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NEW SOVIET LEADERS — KOSYGIN AND BREZHNEV

What our READERS SAY

Inside Russia

"At the home of one of my friends I read the October number of *The PLAIN TRUTH*. To tell you—without flattering—I never read such a perfect report on Russia and Communism like the article by your Eugene Walter. I would be grateful to you for sending me the October number of your magazine and the articles: 'Will Russia Attack the United States?' 'The Coming Utopia' and the booklet '1975 in Prophecy.' Please advise what could I do in order to receive *The PLAIN TRUTH*?" Dr. Julius G., Wisconsin

"Mr. Walter's alleged trip!... Will Soviet 'Intourist' verify Mr. Walter's trip?..." R.K.W., Washington

• "Intourist"—the State-controlled Soviet travel bureau—supervises every move of foreigners in the USSR—including Mr. Walter's. Is R.K.W. afraid of the facts?

Weather Makes History

"I just read my *PLAIN TRUTH* and read the article, 'Will You Starve?' It makes one stop and think how fast this is coming to pass. Here in our section this has been the driest year in Weather Bureau history. Wells are drying up. Our creeks are totally dry, and the springs are terribly low and lots of them dry. The corn crop is a mess... but will the people heed this warning? Keep up the wonderful work."

Mrs. Carson F., Pennsylvania

How Would Jesus Vote?

"I am enclosing a small token of deep appreciation. I have been receiving your *PLAIN TRUTH* for almost 2 years now. The October number I believe to be the greatest ever. Your Article, 'How Would Jesus Vote for President?' is a whole historical summary of government; of what Jesus stood for... Why can't this be in LARGE PRINT in newspapers? I will re-

main anonymous, as I do not want you people wasting your valuable time thanking me for anything. Just grateful."

Anon.

"The October *PLAIN TRUTH* put a stop to my voting. I'll never vote again."

Mrs. E.L.K., Oklahoma

Right Age for Marriage

"I read the article on 'The Right Age for Marriage.' I was just barely 17 when I took my marriage vows and my husband 21. We've had our difficulties which were mainly getting adjusted to sharing and giving; we've had far more happiness. I will agree 100%, from my own experience, that we were too young, inexperienced, and childish ourselves to take on the big responsibilities of marriage and rearing children."

Betty L., Shanks, West Virginia

Cause of Race Trouble

"I've just finished your article entitled, 'Hate... But Why?' I was surprised to find that it is a natural thing to hate a person—and how hard it is to love someone, especially when they've been wrong. I intend to overcome this feeling whenever it should begin to rise within me.

"I am a Negro and it's done me great good to see that someone realizes that we do not cause trouble because we are Negroes, but simply BECAUSE WE ARE HUMAN. I would also like to make two requests. The first is, would you start sending *The PLAIN TRUTH* to my wife. Also would you send me a copy of 'The Plain Truth About Child Rearing,' and also please send the same to my wife."

Walter L. New Jersey

From West Africa

"Through discussion with a friend on different matters regarding the world of today, he went home to bring me

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Personal from the Editor

KHRUSHCHEV OUSTED! Prime Minister Sir Douglas-Home of Britain ousted by Labor government in British elections!

Mrs. Armstrong and I were flying some seven miles above the Atlantic Ocean, en route once again to London. It was Thursday, October 15, election day in Britain. The captain of Pan-Am flight 100 had promised to give us the score of the final world series baseball game at St. Louis, as he received it, and also results of the general election in England.

Then the captain's voice came over the loud speakers again.

"Ladies and Gentlemen," he said, "I have just received news over the ship's radio system of a rumor. Now I have this about third-hand—it is only a rumor and not official—but the rumor is that Mr. Khrushchev has been put out of office in Moscow."

"He's right—just a rumor, probably," I thought.

Surely Dictator Nikita Khrushchev was so thoroughly and firmly established that nobody could topple him in Russia! A dictator is in ABSOLUTE power!—or *is he?*

The answer is, HE IS NOT!

How would *you* like to be a ruler of one of this world's nations? In the January number—the John F. Kennedy memorial number—I gave you the quotation: "*Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown,*" credited to William Shakespeare. And that article gave details of TEN governments overthrown—or their leaders deposed—by VIOLENCE last year—in the one year 1963. They are the United States, South Vietnam, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Ecuador, Honduras, Iraq, Peru, Syria and Togo, West Africa.

Last year there were FOUR vitally important nonviolent changes: Thailand, Great Britain, Vatican City State, West Germany. There were 13 other changes of government the same year by elections.

I wonder if you realize it—THERE IS NO SECURITY FOR ANYBODY IN THIS WORLD!

We buy time on scores of radio stations all over the world. If you check the radio log in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, you will notice that there are, most months, one or more changes—a station or two dropped, new ones added. Rarely, however, do we drop a station—and almost *never* does a station cancel *The WORLD TOMORROW*—except when a change of management or change of ownership occurs.

We do keep a rigid check on the mail response from all stations. Of course you know we have nothing to sell—never request contributions. But we do offer FREE literature on every program. And we can pretty accurately gauge the size of the listening audience on every station by the number of requests for this vitally important literature. We even check the number of requests carefully against the cost of time on the station. We do *not* judge the value of a station to us by how much money its listeners send us—for we make no request of any kind for contributions, and put no charge on anything. We measure it, rather, by how much the listeners of each station allow us to PAY OUT by sending them literature for which there is no charge.

