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Man from Nigeria

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and saw the postman reading something as he came down the street toward the house. He dropped mail in my letter box on the door and continued on down the street, reading something that seemed to be really absorbingly interesting. In the middle of the next block, he suddenly stopped 'dead-still,' turned around, came back, carefully folded what he was reading and tucked it in my mail box. It was the new issue of *The PLAIN TRUTH*."

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Mrs. J. C., Colledgeville,  
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• *So were the Pharisees.*

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# Personal from the Editor

SOME seem to think *God's* people never encounter difficulties, meet trials or tests, but are blessed continually with smooth sailing!

In conducting this great, important, always-growing worldwide Work of God, I, personally, have not had "smooth sailing," or continuous easy going. I have encountered repeated trials and tests. There have been critical crises. There has been persecution. There has been opposition. Obstacles have had to be hurdled frequently. Problems constantly require solution. It has required faith, perseverance, determination, constant prayer for guidance.

Does the Bible teach smooth sailing for true Christians whom God is using? Did the men of God, whose lives pleased God, as recorded in the Bible, have only an easy time of it, or were they constantly meeting trials, tests, troubles of every sort—being continually forced to cry out to God for deliverance?

Listen to God's own instruction:

"MANY are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Eternal delivereth him out of them all" (Psalm 34:19).

"For I was envious of the arrogant, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. . . . They are not in trouble as other men . . . Behold these are the ungodly who prosper in the world; they increase in riches. . . . For all the day long I have been plagued, and chastened every morning" (Ps. 73:3-14).

"We must through *much tribulation* enter the Kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22).

"All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (II Tim. 3:12).

"If we SUFFER, we shall also reign with Him" (II Tim. 2:12).

"For as the *sufferings* of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether we be afflicted, it is for your consolation

and salvation, which is effectual in the *enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer*" (II Cor. 1:5-6).

But is God unfair? Does He hate Christians and punish them, while He loves the ungodly and prospers them? *Not at all!*

There is great purpose in the trials, tests, tribulations, and sufferings the Christian must endure. For these are the very means of strengthening CHARACTER—of developing fine, upstanding, strong Christians.

God does not *bless the ungodly* with wealth—they acquire it usually in one or both of two ways: by setting their heart and mind on acquiring it, and following through this purpose to the exclusion of all else, until, without realizing it, the pursuit of MONEY becomes the pursuit of their god, destroying the soul; or by dishonest means.

But God does bless those who seek Him *first*—not always with great money and wealth, but always, in the end, with material prosperity they never would have had otherwise. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness," admonished Jesus, "and all these things (material prosperity in shelter, food, clothing, etc.) shall be added unto you." That is Jesus' PROMISE.

God loves to see His servants prospering. He says so through David and John. He corrects and chastens every son whom He loves. He allows His true children to suffer much—to fall into troubles, difficulties, to face trials and tests for their strengthening. But if we *endure* these tests, hard though they may be—and if we seek *first* our God, His righteousness, and His Kingdom, putting material interests second in our hearts, then in His own due time God will always prosper His children even in a material way!

"But we glory in tribulations also:

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Wide World Photo

### OUR COVER

The General Assembly of the United Nations in session. A forum of all UN member governments, it admits new members which have been recommended by the Security Council, and determines the faltering UN budget. Pope Paul VI has chosen to address world leaders, not from behind Vatican walls, but at UN Headquarters in New York.



## Crisis Hits Common Market

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alliance of European nations would, of course, be dominated by *French* nuclear power.

This explains why De Gaulle wants the U. S. and its money to leave Europe. And why he has threatened to leave NATO in 1969. The Germans and the other countries now have access to American nuclear weapons through NATO. Once the Americans leave Europe and NATO is broken up, France would, in De Gaulle's mind, be the only European country with nuclear weapons.

### Why De Gaulle Acted Now

Why did De Gaulle force a show-down in the Market at this time?

