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QUEST MAGAZINE UPDATE

The sale of QUEST magazine to Prime Time Communications, Inc. was announced in the August 31, 1981 issue of the WORLDWIDE NEWS. Since that time other developments have required the Ambassador Foundation to reassume the responsibilities for disposing of QUEST.

The sale to Prime Time was predicated upon their marketing a stock issue which would provide funds for incorporating QUEST into their magazine. Prime Time would, in turn, fulfill all the subscription liability for QUEST. This would have removed any further expense to the Ambassador Foundation with respect to the publication.

Unfortunately, due to the continually declining economy, the stock issue was never marketed even though the Foundation had assurances from the underwriter. As a result, the publication of QUEST ceased with the September, 1981 issue.

Prime Time was not only unable to continue the production of their magazine but also QUEST. In fact, the publisher took voluntary bankruptcy in December, 1981. This left the potential subscription liability of over two and one-quarter million dollars for QUEST still unfulfilled.

Immediately, the Foundation moved to extricate QUEST from court bankruptcy proceedings in order to fulfill our obligation to QUEST subscribers. This was accomplished in early January. Time was of the essence since we were beginning to receive an abundance of calls concerning the publication.

A governmental agency, the Audit Bureau of Circulation, oversees the magazine publishing business. It normally allows a grace period of three months maximum to either resume the publication of a magazine, refund the subscription price or fulfill the liability with other publications. We were granted a 60-day extension in which to fulfill our responsibilities.

It was determined that we could best assume the responsibilities for disposing of QUEST internally. The transfer mailing was made to over 276,000 QUEST subscribers. Our Accounting, Data Processing, Mail Processing and Publishing Departments handled the mailing and processing of the entire project. It was a sizable project which was handled expeditiously and extremely well by these departments.

We were able to offer 13 leading and diverse magazines to the subscribers to satisfy our obligations. These included NEWSWEEK, MODERN PHOTOGRAPHY, ATLANTIC MONTHLY, SKI, SATURDAY REVIEW and ESQUIRE, to name just a few. These magazine publishers were willing to assume our subscription obligations with their magazines for the entire mailing list. They provided the magazine subscriptions to QUEST subscribers at no cost to Ambassador Foundation.

The QUEST affairs were all finalized on June 15. Therefore, we have satisfied all of our subscription liabilities and closed out the publication.

--Ellis LaRavia, Ambassador Foundation

FROM MINISTERIAL SERVICESQuestions and Answers

Question: May members give second tithe as Holy Day offerings?

Answer: Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has taught for over 40 years that the second tithe is to enable members to attend God's Holy Days--especially the Feast of Tabernacles. The second tithe is saved for that purpose--not as offerings for the Work. The Scriptures are very clear on this point (Deut. 14:22-27).

However, members may supplement their Holy Day offerings with second tithe provided they have first carefully planned to meet all their festival expenses, sent in their tithe of the tithe, and have shared a portion of their excess second tithe with less fortunate members by sending it to Headquarters for distribution or turning it in at the Feast site. Those who fulfill these prior obligations and still have second tithe left over, may give it in addition to their regular Holy Day offerings. (That is, above and beyond the amount already set aside for Holy Day offerings.) Or, they may turn it in as excess second tithe.

International News

News From Australia A very profitable and meaningful Feast of Pentecost was a fitting climax to the month of May, with the holy day attendance up 2.4% over last year. Recent baptisms brought our total membership in Australia up past the 3,000 mark to 3,011; and in Asia to 356. PM activity continues to be good.

The upward trend in income this month was also most encouraging, relieving some of the pressure on the budget and cash flow. God blessed the Work in Australia with an excellent 44.4% increase in income for the month, bringing our year-to-date increase to 15.5%.

A total of 18,760 letters was received this month--a 69.9% increase over the same month last year. The number of booklets and articles mailed out also rose significantly--a 130% increase for the month, and a 44.2% increase year to date. Responses from PLAIN TRUTH insert cards offering our publications have been a contributing factor to the increase in the volume of literature mailed out.

