to sell pianos in Holland or in Denmark, or in France, it found such heavy customs duties imposed that its pianos had to be sold at such high prices very few would buy them. Thus its MARKET was limited. Likewise a French company might find that millions of Germans would like to buy its perfumes, but the German tariff wall added so much to the price that not many Germans would buy it.

Now, it finally began to dawn on

## GIANT WORLD POWER

(Continued from page 5)

political developments, has left Europe a group of disunited, helpless, small nations caught in the vise *between* the two powerful military giants of the world.

So—just put *yourself* in the place of these people in Europe! They see their source of former prosperity torn from them. They see two prosperous world powers, one on each side of them,



Wide World Photo

West Berliners hustling along Wilmersdorfer Strasse, one of the biggest shopping centers.

these nations, that these economic walls kept the Steinway piano factory in Germany from expanding into a bigger, more prosperous business—and forced most people in other European nations to do with an inferior quality piano. Also the French perfume and toilet-goods industry was kept from becoming prosperous, and millions in other nations in Europe were denied the privilege of having French perfumes.

Twice Germany tried to solve this difficulty by attempting to invade, conquer, and simply take over and rule the other nations. The Kaiser, and later Hitler, *wanted it all!*

But now at last, under fear of Russian hordes on their door-step, Germans, Italians, French, Dutch, Belgians and Luxembourgers began to realize how *powerful* they might become, *if they combined and pooled their resources!*

They did not know what I knew, back in 1934! I knew, then, that they were going to UNITE, and resurrect the

old Roman Empire! I had seen it in Biblical PROPHECY. I knew it was SURE!

But these nations know nothing of Biblical prophecy. They have no diabolical and evil thought in mind about creating the prophesied "BEAST" that is to fight against Christ at His return! They are natural, carnal-minded people who have only what they think of as the GOOD motive of looking after their own welfare and interests!

They are not starting this thing with any thought of doing evil. To them, this is "the way that seemeth RIGHT to a man" and they do not know, or believe, as the Bible states twice, that "the end thereof are the ways of DEATH." It *will* be the death of their cherished Europe, and of their civilization! But they are blissfully unaware of that!

To them, this seems like a good thing—a WONDERFUL thing! They ARE ENTHUSIASTIC OVER IT! This IBC magazine, here on my desk as I type, wants the whole world to know of their

fine and glorious plan.

It speaks boastfully of this "older part of the world with its glorious past."

It speaks proudly of the fact that this burgeoning Common Market actually had its first small beginning, as a reality, in these Benelux nations of Holland, Belgium, and Luxembourg. "Europe's tragedy," it states, "is its dis-sentation, above all in the sector of economy."

"The efforts to bring the European countries together in a strong unity," the article continues, "date from January 1st, 1944. At this date The Benelux was founded in London."

#### What is Back of It

But WHY do we see this condition in Europe today? What is back of it all—how did this situation develop?

To understand, we need to go back a bit and review what has happened before, and the chain of events that led to the present—and shall continue

*(Please continue on page 23)*



# The Autobiography of Herbert W. Armstrong

*The first printed edition of The Plain Truth, silencing atheists at a funeral, continued growth of the work in spite of hardship and opposition are covered in this 38th installment.*

THE first expansion of the broadcast had come about mid-November, 1936—almost three years after we had first started on the air. At that time, using Postal Telegraph wires, we started a local network, feeding the 10:00 A.M. Sunday morning program from KORE, Eugene, Oregon, to two additional stations, KXL, Portland, and KSLM, Salem.

These, like our original KORE, were the smallest-powered commercial stations in operation—a mere 100 watts.

## Weekly Portland Jaunts

But we continued, at that time, on KXL for only about ten months. On September 5, 1937, we moved up to a 500-watt station, as it then was—KWJJ. The new time on KWJJ was 4:00 P.M. Sundays. We continued on KORE and the Salem station.

This not only was another increase in power, it started weekly trips to Portland that were to continue several years. Later these trips were extended on to Seattle.

At this time I put the program on KORE, broadcast simultaneously by wire hook-up over KSLM, Salem, at 10 each Sunday morning. Then came the 123 mile drive to Portland for the 4:00 P.M. broadcast.

By this time, as explained in earlier installments, we were using a mixed quartette on the program. As the program started out, our concept had been to condense a regular church service into a half hour, using radio techniques. The program started with a fast-moving theme hymn, then two verses (never more) of a lively hymn, followed by prayer during which the singers usually hummed—or followed it with a three-fold "Amen"—then announcements about the program, *The Plain Truth* or other free literature. Then followed a

sermon of about 22 minutes, then sign-off with a closing theme hymn.

In using this type of programming, in those early days, I was merely following the custom of religious programs generally. Nearly all other religious programs on radio have continued that format to this date. But later, as we branched out onto larger stations in larger areas, we began to learn that this style of program is all wrong.

It is based on the assumption that a regular Sunday church service is being brought to people in their homes. It assumes one of two fallacies: either, 1) that all radio listeners are church-going people who *want* to sit in a church service—which is true of not more than 2% of radio listeners, or, 2) that radio is the proper medium for holding a church service with our own particular church members.

We discovered later that such type of programming causes about 98% of radio listeners to tune to some other station, or tune out. The minute the average person hears a hymn, he says: "Oh-oh! There's another one of those sentimental, pestering religious broadcasts!"—and he flips the dial.

It was some years later, but eventually we learned. Then we began programming for the other 98%—the people who are not religious—the unchurched—instead of what radio men call "the religious audience." Years ago, now, we dropped off hymns and singing altogether.

