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## TROUBLE *Brewing in* PALESTINE

**G**ENERAL George C. Marshall went to Congress recently, backed up by letters from the Secretary of War, and the Secretary of State, saying that a certain bill—the Wagner-Taft PALESTINE Resolution—must be killed, for “military” reasons.

It appears that in this case, the President was forced to rely upon General Marshall's prestige with Congress to kill the bill. The resolution was pigeonholed, and dropped.

### The British White Paper

The resolution proposed that Congress reaffirm its 1922 endorsement of the Balfour declaration of 1917, establishing “a National Home for the Jewish people” in Palestine. The famous British White Paper of 1939 had virtually repudiated that Balfour declaration, by setting a definite date—the 31st of March, *THIS* year, 1944,—for closing the doors of Palestine to Jewish immigrants.

This Congressional action, following pressure from General Marshall, the war and state departments, brought a sense of despair to leaders of the Zionist movement. Senator Wagner termed the White paper “the Munich of Palestine.” A high-ranking government official next day suggested that the strength of the opposition to the resolution might be measured by the depth of Arabian oil.

And thus the *POWDER-KEG* of palestine appears about to be exploded again—the Jewish-Arab situation there boils to a white-hot heat—and becomes one of the vital developments in this war, and, in fact, in **WORLD HISTORY**.

It's an intriguing situation, dripping

**ONCE** Again Palestine is a **POWDER-KEG**. The Holy Land trembles, as Jew and Arab arm secretly for the coming showdown! It might become the pivotal factor in this war!

Here is a modern flare-up springing from an ancient jealousy of two women over one man! We bring you, in this article, all the facts of the moment, together with its beginnings in ancient Bible history, and the PROPHECIES of the future!

with mystery, suspense, and full of dynamite. It might become a pivotal factor in this war—and in all world history.

And this whole intriguing situation is a modern flare-up springing from an ancient jealous hatred between two women over one man. It has its roots in biblical history thousands of years ago. And it is unfolding before our very eyes, **NOW**, an important fulfilling of PROPHECY. It involves a cunning Hitler PLOT against the allies. And the exciting CLIMAX lies just ahead, for us to witness.

At the moment, it is one of the tense and outstanding factors in this war. The answer to it all involves startling developments in Palestine and the Arab world in recent years, and even less-known biblical history and prophecy!

### The Status in Palestine

Palestine is the most important spot in the world today. It is regarded as the **HOLY LAND** by a number of DIFFERENT races, and religions. It is the **exact** geographical CENTER of the land-surface of the earth, and with post-war AIR transportation is destined to become the CAPITAL of the whole world. Hitler knows this. Stalin knows it. Our leaders know it—yes, even the Japs know it. And each power is contriving to try to gain possession of it.

In Palestine today are approximately a million Arabs, and 600,000 Jews. Under the Balfour declaration, and through the Zionist movement, the Jewish population there has increased from 55,000 in 1918 to 400,000 in 1938, and some 600,000 today. The Jews have increased until the ratio now is about 6 Jews to each 10 Arabs. Each race demands this land as its own

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holy and sacred HOMELAND, based upon religious grounds. Great Britain controls it by mandate, and finds herself in a strange and perplexing dilemma—for Britain has made conflicting promises to the Arabs, and to the Jews,—both of which CANNOT be kept! Hitler knows this, and has used a very diplomatic trick to turn this unhappy situation against the allies, striking even THERE at the Jews through the Arabs in order to strike at Britain and America!

Now consider some rather amazing facts.

On three sides of Palestine lies an Arab land of thirty million inhabitants—from Syria and Iraq to Egypt and Aden, including most of the Arabian peninsula. Even in Palestine the Arabs still outnumber the Jews about ten to six.

### Britain's Contradictory Promises

During the first world war, Lawrence of Arabia was leading a revolt in the desert. He was a British emissary carrying British gold and British promises. And through him as agent, *Great Britain made the promise of a UNITED ARABIA*, with PALESTINE TO BECOME A PART of a great Arabian kingdom!

Then Great Britain violated that promise, and issued the Balfour Declaration, promising Palestine to the JEWS as a national homeland! Britain's blunder in making contradictory promises to two peoples has played directly into Hitler's hands. He has used this to incite the Arabs against the British.

### The Two Arabian Sects

But now consider another fact! The Arabs are not united, but divided in different sects! It goes back to Mohammed. He left no male heir—only a daughter, Fatima, who married his cousin, Ali. A large faction at the time supported Ali as a rightful successor to Mohammed, but they lost out and another became caliph. Later there was civil war over it, and Ali and his two sons were all killed. The Damascus governor was recognized as orthodox caliph, but a great schism was caused, and the party of Ali, known as the heretical "Shiites," have to this day refused to recognize the orthodox succession. The caliphate was finally abolished during the first world war.

Now we find appearing on the scene, fraught with dynamite, two powerful Arabian leaders heading these opposing parties.

The orthodox leader is six-foot four-inch Ibn Saud, King of Central Arabia—a giant of religion and in physical power, King of the Wahabis, the powerful sect of puritanical fanatics of the inner desert. During the first world war London backed the bloody enemy of Ibn Saud. Today the domain he rules more than half surrounds Palestine.

In this ticklish British dilemma, Hitler and Mussolini saw their devilish opportunity. By means of propaganda, they inflamed the Arabs against the British. They armed and tried to buy the support of

these Arabs. They tried to cause so much disturbance between Arabs and Jews in the Holy Land that a showdown would be forced.

The other of the two mighty Arabian leaders is Aga Khan, who was president of the League of Nations!

Today there are ten million Mohammedans of the Shiite heresy—the sect which believes the LEADER should be a blood descendant of Mohammed—the party of Ali.

