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"Blessed Are The Clean Of Heart"

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The Commandments of God are not really difficult to keep. What makes them seem so is our own inclination to worldliness and pleasure, our failure in self-discipline, our persistent self-indulgence. To the extent that we gain control of our natural desires we develop a stable, balanced personality, a sound, godly outlook. Personal character is rapidly and gravely damaged by a loose, carnal-minded approach to life. Quite widespread now is the viewpoint that carnal indulgence is a normal, free expression of personality, one of life's experiences, with no other guide than impulse, no other check than respectability. The gratification of an urge by the indulgence of sensual pleasure becomes the sole aim. The graciousness of womanhood is lost. True love is dissipated and destroyed. A brothel is a slaughterhouse of love.

But apart from such degradation, many a woman has been imposed upon and dragged down by the importunity of men who have demanded the sacrifice of virtue as proof of devotion. Men of fine character have been ruined by selfish women whose notion of love is intimate indulgence. True love is always shown by considerate restraint. Generosity and self-control are watchwords with all individuals who want to deepen their capacity for true affection, a capacity that soon becomes perceptible. Every interior virtue and every vice leave their mark on the external person, and none so readily shows itself as the mark of chastity or its opposite. It may appear in the cast of the eye, in the manner of dress, in posture, in a stray word, but the atmosphere or impression is there for the knowing eye to detect. Wholesomeness of personality reveals itself at a glance, just as laxity betrays its presence in persons, homes, even neighbourhoods.

All our natural impulses can be perverted from their proper use and become vices hostile to our best interests. The injury they then produce will be proportionate to their importance and their energy. Thus the primary forces of life generate the most powerful and fatal vices if not regulated by the moderating influence of reason. The law of nature is itself wholesome and constructive. Our sense impulses are only one factor in the law of nature and — if they be taken as the sole one, to the exclusion of reason — the effect will be disintegrating and physically and mentally disastrous. The Flood, the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrha, the extermination of the Canaanites, the decay of once great nations — in fact, the major part of human calamities — have occurred chiefly because "all flesh had corrupted its way upon the earth." (Genesis VI:12) Chastity, in restraining abuses, is the source of the richest earthly blessings.

Adolescents need a firm, fundamental knowledge of what is right and what is wrong, and then guidance in social restraints and courtesies, which are not merely the trappings of respectability but safeguards against human frailty. They need reasonable supervision over hours and the type of friends cultivated. The purpose and importance of proper dress, the niceties of etiquette, propriety and gentility in dancing, for boys the meaning of chivalry, for girls the meaning of graciousness — all have to be deliberately taught if maturity is to be reached with a clean, balanced, virtuous mentality. All of us, irrespective of age, are required to be on our guard against the risk involved in associating with anyone of loose morals, frequenting places of low standards, venturing into situations which violate social conventions, philandering with married persons, drinking unwisely. As improper liberties are indulged, habits and attitudes form which are harmful to the soul and, therefore, to our personality. None of us is immune from the common danger. Neither is human frailty ever a justification for laxity.

Blessed are the clean of heart. Present standards of morality, as publicized by press and screen, are perilously low. To keep one's balance and to develop one's life in conformity with the rich personality of Christ our Lord require a determined effort — and success requires the consistent observance of high standards, clean thoughts and clean living. †

The Powers That Be

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It is a fact established beyond all shadow of doubt that there exists in the world today a group of exceedingly influential and power-hungry individuals (often termed "the Insiders") whose ultimate objective is world domination. Of the vast network of organizations and movements and societies which this group controls and manipulates, the most visible and best known is, of course, the Communist conspiracy. And yet, while Communism is indeed a satanic enemy and richly deserves all of the condemnation that can be heaped upon it, the prime enemy is in reality the Insiders or the Master Conspiracy of which Communism is but one facet or tentacle. In a word, while the term, Communist conspiracy, may be employed, it should be kept in mind that this is an instance of denoting the whole by one of its parts or subsidiaries. Again, the Insiders are the supreme enemy and prime force in the accelerating and ever more obvious movement towards the One World Order and its One World "Church".