Our PLAIN TRUTH mailing lists continue to grow steadily. Through the World Tomorrow broadcast on television and radio, the newsstand program, and advertising in TV WEEK magazine, 3,552 new subscribers were added to the file in May, bringing our Australian PLAIN TRUTH circulation to 71,284. In Asia, PLAIN TRUTH circulation increased by 794 new subscribers to 38,767.

Regional Director, Mr. Robert Morton, flew to the Solomon Islands the last week of May and conducted Sabbath and Pentecost services for the members there. As there is no resident minister in the Solomon Islands at the present time, the services conducted by Mr. Morton, plus the opportunity for personal counsel, was of tremendous benefit and encouragement to our Solomon Island members.

While there Mr. Morton was able to finalize plans to hold the Feast of Tabernacles in the Solomon Islands' capital, Honiara. This will be the very first Feast of Tabernacles ever conducted in this area of the world and will be a tremendous boost to members and families who live on these beautiful, but remote Pacific islands.

Philippines Report The months of April and May saw a number of significant new advances, all in line with upgrading the Church and the ministry here.

The first advance was the observance of the Passover for the first time in many far-flung areas where a considerable number of God's people live who cannot attend a local Church. Altogether there were 47 sites (including 27 Churches) where a total of 1,956 members kept the Passover with an elder or deacon conducting the ceremony. This was an increase of 22.7% over last year's Passover attendance. Many had never kept the Passover in this manner before.

Attendance on the first day of Unleavened Bread was 3,071 (a 22% increase over last year) and 2,966 on the last day (a 25% increase). The holy day offerings taken up on both days represented an increase of 34.2% over the 1981 figures.

The second advancement in God's Work here is part of a four-point program of upgrading the ministry of God's Church in the Philippines. This is in addition to the Ministerial Refreshing Program in Pasadena, since the Filipino ministers have not had the benefit of training at Ambassador College.

The most exciting aspect of the upgrading program is the one-year ministerial scholarship at Ambassador College in Pasadena which Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong has approved. Through this study the local ministers will be able to absorb the understanding, perspective and way of conducting pastoral responsibilities in the world headquarters of God's Church. The Work is now sending two ministers and their families each year. Messrs. Reynaldo Taniajura and Mario Dulguime and their families left for Pasadena in early June.

Another aspect of the program is the Regional Director's regular meetings or conferences with the ministers. Presently Mr. Guy Ames meets monthly in Manila with all full-time ministers on the main island, Luzon. He also meets quarterly with the Visayas ministers in Cebu City and the Mindanao ministers in Cagayan de Oro City. He hopes to increase the frequency of these latter meetings as the need arises. With slow communication in these areas, ministers have felt the need for these meetings to bring them directly closer to the Regional Director and the directives he receives from Pasadena.

Just how backward some of these places are is vividly portrayed in a report sent in by Mr. Victor Lim, pastor of the Iligan-Cagayan de Oro-Butuan circuit. Mr. Lim went to visit an island off eastern Mindanao where he baptized an 86-year-old man last April 29. He wrote:

Because of his baptism, I missed the only boat leaving for Surigao that day. The next trip was on Saturday, May 1, and I had to be in Cagayan to conduct the services that day. So I took a pumpboat to a nearby island, Socorro, and from there hired a pumpboat to Hayangabon, a town on the eastern coast of Mindanao.

From Hayangabon I hitched a ride on a jeepney delivering bread and going to Claver.

At the start I was sitting inside the jeep on a piece of lumber. But along the way the vehicle loaded 51 bundles of firewood. After the last bundle was thrown in, it was obvious that there was no more room for the free riders like myself. So we had to content ourselves with sitting on the roof! For a while it was fun. But when the going got rough and the jeepney would suddenly tilt to the left and the right, we had to lie flat. I had to anchor my two feet on one side of the roof, and my hands on the other. Wow! Such things we must enjoy--and endure--in God's service!