They are scattered everywhere, and are the dominant sect in Persia. The cult is known today as the KOJA ISHMALI—stamping them as the descendants of Ishmael! They are also concentrated in India. Their supreme religious leader—their pontiff—a descendant of Mohammed and of Ali and Fatima, is Aga Khan! To his followers he is as infallible, as sacred, as the Pope is to Roman Catholics. Every member of the KOJA ISHMAILI gives two per cent of his income to Aga Khan. His income is about ten million dollars a year, dedicated to furthering the cause of the Ismaili.

Aga Khan was educated by British tutors, graduated from Cambridge. His son and successor is married to an English woman. He is British in manner, in sympathies, and in politics he is ultra-British. Time and again he has proved himself 100% loyal to Great Britain—and has been one of the most powerful influences in holding India loyal. Through British influence, he was elected president of the League of Nations.

And so, in this Palestine drama, we find the two strong-man leaders of the Arabs on opposite sides, prior to this war, one working with Hitler and Mussolini, the other with Great Britain.

### Lend-Lease Appeasement for Arabs

But the allies were fully aware of the seriousness of this Arab threat. And so they have been endeavoring to counter it. And NOW we find that the *United States* has contrived to make a deal with Ibn Saud, and is supplying him with LEND-LEASE.

Just the other day, Ibn Saud, with 2,000 attendants, left his palace and went hunting in the wilderness in the north of Saudi-Arabia. Suddenly a BIG "bird" soared over his hunting headquarters in the desert, glided down and rolled to a dusty stop on the hot sand. Out stepped a group of Americans, including two generals. They had missed the Arabian king at his palace, and had flown to his hunting encampment.

Aboard the transport they had stowed 3,000 pounds of Lend-Lease SAMPLES for the inspection of Ibn Saud. There were automatic rifles, ammunition, helmets, blowtorches, and other things. Why WE should be arming this Arabian who was so hostile to us during the armistice between the two wars, I do not know—but apparently our diplomats have managed to beat Hitler at his own game,—and, remember, this Arabian king controls a lot of OIL we badly

need in the near-East. And perhaps that's the reason for stopping Jewish immigration, and for the recent killing of the resolution in Washington!

To properly understand just what is going on, and its true significance, it is necessary that we go back and briefly view events that lead up to the present Holy Land strife.

### The Eternal Triangle

The whole trouble started with jealousy and hatred between two women over a man.

It was back in the days of Abraham. Sarai, Abram's wife, was without children and barren. To remove her reproach, she induced Abram to have a child by her Egyptian maid, Hagar (Genesis 16:1-3). But "when Hagar saw that she conceived, her mistress was despised in her eyes . . . And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled." (verses 4-6).

But the angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to thy mistress . . . and thou shalt bear a son and call his name Ishmel . . . and he will be a wild man; his hand will be against every man, and every man's hand against him; and he shall dwell in the presence of (margin, to the east of) all his brethren." (Verses 7-16).

Abraham loved Ishmael. When God had promised Abraham the great blessings of the birthright and of the sceptre, "Abraham said unto God, O that Ishmael might live before thee! And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with HIM, and with his seed after him. And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. But my covenant will I establish with Isaac." (Gen. 17:18-21).

The descendants of Ishmael, then, were to become a GREAT NATION—but a nation of WILD MEN, their hand against every man, every man's hand against them, and they were to plague their brethren, the descendants of Isaac. Bear that in mind!

### Arabs Descendants of Ishmael

By tracing the names of Ishmael's twelve sons in the Scriptures, we find they settled in the land of ARABIA, and are traced to the ARABS of today.

Isaac had twin sons, Jacob and Esau. Esau, the elder, despised his birthright, and it went to Jacob. Esau was red, and Jacob was white. Esau's descendants are the TURKS today. After selling his birthright,—his title deed to the land of Palestine—Esau regretted it bitterly, and sought to get it back. And later, his descendants, the Turks, did get possession of that land during the Times of Israel's national punishment, and they held it from 1517 until 1917.

Jacob's name was changed to ISRAEL, meaning "Overcomer," or "Prevailer with  
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# Are Ration Coupons the MARK of the BEAST?

**E**VERY little while someone makes an astounding discovery—and proclaims it to all who will listen. He has at last discovered the mysterious "MARK of the BEAST!"

It was inevitable that some have now "discovered" that the baffling "mark" has at last appeared. It is, they say, the ration coupons, without which you cannot buy many necessities and your dealer cannot sell them.

No sooner had the Soviet adopted the hammer and sickle than a number of evangelists, ministers, and "Bible authorities" came forth with the proclamation that it was the "mark." When the Nazis popularized the swastika, there were those who excitedly warned us that it was the "mark." For years many have been going up and down the land convincing the gullible that the "fasces" on our United States dimes is the dread "mark." As soon as President Roosevelt established the "N.R.A." and produced the emblem of the "Blue Eagle," back in 1933, some, naturally, grabbed at that as the "Mark of the Beast,"—and I heard one speaker base this claim on the prophetic "riddle and parable of Ezekiel 17. The first eagle of this "riddle," said he, was the Blue Eagle of the New Deal's N.R.A. His listeners were reminded that President Roosevelt had said that if the N.R.A. did not work, he would produce something else that would—and this something else to follow, the speaker said confidently, was the second "eagle" of the "riddle." Apparently this so-called minister and Bible "authority" had failed to read the 12th to the 16th verses of this chapter, where he would have been told in PLAIN LANGUAGE what these symbols MEAN—the first eagle represented the king of Babylon who lived 600 years before Christ, and the second the king of Egypt.