Over the past year or so we have witnessed what *appears to be* a massive breakdown of the Communist empire. As a result of what has happened in such Communist countries as Poland, East Germany, Bulgaria and Hungary, untold millions of gullible people the world over have seen all this as the beginning of the end of Communism and have reacted with unrestrained joy — and Mikhail Gorbachev has become, well, the world savior. (His meeting with John Paul II a couple of days before he met with George Bush is worth noting.) Such people do not have the slightest notion that all of the events that have been taking place have been either planned or permitted by the powers that be as necessary, but temporary, setbacks for economic and political reasons and that the intermediate goal (merger) and the ultimate goal (world domination) remain the same. And the Gorbachev deception is getting the desired and expected results in numerous ways. But, in all that has happened to date which conveys the utterly false impression to multitudes that Communism is mellowing and that the Cold War is coming to an end and that world peace is finally on the way to becoming a reality — two grim realities should be noted: (1) the awesome military might of Soviet Communism (whose military strength has increased some 25 percent under Gorbachev and which has some 400,000 troops stationed in East Germany alone) and (2) the fact that the actual territory of the USA (the last, but crumbling, bastion of freedom and the ultimate objective of Red conquest) is being ever more endangered by the presence and power of Communism in Cuba, Nicaragua, El Salvador, etc.

The extreme condition of spiritual and moral decadence of our present day is, I submit, but the low point reached to date in a gradually degenerative process which, say, surfaced some 25-30 years ago, that is, in the early and middle 1960's. Now it just so happens that those were also the years (1962-1965) during which the infamous Vatican Council II took place and, at some indeterminate date not long after, the Conciliar Church made it appearance. Since that time the downhill spiral of the spiritual and moral state of society nationwide and worldwide is a matter of record. The period of time, then, during the sessions of Vatican Council II and the advent of the Conciliar Church — and the ensuing years from that time until now — coincide quite strikingly with the period of blatant godlessness and moral anarchy over the past 25 years or so. Is this merely an unfortunate coincidence? Hardly. While many elements have certainly contributed to the current utterly deplorable situation, the abominable Conciliar Church of the past quarter century has been, I contend, a major contributing factor (the major factor?). In a word, were it not for the breakdown (from a human perspective) of the Roman Catholic Church, would this country and, indeed, the world be in the colossal mess it is today?

But is the world situation here and now so far gone as to be beyond recovery? Is the spiritual and moral condition of society in such a state of utter degradation at the present time so as to preclude — apart from some direct act of God — any realistic hope that a substantial reversal of that condition is reasonably attainable? Well, while I have serious doubt as to whether such a reversal is possible at this late hour, I have the firmest conviction that, if it were possible, any genuine start in that direction *must* include the widespread recognition and acknowledgment of the fact that John Paul II is *not* a valid Pope. He *is* one of the three visible major architects of subversion and destruction on the world scene, the other two being George Bush and Mikhail Gorbachev. †

Communist Reform And World Government

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In the final few months of 1989 the world witnessed a series of remarkable changes in several Communist countries, events which dominated the news on a daily basis. The capstone of these events came in early December when Soviet ruler Mikhail Gorbachev achieved a double coup: meeting first with Conciliar "Pope" John Paul II at the Vatican and then with President George Bush at the "saltwater summit" off the coast of Malta. Gorbachev gained invaluable prestige for his reforms from the meetings. John Paul II spoke of their talks as "a sign of the times . . . a sign that is rich with promise" and said he hoped he would be able to accept the Russian leader's invitation to the Soviet Union. He specifically took the opportunity to wish Gorbachev success in "the process of renewal which you have set in motion . . ."

President Bush joined Gorbachev in declaring that this is not a thaw in the Cold War but *an end to it.* "With reform under way in the Soviet Union," declared Bush, "we stand at the threshold of a brand-new era of U.S.-Soviet relations. It is within our grasp to contribute each in our own way to overcoming the division of Europe and ending the confrontation there." They also agreed to another summit in June in the United States.