A third aspect of the local ministerial upgrading program is the training of ministers from the provinces at the Manila head office under the direct supervision of the Regional Director. These are ministers who have lived in Manila and will return for about a year's training. Here they will receive exposure to various programs and activities in the Manila Churches.

The fourth aspect of the program is the establishment of Manila-trained ministers in the provincial areas. This, along with the other points, is designed to bring the entire ministry into greater unity and effectiveness in preparing His people here for His Kingdom.

God has blessed His Work in the Philippines with a reassuring 25.33% increase in income for the period January through May this year, as compared with a similar period in 1981. This figure does not include the holy day offering during Pentecost, which this year registered an excellent 42% increase over last year. Pentecost attendance was 3,070--up 19.2% over last year.

On the mail side, the office has continued to receive an exciting number of responses to the World Tomorrow television and radio broadcasts. A good number of very interested young viewers was noticeable. All in all we have had a total of 1,487 responses to the broadcasts since January.

Appreciation for the Second Ministerial Refreshing Program

Dear Mr. Tkach:

Simone and I want to thank you and all of the lecturers for the fine job they did on the Ministerial Refreshing Program just completed. It was just what the name says--refreshing!

I was impressed with it from many perspectives. It was a presentation of and about the Work of God by faithful, mature servants in their respective parts of that great Work. It comes off as a testimony to His greatness and glory, what He is doing through Mr. Armstrong and His other end-time servants, not what we are doing or can do as men. As such it stimulated my faith and made me deeply pleased to be a part of God's Work.

Dave and Simone Albert

Dear Mr. Tkach:

My wife and I were privileged to attend the fifth session of the Ministerial Refreshing Program. It was our first time, and was truly inspiring.

We thank Mr. Armstrong and the entire staff for making it possible for local church elders to attend the program. Being at Headquarters made us realize more fully the kind of Work we are a part of. We will try to pass that on to the brethren here.

We thank all of you for the time and the effort you put into this program, and we thank God for allowing us to be a part of His organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy T. Newell, Sr.

Mr. Tkach:

Just a small note of appreciation to you and your staff for the time and effort put into the refreshing program for the faculty of both colleges.

Thanks for the meals, the special dinners, and the helpful lectures and handouts. It shows a "give" attitude that all of us can learn from. It was great to be taught by God's ministers and servants. Thanks ever so much for letting me be a part of it.

John Siston

Grateful for Speakers From Headquarters

Dear Mr. Tkach:

This is just a short note to thank you for all the help you have given the Boise area in the past month. Thank you for sending Mr. and Mrs. Harold Jackson here for Pentecost. We thoroughly enjoyed having them, and I really profited by having them spend four days with us. It was just terrific.

Then on top of that Mr. Armstrong comes to the area two weeks later! I want to thank you for whatever part you may have had in bringing the needs of the smaller church areas to his attention.

Now, I would appreciate your prayers that we would produce more effectively with all we have been given. For as Jesus said, "To whom much is given, much is required." We really feel that we have been given much.

Thank you and all the staff for all that has been done, is being done, and will be done on our behalf.

Jeff McGowan

Mr. Tkach:

Just a note to thank you for sending Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rice to the Canton area for Pentecost. The members really enjoyed getting to know them, and we all were encouraged and inspired by his

sermon. My wife and I were personally inspired by the wisdom and kindness of the Rices. Thanks again for sending a guest speaker from H.Q.

John Foster

--Joe Tkach, Ministerial Services

AMBASSADOR COLLEGE UPDATE

(Pasadena Campus)

On Thursday of last week we ended a two-week session of the MRP--a session which was attended mainly by the faculties of both the Big Sandy and Pasadena campuses. I heard various members of the faculty mention how they had been both inspired and refreshed by their attendance of the program. It was also good for all of us, through the MRP, to have had the opportunity to be informed of the many diverse facets of the Work.