But in those days, and for some years to come, we did use singing. Our mixed quartette was hardly of Metropolitan Opera quality—yet, as religious programs went, it was very creditable. Some of the time we used eight voices in a double mixed quartette.

Customarily, however, we used the four singers which included my wife

and eldest daughter, and a pianist, beside myself. The six of us drove directly from the studios of KORE to Portland, usually taking lunch along to eat in the car en route.

## Portland Tabernacle Offer

Shortly after going over to KWJJ, opportunity came to purchase a tabernacle in Portland. This brought us to the crossroads decision for the entire future of the work.

I had to learn, here, that all that glitters is not gold. This offer glittered. It flattered. It was tempting.

A Portland radio evangelist, Willard Pope, had built this tabernacle a few years earlier. He had now built a new and slightly larger tabernacle and vacated his former one. He was conducting one of these local religious broadcasts, holding nightly evangelistic services in his tabernacle and regular Sunday service for his church members which this program brought him.

The idea of having what then appeared to me as such a nice large auditorium of our own in Portland was enticing. This tabernacle seated 800 people.

But soon I began to realize that, although this tabernacle was offered on terms that amounted virtually to rent, with no down payment for about a year or so, it would change the entire direction and future course of our work.

It would mean tying me down to Portland—preaching in Portland six nights a week to those attracted by the radio program. It would mean trying to BUILD A LOCAL CHURCH. It would have tied me down, locally, in Portland. I had from the start realized that the first and major commission to which I had been called, was *not* to build up a church and to bring in members, but to proclaim the true and original Gospel

of Christ, which the world had rejected and lost for 18½ centuries. I saw our commission, in Christ's prophecy of Matthew 24:14. The Gospel was to go out, *not* to cram it down people's throats

—*not* to try to force conversion on them, *but as a witness*—perhaps even a witness *against them!*

Of course I did see that Christ had said it was to go *into all the world*, and

as a witness *to all nations*; but I had no delusions of grandeur—I never thought of myself as reaching more than a segment of the whole earth. I assumed God would raise up others to reach the rest of the world. But I did realize I was called to preach that very Gospel to as many as God made possible.

This tabernacle offer, I began to realize, would mean diverting the work from that path. I began to realize that it might prevent the radio work and *The Plain Truth* from expanding into wider areas. And already I envisioned a program expanding to reach the entire west coast—and possibly even, in time, the entire United States.

For some three or four months I weighed the matter, prayed over it, sought advice and counsel from those whose judgment in such matters I respected. And finally, on the grounds it would divert us from our divinely ordained course, which I felt sure I realized at last, the tabernacle offer was turned down.

It was a wise decision. It was a test in wisdom. I think I have mentioned before that I had discovered, very early in my ministry, that I lacked natural wisdom. I had always craved UNDERSTANDING. I had absorbed a reasonable share of KNOWLEDGE. But WISDOM is ability to put both of these together and form a right DECISION. I had read God's instruction in James 1. If any man lacks wisdom, he is to ask God for it; and, believing, he shall receive it. I had asked God for wisdom. God granted it. But, even though it comes as His gift, He lets it develop gradually, and through experience. This was one more experience in WISDOM. I have always been sure the decision was God's. The work would not be where it is today, otherwise.

#### Atheists at a Funeral

In February, 1937, I had sent out a letter to Co-Workers saying that the mail response indicated a radio audience of between forty and fifty thousand each Sunday—growing "toward our goal of 100,000." By April the mail response indicated 60,000 listeners. By November 26th, we had reached our goal—100,000 weekly listeners was announced! We had to set a new goal. Today, the

Reproduced here is example of articles published during that 2½ years in the Depression when no PLAIN TRUTH was issued.

# MUSSOLINI

## and the Spanish Conflict

### in Prophecy

Being a sermon delivered over  
the OREGON NET - WORK  
On November 22, 1936

by *Herbert W. Armstrong*

WILL You notice, now, a most significant prophecy, found in the 25th chapter of the Book of Jeremiah, the 31st and 32nd verses:

"A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Lord. Thus saith the Lord of hosts, Behold evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth."

My friends, we have entered the time foretold in this prophecy. Surely evil is going forth from nation to nation today, around the whole world.

At the present moment this whirlwind of evil seems to be centered in SPAIN. And so this morning I want to speak to you about the civil war now being waged in Spain, and the part this conflict is playing, specifically, in the fulfillment of the Bible prophecies.

Most of us, perhaps, have been reading more about the Spanish revolution, these past several weeks, than any other subject in our newspapers. It dominates front pages, and the news broadcasts over radio.

All Europe totters this morning on the very brink of world war! We all know that this Spanish conflict is involving, indirectly, the major nations of Europe, and might well prove to be the spark that will ignite that vast powder-magazine into the most terrific explosion of world war this old world has ever witnessed.

Once again, it is the old story of an egomaniac lust for world power. Two systems, new to the governments of mankind, both prophesied in the Bible and destined to play a major role in the closing events of this age, each the antithesis and deadly enemy of the other, now dominate the politics of Europe and give positive assurance of the imminency of another world war. Out of Rome, once the proud city that ruled the world with a heel of IRON, has sprung the system called Fascism, which is more or less the once mighty Roman Empire—being revived and brought once more to life under the satanic leadership of the world's most dynamic personality, Benito Mussolini. And out of Moscow flames forth an entirely new and altogether contrary system, ---COMMUNISM. Its leaders say frankly that their godless the-

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Tell your friends and neighbors to listen in. One sermon each month mailed to all who send name and address. There is no charge. This is a FAITH work.

estimated radio audience is 15 million a week—not 75 million, as erroneously stated in the August installment—but up to 75 million *per month!* But that is a terrific cumulative audience—now world wide! It has continued to grow steadily from that original 100,000 goal!