In less than a year conventional wisdom about the Communists has been turned on its head. Are the Reds really opening their borders? Are they permitting non-Communists to share power with them? Did Gorbachev really denounce his country's repression of religion, speak of the importance of spiritual values and promise to give the Churches more freedom in the future? Are reformers really taking a role in governing Bulgaria, Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia and other East Bloc nations? In a word, are we seeing the *dismantlement* of the Iron Curtain?

Surprisingly, the answer to these questions seems to be *yes.* Changes are sweeping through these countries at a dizzying pace. So rapidly are momentous events occurring that one needs to check the news at a daily, almost hourly, rate. And the shakeups in these regimes are creating such a turnover in officials that, to borrow a term from sports, it takes a scorecard to tell who's playing.

Not so surprising, however, is the fact that there is a good deal more to what is happening than meets the eye. The secular news media has been little short of euphoric in its coverage of these events, but when has that source ever been worthy of our trust? Equally suspect is the praise coming from George Bush and John Paul II, neither of whom being noted for his anti-Communism. Yet these and other Establishment figures have raised their voices as one to assure us that the Red leopard has, indeed, changed his spots. Before joining them in their *alleluias,* however, let us take the time to examine long-term Communist strategy and the goals of the One World Government lobby. For the West to rush with open arms to embrace the "new" East is dangerous, to say the least, but it is exactly what is now taking place.

Freedom Or Fraud?

Whatever the changes in tactics employed by the Communists throughout the decades, there has always remained one constant in all their conspiratorial activities — *deceit.* It has been a primary teaching of theirs that any means are permissible to achieve the ultimate goal of world conquest. "The whole history of Bolshevism," wrote Lenin, "both before and after (the 1917 Communist) October revolution, is full of instances of maneuvering, temporalizing and compromising."

It is with just such a diabolical cunning that Communism has presented itself as the champion of peace, justice, equality, freedom and the rights of the downtrodden, while everywhere showing itself by its actions to be the worst sort of aggressor and oppressor. (In the United States Communists have not hesitated to invoke the names of Washington and Lincoln to promote programs that are thoroughly un-American and anti-American, while in Latin America they have committed the supreme sacrilege of associating the name of Christ with a subversion that is un-Christian and anti-Christian.) We need only recall the Soviet betrayal of Poland near the end of World War II or the numerous peace treaties broken to realize how seriously the Communists take Stalin's revolutionary pronouncement: "Promises are like pie crusts, made to be broken."

As part of its strategy Communism has made efforts in the past to secure much needed aid from Western industrial nations by making limited, temporary reforms. Lenin's New

Economic Policy allowed small private plots of land to exist in the 1920's. Stalin, while pledging to uphold the common principles with the U.S. and Great Britain that called for peace and freedom in all nations, was able to get aid without relaxing his tyranny one bit. Khrushchev, in turn, gained much from his "anti-Stalinist" reforms. In the 1960's the operative word was "peaceful coexistence"; in the 1970's it became "detente." In the Gorbachev years we've seen the twin terms of "glasnost" and "perestroika." Whatever the specific case, the U.S.S.R. has never hesitated to exploit the West's perception of change, all the while moving ahead with its militantly atheistic agenda. (A similar example can be seen in Red China. The notion that it was changing for the better induced former President Reagan to identify it as "so-called Communist China." One can only wonder if his position changed after last year's massacre at Tiananmen Square.)

The ongoing events in Eastern Europe have produced a host of new catch phrases. We are now being told that a "reform movement" is bringing "change" and "democratization" in these countries, that "multiparty" rule is rapidly replacing the old regimes and that a process has been set into motion that is "irreversible." Gorbachev has even revived the rallying cry of the 1968 Czech uprising, calling for "Communism with a human face."