It was also good for us (especially, for members of the two faculties) to have had a chance to get to visit together, to compare notes, and to get to know each other better. As one faculty member expressed it, "It was a wonderful opportunity to strengthen the unity between Pasadena and Big Sandy." The next time we have the two faculties attending the MRP together, I hope we will be able to plan enough in advance to have a few more opportunities to get together in some of our homes here in Pasadena.

Mr. Armstrong and his party left for Big Sandy today, Friday, June 25th. He will take the Bible study tonight and then fly on to Detroit tomorrow for Sabbath services. Seventeen churches will be meeting together to hear God's Apostle. Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Ames flew down with him, and will remain in Big Sandy during the summer S.E.P. program. Mr. Ames will again (as he did last summer at Orr) assist in counseling, teaching, etc.

I might also mention that Mr. Armstrong has recently begun inviting various ones serving in the Work here at Pasadena in for lunch--so he can get to know them better, and so he can have an opportunity to discuss various aspects of their part of the Work in a relaxed, informal way. This has been very enjoyable and also highly successful. It is one more means Mr. Armstrong has found by which he can more effectively communicate with those who serve Jesus Christ under his direction.

The summer session of the College is now in full swing. We have a total of 176 students living on campus this summer, with 82 taking classes at present. Nine summer classes are being taught. In addition, we're offering two classes to those students at the Jerusalem Dig. Also, we are offering 13 Continuing Education classes--taught in the evenings. These C.E. classes are offered mainly for the purpose of allowing employees and other members to take various classes (Bible Prophecy, Speech, Family Relations, etc.) without being enrolled in the College degree program. Mr. Dean C. Blackwell is again teaching a class in Bible Prophecy, and I am teaching a class in Family Relations--stressing various important aspects of child rearing.

For several years now we have been able to have a number of Japanese students stay on campus for about three weeks. Again this summer we are expecting to have about 70 Japanese students. They are scheduled to arrive here on July 18th, and will depart the campus on August 11th. We feel this

program has been highly successful. We prepare lectures on American History, Western culture, English, etc. Also, we arrange for the students to sightsee in the Los Angeles area. They are always inspired and uplifted by being here on this beautiful campus for this important session. In the past, many of them have said that they hated to leave the campus after seeing its beauty, and after experiencing the warmth and friendliness of the Ambassador students and faculty.

Recently, we sent what we presume will be the final group of students to serve a six-month "tour of duty" on the ACEPT program in Thailand. Also, we sent nearly 40 students and faculty to serve in Jerusalem on the "Big Dig" for the summer. Mr. Richard Paige is again in charge, and has done a very fine job in the past. Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Kelly of the Big Sandy campus are also serving on this Ambassador College project this summer. Also this summer, many students and faculty are again serving at Orr, Big Sandy or in Scotland on the SEP program.

Mr. Kenneth C. Herrmann is visiting the Pasadena campus during the summer, and is once again teaching a class in astronomy. We are happy to have him back with us for the summer. As many of you old timers will remember, Mr. Herrmann served as our Registrar for many years. He has remained a faithful and dedicated Church member and servant of Jesus Christ throughout the Church's many trials.

May God continue to bless, guide, inspire and protect all of you ministers as you diligently serve Him to the best of your ability. We appreciate your continued prayers and support for God's servant, Mr. Armstrong, and for those of us here at Headquarters who are also helping to hold up his hands in Christ's important end-time Work.

--Raymond F. McNair, Deputy Chancellor

MAIL PROCESSING CENTER UPDATE

Heavy Response to Pictorial

To date, 63 percent of the member heads of household in the U.S. have responded to Mr. Armstrong's special letter offering the new ministerial brochure. This brings the total number of requests to nearly 24,000 in about one and a half months. If any brethren have not yet requested this special publication, you might remind them that copies are still available.

Members have written to thank Mr. Armstrong for making this pictorial available. They have found it to be a very valuable aid in praying for the ministry worldwide. Following are several comments from those who received the pictorial:

Thank you so much for the booklet with all the photos of the ministry. First, I looked for the faces of those I knew personally. Then I began at the front, with the Council of Elders and the evangelists, and then paged through the rest of the brochure. It made me kneel and thank God for the body of teachers He has called. By seeing their faces and knowing God's Spirit was shining in each one, I was overcome with gratitude at His wisdom in calling these men out of the world.