## The Bible Description

The writer has heard many lectures and sermons on this very popular subject, and seldom has more Scripture than the following portion of a text, *alone*, been given or quoted to substantiate the author's guess, except in the case noted above:

"And causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: and that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is six

hundred threescore and six." (Rev. 13:16-18).

Plainly, the terms "beast," and "image," and "mark" are SYMBOLS. And one of the basic KEYS without which you cannot unlock the doors of Scriptural UNDERSTANDING is that *the Bible interprets its own symbols!* Symbols, like parables, were not used to make the meaning clear, but to HIDE the meaning until the proper time, and from all except those to whom God reveals His TRUTH. And TRUTH does not come out of the imagination of human minds, but solely OUT OF GOD'S WORD. Truth is REVEALED from God, through His Word!

Jesus spoke in parables, not to make His meaning clearer as most have supposed. To illustrate, after telling the parable of the sower and the seed, His disciples came to Him and asked Him to EXPLAIN the parable—which they could not understand until He explained it. "And he said, 'Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to others in parables'—WHY?—'that seeing they might NOT see, and hearing they might NOT UNDERSTAND.'" (Luke 8:10). Again, in Matthew's version, "WHY speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them IT IS NOT GIVEN.'" (Mat. 13:10-11). And even the disciples could not know or understand until Jesus, Himself, explained the MEANING of the symbols used in the parable (Luke 8:11-15).

The point is that Jesus *is* the WORD of God, and the symbols always must be explained BY THE WORD OF GOD. The disciples could not decipher the symbols of this parable by using their imagination, or discovering something that seemed to FIT.

## The Text They Overlook!

But invariably those who try to solve the mystery of the "mark or the beast" by using imagination to find something that "fits," fail to read another text—a lot of other texts, in fact — but particularly the following:

"And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive his MARK in his forehead or in his hand, THE SAME SHALL DRINK OF THE WINE OF THE WRATH OF GOD . . . and shall be tormented with fire and brimstone." (Rev. 14:9-10). And in Rev. 16:1-2 we find the SEVEN LAST PLAGUES

(the consumption of the WRATH OF GOD—ch. 15:1) being poured out upon THOSE WHO HAVE THE MARK OF THE BEAST.

Many seem to assume that the Mark of the Beast is something it will be well for us to identify and to have, because otherwise we shall not be able to buy or sell. Of course we shall want to be able to buy and sell, and so it is assumed we should want to have the Mark of the Beast.

But they overlook entirely that the WRATH OF THE ALMIGHTY GOD shall fall upon us if we DO have that Mark! God will PUNISH those who have it, with horrible, terrible PLAGUES.

Most men, using imagination to find something — anything, it seems — that will FIT, look only at the one text explaining that men cannot buy or sell unless they have this mark.

## Many Texts Explain

All we get by listening to the speculations of men trying to INTERPRET God's Holy Word is CONFUSION.

*God's Word should not BE interpreted!* To INTERPRET it is to place human meaning into it. God's Word is a REVELATION from the Almighty — revealing to us TRUTHS we do not otherwise know and could never find out. It is GOD who does the REVEALING—through His Word—Scripture. When symbols are used, you'll find the explanation *in Scripture*, and in plain language—not in human imagination.

On this subject that has so gripped public interest, as in all others, we must SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES for the plain, simple Bible explanation. We must have, and examine, ALL the Scriptures pertaining to this subject—and there are MANY!

First, it is the mark of the "BEAST," and we must first determine the identity of the weird "Beast." That, as we have abundantly proved in broadcasts and articles in past numbers (out of print), is the ROMAN EMPIRE. This Empire existed two thousand years ago—one thousand years ago—and it is now in process of being revived as foretold in Revelation 17:8-14. The "Mark" is branded on people by the "image" of the "beast"—the second two-horned "beast" which made the "image" to the first "beast." It is this second power which CAUSES people to receive the mark, and which CAUSES those who will not to be KILLED (Rev. 13:15).

There are many, many, texts on this subject, which, when put together, reveal the TRUTH—and make it very plain!

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## A Heart to Heart Talk with the Editor

I was much interested, the other day, in reading "The Inquiring Photographer" column of an Eastern newspaper.

Six people, encountered at random at a certain city center, were photographed, and asked the question of the day. Their answers, together with their pictures, fill the column.

The question for this day: "Says a radio philosopher, 'Happiness does not come from being loved, but from loving.' Is it true?"

That is the eternal question of the ages on which all life experiences revolve. To find the right answer to that question, and to follow it, was the purpose of the Almighty in creating human beings upon earth. Seven millenniums—seven thousand

years — have been marked off for the human family to find the true answer to that question. Nearly six of those millenniums have passed, and the majority has not learned it yet. The answers in this newspaper column lend added proof to that.

Answered a young lady typist interviewed and photographed: "No. If it comes to the choice of being loved or loving some man, I prefer to be loved. That will spare me the heartache of loving a man who does not return my affection."

A young lady cashier also answered "No! The man who made that trite statement is in error. True love is impossible without a merging of minds and dispositions. In other words, a person cannot be truly loved unless she has the capacity to prompt such love, and if she has, she in turn will fall in love."

You'll notice that the only kind of love these young women considered was sex love. But I believe the radio philosopher had a broader meaning. Two men interviewed seemed capable of conceiving the broader meaning of love. Even a city bartender has opportunity to actually observe the results of this principle in people's lives.

Said a bartender: "That is true if a person is practical and not a dreamer. Judging by those I see across the bar, the men and women who seem to get the least out of life are those who have everything done for them and give little in return. True love which they can't return bores them."