These words have worked magic. A syndicated *Los Angeles Times* article reports that a new international organization, the Group of 24, has "approved an economic aid package for Poland and Hungary . . . , including more than $1 billion in grants and loans intended to stabilize the Polish economy" and has "held out the prospect of similar support for East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria and Yugoslavia if they follow the lead of Poland and Hungary to political and economic reforms." (*Sarasota* (FL) *Herald-Tribune*, "Group of 24 Pledges $1 Billion in Aid to Poland, Hungary," December 14, 1989, p. 17A) The Group of 24 is, as the name suggests, a body comprised of two dozen nations, including the U.S., Britain, Canada, France, Japan and West Germany. In addition to the loans to Poland, the following nations have pledged money to it that will not need to be repaid: U.S. — $200 million (already appropriated by Congress), Britain — $100 million, Canada — $25 million, and Austria — $20 million. Also concerning Poland, the article notes:

> (Secretary of State James) Baker . . . announced that the United States would contribute $200 million of a "bridge loan" to tide the nation over until it obtains an expected $700 million loan from the International Monetary Fund. The bridge loan would be repaid when the IMF money arrives.

If form is followed, of course, we can reasonably expect these "loans" to be repaid at roughly the same time ice skating rinks are installed in Hades!

The Iron Fist In A Kid Glove

The West has been so delirious with joy over the emerging events that it has largely overlooked the deception that has always played such a big part in Communist policy. "But don't you see?" they remind us, "What we are witnessing is something totally unprecedented — spontaneous change taking place by those dissatisfied with their Communist overlords." What strikes us as particularly interesting about such an observation is all that it ignores.

Indeed, such a viewpoint asks us to believe, for one thing, that the Red dictators, pressured by an unarmed opposition, freely share or relinquish power. Rather, history is strewn with the bodies of millions who dared to stand up against their Communist oppressors. Never — *never* — have the tyrannical followers of Marx and Lenin voluntarily given over control of a nation once enslaved. The few examples where Communism has been ousted, such as Spain and Chile, are instances of violent overthrows. But, in the various Eastern Bloc countries now involved with reforms, demonstrators take to the streets without fear, government critics are allowed to speak or publish openly and even opposition parties organize — all this without a show of force from the dictators. (Romania, at this writing, is an exception to this process.)

The thought that perhaps it would be prudent to take stock of the situation before rushing in with open arms and open checkbooks seems never to occur to those whom Lenin called the West's "useful idiots." Nor do they for a moment seem to consider the fact that what they are witnessing may yet prove to be the greatest of all deceptions. But, one may ask, if there is a plot afoot, what proof is there of this? For starters, we have the amazing boast made by Dimitri Manuilski in 1930. A Soviet theorist who served both Lenin and Stalin loyally, Manuilski asserted:

> Our time will come in 20 or 30 years. To win, we shall need the element of surprise. The bourgeoisie will have to be put to sleep. So we shall begin by launching the most spectacular peace movement on record. There will be electrifying overtures and unheard-of concessions. The capitalist countries, stupid and decadent, will rejoice to cooperate in their own destruction. They will leap at another chance to be friends. As soon as their guard is down, we shall smash them with our clinched fist.

This statement, to our knowledge, has never appeared in any Communist documents. We have it on the word of a former Party member who recalled hearing it at a class in an ideological training school.

Certain aspects of the Manuilski quote are subject to dispute. The timetable is off by 30 years. It doesn't take into account the expansion of the Soviet Empire (with gains made in Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America) nor could the speaker have foreseen the threat of nuclear warfare. Other subsequent changes in the political and technological landscape of the world could not have been easily guessed. Finally, skeptics may even question the authenticity of the quote.

Let us answer such critics in the following way. To begin with, since it is clearly a *long-range* strategy being formulated here, we ought not expect that it necessarily be carried out with clockwork perfection. When a target date is set a generation or more into the future, many things may transpire to force a postponement. How many people in 1930 knew, for example, that the Soviets would be engaged in a major war a decade later? Or how much such tasks as exercising totalitarian rule in the world's largest nation, spreading revolution and subversion abroad and consolidating power in captured nations would set back the schedule? It is important to remember that the Communists have always exhibited an insidious patience when it comes to pursuing their objectives and so a delay of 30 years would not at all put them off the scent of the prey. If we do not have unimpeachable evidence of authenticity for the statement, we do know that it is in keeping with other Communist views. We need only recall Lenin's famous remark that the West would sell the Soviets the rope with which the "useful idiots" would later be hung. (This continues today but with the difference that the "rope" is now being given to them.)