On November 30, 1937, the father of the former atheist Secretary of the local Communist Party, whose conversion was recorded in a preceding installment, died. This precipitated a nerve-testing experience.

The mother of the young lady ex-Communist had also come into the Church. But it was a fairly large family, and nearly all the other members of the family were professed atheists. There was some kind of a controversy within the family concerning who was to officiate at the funeral. The professed atheist members were violently opposed to me. They wanted a Mr. Herbert Hig-gombotham, pastor of the Unitarian Church in Eugene. However, in deference to their mother, they acquiesced.

"Oh, well," they said, "we'll sit there and endure the ignorant, superstitious, medieval mouthings of this stupid God-believing minister, and then we'll have a good laugh picking to pieces his ridiculous 'funnymentals' after it's over."

I realized what I was facing.

I spoke on the meaning of death, and the question of life after death. I mentioned that among *men* there are various IDEAS—the immortality of the soul, which is pagan; conditioned immortality and the resurrection of the dead; and the atheist idea that death ends all. Then I pointed out that the reasonings and inventions of human imagination carry no weight of authority—they are only *ideas*—and other people have *different* ideas. Nobody has ever yet come back to tell us his experience, except the resurrected Christ whom they deny. Science can contribute NOTHING. We, therefore, have one of two choices: 1) accept the revelation of the Creator God—who *knows*—in the Bible, or, 2) *admit we are absolutely IGNORANT!*

The pagan, I said, is IGNORANT—he has only his imagined and superstitious ideas. The atheist, I affirmed, is even MORE IGNORANT—he has only his *prejudiced refusal* to accept truth, without any proof or scientific knowledge what-

soever; he has no authority; he, like a fool, ignorantly believes what he *wants* to believe, because he is *unwilling* to believe the truth.

Then I said that I would now read to them what GOD says, and that we have the choice of accepting this AUTHORITY or confessing that we are ignorant.

En route to the cemetery from the mortuary, I rode on the driver's seat of the hearse, and with us was a cousin of the sons of the deceased.

"Mr. Armstrong," he said, "you probably didn't know it, but you had several professed atheists and scoffers before you today. They came to ridicule and scoff, but you certainly closed their mouths! They intended to go home and pick your sermon to pieces—but their home will now be as quiet as a morgue!"

Of course, I *did* know what I was up against. I had prayed to the God they denied for wisdom. I believe He granted the request. They fell into the pit they had dug for me—being labeled IGNO-RANT. They had no answer.

#### Our Car Gives Out

By December, our old second-hand several-year-old Graham-Paige car laid down on the job, like a worn-out, tired

old horse ready to lie down and die.

At this time we had one secretary—Mrs. Helen Starkey. She was working without salary. Later, I think, we managed to pay her \$5 per week, but even that was only a fraction of a salary.

Without my knowledge, she sent out a letter over her own signature on December 21, 1937, asking Co-Workers for a special love-offering for a new second-hand car to enable us to continue the weekly broadcast trips to Portland. It was that or go off the air.

Enough came in to purchase a 1934-model used Graham—*on monthly payments!* It lasted until 1941.

Helen Starkey died about two years ago, faithful to God's work to the end. But a year or two before she died—having moved to Pasadena—I learned that she and her husband were trying to purchase a small home, but lacked a few hundred dollars of being able. It was a very rewarding privilege for Mrs. Armstrong and me to be able now, at last, to pay her the few hundred dollars as back salary she had really earned, some twenty years before. She lived in the home they bought the short remainder of her life.

#### More Tests of Faith

There had been no issue of *The Plain Truth* since July, 1935. The reasons

Here is a copy of Mrs. Helen Starkey's letter.

Dear Radio Friends:

I know you have all learned to love Brother Armstrong, and the good messages, of Truth, he brings to you each Sunday. He has worked so hard to make this possible. He does not receive a salary, but he and his family live purely by faith.

They have so unselfishly sacrificed, and put into the work, money they have needed for food and clothing.

Now, it has come to the place where his car cannot make the trips to Portland any longer. You remember one Sunday it broke down and they were unable to get to Portland, and had to be towed back to Eugene from Salem.

Don't you think it would be fitting at this season of the year, for each of us to make a love offering to Brother Armstrong, beside our regular radio offering, that will enable him to trade for a better car?

If enough of us send in as large an offering as we can for this, a better used car can be bought, and the radio work in Portland can continue.

Will you have a part in this love gift and send it to me as soon as possible?

Sincerely,

Helen M. Starkey

have been fully explained before. During this period, I did manage to turn out, frequently—though not monthly or with regularity—a "printed sermon" which had been broadcast.

These had been months of trial and hardship, persecution, plots by the very ministers I was working with to wreck the broadcast, struggle to meet rising expenses and keep the work alive.

I will mention briefly one such incident. On November 22, 1937, I had managed to afford enough paper and ink to mimeograph a printed sermon. But we lacked enough to pay for postage to send it out until November 26. Here are a few brief excerpts from the letter I sent along with it. This letter was sent only to those who had become regular co-workers:

"Again, with the printed sermon, I send greetings in the Lord. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for your interest in God's truth. But this month I must take you into my confidence about some of the problems we are facing in this work. Right now Jesus Christ is opening up the most wonderful opportunities for the expansion of the work. And yet, instead of taking advantage of these opportunities, I am faced with having to stop what we are doing, and going off the air altogether, after next Sunday's broadcast!