Through you, Mr. Armstrong, God has provided a vehicle for training them. We members are so blessed, so fortunate to have such

dedicated men to call on, and such good examples to learn from. When I looked at this group, called out of all races and countries, I wept with joy at having the privilege of being a part of the firstfruits and having true shepherds to guide us. Thank you for your generosity and thinking of sending such a gift so that we can pray better and feel unified more strongly than ever.

B.A. (Augusta, GA)

The brochure with the ministers has been such a help to me. Whenever I see a minister's name which I don't recognize or don't know where the minister serves, I look the individual up. Where I used to pray daily only for the Advisory Council of Elders, I now pray for all the ministers by name and responsibility. Please update the pictorial when necessary. Thanks so much for providing it!

R.C. (Pasadena, CA)

How wonderful to have the pictorial showing the Pastor General and all the ordained ministers. Thank you, thank you. I never tire of going over it each day and memorizing names and places.

Mrs. E.M. (Pullman, WA)

Just want to thank you for the pictorial of the ministers! It's just wonderful to see the faces of those we've been praying for in such places as Burma, Singapore, Guyana, etc.! This really helps in our prayer life.

C.C. (Corrigan, TX)

Thank you for publishing the pictorial of the ordained ministers in the Worldwide Church of God. I have looked forward to receiving it ever since the announcement that it would become available. It will be used frequently for years to come and will help me in accomplishing my goal of being a vital, concerned link in the Work God is doing today.

A.K. (Prescott, AZ)

--Richard Rice, Mail Processing Center

ON THE WORLD SCENE

SPECIAL REPORT:

AFTERMATH OF FALKLANDS VICTORY--PROUD BRITAIN RIDING HIGH; MRS. THATCHER'S FIRMNESS PAYS OFF BUT AMERICA WAVERS In 74 days the conflict in the South Atlantic was all over and Britain's Union Jack was flying once again over Government House in Port Stanley, diminutive capital of the wild and wind-swept Falkland Islands. Britain's swift triumph--to be sure not without cost, with 250 dead, seven ships and 15 aircraft lost and a long-term cost of over two and one-half billion dollars--was made all the more remarkable because of the sheer logistics problem of fighting a war 8,000 miles from home base.

In the end, most observers credited Britain's victory to superior weapons in the hands of outnumbered but professional and highly motivated fighting forces. But the element of "luck"--was it really that?--played a big role as well, especially in the most critical phase of the entire operation, the

establishment of the bridgehead at San Carlos Bay. British forces reloaded there under extreme Argentine aerial counter-attack exactly seven weeks to the day after Argentina's April 2 takeover. Here is how a dispatch over our ASSOCIATED PRESS news wire reported the remarkable events surrounding this pivotal operation:

A half-dozen dud Argentine bombs that slammed into Royal Navy warships but failed to explode may have spelled the difference between victory and defeat for the British in the Falkland Islands war.

Military analysts in London believe that if the destroyers and frigates hit by the bombs in Argentine air attacks May 21 at the San Carlos Bay beachhead had been knocked out, the navy could have been forced to withdraw. That would have left the 5,000 British troops on shore dangerously exposed with their supply line cut at the most critical point of the campaign to recapture the islands seized by Argentina April 2.

"If those bombs had gone off and we'd lost those ships at that time the outcome of the campaign could have been very, very different," said a Royal Navy Intelligence source, who asked not to be identified. Adm. Sir John Fieldhouse, commander-in-chief of the British Fleet, admitted the British were "extraordinarily lucky" not to lose more men and ships than they did in the 74-day conflict....

Four damaged British warships are limping back to their bases on England's south coast for repairs. "We're the luckiest ship alive," Capt. Anthony Hoddinott, skipper of the 4,100-ton destroyer Glasgow, hit by one of the dud bombs, said when his ship arrived at Portsmouth. The 1,000-pound bomb dropped by an Argentine Skyhawk May 12 smashed through one side of the destroyer, passed through the engine room and out the other side without exploding.