When all of this is taken into account, the references to "electrifying overtures and unheard-of concessions" assume an eerie familiarity in the context of recent happenings. But the Manuilski quote is not all we have to go on. There is, in fact, a source that is as recent as 1984, equally authoritative and, best of all, committed to print. Anatoliy Golitsyn, an ex-KGB officer who specialized in counterintelligence and who later defected, wrote a book six years ago entitled *New Lies For Old*.

Excerpts of Golitsyn's work were cited in a four-page letter written in November, 1989, to members of the John Birch Society by its president, G. Allen Bubolz. In the letter, which warns of the deceit of the Eastern European "freedom" movement, Bubolz speaks of the "startling accuracy" with which Golitzyn "described Soviet plans for a temporary 'false liberalization' in order to deceive the West and lull their victims into a 'worldwide federation of communist states.'" In fact, Golitsyn writes:

> If "liberalization" is successful and accepted by the West as genuine, it may well be followed by the apparent withdrawal of one or more countries from the Warsaw Pact to serve as a model for a "neutral" socialist state for the whole of Europe to follow.

But the reforms are to be temporary. When the aims of this master plan are achieved, Golitsyn writes, "concessions made in the name of economic and political reform would be withdrawn."

The testimony of Golitsyn is far more difficult for the "nay-sayers" to refute than that of Manuilski, coming as it does from a man intimately involved in KGB "active measures" and written only a few short years before the events themselves actually are taking place. That Golitsyn is somehow mistaken, or that the plans he describes were never implemented and that the movement in Eastern Europe today only *coincidently* resembles his description — we believe that the likelihood of either being the case involves odds that are truly astronomical.

And yet, when considering Golitsyn's revelation we should remember that he wrote in 1984, a year before Mikhail Gorbachev assumed power in the Soviet Union and ushered in the "liberalization" of *glasnost/perestroika*. Golitsyn's book should have put the West on guard against the propaganda blitz that accompanied Gorbachev's rise. It should have raised questions such as why we should accept at face value the notion that Gorbachev, a man who for thirty years had been a loyal Communist, should now suddenly become a maverick or why he should be selected so readily by the hard-line old guard of the Politburo. What happened, of course, was just the opposite: no sooner was Gorbachev named than an almost unanimous song of praise arose from the dupes, fellow travelers and traitors in positions of influence in the Western Establishment. The Insiders and their lackeys have been so successful at spreading the Kremlin's disinformation that Gorbachev has become an enormously popular world figure. So, we ought not be surprised to see the same governmental and journalistic figures uncritically upholding the validity of the more recent happenings.

From One Europe To One World

That the Communists are making a show of humanizing their brutal regimes in an effort to gain much needed

legitimacy from the West and, in turn, the far more crucially needed economic favors that are its rewards — this is quite obvious. But above and beyond these immediate goals is the long-term objective of world government.

Given the deep-seated opposition to world government that is exhibited by most citizens in Western nations, its advocates have had to employ the tactic of gradual and deceptive advances toward that goal. Of all globalist groups, the one that has consistently had the most influence and power has been the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). On numerous occasions since its inception in 1921, the CFR has promoted what is now being euphemistically called "the new world order." After decades of pushing first for the League of Nations and later for the United Nations to take control of the world, the CFR decided in the early 1970's to shift its strategy to endorsing a more subtle approach to internationalism. In the April 1974 issue of the Council's journal, *Foreign Affairs*, Richard N. Gardner outlined the new strategy in an article entitled "The Hard Road to World Order." There he complained that "shortsighted nationalism" was hindering the drive for "interdependence" (another code word for the One World Government) and that "'the house of world order' will have to be built from the bottom up rather than from the top down." (Cited, James Perloff, *The Shadows of Power: The Council on Foreign Relations & The American Decline*, Western Islands, 1989, p. 12) This is to be accomplished by a subversive ploy. Gardner explains that "an end run around national sovereignty, eroding it piece by piece, will accomplish much more than the old-fashioned frontal assault." (*Ibid.*)