"Most of you must have thought that with our vast radio audience, so many people would be sending in money that we do not need YOUR help. A HUNDRED THOUSAND listen, every Sunday, but only a very FEW of them send any money. And I have never asked for money over the air! We preach the Word of God—and the Scriptures are profitable for reproof, correction, and instruction in God's way. It is not a popular Gospel. People do not pay to be told their sins—to be reprovved and corrected. They would walk out of church if their pastors hit them with the Bible TRUTH. Their pastors would lose their jobs. Yet we have found that people who would not tolerate such preaching in their churches, where their friends see them being told their sins, will listen privately, in the secrecy of their own homes by radio. For some reason, they cannot resist LISTENING—over the radio! But they will not support it

with their money.

"The cold facts which I must face are that we have not been able to send out this printed sermon because there has not been enough money to pay postage—we do not at this writing even have enough money on hand for the trip to Portland for the Sunday broadcast, and must trust God to send it before Sunday morning. I do not like to tell you these things. Brethren in Christ, this is one of the discouragements I must face—the responsibilities I must carry—in order to bring YOU the spiritual benefits and blessings so many of you have written you are receiving from this work.

"I wish you could sit at my desk a few days, and read the letters that come in. Some of them would tear at your heart-strings! You would come to really REALIZE the wonderful amount of real good this great work is doing—already on a large scale, covering most of Oregon and southwestern Washington. Thousands are hearing the true Gospel and God's warning, WHO NEVER HEARD SUCH THINGS BEFORE! Conversions are actually taking place while our program

is coming in over the air!

"When I look at this world and see the people hurrying here and there, absorbed altogether in their worldly cares and pleasures—yet really miserable and unhappy and LOST—heedless, knowing NOTHING of the terrible things soon to come on those who have not put themselves under God's protection; and when I look into my Bible, and see how REAL these things are, and how SOON they are coming, I am appalled, and my heart BURNS to shout out the warning to more and more people, before it is too late!"

I felt it might be worth the space to reprint the above portions of that letter—just to show what we faced, and how we felt, at that time.

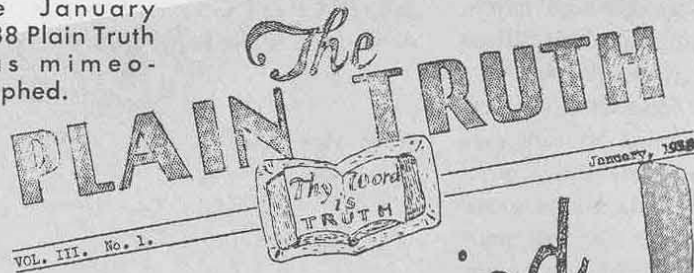
### AT LAST—A Plain Truth

But, patience, faith, and struggle were rewarded—as they always are.

January 1, 1938, we finally were enabled to bring *The Plain Truth* back to life! It was the first issue in two and a half years! It is reproduced below.

But it still had to be a hand-produced mimeographed "magazine." A letter sent

The January 1938 Plain Truth was mimeographed.



# WHAT IS Prophesied for 1938!

WHERE do we stand, today, in the rapid march of prophesied events? What will happen next? What may we expect during 1938?

None but GOD is able to declare, beforehand, exactly what shall happen in the future. Fortune-tellers and others may GUESS—they may make general predictions, being careful to make them so vague and indefinite that people will be deceived into thinking those things came true. But ONLY GOD can foretell, infallibly and accurately, the future. See Isa. 41:22-23; 46:19,10.

FASTER and faster startling Prophecies are being fulfilled before our very eyes—occupying the front pages of newspapers—filling men with WONDER, and PERPLEXITY!

Now what is prophesied to happen THIS YEAR—1938?

Surely everyone ought to want to know. These things are REAL—they are HAPPENING! Let us see what is now next in store for us!

clearly understand. These three vital KEYS are an understanding of the Times of the Gentiles, an understanding of the difference between the House once between the House of Israel and the House of Judah, and a knowledge of the present identity of the House of Israel, and an understanding of the time-sequence of the Book of Revelation. An article on the Times of the Gentiles occurs in this issue of The PLAIN TRUTH, which should be read in connection with this article. A book is now being published on the subject of the House of Israel. And in an early issue of The PLAIN TRUTH we hope to bring our readers a clear understanding of the time-sequence of the Book of Revelation.

WHERE WE STAND TODAY... let us see quickly what is fulfilled—

out with it said: "We cannot, yet, afford to have it printed. So we mimeographed it ourselves. This work has been done mostly by Sister Helen Starkey, Mrs. Armstrong, and myself, with a few of our good friends coming to the office for volunteer work the past few days, to help with the folding, addressing, stamping, etc." Mrs. Starkey was still working daily without salary.

A bulletin sent to local Oregon church members, dated January, 1938, contained some items of interest to those of us who were close to the work in those days. This Bulletin announced the birth of David Charles Henion, son of Charles and Alice Henion, who had been church brethren for years. Alice Henion, formerly Miss Alice Benight, still reminds me that she was present the day I was called on to pray aloud for the first time in my life. Charles Henion is the son, and David the grandson, of David T. Henion, who has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Radio Church of God since we first incorporated. Today I think I may call young David Henion a convert as a result of *The WORLD TOMORROW* and *The Plain Truth*—he is now a married man with children!

