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Dear Co-Workers with Christ:

I'm sure you've heard the BIG NEWS on our broadcasts which go around the world! The BIGGEST NEWS since 1934 -- the second biggest news of the century -- occurred on January 1st, 1959!

You've heard me say, ever since you have listened to The WORLD TOMORROW program, or read The PLAIN TRUTH, that very soon TEN NATIONS in Europe will unite to resurrect the ancient ROMAN EMPIRE! They may call it the UNITED STATES OF EUROPE. I don't know what name they will adopt. But I do know it is coming.

I know it because I know the Bible is GOD'S WORD. I have PROVED the divine inspiration of the Bible. And the Bible says TEN NATIONS are going to unite to give their military power and strength to one central leader. It will last but a short time. It will go to oblivion at the second coming of CHRIST!

On January 1st, 15 days ago, TEN EUROPEAN NATIONS united together into a single ECONOMIC unit.

I want you to notice, it was an ECONOMIC combine -- not a political or military union. This is not, yet, the actual prophesied resurrection of the Roman Empire. It is not, in all probability, even the SAME ten nations that will form the prophesied restored ROMAN EMPIRE! But it is a dramatic forerunner! It is the BEGINNING of the uniting of the nations of Europe. The coming FUEHRER who shall rise to lead this revived Empire -- he is called the BEAST in Revelation 17 -- he is called "a king of fierce countenance" in Daniel 8:23 -- "shall PROSPER, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and holy people. And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper."

When this new Empire rises, and then quickly FALLS like a flashing comet, we read in Rev. 18:11-19: "And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more: ... and the merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, ... for in one hour so great riches is come to naught. ... Alas, alas that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness!"

So you see, one of the outstanding phases of this coming revived Roman Empire, the modern BABYLON, is to be GREAT ECONOMIC PROSPERITY, in WORLD TRADE, by ships. These nations could never fulfill that prophecy until they UNITED to bring about UNIFORM CURRENCY REFORM. And that is precisely what happened on January 1st, just 15 days ago!

It may be five or ten years yet before this European union evolves into its final organization as ONE GOVERNMENT --ONE EMPIRE -- or, at least, one MILITARY FORCE. The prophecy indicates the probability of each nation or dictatorship retaining certain political independence, but none-the-less achieving MILITARY UNION. It will create a THIRD POWER BLOC in the world, standing in the middle, between Russia and China on the east, and the United States and Britain on the west.

THIS IS THE POWER THAT PROPHECY SAYS WILL ATTACK AND CONQUER AMERICA AND BRITAIN!

YOU, dear Co-Workers, are living in terrifying times -- far more than you realize! And it is LATER THAN YOU THINK! The actual uniting of TEN NATIONS is now a FACT OF HISTORY. It HAS HAPPENED! It took place since my last letter to you! WE NEED TO WAKE UP!

But, actually, this was only the second most important news event of this century. The MOST important was not the atomic bomb, or sputnik, or the man-made satellite shot into our solar system. It was the OPENING OF A DOOR of radio to us -- a few Co-Workers and me -- at 10:00 A.M., the first Sunday in 1934. On that fateful morning began the INTERVENTION OF GOD into world affairs. On that historic morning began the fulfillment of Jesus' key prophecy: "This Gospel OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD shall be preached in all the world, for a witness unto ALL NATIONS, and THEN SHALL THE END (of the world) COME!"

That tremendous work, starting so small almost no one noticed it -- at a cost of only \$2.50 for that first broadcast -- has continued and grown, and grown, and grown, until today THAT LAST MESSAGE before America is invaded -- before God's physical intervention with force -- before the END of this age -- is now actually being THUNDERED into most nations, on EVERY CONTINENT around the world!