In Western Europe, the "end run" has been a slow but steady movement towards what Freemasonry had earlier in the century called for: a "United States of Europe." Perloff writes: "Through such associations as the Common market (established in 1957) and the European parliament (which held its first popular elections in 1979), Europe has become an increasingly collective global unit." (p. 85) Unless a strong stand is made by Europeans very soon (and this appears unlikely), in 1992 twelve countries will be submerged into the European Community (EC) and thereafter cease to exist as independent nations. Those nations are Belgium, Denmark, France, West Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom. In an important interview published in the December 1, 1989 issue of *The New American*, Hilaire du Berrier, an expert on the history of the Common Market, warned:

> . . . In recognizing a boundary-less Europe as their country, Europeans are repudiating their attachment to everything their forefathers died for. They are selling their birthright of freedom for a pottage called "peace, security, and prosperity." They will lose the former and gain none of the latter.

And how does this tie into the new developments in Eastern Europe? As it turns out, quite significantly. One phrase that Gorbachev has been particularly fond of is the "common European home." In his book, *Perestroika: New Thinking for Our Country & the World* (Harper & Row, 1987), one section is entitled "Europe is Our Common Home" and he made great use of the concept during his meetings with Bush and John Paul II. In *Perestroika*, *Time* magazine's "Man of the Decade" (Gorbachev) reveals a good deal of what is now transpiring in the Eastern Bloc when relating how he came to his "new" thinking:

> . . . The continent has known more than its share of wars and tears. It has had enough. Scanning the panorama of this long-suffering land and pondering on the common roots of such a multiform but essentially common European civilization, I felt with growing acuteness the artificiality and temporariness of the bloc-to-bloc confrontation and the archaic nature of the "iron curtain." That was probably how the idea of a common European home came to my mind and, at the right moment, this expression sprang from my tongue itself. (p. 194)

Such pious philosophizing leads to recommendation and Gorbachev drops another hint by suggesting that members of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance, a group comprised of Communist nations, should "cooperate with nonsocialist [read non-Communist — JKW] countries and their organizations, the EEC [the European Economic Community — JKW] above all." (*Ibid.*, p. 167)

And there is evidence that internationalists in Western Europe are eager to comply with this plan. Hilaire du Berrier observes: "On July 6th (1989) Gorbachev asked that Russia be accorded her place in the 'common European home,' and on the same day 18 Comecon (the Communist trading bloc) delegates were assigned seats in the European parliament." He goes on to state:

> Madame Anne-Marie-Lizin, secretary of state for the Europe of 1992, started formal negotiations in 1987 to bring members of the Comecon bloc into the EEC. Hungary will most likely be the first Communist country admitted, which is why you saw all the ceremony this past summer about removing the barbed wire along the Austrian-

> Hungarian border, and a piece of that wire being presented to President Bush. This is also probably why Hungary was allowed to be used as the exit point for the highly publicized flood of refugees. All of this makes it appear to be a very benign Communist state and a likely first candidate for EC membership. It will probably be followed by Yugoslavia, Romania, Czechoslovakia, Poland, East Germany and the Soviet Union — not necessarily in that order.

When viewed from this perspective, both the "emerging democracies" of Eastern Europe and the *submerging* ones of the West represent but two prongs in an overall globalist scheme. Gorbachev writes of "the imperatives of pan-European policy determined by the interests and requirements of Europe as an integrated whole." (*Op. cit.*, p. 196) And lest Americans think that this will only be Europe's problem, we should keep in mind that du Berrier also reports that the CFR is interested in U.S. entry into the Common Market.