The answer is simple. All policies must be accepted by the six countries before they are adopted and put into practice. France now can veto and block any policy or regulation she doesn't like. When the majority voting rule comes into force next January, this will no longer be true. Then, if five nations vote for a policy and France votes against it, the policy will still be adopted. Thus France would lose her control over the policies to be adopted. General de Gaulle is determined to block this surrender of *French sovereignty and national authority* to the Commission here in Brussels. He wants nothing that will restrict French liberty of action.

It now appears that France is determined to block any *political union* in Europe. The crisis is really a political fight between De Gaulle and his Common Market partners. It's all a *struggle for power*. It's a fight to determine who will control and lead Europe. There's still too much *nationalism* in Europe to allow the nations to get together as a political federation—not only in France, but in the other countries as well.

That is why the Common Market Headquarters remains in Brussels. The Counsellor at the U. S. Commission explained it this way. This city was to be only a temporary location, but the countries since have not been able to agree as to which country should have

the capital of Europe. Nationalistic feelings were stirred up. No decision has been made that is satisfactory to everyone. The French want the capital in Paris. The Italians want it in Rome. The Germans in their country, and so it would go.

The present crisis is a battle of wills. The struggle is between the *nationalist* concepts of General de Gaulle and the seeds of supranationality implanted in the Treaty of Rome. This is the crucial problem. The Common Market has always been destined toward becoming a *political institution*. But De Gaulle wants to keep the economic advantages the Common Market has to offer without paying the political price—*that of submitting to a higher authority*.

### Needed: a Supreme Authority

Bible prophecy reveals that Europe

*will* unite to resurrect the Roman Empire—a union of ten nations or groups of nations under ten dictators. It will be united economically, *politically*, and religiously.

But, this *complete* unification cannot come about unless there is a *Supreme Authority*. An Authority to which *all* the nations of "crazy-quilted" Europe can look *with profound respect and submission*. France isn't about to let Germany be in supreme command. Germany, likewise, doesn't want France to give the orders and be the leader in Europe. No single nation, because of this nationalist factor, could have this supreme authority. It must be a *neutral*, higher authority which all the nations will recognize.

This Supreme Authority could only be religious.

I asked an official in Brussels about the possibility of the Vatican intervening to bring the nations of Europe together in a political federation. His

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knowing that *tribulation worketh patience*" (Rom. 5:3). Therefore it produces GOOD in, and for us.

"My brethren, *count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations*"—alternate translation: "*trials*." "Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience" (Jas. 1:2-3).

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning *the fiery trial which is to try you*, as though some strange thing had happened unto you: but rejoice" (I Peter 4:12-13).

Moses suffered affliction in order to lead the children of God, choosing this rather than the riches of the king's palace and the pleasures of sin for a season.

David suffered constant criticism and false accusation, his enemies continually tried to unseat him, and his trials were so great sometimes it seemed God would *never* come to his rescue—yet God always did! Truly these trials teach

us to be *patient*—for it often seems an eternity before God finally delivers us. How often I have experienced this personally. Yet, *always* God has intervened *before it was too late!*

God chose Paul to be an apostle of Jesus Christ, and the Lord said, "I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake" (Acts 9:16). And late in life Paul wrote: "In all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments"—(people probably would call Paul a crook, a racketeer, an imposter and a jailbird today)—"in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings" etc. (II Cor. 6:4-6). Paul outlined more of his troubles and sufferings in II Corinthians 11:23-28.

Perhaps a chosen servant of God may be called upon to endure more trials, troubles, and tests of faith than other Christians—but every Christian shall suffer persecution, and meet fiery trials, sorrows, troubles, tests of faith. All our readers who are Christians will understand. Let us not murmur or grumble. Let us have FAITH, and endure in our faith *patiently*.



reply: "You must be joking!" He then went on to explain why, in his mind, it would be an utter impossibility. To those who do not understand the meaning of world events, it *does* seem impossible, especially in present-day circumstances. But these circumstances can *change*—and change quickly.

Already the Common Market has made *gigantic strides* in changing Europe. It is knocking down the trade barriers between the member nations. Goods of all kinds are flowing back and forth freely. Shops in Brussels now sell items from all parts of Europe. When I went into a gift shop to purchase something made in Belgium, the clerk could only show me three items. Almost everything in the shop had been manufactured in other countries.