And it was on the 25th anniversary of this work, now grown great, that the TEN NATIONS in Europe fulfilled the prophecy I have been shouting over the air during that quarter century! Others who claimed to understand Biblical prophecy, have said there would NEVER be a revival of the old Roman Empire! They have said this prophecy referred to Russia. They have said RUSSIA will invade us. I have had to STAND ALONE in shouting this warning to the world! But many of you, as faithful Co-Workers with me and with Christ, have stood loyally with me! You have continued -- some of you for many years -- some for a short time -- to pour out your hearts to God in earnest, believing, prevailing PRAYER for this work. You have sacrificed in order to send faithfully God's TITHE of your income, and liberal offerings beside, that this great work may be financed. YOU HAVE HELPED IT GROW IN POWER AND SCOPE YEAR BY YEAR!

And NOW, dear Co-Workers, this work has passed its quarter-century mark. THERE WILL NOT BE ANOTHER TWENTY-FIVE YEARS TO GO! No, dear Co-Workers, it will be all over before then! We may have another ten or twelve years to complete this work of GOD -- to finish this GREAT COMMISSION of JESUS CHRIST -- I hope so -- but I can tell you definitely, now, we shall not have another twenty- five! WE ARE ON THE HOME STRETCH!

Yet our BIGGEST, most important work lies still ahead! All the time up to now has been devoted to GROWING big enough to really START this FINAL GOD-POWERED HOME STRETCH! We have hardly "scratched the surface" of the COMPLETE JOB we've been called to do! We must now dedicate ourselves ANEW, with deeper consecration, and dedication, and self-denial, and sacrifice, than ever!

Continually, it seems, we have financial problems -- often we face financial CRISES! The WORLD passes from one CRISIS to another! Each individual CHRISTIAN, in his personal Christian life, passes from one spiritual crisis to another, and faces continual spiritual problems! I guess God ordained that LIFE should be that way. It keeps us on our toes! It forces us to GROW -- to develop in spiritual strength and resourcefulness and character! IT IS FOR OUR GOOD!

I've said before, God could make our part in His work easy going. He could do it all Himself by supernatural power, without using us as human instruments! But THAT IS NOT HIS WAY! THAT WOULD NOT BE FOR OUR GOOD! So let us not gripe, complain or grumble! Let us set ourselves to put our shoulders to the wheel with renewed dedication, zeal and energy!

The other day I looked at the income record in our business office, and the income to date in January had fallen below the same date a year ago! THIS MEANS ANOTHER FINANCIAL EMERGENCY! We have passed the Christmas shopping season -- but now people are spending on January clearance sales, and catching up from over- spending on Christmas presents. IT'S A DIFFICULT TIME FOR GOD'S WORK!

I have to ask every Co-Worker -- YOU! -- to PRAY for this work -- to SACRIFICE for it -- to send in for it the largest sum you possibly can by return mail. The need is great -- and urgent. It will be CONTINUOUS through this year and every year until our work is finished! EVERY year, so far, this work has grown remarkably bigger and more powerful than the year before. The year just closed was BY FAR the greatest year. God gave us the most abundant HARVEST -- far more people reached with GOD'S TRUTH -- HIS LAST MESSAGE -- CHRIST'S TRUE GOSPEL! Far more people converted and baptized!

We MUST have not less than 30% increase in funds for the work this month over January a year ago. That means we must all -- every one -- YOU! -- try to sacrifice a little more the last half of this month. And then remember, the shortest month in the year is coming next. Let's tighten our belts, let's pray harder, give MORE!

It IS later than you think! I would be FRIGHTENED by this fulfillment of prophecy in so startling and decisive manner, if I did not have GOD'S PROMISE of protection to those of us who are HIS Co-Workers in His Work now -- who are being LED by HIS SPIRIT -- who are WATCHING world events, and PRAYING ALWAYS that we may be accounted worthy to ESCAPE all these troubles coming on the world, and to STAND before Christ at His glorious Second Coming!

May God bless, help, protect, and PROSPER you this year!

With much love, in Jesus' name,

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