This Bulletin announced *The Plain Truth* mailing list was now 1050.

It had outgrown Mrs. Armstrong and me. It was becoming too large to mimeograph. In February, 1938, we were forced to reduce *The Plain Truth* down to 3 pages—its smallest size ever. There were two sheets of paper, and the back page was devoted to a letter!

At this time I learned that we could have the March number printed, at a local printing plant, on cheap paper, 8 pages, for \$30 more than the cost of mimeographing. *But we didn't have the \$30!*

So the March and April numbers were still mimeographed.

March 18, 1948, I sent out a letter showing that the expenses of the work (including our family living) had risen to \$300 per month. But we were running behind on part of the family living. Legal action was being instituted to foreclose and take from us our small home! In some manner I do not now remember, this trouble was met, and we managed to keep the home. But this

Here is the first printed PLAIN TRUTH.



only added to the harassing discouragements in the struggle to keep the work going.

**First PRINTED Plain Truth!**

Finally, after more than four years on the air, we managed to produce the first really printed *Plain Truth*!

This was done by combining *May-June* into one number! It had to be printed on inexpensive newsprint paper. The page size was larger than the present world-circulated 40-page magazine, but it contained only 8 pages.

This was the first issue that carried under the masthead the slogan I had always wanted: "A magazine of Understanding."

But we were not able to continue having it printed, and after two printed editions, had to go back to mimeographing for some time longer.

How the radio program expanded on to a Seattle station, and the further growth and experiences in the work, will be covered in the next installment.

**CORRECTION**

In the August number in the Autobiography, it was erroneously printed on page 22 that "today our listening audience is estimated at some seventy-five MILLION people per week." Also that "our present estimate of the daily audience, per program, is some 15,000,000."

It should have read seventy-five million per month—cumulative audience; and some 15,000,000 per week, also

cumulative. Actually, we estimate the daily number of listeners to *The WORLD TOMORROW* to range between 1½ to 2½ million people.

To reach that many people per day, with each Message, seven times a week, is, of course phenomenal! The audience is world-wide. But to reach 75 million people with every Message, every day, seven days a week, would be something that has never been remotely approached by any man, or any radio or television program.

Also, same page, it was stated that we receive 75,000 letters per week during the 7 autumn, winter and spring months, and some 55,000 per week during the warmer season. That should have read per month!

To be receiving 75,000 letters per month is record enough—for now!

Some few years ago an article in a national magazine stated that the record high mail received came to Arthur Godfrey—from daily broadcasting on both radio and television—CBS giant Network coast to coast, daily. He was receiving 50,000 per month. The next highest mail count received in the United States, the article stated, was about 35,000.

We then received about 15,000. Our mail count may now be the record—but in any event, it is tremendous.

Perhaps in some six years, at present rate of growth, it may reach the dizzy figures erroneously printed in the August number.

—Herbert W. Armstrong

to imagine! One of the leading contenders in the coming elections is the dynamic Mayor of West Berlin, Willie Brandt. Mayor Brandt is first of all a German—with the sentiments and feelings of the German people at heart—and he is also an outspoken friend of the West. Another contender, talked of greatly in recent years, but not heard from very much recently, is Finance Minister Ludwig Erhardt, portly, vibrantly active financial wizard who has almost single-handedly raised the "Deutsche Mark" from an inflated, useless paper to the strongest currency on earth—yes, *stronger than the Dollar!*

Regardless of which of these, *if either of them*, wins in September, when the real SHOWDOWN comes, Germany will MAKE SOME MIGHTY IMPORTANT DECISIONS!

The Germans have learned from past mistakes!

Never again will they try to fight a war on three fronts at the same time!

Never again will they attempt to wage a war toward the west while leaving their vulnerable "back door" wide open!

Just as a TREATY was signed, and a non-aggression pact confirmed between Germany and Russia in the early years of World War II (later broken by Hitler) so will another such agreement be reached!

A gigantic DEAL is going to be made.

It will be first ECONOMIC — then MILITARY!

Russia is having her troubles, both with the farming program, unrest in conquered and subjected countries, and with China.

She needs *time*. Time to solidify her latest ill-gotten territories in southeast Asia, to bring up the economy at home. To do this, she needs a vital shot in the arm in the form of TRADE! Her most logical, useful, and closest big industrial economic business friend is Germany!

Sooner or later—and maybe even THIS YEAR, Germany is going to withdraw from NATO! Germany is going to step out on her own—forming a separate, completely sovereign UNITED STATES! A UNITED STATES OF EUROPE!

The present Berlin Crisis is only one more PUSH in that very direction!

It leaves these German people NO

ALTERNATIVE! They WILL NOT go to war for the interests of the United States! The tongue-in-cheek opinions of gullible Americans, talking of "what they think" will happen over Berlin—whether WE, the *United States*, should not "go to war" over Berlin, is another stinging slap in the face to the West Berliner, and to every German!

Americans and Britons do not seem to fathom that Germany is once again a POWER TO BE RECKONED WITH!

Make no mistake!

NUCLEAR WAR WILL NOT COME OVER THE BERLIN CRISIS!

But out of it all—in a very short time—a UNITED STATES OF EUROPE WILL!

### Watch World Events!

As the many articles in the *Plain Truth* have repeatedly proclaimed, this new power bloc rapidly forming in Europe is prophesied in your own Bible!