British experts believe the bombs, mostly World War II vintage American and British weapons sold to Argentina, failed to detonate because of faulty mechanisms. Three of the four warships damaged by duds were hit in "bomb alley," the narrow Falkland Sound between the two main islands where the navy strung its "gun line" to protect the San Carlos landing. In four days of ferocious air attacks, the destroyer Coventry and frigates Ardent and Antelope were sunk. Six ships were damaged.

"It still seems remarkable that the bridgehead survived and that a large section of the fleet was not sunk," said John Witherow, a TIMES of London correspondent who was aboard a warship in "bomb alley." "The Argentines came remarkably close to winning that battle."

Even the final battle for Port Stanley could have been otherwise. If the Argentines, who were superior in numbers and materiel (but certainly not morale) had known how dangerously short of supplies the British were, they perhaps wouldn't have surrendered en masse so remarkably fast. The much anticipated bloody fight for Port Stanley never materialized. Here is how

our REUTERS news wire, on June 16, summarized this battle-that-never-really-was:

The commander of British forces on the Falkland Islands said today that only a handful of shells was left for some guns used by his troops in the final battle for Port Stanley.

"It was a...close thing in certain senses," Major General Jeremy Moore said, paraphrasing the Duke of Wellington, the British commander after his victory at Waterloo in 1815. Moore said that some guns which began the last battle with 400 shells were at one point down to eight. He was speaking of what he called the logistics problem of supplying forces 8,000 miles from Britain....He said 33 British soldiers died and 140 were wounded in the final three-day battle for Port Stanley.

The veteran marine commando...said..."the (Argentine) air force clearly fought with great bravery. Despite enormous losses they kept coming." He said [that] Argentine regular troops also "fought very well and had to be winkled out. Some of the young conscripts, perhaps the majority, didn't want to be here. Some were kept in their trenches by having bullets fired through both feet."

He paid tribute to the bravery, professionalism and dedication of his own force and said: "The enemy were extremely surprised at how fast we got across from the landing base." [British marines "yomped" their way across 50 miles of boggy terrain under the burden of 120-pound packs.]

After the surrender, Argentine troops in Port Stanley admitted to the victorious British how ill-provisioned they were in the field of personal needs, especially clothing and weather-protective gear. One poor soldier complained he had managed only two showers in the 62 days he was in the islands. Nevertheless, Argentine supply planes had regularly evaded the "exclusion zone" armaments to ferry in war supplies--even including the night before the surrender. The British were surprised at the volume and quality of war materiel that fell into their hands. Here's another REUTERS report, from June 23:

Britain's booty from the war to repossess the Falkland Islands includes a vast array of weaponry including Exocet, Tiger Cat, Blowpipe and SAM missiles and two complete radar systems worth \$10 million each.

British armaments experts have defused three French-made Exocet missiles deployed in a land battery by the Argentines near the airport at Port Stanley, the Falklands capital. A missile fired from this system damaged the British light cruiser Glamorgan in the final phase of the battle to retake the islands. British military sources said Argentine agents were believed to have purchased the Exocets on the black market at prices up to \$860,000 each.

The British now hold a fast patrol boat, several undamaged Pucarás [ground attack planes] and 14 helicopters, including 10

Hueys, two Augustas, a Puma and a big twin-rotor Chinook. The Argentines left more than 100 vehicles in Port Stanley alone, at least three million rounds of rifle ammunition, 12 French-built Panhard armored cars and a large number of radio sets.

All the supplies and equipment are being carefully listed by the British, but an officer said it would take six months to account for all the ammunition alone....

"I was very impressed with the standard of the communications and radar equipment they had," Engineer Major David McPherson said. "There was so much of it I couldn't believe it was true. I was like a kid in a toyshop."