This man was stating an observation, not an opinion—therefore he spoke the truth. He found, in other words, that those on the GETTING side who gave little in return were the least happy. The true love of others given them only bored them. The love of God toward us can make us supremely happy. But only when and to the degree in which it is returned. True LOVE blesses the one who gives it, but never the one who receives it without returning it. But let's look at the others.

A typist voiced this opinion: "No. Certainly I couldn't be happy loving a man who didn't return my affection. If there must be a choice, it is better for a woman to be loved than to give all for nothing." This girl, like most people, really believes it is more blessed to RECEIVE than to GIVE. Like most people, she disagrees with the Great Teacher from Galilee.

A U.S. Coast Guard gunner's mate also believes on being on the RECEIVING side. Said he: "No. I can't imagine myself being very happy if I were crazy about a girl who didn't love me! She could twist me around her finger! It would give me greater gratification if I were the one who could do the twisting."

Yes, the selfish motive still actuates the lives of most people. And then they wonder why they are not happy! The lesson has been written in 6,000 years of human experience, yet but few see it today.

But one older man, a maitre d'hotel, answered: "Yes, it's true. To be loved by a person without returning the affection is

selfish. However, to love one sincerely and to offer all the friendship and help that goes with such affection, even if it is not reciprocated, is the teaching of religion."

God's law—the true law of life—is, simply, LOVE! Love means GIVING, not getting. Many young people, to whom the word has no fuller meaning than sex, confuse love with lust. And the result is written in the divorce statistics. The desire to be satisfied, gratified,—the selfish motive, is lust. It can only end in disillusionment, wrecked and broken lives.

A mother LOVES her baby. That love is a love of sacrifice, of doing, of giving. Giving it brings her her greatest happiness in life, although when it is returned the measure of that happiness is increased. But a true mother loves her child, regardless of whether the love is returned.

God is Love. The love of God transcends the highest human love, which probably is mother-love. It is a spiritual love—a love with which only God is endowed, and which can be had only from Him. It is the greatest POWER in the world, or in the universe. If we were filled with it, our happiness and joy would know no bounds. Love is of God, for God is Love.

And, though mankind has rebelled against God and His right ways, has spurned and rejected His boundless love, yet God so LOVED the world that He GAVE His only begotten Son, who, in turn so LOVED us that He GAVE His life for us that we might LIVE!

It is only when we come to realize, really appreciate, and accept that fathomless love of God, and RETURN it, that we can really know true love, and begin really to LIVE. And how is it possible to love God? We love Him because He first loved us! Oh, what a POWER for good—for happiness and for JOY is God's LOVE which, if we respond according to God's Plan, is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. There is no other true happiness.

Look at the world today. Hatred, jealousy, envy, malice, anger, greed. And it has brought men—WHAT? Look out over the world and see its fruits which now, after six thousand years of sowing the seeds of greed, are flowering forth in a mountainous harvest of human woe, anguish, and suffering—of poverty, of destruction, chaos, and DEATH! Has the selfish principle paid?

Today the light of God's LOVE is all but extinguished in a stricken world that is dark and growing black. Even in the hearts of those precious few true Christians who have tasted and KNOWN the precious gift of God's love, the drift today is toward lukewarmness—and, as Jesus prophesied, love is waxing cold, because of the iniquities we see in others.

The greatest DANGER the true Christian has to face today is that of becoming embittered, soured, resentful, over the sins and injustices he sees all about him. We

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# The Plain Truth About Communism

**D**URING the past year and a half a peculiar phenomenon has occurred in America. A popular wave of emotional fervor for Russia has been surging throughout this nation. Influential men, magazines and newspapers, have been literally *fawning* on Stalin. The tremendous influence of the movies, to an alarming extent, has been utilized for stirring up this virtual patriotism for a foreign nation—Russia. **WHY?**

On the other hand there are many who distrust Stalin and Russia—who fear the possibility of a separate peace being negotiated between the Germans and Stalin. And most of those who expound Biblical prophecy have been saying loudly that Ezekiel's prophecy (38th and 39th chapters) reveals that Russia soon will ally with Germany. Many even proclaim that this prophecy shows Stalin will double-cross and actually invade Britain and America!

What, then, is the plain unvarnished TRUTH?

## United Nations Must Collaborate with Stalin

First, since the government of the United States, as well as the British, has made an alliance with Russia in the war against Hitler, we must realize that the United States must collaborate and deal with Stalin during war or in victory.

It has been aptly said that "America has never lost a war, and has never won a conference." In the past our diplomats have lost the peace after our fighting men had won the war. American diplomats have never fared very well in conference with the more experienced, more practical, more self-motivated Europeans.

We should consider well this fact:—The very fact of the heroic resistance and offensive of the Russian armies means that, if and when the Germans surrender, STALIN, not Mr. Roosevelt or Mr. Churchill, will be in position to have *most* to say about—if indeed he doesn't altogether dictate—the disposition of Europe!

Therefore it is vital that our people UNDERSTAND Russia's position. That we UNDERSTAND Stalin's attitude toward us. That we UNDERSTAND what is written before time in prophecy.

"Learning all about Russia" has become a popular American pastime. But we should be careful to learn the true facts, not to permit emotional adulation and wishful thinking to cause us blindly to ASSUME and accept without question the deceptions of propaganda!

We should realize that if any man in

this world is cold-bloodedly practical, that man is Joseph Stalin! If we are to deal with him, we must be realistic, too. To the Kremlin, the gullible susceptibility in any other nation to propaganda is merely further evidence of "bourgeois decadence." They have only contempt for it.

The PLAIN TRUTH about Russia is quite different than many sincere but gullible Americans are coming to accept! And Ezekiel's prophecy *does not say* what most people have supposed.