God foretold, thousands of years ago, through the Prophet Daniel, of an *end-time resurrection* of the same old "Beast" known in history as the ancient Roman Empire!

Mussolini's and Hitler's alliance was a *weak forerunner* of that very prophesied event!

But while Hitler and Mussolini met their *defeats* trying to affect the *first stage* of their plans for ultimate world conquest—the *present* power is going to BEGIN with that vital first stage already accomplished!

That important *first stage* is a UNITED STATES OF EUROPE, bought and paid

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You need to WATCH, as Jesus said (Luke 21:36), and come to really *understand* the frightfully important *significance* of these world happenings. Others merely REPORT the news—they cannot seem to see what it really means!

Those of us on the *Plain Truth* staff oftentimes travel thousands of miles to bring you ON-THE-SPOT reports and—what is MUCH more important—the real MEANING of today's rapidly moving world events!

*Nothing* is more important to *your life right now* than to find out WHERE GOD IS REALLY WORKING! Find out where the prophesied *work of God* (Matt. 24:14) is being conducted—PROVE all things, *check up, make sure!*

As you *see* these prophesied happenings unfolding, developing, coming to pass before your very eyes, you should *be honest with yourself!* Come to ADMIT where you heard about it—WHO it was who TOLD YOU SO! Don't be a spiritual coward! God will not *allow* to escape these perilous times ahead any who keep sitting on the fence—waiting, watching, always "not quite" convinced it's high time to SURRENDER to their Creator, GIVING their very lives to Him who ONLY is able to save!

What about YOU?

## Giant World Power

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into the prophesied future.

The Eternal God, who created all that exists, *rules* over His creation. But He made man a free moral agent, setting before him the right way as well as the wrong, decreeing that man must choose for himself which way he will go—allowing him to go the wrong, if he rebels.

Always mankind has chosen wrong, in the serene delusion that it is right. This world is *not* God's civilization—it is the false way that has seemed *right* to deceived humanity. Into it God raised up a nation He chose as His, revealing to them His beneficent government with all its prosperity and blessings, but allowing them to reject it.

Then God Almighty, Sovereign Ruler of the Universe, gave world dominion

to the Chaldean Nebuchadnezzar. Through the prophet Daniel, God forcibly brought to this gentile king's consciousness the fact that The Eternal actually rules His Universe, and gave this dominion to Nebuchadnezzar. Yet both he and his son on his throne refused obedience to the government of God, exalting *themselves* as supreme. Thereupon God's sentence upon them was put in effect—that for 2,520 years the succession of gentile kingdoms following them should be *cut off* from divine contact, rule, and blessings—and under the CURSE of being guided by wild animal-type minds—UNTIL they learn that The Eternal Creator GOD is Supreme Sovereign over the earth and the Universe!

They have not learned this yet—and *will not*, until after the coming and forceable rule of Christ! But today we are rapidly approaching that time!

Nebuchadnezzar's world-Empire was followed by the Persian, and, in turn the Greco-Macedonian, and then, mightiest of all, the ROMAN EMPIRE. The Roman Empire was the most degenerate of all spiritually. But it was the greatest, largest, most powerful in military might.

The original Roman Empire fell in 476 A.D. But it was, say God's prophecies, to be resurrected seven times. Six of those revivals have come and gone.

TODAY WE SEE THE SEVENTH and last resurrection springing to life! The first of these seven was Justinian's reign beginning 554 A.D. This was accomplished at the behest of the Pope of Rome. Justinian, and his successors have all been crowned by Popes. In each case, the Church ruled over the state.

But after Napoleon's fall, in 1814, the Holy Roman Empire, as it was called through the Middle Ages, split up. It never held together for any great length of time. It always was made up of a crazy-quilt of several nations speaking different languages, having different ideals and aspirations. After 1814 each nation formed its own national boundary lines, set up its own barriers of trade, currency, and immigration against the other.

Actually, the Protestant "Reformation" was more of a political than a religious break-off from Rome.

After 1814, the Italian peninsula was broken up into 12 separate little states. In 1860 Garibaldi united these 12 into the one nation of Italy.

In 1935 Mussolini conquered Ethiopia. Adding this to Italian Somaliland, Eritrea and Lybia, he entered into a Concordat with the Papacy, and officially proclaimed it the ROMAN EMPIRE.

This was the insignificant, puny, short-lived *sixth* resurrection of the Empire described in Revelation 17:8 as "the beast that was, and is not, and yet is." It was so unimportant that, as the Roman Empire it "was not"—and yet it was—at least in name!

All through these years the nations of Europe have been *wanting* to unite—but impassable obstacles stood in their way. They distrusted one another. They each had ulterior designs against the others. As stated above, Germany twice tried to eat its cake and have it too, by provoking two world wars in efforts to conquer not only the nations of Europe, but of the whole world.

But today Germany is cut in two. East Germany is under Communist domination. Against the common enemy, the U.S.S.R., dedicated to conquering and ruling the whole world, Britain and America began fostering ideas of a UNITED EUROPE.

Yes, paradoxically, the very Frankenstein Monster that prophecy warns is to destroy us has been proposed, encouraged, aided and abetted by both the U.S.A. and Britain!

And then the first literal beginning, in action, was this Benelux formation in London, among nations that actually are among the "Lost" Ten Tribes of Israel! (If you have not already, write for and read our free booklet, *The U.S. and British Commonwealth in Prophecy*.)