British troops were impressed by the quantity of Argentine laser range finders and night sights, some costing \$34,400 each and better than the ones the British had. "They had good kit, good food and good weaponry," an officer said. "There was no shortage of ammo or anything else. You name it, they had it." But British officers believe there were grave shortcomings in organization and distribution.

As a result of the victory in the Falklands War, Britain is on "cloud nine" so to speak. Ephraim's pride (Hosea 5:5) is riding high. In an article written in the SUNDAY EXPRESS, June 13, 1982 (before war's end), titled "Beyond the Blood and Sweat of Battle an Even Greater Victory is Being Won," author George Gardiner wrote:

It is as if over recent weeks we have rediscovered certain things about ourselves, things that have lain dormant and forgotten for a long time but which now we have recognised them, give our future totally different meaning.

First, we have rediscovered our NATIONAL UNITY....This unity has cut across all the usual boundaries of colour and of class. I can think of no time since 1945 when the British people have been so conscious of standing shoulder to shoulder in common cause.

Second, we have rediscovered NATIONAL LEADERSHIP. Ever since the invaders set foot on the Falklands, Margaret Thatcher has known exactly what her objectives were. When some of her cabinet have wavered she has stood firm. She has spoken for our people, and been an inspiration to them. We have not known such leadership for more than 40 years, and we have responded to it.

Third, we have rediscovered NATIONAL PRIDE--the pride that comes from fighting alone for an indisputably just cause. This embarrasses some of the softies of the "liberal" press who brand it as crude jingoism. It is no such thing. If these men cannot feel pride in the bravery of their armed forces, that points to a defect in their character not ours.

Finally, we have rediscovered NATIONAL CONFIDENCE. This will have a profound effect on our performance in all sorts of fields long after the smoke of battle has cleared from the Falklands. For a quarter of a century the British people have lived under

the shadow of the Suez fiasco in 1956 when we tried to act boldly in defence of our interests and failed. That single disaster cast a terrible blight on our view of ourselves and of what we were capable of doing. Forget pretensions to any power in the world we were told, we are a tiny nation now, just as well to settle for the second rate....Perhaps the greatest thing the Falkland invasion has done has been to lay the ghost of Suez. Our years of psychological retreat are at an end.

But just how unified is the British public? Are the effects of a (finally) successful military operation already beginning to wear thin? The LOS ANGELES TIMES of June 24 reports this account of British life:

Strikes in Britain forced state-run hospitals to refuse all but emergency cases and crippled London subway service for a third day. The strike by about 400,000 hospital workers over pay was the fifth 24-hour stoppage against the National Health Service in recent weeks. About 250,000 coal miners, seamen, longshoremen, steel workers and municipal, gas and water workers also walked out. Coal production was halted in Scotland and several areas of England.

Nevertheless, newspapers are full of hopeful articles that Britain's long steady decline is over. One such article appeared in the June 18, 1982 edition of the DAILY MAIL. Journalist Robin Oakley first paid tribute to the fighting men, then singled out the resolute spirit of Prime Minister Thatcher.

That first disastrous weekend in April it all looked so different....When on the Monday, the Prime Minister faced the nation on TV, she was herself nervous, agitated and emotional. But the words she chose were those of Queen Victoria: "Failure? The possibilities do not exist." And throughout the diplomacy and the politics, the military planning and the public propaganda since, she has been magnificent in her resolve, her constancy and her simple, straightforward guts.

This is more than a military victory. It is one of those moments which can lift a nation's mood and alter its history. It is the restoration of Britain's pride and self-confidence.

Imperceptibly, step by step, we had been bumping down the international league tables....Somehow we had come to accept second best as our national status. And there was nothing that archbishops or teachers could do about it. We had lost our respect for ourselves....

Every back in Britain is a little bit straighter today. In the process we have shown the world that we are not just rather good at Trooping the Colour and the occasional Royal Wedding, but we can also send a hundred ships to the South Atlantic without a breakdown....