You never heard of anything like that? No, I'm sure you haven't. But the station which *costs us the most* in terms of cost of literature requested is the station WE regard as MOST VALUABLE.

Now if we find a station's listeners do not cost us but a *very small amount*, in terms of literature requested, then we do figure that whatever that station charges us for time is too costly, and we cancel out that station. That may seem a strange way to figure—but it makes a lot of sense to us! Incidentally, if YOU neglect to write on your letter—every time you write—the call

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OUR COVER

The Kremlin's new masters—First Secretary of the Soviet Communist Party, Leonid Brezhnev, right, and Alexei Kosygin, the USSR's new Premier. No mortal knows how long—or how short—their stay in power will be. A forceful personality, Brezhnev is a trained engineer turned stealthy politician. He is from the Ukraine—the land of the Biblical Medes. The man who, for the moment, shares power with him is Kosygin, son of a Leningrad lathe operator. Kosygin's apparent meekness is deceptive. His dour, humorless Russian expression hides a tough character. He knows that under Communism only "winners" survive.

letters of the station over which you hear us, you may be causing us to cancel that station—and then you won't hear *The WORLD TOMORROW* on that station any more. It is important that you *always* write down the call letters of your station on *every letter!* That helps hold the program on that station.

But in actual fact we don't drop many stations because of insufficient response. On most stations we receive a BIG response.

Usually, if *The WORLD TOMORROW* goes off a station, it is because there has been a change in management or ownership on that station.

Sometimes I'm very thankful I'm not a radio station manager. I would not, with the exception of a few stations, feel very secure in my job. Average tenure in office—on many stations—two and one-half or three years. But I am also thankful that on some of our best stations there is reason to feel assured the management and ownership is sound—and as secure as things can be in this world.

Yet the point is—NOTHING is secure in *this world!*

I have known multimillionaires who *felt* secure in their millions—only to see it all swept away. Utterly wiped out, some have committed suicide!

If one can understand it, there is *only one source of security.* That is GOD! But to most people God is *not real!* To most people He is not a real *living* God. To them—and I include professing Christians and dedicated CHURCH members—God is not a *living* God to RELY ON—to TRUST—who is THEIR SECURITY, in *this* life as well as the hereafter!

The *living* God IS REAL! He is actually ALIVE! He is conscious of *you!* Yes, He is—of *you!* YOU are *important* to Him—believe it or not! He is vitally concerned about you.

The *living* God is the God whom you *must obey.* DO YOU? No, probably not. If you don't, He isn't your God and He isn't REAL to you! *Your* GOD is whoever or whatever you really SERVE—to whom or to which you are devoted! But most people are devoted to *false* gods. Most serve things, or groups of people, or lost CAUSES, or selfish interests, WHICH ARE NOT THE

ONE TRUE GOD! Almost no one today really knows—serves—obeys—and TRUSTS in the *living* God.

But all people worship, serve, and trust in some god or gods! The trouble is all these people have DEAD gods—in whom there is NO HELP!

When I heard the OFFICIAL news of



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Khrushchev held great power in the Soviet Union. But just when he thought his position was secure—that no one could overthrow him—he was unceremoniously ousted.

Khrushchev's overthrow by Kremlin conspirators who lusted for his power, and schemed to snatch it from him, it made me REJOICE and EXULT inwardly—not at Khrushchev's "misfortune"—at least I'm sure *he* looks at it as tragic misfortune—but at the realization that I HAVE SECURITY!

I don't have to live in fear!

It is now getting late at night. I'm going to lay my head on my pillow in PEACE—in SECURITY—nothing on my conscience—nothing and nobody to fear!

President Roosevelt promised to give us freedom from fear. He couldn't do it! He couldn't free *himself* from it! ONLY GOD can do that!

There is the everliving God. HE IS REAL. I serve Him. I obey Him. He *guides and directs* me. He guides, directs, and actively HEADS His Work to which He has called me and a small family of active Co-Workers! He in-

tervenes in circumstances for me, when necessary. He protects me. *He does things for me!*

But He says: "Whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, *BECAUSE* we keep his commandments, and *do* those things that are pleasing in his sight" (I John 3:22).

But OBEYING HIM is merely obeying that *living*, inexorable LAW which is THE WAY into every good thing—every well-being, happiness, security, abundance, joy.

WHAT A WONDERFUL LIFE!

And this happy, thrilling, rewarding, satisfying life is at the same time the preparation for acquiring POWER to RULE! Politicians fight for POWER to RULE! They hunger for that POWER over their nation! Did it ever occur



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Britain's Prime Minister Sir Alec Douglas-Home was very confident up until election day. Improvements were being made and the polls showed his popularity increasing. Yet he was voted out of office.

to you that lust for political POWER in this world is always wholly selfish? GOD's way is to divest one's self of that greed for power. Instead of TAKING it in vanity, to HUMBLE one's self—and in His due time, GOD will exalt the humble.

Before writing this I had started an editorial on the *living* God. I had typed two pages of it. I stopped it to write this, on hearing Khrushchev's fate. I hope you will read the other one next month.