Will any of these *Israelitish* nations become members of the ultimate Ten-Nation prophetic "Beast"? In past years I have thought not. Prophecy does not say, specifically. But in Revelation 18:4 we read the warning, "Come out of her, my people." The "her" is this modern Babylon, the resurrected Roman Empire! God's *spiritual* people, converted Christians, could not *be* converted if they still were "in Babylon." So it must be speaking of God's *na-*

*tional* people, Israel. This, therefore, may indicate that *some* of the Israelitish nations of north-western Europe will become a part of the coming United States of Europe. At least, France, Belgium, and The Netherlands already are in this "Big Six."

And right now, even Britain and other nations are trying desperately to *get in!*

### What "Euromart" IS

Now let's take a good look at this Common Market. Let's understand exactly *what it is*—and how it is rapidly evolving into the coming politico-economic-military-religious UNITED EUROPE!

Only 15 years ago, most of western Europe was in ruins, devastated by the world war. Nearly 40 million had died. Another 100 million were living at or near starvation level. Europe was impoverished. Each nation, by itself alone, felt helpless. They began to feel the need of unity.

Someone has published a popular-selling book on how to get rich. The suggested recipe is simple: Just form your own family into a new "nation" and declare WAR against the United States. Of course the United States will win the war. But then after defeating you, it will endow you with billions of dollars of post-war aid. The United States rushed to Europe's aid with both the suggestion of a United States of Europe and American dollars.

Even before the end of the war three governments—Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg, announced their intention to form a joint customs union, to be known as BENELUX.

American aid, with the Marshal Plan, brought about phenomenal reconstruction in Europe. This beginning of an economic boom encouraged various steps toward economic integration. As early as 1948 there was a 16-member Organization for European Economic Co-operation. Others followed.

The Benelux, the smallest European unity, started in actual operation January 1, 1948.

In 1951 came a coal and steel co-operation, set up by the present SIX nations of the Common Market. In four years steel production soared 36%, and

they became, next to the U.S.A., the largest steel producer in the world.

Then, finally, in 1957, these six nations signed the Treaty of Rome, setting up the Common Market. Officially it is called EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, or the EEC. It went into force on January 1, 1958.

### Atomic Energy, Too

Along with the EEC, these six nations also launched a new enterprise of far-reaching significance. You may not have heard of this. Yet it is of history-shattering importance. It is called *Euratom*. Its purpose is to develop peacetime uses of atomic energy. But when this becomes a political Empire, it is to be automatically in possession of a fully developed atomic program. It will immediately be a world power in possession of nuclear weapons!

Also included in this economic union is another startlingly significant part of its organization. This is a Court of Justice. These nations have *bound themselves* and their police departments to carry out all decisions of this Court!

So here, already, is an INTERNATIONAL AGENCY functioning within the framework of the Common Market organizational structure which is dangerously approaching *political union!*

And who is the President of the EEC? Of course! *A German*, Walter Hallstein. He directs a staff of 1,800 diplomats, economists, businessmen and labor leaders.

### Sensational Results

Already results are fantastic.

It has produced, in this very short time, the fastest growing economy in the world. It has produced a new free-trade area of 172 million people—almost as large, already, as the United States! And other nations are soon to join!

It has brought them the phenomenal advantages of mass production, organized specialization, mass marketing. Last year they showed an increase of 28% in commerce within the market.

Tariffs, formerly as high as 66%, already have been slashed as low as 25%. It is estimated that all internal customs will be eliminated entirely within four to five years. Here is one specific ex-

## THE BIBLE ANSWERS

# Short Questions

## FROM OUR READERS

"How far should we go in telling others about our religion?"

You must continually keep in mind that no one can force his religion on someone else. And no good thing is accomplished by trying to do so.

A Christian is known by his *good works* (Matt. 5:14-16)—not by his "good arguments" or "constant preaching." Our righteous, confident, happy lives—the way we live and the customs we keep—will influence others far more than our words.

Remember, a light is easily seen, but makes no sound. God has commanded only *His ministers* to sound the trumpet in teaching people His ways (Isa. 58:1). But laymen, as well as ministers, should concentrate on producing good deeds that will influence others.

However, if someone wants to know the truth and *first* asks us in sincerity, *then* we should answer to the very best of our ability (I Pet. 3:15). But to try to tell the truth to people who are not ready to receive it is worse than useless. It may offend them so we can have no good influence on them at all.

We, ourselves, must obey God, but leave the lives of others in His hands. He will call all men to a true understanding in His own time and in His own way. Read John 6:44, 65 and I Tim. 2:4; then II Tim. 2:21-26, and you will better understand how to help others and to be patient until *God* opens

ample. In Belgium the tariff on a German Volkswagen or a French Dauphine is \$208; but the tariff on a British Morris Minor is \$240.80. And soon there will be no customs duty whatever, inside these countries, on German or French cars.

We ourselves, in visiting the capitals of Europe this summer, have seen one remarkable result of the Common Mar-

ket, especially in southern Europe. There has been a drastic reduction in the number of American tourists visiting Europe this summer. Yet there are more tourists than ever before. These are mostly Germans, Italians, Belgians, Dutch and French. European highways are literally clogged with traffic. Few cars have a USA on the rear. They are largely D

the mind of others to understand what you know.

Who are the 24 elders mentioned several times in the book of Revelation?

Some teach that the elders, mentioned in Revelation 4:4, are taken from among saved mortals. This assumption is primarily based on a mistranslation of Revelation 5:8-10. The last half of this verse, according to the original inspired Greek which John wrote, should read: ". . . for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed *them* (not *us*) to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made *them* (not *us*) unto our God kings and priests: and *they* (not *we*) shall reign on the earth."