But little realized is the fact that the religious barrier is quickly crumbling. European Protestants are becoming more and more willing to submit to the authority of the Pope. And the Pope is the one political leader who can demolish the political barrier. His visit to the United Nations is an important move in this direction. The Pope is establishing himself as a mediator in political affairs. The nations of Europe, according to Bible prophecy, *will* in a few short years, accept him as the *Supreme Authority*.

### The Immediate Future

Officials in Brussels say the Common Market will remain at a standstill at least until the end of the year. After the German and French elections, the leaders of those nations will be ready to confer with the other countries. In the meantime, a compromise will undoubtedly be drawn up by the Common Market Commission.

When I visited the Common Market Headquarters building, I was informed of the Commission's memorandum of July 22. It makes this important statement: "As 1967 was not acceptable to all the member governments as the year in which the Community should start having its own independent revenue, the Commission proposes that this measure be *postponed until 1970*."

This is important. When the Common Market Community has its own

independent revenue, the Commission will be given power to distribute that revenue. This will be a big step toward a federation and a *political union*. But this step is now planned to be *delayed for three years*—until 1970. Do you understand what this means?

It means God is allowing Europeans three extra years to hear *The WORLD TOMORROW* Broadcast. It is enough time for God's final warning to resound through Europe. It is enough time—if we do our part to reach all Europe with the good news of the soon-coming Kingdom of God. Christ said: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and THEN SHALL THE END COME" (Mat. 24:14).

Meanwhile, the Common Market is continually developing toward a *political federation*. It will eventually have *ten leaders* under a supreme political head appointed by a religious leader. It's all explained in symbol in Revelation 17. God's Work of carrying out the gospel as a witness must be completed before this political union in Europe is completed.

As often explained in the pages of *The PLAIN TRUTH*, God gave the apostolic Church two nineteen-year time cycles to carry the gospel to the world in that day. He opened a door to the apostle Paul at the beginning of the second nineteen-year cycle by which the gospel went to Europe (Acts 16:9; II Cor. 2:12-13).

This pattern is being repeated in our day. The gospel of the Kingdom of God began over the radio in January, 1934. It began in a small way. But it grew steadily. Exactly nineteen years later the door of radio opened up for the gospel to go to Europe. Radio Luxembourg began broadcasting *The WORLD TOMORROW* in January, 1953.

Time is rushing by. The Work of God for this age will soon be completed—perhaps sooner than many think. See what is occurring in Europe.

It was planned that the agriculture and industrial Common Markets be *completed by July, 1967*. Now, because of De Gaulle's actions, the Common Market Commission proposes to postpone the time to 1970, when it can have its own independent revenue

and the political power that goes along with it.

Despite De Gaulle, Bible prophecy makes it clear that the Common Market will *not* dissolve. It will continue to develop as an economic union—and when the time is ripe, a political union will be formed suddenly. The world will be shocked.

The *Corriere Della Sera* newspaper struck the truth when it said: "The unity of Europe is an historic necessity. De Gaulle can impede history. He can even stop it for a while, but he cannot make it move backwards."

*Prophecy marches on!*

## "PEACE . . . OR END OF CIVILIZATION"

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### Not Predictions of Alarmists!

What President Kennedy told the United Nations in 1961 is more true today than ever before. His prophecy of possible world annihilation was not the ranting of a fanatic, but is the day-to-day reality of the world in which you live. It is the news you see on your television set, that you read in your daily newspapers, that you hear over your radio.

Dr. W. H. Pickering, Director of Jet Propulsion Laboratory for California Institute of Technology and head of the lunar probe rocket program, put it this way: "HALF AN HOUR TO ANNIHILATION . . .! In half an hour the East and the West could destroy civilization."

In the words of Professor Charles A. Seipmann of New York University, "All of us are under the *symptoms of death* . . . We do not have an assured life expectancy beyond 1000 BREATHS—