If Hungary does prove to be the first Communist nation to enter the European Community it does not necessarily follow that it is the most vital to the One Worlders. That honor must go to East Germany — or should we just say *Germany*? As strange as it sounds, the prospect of a reunified Germany is very likely. In John Rees' Intelligence Digest for November 17, 1989, we read: "All of the Soviet Union's policies are dedicated to the one aim of turning Europe into a giant, American-free, neutral, Russian-dominated Finland." The report goes on to explain:

> . . . Gorbachev is on target for achieving his plan through two simple strategies: separate America from Europe through the arms-control process (and through tying up the U.S. in Latin American chaos); and offer Germany reunification in return for delivering a militarily neutral European Community.

How do American internationalists view the possibility of a united Germany? Former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, a CFR "statesman" who has done much to wreck our foreign policy but whose diplomatic "wisdom" is never doubted by the secular news media, has given his support in an article, "Living With the Inevitable," in the December 4, 1989 issue of *Newsweek*. Kissinger writes: "German unification in some form has become inevitable, whatever the misgivings of Germany's neighbors and World War II victims." He suggests that the "ultimate form" of this new Germany may be "some form of confederation, with democratic governments linked by some common institutions." Such a system could "make it easier to satisfy Soviet security concerns by maintaining East Germany as a special security zone with limited armaments." And, true to his globalist aspirations, Kissinger concludes by promoting "an integrated Western Europe with strengthened ties to the emerging democracies of Eastern Europe . . ."

The reunification of Germany, if and when it comes about (and since Kissinger, whose view must be taken very seriously on this matter, believes it certain, perhaps we should simply say *when*), will, in our opinion, be a major step in the direction of a One World Government. Why? Because it will provide the crucial linking point between East and West, without which any larger merger would be impossible. The symbolic significance of such an act should not be overlooked. In the post-World War II era there have been four nations divided between freedom and slavery: China, Korea, Vietnam and Germany. Of these, only Vietnam has been unified, and that nation reached that state through a bloody Communist takeover (and U.S. sellout). But Germany is to become the model for the *new world*, a world in which a peaceful merger creates a new system — *democratic totalitarianism*.

A New Age Of Peace?

As we enter the last decade of the second Christian millennium we hear cries of jubilation from all sides. Swords have at last begun to be forged into plowshares, light penetrates a realm of darkness, and the spring of freedom has at last blossomed where it had not been seen in decades.

We would love to be able to join the celebration but history has shown us time and again the danger of dropping one's guard prematurely. Certainly the events of recent months have indicated how much sentiment there is for change by the peoples of Eastern Europe. Who among us can fail to be moved by the battles waged against tyranny by the heroic men and women of Romania, thousands of whom have shed their blood for the cause? Through bloodstained streets they fought, carrying their nation's flag from which they had cut out the Communist symbol.

Americans have been conditioned to believe that we are seeing an end of the Red beast. Last year CFR stalwart Zbigniew Brzezinski published a book expanding on this myth, *The Grand Failure: The Birth & Death of Communism in the Twentieth Century*. Brzezinski once wrote: "National Sovereignty is no longer a viable concept." (Cited, Perloff, p. 154) But David B. Funderburk, former ambassador to Romania under

Reagan, is surely closer to the truth when he says: "We haven't seen the death of Communism, but what we're seeing is its reappearance under another guise." What we need to bear in mind is the fact that the Soviet Union still has 400,000 troops stationed in East Germany; that it holds a commanding lead in many military areas; that it has stepped up KGB activity in the United States; that it still supports terrorist activities in Afghanistan, El Salvador, South Africa and elsewhere; and that it is still ruled by a single-party atheistic regime. Nor should we be fooled by the show of freedom in East Bloc nations. Experience with past coalition governments shows that Communists abide by such arrangements only so long as it fits their plans. (Poland, for all its apparent freedom, still has Reds controlling its military and secret police.)

Unless America and the West wake up, they may soon find themselves being led like a lamb to the slaughter. Saint Paul wrote this about the Second Coming: "*For when they shall say, peace and security; then shall sudden destruction come upon them, as the pains upon her that is with child, and they shall not escape. But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief.*" (I Thessalonians 5:3-4) Could it be that the Apostle is addressing us? †

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