## What Communism Is

Communism is a world-wide POLITICAL MOVEMENT, organized inside many countries. The Communists are organized in China, in the United States, in Great Britain. They were rising to power in Germany—threatened to gain the government—before Hitler instigated the Reichstag fire incident and swept into power. They had secured the government in Spain, and the government there was Communist until Franco won the revolution. They have gained control of the government in Russia, and Stalin has occupied for years the DUAL office of active head of the government of the U.S.S.R., and also active head of the International Communist Movement.

Yet, the Stalin has headed both, we must distinguish between the two. The government of Soviet Russia, with which the United States is allied, is one thing. For that, as such, we have no criticism. They have as much right to be Communist in their form of government as we have to be Republican in ours. But international Communism is something altogether different. It is un-American, seeking the overthrow of Democracy and our American government and way of life, and everything our boys are fighting to preserve in this war.

From official communist literature anyone can learn, if he wishes to know the TRUTH, that Communism is a plan, in action, for the violent overthrow of capitalism and the Capitalistic Governments. And capitalism means Democracy, since it is the Democracies who control more than two-thirds of the world's capital.

First, we should distinguish between SOVIET RUSSIA,—that is, the U.S.S.R., a government with which the United States is allied against Germany, and the COMMUNIST Party, or COMMUNISM. Having made an alliance with Russia, it is the duty of this government and the American people to be friendly, loyal to all our pledges to it, faithful to fulfill all our promises. Nothing said herein is intended

to reflect upon the government of the U.S.S.R., with which the United States is allied.

But COMMUNISM is something *more* and altogether distinct from the government of Soviet Russia, as such—despite the relationship between the two. We need to know what communism is.

## What Winston Churchill Says

Let Winston Churchill tell us what Communism is. In 1937 he wrote: "Communism is not only a creed, it is a plan of campaign. A Communist is not only the holder of certain opinions, he is the pledged adept of a well-thought-out means of enforcing them. The anatomy of discontent and revolution has been studied in every phase and aspect, and a veritable drillbook prepared in a scientific spirit for subverting all existing institutions.

"No faith need be, indeed may be, kept with non-Communists. Every act of good will, of tolerance, of conciliation, of mercy, of magnanimity on the part of (other) governments or statesmen is to be utilized for their ruin. Then, when the time is ripe and the moment opportune, every form of lethal violence, from revolt to private assassination, must be used without stint or compunction. The Citadel will be stormed under the banners of Liberty and Democracy; and once the apparatus of power is in the hands of the Brotherhood, all opposition, all contrary opinions, must be extinguished by DEATH. Democracy is but a tool to be used and afterwards broken." (pages 168-169 "Great Contemporaries.")

In a nut-shell, the original Communist PLAN, as gleaned from official Communist literature, is this: To accomplish the overthrow of Capitalistic governments by a two-fold process:

1) by internal propaganda within the Capitalistic nation, influence its people or large numbers of them against its form of government, and into becoming Communists, sworn to participation in the ultimate violent revolution for the overthrow of the government, finally organizing for action a militant minority, to instigate revolution, and

2) since according to Communist teaching this ultimate purpose cannot be achieved without open battle in war, the Communist Plan included the development of the Red Army for the ultimate purpose of finishing off the violent revolutions, once started.

Therefore the Communist method was to preach PEACE, PACIFISM, DISARMAMENT in Capitalistic nations, while in

Russia Communists taught military preparedness.

But the rise of Adolph Hitler in Germany made necessary a *change* in the purposes of the Red Army. Stalin *feared* Hitler and his rearmed Nazi Germany. He did not fear Britain or America, for he knew full well we had no hostile designs whatever. So now the *first* and *immediate* purpose of the Red Army became that of DEFENSE against a remilitarized Germany.

### The Non-Aggression Pact with Hitler

Hitler began to make the world shudder. He applied "power politics" to conquer a number of countries without firing a shot. The Democracies tried appeasement.

But Stalin was more shrewd, more practical. He PREPARED the Red Army—how well, the world didn't realize then, but it knows now!

Meanwhile, Stalin planned to avoid war with Hitler if possible. He foresaw that war was inevitable. His plan was to direct it *West*, where it might weaken the capitalist Democracies while they in turn weakened or destroyed Nazi Germany from being a threat to Russia.

The Non-Aggression Pact with Hitler was the result. As we published in the PLAIN TRUTH at the time, this was *not* an alliance fulfilling the prophecy of Ezekiel 38. You'll remember most of those who expound the prophecies were loudly shouting at the time that this was the alliance which fulfilled Ezekiel 38.

Hitler was led to believe that under cover of that pact, which stunned the world, Britain and France would not dare to declare war.

But Stalin knew they would. Thus, by his pact with Hitler he directed the war he knew was inevitable *away* from Russia.

Britain and France promptly declared war. Stalin moved into Poland and took his half without having to fight for it. It was Stalin's plan to stay out of the war—to sit on the sidelines while his potential enemy Hitler weakened the ultimate victims of Communism, and the Democracies kept Hitler from invading Russia.

But even the wily Stalin is not infallible. His crafty plan backfired.

Hitler blundered, later, into invading Russia anyway. But the Red Army was *ready* for him, when he did.

### Hitler Beat Stalin to it!

We—the British and American people—are the great "HAVE" nations. We are the "Capitalist" nations. We have, between us, more than two-thirds—nearly three-fourths—of the world's capital, wealth, resources.

In such a world the "HAVE-NOTS" have been organizing to take from us what we HAVE. A number of new ISMS have sprung up for this purpose, aiming for world rule.