How clear! The 24 elders rule with God in Heaven. The resurrected saints rule on earth!

The 24 elders are not saved humans at all, because no man has ascended to the heaven of God's throne except Jesus Christ (John 3:13). All saved human beings—those who are Christ's true servants—will be given immortality *at Christ's coming*—when He returns to the earth to rule and reign (I Cor. 15:23). These 24 elders, then, are spirits, a part of the created heavenly host of beings. They have been given positions of responsibility as advisers in the Government of God through which He rules the universe.

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write the Thessalonians (I Thes. 5:17), "Pray without ceasing." This means that we are never to *discontinue* our prayer life. It also—with many other scriptures—shows that we should be *constantly* in an attitude or spirit of prayer. Talk to God as you go about your work or play. Ask Him to direct your *every thought and action*.

When you seem to be losing your temper, or when you are in doubt about a certain course of action—*stop and think*, "Would Jesus do that if He were here today?" Ask God to show you, and *study* your Bible so you will *know* what God would have you do. Then ask God for the *wisdom*, the *faith*, and the *power* to rightly carry out what you know it right.

This simple process will *change your life!* Your life will then have more *meaning*, and more *real happiness*, than you have ever before experienced.

### How Long to Pray

Prayer should be one of the most important and *most enjoyable* activities of your life.

If you really love God as your Father, you will *want* to spend a great deal of time talking to Him.

Your spiritual food is obtained by contact with God through Bible study and prayer. Preparing and eating your material food takes at least two hours each day. Isn't your "spiritual food" *even more* important? Spend *more time* acquiring it.

Time is precious. Use your time where it *counts*. It's better to miss a few *physical* meals, better to *fast* once in a while, than to get "too busy" to drink in the spiritual things from God.

That is the very *purpose* of your life!

Sometimes you will need to spend a *long session* with God. Christ prayed *all night* before choosing His twelve disciples.

When you have a tremendous decision to make, or when facing serious trouble, remember that example. In such a crisis, spend a *long time* in God's presence. Pray with all your might. God *will hear*. And it will be an experience that you will never forget.

Do you have trouble knowing what to pray about? First of all, "count your blessings" and thank God for "every

good and every perfect gift." How little most appreciate God's boundless love!

Then *STUDY* your Bible and find what God's true servants prayed about. Get your mind *away from self* once in a while. Paul said to pray for the saints and for himself—God's servant (Eph. 5:17-20). He wrote that he remembered the Philippian church in every prayer (Phillip. 1:4). Apply these principles to God's true ministers, His work, and His true churches of today.

Are you separated from other true Christians but want to have a greater part in helping them and God's work? Then read Colossians 4:11-13. Paul describes one of his helpers, Epaphras, as, "always *laboring fervently* for you in prayers . . ." This man's *LABOR* was in *prayer!* That was *his part* in God's work that Paul referred to especially. It can be *YOUR PART* as well! Paul said (v. 13), "For I bear him record, that he hath a great *ZEAL* for you . . ."

Do you have a *zeal* to help God's

children? Do you get down on your knees *every day* and ask God to help and direct them? Do you pray for God's ministers and His work?

### Power in Prayer

Your *part* in God's great work may be contributing what you should in tithes and offerings, and *crying out* to God day and night to guide and protect His servants. Mr. Armstrong and God's other true ministers are only human. We have a job beyond our human power to perform. *We need your prayers!*

When a crisis comes, when you are sick or afflicted, *KNOW* that God is a God of *power!* You can tap the supreme source of all *POWER* *just by getting down on your knees in a private place and fervently beseeching God to intervene and help you.*

Learn to *EXPECT* an answer. God reveals Himself as a *REAL God*—a *living, acting God.*

*Take God at His word!*

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## GIANT WORLD POWER

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(Germany), F (France), N (Netherlands)—in Common Market countries—and in countries other than their own.

A most sensational result is that the Common Market drove Britain and six other nations, in 1960, to form a competing economic co-operation, called the *Outer Seven*. This is composed of United Kingdom, Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Switzerland, Austria, and Portugal. But it is proving to be the *Outer Seven* on the *outside, looking in* on the prosperity of the *Inner Six*.

This has forced Great Britain to start official negotiations, applying for membership within the Common Market! Britain faces economic ruin unless she can get on the inside!

This threatens the very life of the British Commonwealth! Already, South Africa has pulled out of the Commonwealth.

Other nations are rushing, now, to gain admittance into the Common Market, before it is too late! There is a mad and chaotic scramble to get in!

For more than a quarter of a century this very thing has been shouted to the

world in *The Plain Truth*, and over the air on *The World Tomorrow!* Nobody is scoffing, today!

In Europe, almost everybody takes it for granted the Common Market is merely the *economic* start—that it will develop into a united *GOVERNMENT* of European nations. But no one seems to know, yet, *HOW!* The age-long enemies, France and Germany, are now fused together—but only in *ECONOMIC* trade that profits both. Would France trust a German to *HEAD* a united government? *HARDLY!* Would Germany accept a *French* ruler over them? *NEVER!*

Prophecy says all seven revivals of the Roman Empire were to be headed by the *POPE!* A pope has headed every one of the *SIX* resurrections that have come and gone. The pope is the *only* "Supreme Authority" that can be acceptable to all. This, too, you will see actually *HAPPEN* in the space of a very few years! You'll read it's *END* in Rev. 17:14, 16; and 19:19-20.

In the months and immediate years ahead you are going to see prophecies literally *leaping to life!*