First was Communism. Next Mussolini shot like a comet into the world limelight

with his Fascist movement. Then came Hitler and Nazism. And before any of these a religious "ism" had been preparing for 350 years in Japan to conquer and place the Mikado on the throne of the world, as the god of the Japanese.

All these movements had our overthrow as their ultimate aim and purpose. Make no mistake about that!

But Hitler, who burst upon the world stage *last*, was the *first* to put his plan into military action. The Nazi plan to conquer and rule the world was a faster working plan than the Communist.

Hitler's methods were more direct. First, once armed, Hitler employed "power politics,"—thundering upon and threatening an unprepared world, gaining thru "appeasement" what he could without cost or bloodshed. Then when this inevitably developed into war, Hitler's plan was to blitzkrieg his way to world dominion before his victims knew what had struck them.

Hitler beat Communism to the draw.

But then Hitler blundered into attacking the *one* power which really was PREPARED. And the Red Army punctured the balloon of Nazi invincibility, and demonstrated that the "blitzkrieg" could be stopped!

This turn of events threw us over onto the side of Stalin, and we became the active ALLY of Soviet Russia!

### Have We Anything to Fear from Russia?

And now, have we anything to fear from Russia? Will Stalin double cross and invade Britain and America?

Our government appears literally to have been "bending over backwards" to please—if not "appease"—Stalin, and win the good will of Russia. "Don't dare say a word against Stalin," seems to have become the frightened attitude. But AMERICA HAS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING, NOW, TO FEAR FROM STALIN OR FROM RUSSIA!

As we fully explained in another article in this number, the prophecy of Ezekiel 38-39 does *not* say Russia will double cross and invade the British Isles or the United States. It does not say that Russia EVER will invade our countries. And what it does say does not pertain to this war, but to the future.

Naturally there were many in America who were opposed to making the alliance with Stalin. We were, and published our scriptural reasons at the time—the *right* time. That's our right and privilege in a Democracy!

But the alliance was made. Our government stands BOUND! The time for publicly criticizing the alliance is past. Right or wrong, the government has given its word,—made its pledge,—and now stands honor bound to fulfill it!

But those who *know* Joseph Stalin, know he should be dealt with realistically. He only holds in contempt those who fear him, cower under him, fawn on him, attempt to appease him. He admires and respects those

who can collaborate with him on an *even* basis, shrewdly looking out for their own interests. *He's looking out for Russia's!*

The governments of the United States and Great Britain should have come to a more definite and realistic understanding with him long ago! We should have assured ourselves of where he stands—and told him frankly, bluntly, plainly, where *we* stand!..

We should have told him definitely what we would supply, under terms of "lend lease"—and then seen to it that we kept our word. But we should also have made quite plain that we were allying with the U.S.S.R., as a nation, not with international Communism which seeks the overthrow of our own governments,—and have made it quite plain that all illegal acts of Communists would be promptly and vigorously dealt with within our countries.

We should have ascertained definitely what were Russia's war aims, and definitely stated ours. And the settlement of affairs in Europe in the expected event of victory, should have been settled at the outset. As it is, we are beginning to start to find out where each country stands, and to get together on this point as these lines are written, and the foreign secretaries of the three powers have concluded the Moscow Conference.

### Trouble Brewing in Palestine

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God." He had twelve sons, each of whom became the father of one of the Twelve Tribes of Israel.

To really understand the march of prophesied events today—to grasp the true but hidden significance of the present crisis in Palestine—we must identify ALL the races and peoples involved.

### To Whom Does Palestine Rightfully Belong

For, make no mistake about it, GOD GAVE ABRAHAM AND HIS DESCENDANTS AN ABSOLUTELY BINDING LEGAL TITLE-DEED TO THAT LAND.

The Arabs, descendants of Ishamel, son of Abraham, claim it is theirs.

The Turks claim it because they, too, are descendants of Abraham thru Esau.

And the Jews claim it as descendants of Abraham thru Jacob, or ISRAEL.

Who is right? NONE OF THEM! The truth is stranger than fiction!

God's promises to Abraham were twofold—of race and of grace—material, and spiritual. That part of the promises which included material, racial, national blessings are called the BIRTHRIGHT. The other part of the promises, including kings, and spiritual blessings thru Christ, final King of the line, are called the SCEPTRE.

Now the Scriptures plainly and distinctly affirm something very few people realize: namely, that the SCEPTRE shall



not depart from JUDAH" (Gen. 49:10), but "The BIRTHRIGHT was JOSEPH'S." (I Chron. 5:2).

The account of the passing on of the BIRTHRIGHT, showing that it, and not the SCEPTRE, included title-deed to the promised land, is recorded in the 48th chapter of Genesis. There it is plainly shown that LEGAL OWNERSHIP OF PALESTINE BELONGS TO THE DESCENDANTS OF EPHRAIM, SON OF JOSEPH!

The promises of national greatness, wealth and power, involved in the BIRTHRIGHT went jointly to Ephraim, whose descendants today are none other than THE BRITISH COMMONWEALTH OF NATIONS, and Manasseh his brother, whose descendants are THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA! The Sceptre, including promise of kings, of Christ, and of salvation thru Him, went to JUDAH, of whom the JEWS are descended. But, tho few realize it today, the Jews are of only ONE TRIBE of Israel—Judah. The Ten Tribes of the HOUSE OF ISRAEL, headed by Ephraim - Manasseh, became LOST, and have been called "the Lost Ten Tribes." Their identity as the British and American people today is thoroughly proved in a special booklet "The United States in Prophecy". You may have a copy of this, free, if you will just send your name and address to the Editor, requesting it.

And so Great Britain is in real fact the BIRTHRIGHT holder, descended from Ephraim the son of Joseph the son of Israel, the rightful legal OWNER of all Palestine, as deeded by Almighty God in His unbreakable covenant with Abraham.

### U. S. - Britain are Israel!

The JEWS are descendants of Judah, of which tribe Christ came. The Jews did, and should now occupy, but not own, that portion of the promised land called JUDEA, surrounding Jerusalem.

The Turks are descendants of ESAU, (also called "Edom" in the prophecies,) and the Arabs are the nation of wild men descended from ISHMAEL. Both the Turks and the Arabs are descended from Abraham, and therefore both races consider the promised land should be theirs. But God gave it to Abraham only thru Isaac and Jacob, and God said, "In ISAAC shall thy seed be called."

Because of sin and rebellion, the House of Israel, headed by Ephraim, was driven out of their own promised land until the end of the "Times of the Gentiles," which began to end December 9th, 1917. On that very day the Gentile Turk surrendered the land to EPHRAIM-GREAT BRITAIN, to whom it belongs by divine grant from that very day, henceforward forever!!

But WHAT A MIXUP has been caused,—all because men do not understand the BIBLE! The Scriptures show that the ten-tribed House of Israel was to LOSE its national identity, and be thought of as a Gentile nation until these very last

days. And so Ephraim-Great Britain, supposing herself to be Gentile, supposing the JEWS to be Israel (instead of the House of JUDAH, as they are always called in the Bible), made the famous Balfour declaration trying to give Palestine to the Jews! And the Jews, thinking they are birthright Israel, have been emigrating back there at the rate of 40,000 to 70,000 a year. This was necessary to fulfill the prophecies saying Judah would be in Jerusalem and the land of Judah during this world war. (See Joel 3:1-13; Zech. 12: 2, 4, 6-7; and 14:14).

### God Gave It To Britain!

But now once again let us come back to the jealousy aroused between Sarah and Hagar, mothers respectively of Isaac (Great Britain) and Ishmael (Arabs).

Abraham wanted Ishmael to inherit the birthright, which included possession of the land. So did Hagar.

But Sarah demanded this blessing for her son. "And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, which she had born unto Abraham, mocking. Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac . . . And God said unto Abraham . . . hearken unto her voice, for IN ISAAC shall thy seed be called." (Gen. 21:9-12).

Naturally Hagar resented having her son rejected from this great BIRTHRIGHT. And so, just as the Turks, children of Esau, have fought to gain and to hold this promised land, so have the ARABS, descendants of Ishmael. Although God denied this inheritance to Ishmael, the Arabs today consider that Palestine belongs to them.

There are more Arabs in Palestine than any other nationality. To them it is HOLY LAND, the same as to the Jews. They are perfectly willing to FIGHT for it.

The Jews think they are birthright Israel, and believe this land belongs by God's birthright to them. And "silly dove" Ephraim (Hos. 7:11), not realizing that SHE is really the birthright tribe of the House of Israel—the nation that GOD has decreed shall OWN Palestine after December 9, 1917—is blindly trying to build a national home for the Jews in this land, and at the same time blundering into a contradictory pledge to establish it as a home for the Arabs!

But in spite of all this blundering and misunderstanding, GOD IS SEEING TO IT THAT EPHRAIM-ENGLAND HAS AND RETAINS ACTUAL POSSESSION OF THE LAND!! God promised it to Abraham, thru Isaac, Jacob, and Ephraim—unconditionally—and GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES!

### What is Prophesied!

Just how the drama finally will work out, we must wait to see. But the general

outcome in Palestine is clearly prophesied in the Bible.

In Zechariah 12, the present trouble is foretold. "The Ever-Living . . . says,— 'Look! — I will make Jerusalem a cup of staggering to all the peoples (eGntiles); and they will be also against Judah (the Jews) when besieging Jerusalem!' " (eVrse 1, Fenton translation).

The siege against Jerusalem has already started thru this intrigue, scheming, and propaganda. And these Gentile Axis nations, certainly are now AGAINST the Jews! Thus this present Jewish persecution in these countries is prophesied!

This 12th chapter of Zechariah shows the Jews were to return to Jerusalem and Palestine before this present world war. In Joel 3, God says that when Judah returns to Palestine (verse 1), the Gentile nations are to PREPARE WAR! The weak nations are to brag "We are STRONG." How marvelously—with what fervor—the Gentile nations did obey that command of 2500 years ago! You remember numerous shiploads of old iron—including actual plowshares—were shipped from America to Japan and Fascist nations, where it was melted and cast into weapons of war!!

In the 14th Chapter of Zechariah, the first four verses, it is prophesied that finally ALL NATIONS shall be gathered against Jerusalem to battle. Half of the city shall be captured. And finally, at Armageddon, 70 miles northeast of Jerusalem, JESUS CHRIST WILL RETURN TO THIS EARTH, "And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives!" (verse 4). And the Jews will then be at Jerusalem (verse 14).

The 11th chapter of Daniel shows Hitler (or his successor) will be the one who captures half of the city of Jerusalem. The false prophet will be there with him (Rev. 19:20)—and they will attempt to establish the palace and capital there, after having taken Egypt, wresting the Suez Canal from Britain (Dan. 11:41-42). The horrible END of these two men is told in Rev. 19:20.

The time of God's JUDGMENTS against the sins of modern civilization is AT HAND! The DAY OF THE LORD, with its terrible PLAGUES, is upon us!

These prophesied events, now occurring, are REAL—they are no dream! Jesus warned us to be SOBER—WATCHING—PRAYING! Men are warned by the Scriptures to be seeking the Lord with all their might—in real earnest—with broken hearts, contrite spirits, with fasting and with weeping—that we may be accounted worthy to ESCAPE the things about to be visited on the earth.

It is high time to AROUSE OUT OF OUR SPIRITUAL SLUMBER!

## Are Ration Coupons the Mark of the Beast?

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It is a long subject. There is not space in this article to go into it fully and completely. We have space merely to bring out certain points, and to answer the question in the headline of this article.

### It Has to Do with SIN!

But this much we can here make plain. To have the "Mark of the Beast" is to COMMIT SIN,—at least some one sin!

It is the "Mark" of the "Beast." Notice this significant detail concerning the "BEAST":—"the DRAGON gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority." (Rev. 13:2) The "Beast" occupies a seat—a seat of government. He wields great power—has great authority. The stage of this government portrayed by Rev. 17 shows the "Beast" ruling over multitudes of people speaking various languages. And this power is derived from the "DRAGON."

Now who is the "Dragon?" Notice Rev. 12:9: "And the great DRAGON was cast out, that old serpent, called the DEVIL, and SATAN, which deceiveth the whole world." Notice Rev. 20:2 "And he laid hold on the DRAGON, that old serpent, which is the DEVIL, and SATAN."

So the Bible explanation of its own symbols tells us plainly that the "Beast" is a political, or civil tool of SATAN, and has received his power, seat, and great authority from the DEVIL.

It is the power of government, *devil-inspired*, which attempts to FORCE all to receive this "Mark." Those who do not are killed. They cannot "buy or sell"—engage in trade, hold a job.

But—it MUST represent nothing short of SIN, and a sin that is GRIEVOUS sin, in God's sight, tho probably not in man's—for God could not visit the full force of HIS DIVINE WRATH—unmixed with mercy—for anything less than SIN, and SERIOUS sin.

Notice: Ephesians 5:6, and Col. 3:6. Both texts state the WRATH OF GOD comes upon the children of DISOBEDIENCE. It has to do with DISOBEYING GOD.

In the message of "the third angel" (Rev. 14:9-12) are portrayed TWO classes. One class has the "Mark of the "Beast," and suffers the WRATH OF GOD, which wrath comes only upon those who DISOBEY God. The other class is pictured in the 12th verse: "Here is the patience of the SAINTS: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus."

God Almighty is wroth with those who have this Mark. Satan enforces the Mark

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thru his political and religious agencies in earth. And with whom is *Satan* wroth? He has wrath, too. Notice: "Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, *having great WRATH*, because he knoweth he hath but a short time...And the dragon was wroth with the woman (church, Eph. 5:22-27; II Cor. 11:2), and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ." (Rev. 12:12,17).

It is a great organized CHURCH power—professing to be Christ's, but actually the worldly church of Satan the Devil (II Cor. 11), which enforces this Mark. The popular churches teach men that God's law is done away. But the BIBLE definition of sin is found in I John 3:4: "Sin is the transgression of the law."

The "Mark of the Beast" has something to do with the SIN question. But it will be POPULAR to have this "Mark." The overwhelming majority will have it. The despised few—the "Little Flock," as Jesus called them, who refuse this "Mark" will be sneered at, persecuted, ridiculed—yes, even MARTYRED! (Matt. 24:9; Rev. 6:9-11 and 20:4-6)

"There is a way that seemeth RIGHT unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of DEATH!" (Prov. 14:12), Yes, it will seem RIGHT to have the Beast's "Mark!" It will be popular. It will go hard with the one who refuses it.

You, personally, shall have to make the decision whether to go along with the popular majority, and then suffer the SEVEN LAST PLAGUES of God, or with the unpopular few who love God and keep His commandments! It will be far more popular to believe the "Mark" of the Beast is some harmless thing like the symbol on our dimes, or a U. S. government ration book, than to believe the truth.

But the United States government is not the "Beast"—nor is it the second "two horned beast", tho some try to claim it is. The "Beast" is to "ascend out of the bottomless pit,"—and it shall emerge out of EUROPE, not America, tho this "Beast" and "image" worship, and accepting the "Beast's Mark" will become popular among OUR PEOPLE.

Is it a SIN to obey the Scripture by being "subject to the powers that be" in using U.S. Government ration books and stamps? Of course not!

Then can ration coupons be the "Mark" of the "Beast?" What nonsense! The "Mark of the Beast" represents something that is SIN in God's sight!

Ration coupons, however, do indirectly have to do with fulfillment of a different prophecy. In Jesus' prophecy of Matt. 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21, He said that following the beginning of this world war would come FAMINE and pestilence. It is the shortage of food already giving advance warning of coming famine that has caused rationing. In Joel 1, is another prophecy foretelling a famine God will ultimately send upon our people in punishment. The preliminary fulfillment of those prophecies has brought on the ration books—but there is no connection between that and the "Mark of the Beast."

## A Heart to Heart Talk with the Editor

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live in a world filled to the brim with injustice, with sin of every description resulting from hearts of greed. If you *have* the true LOVE of God shed abroad in your heart, you must let it flow on out from you to others. It must return to God, and flow out toward human neighbor. It's an active principle. It's simply God's Law, in action, in our lives. And this Love of God shed abroad in our hearts is the Love, and the only Love, which can fulfill God's Law.

Love is patient, very kind, and gentle. Even in face of insult, injustice or fraud. Love suffers it, an STAYS kind. Love still loves the one who injured you. Love is never angry. If you would retain the happiness, the power for GOOD, the JOY, that only this Love can give you, remember you must DRINK IT IN from God. "If any man thirst," said Jesus, "Let him come unto me and DRINK." You receive it on your knees. You need to receive it daily—often many times daily. How much time every day do YOU spend on your knees? Don't let love die out. PRAY!

"For the wages of sin is DEATH"—not life in a different, more tortuous world; "but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."