Will is character. But it often needs a visible means of support, particularly in the lonely hours. Mrs. Thatcher gave orders to the appropriate officials in the Department of Environ-

ment to seek appropriate pictures that she needed for her walls. She was quite precise. She wanted paintings of Lord Nelson brought to Downing Street. They were. She hung them. And when the American team of diplomats headed by Mr. Al Haig came to Downing Street to discuss peace plans, she took them first to look at those pictures.

"Before we talk," she said, lapsing into an unfamiliar tough Americanism, "I want you guys to look at these." The message was clear. No wonder Mr. Haig told the Argentine negotiators when he went on to Buenos Aires that if they chose to take her on, they would be facing a formidable foe. "You haven't had to deal with her," he said. "I have."

But if Mrs. Thatcher...has now arrived at the climax of victory, this is where her real test begins. She has won the war. Winning the peace is going to be much, much harder. Again, many will try to distract her....There will be much talk of the need not to humiliate the Argentines, to consider their honour. She will have to pick her way through this insidious minefield of compromise and appeasement. Mrs. Thatcher's instincts will tell her that the Argentines must not be allowed to get away with anything. No self-delusion. No "moral" victories. No talk of honour to cover a richly deserved defeat. She saw them correctly at the beginning as international lawbreakers. And her instincts are not those of the soft do-gooder which favours the transgressor over the victim.

Guess what nation is going to lean heaviest on Britain to help restore Argentina's injured pride? The same nation that urged Britain to be "magnanimous in victory." You guessed it. Good ol' soft-headed Uncle Sam. Journalist William Pfaff, writing from Paris in the INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, in his June 10 article "Argentina Takes an English Lesson," shows why this would be the wrong course to take:

Much has been made of saving Argentina's pride as the Falklands affair ends. It might be better for Argentina that its pride not be spared. To spare its pride is to spare its illusions and Argentina has too many of those. The United States government is the leader in this attempt to allow Argentina to escape the consequences of its attack upon the Falkland Islands and its attempt to annex them. It is possible to think that the United States itself is the victim of illusions about Argentina and its importance to the United States, and to the West.

The only constructive purpose this war can serve is to teach reality--that actions have consequences and things must be earned. It is this lesson that the Reagan Administration, out of muddled good intentions, would spare the Argentines, thus making the Falklands affair truly meaningless....

What has happened in [Argentina] is genuinely disturbing because a divorce from reality has been apparent from the start. The government has said, and the people enthusiastically have agreed, that actions do not have consequences, words suffice to sink ships, to claim victories is to have them...every soldier will

fight until death even as thousands surrender, wounds do not bleed.

Something like a national retreat from reality has been going on in Argentina for many years. This is, demographically, a European nation, which 50 years ago was one of the world's richer societies, commonly thought the natural leader of South America. It is a land as big as India, a rich and fertile India--topsoil to the depth of a man's height, oil in Patagonia, minerals. Argentina was so rich, the Argentines like to say, that they would slaughter a cow and eat only the tongue.

Argentina's economic wealth per capita today is lower than in Bulgaria or Gabon. Politically, it has been in crisis for years. It suffers triple-digit inflation, rapidly mounting. It lives by selling food to Russia. It has retreated from industrialization. It is a formerly developed country.

It goes frivolously to war 400 miles at sea with an untrained army and a navy unwilling to leave coastal waters. "Argentines cry for Argentina!" the song should say. Is it imaginable that this Falklands disaster might reintroduce the people of Argentina to facts and consequences? If the war could do that, the cost that has been paid by Argentina's and Britain's young men might be justified.

When Mrs. Thatcher was in Washington earlier this week, she was interviewed by all three major TV networks on their early morning news programs. One wishy-washy ABC newsman asked the Prime Minister whether she had any doubts now about the war, considering the number of lives lost on both sides. She replied that the issue does not revolve around numbers or statistics, even human ones. What was at stake was a principle; that aggressors simply cannot get away with taking over other nation's property whenever they choose; that such action must be resisted. The newsman persisted with a few more "Yeah, but" questions and Mrs. Thatcher answered: "Frankly, I can't understand this line of questioning." It seems that Americans have lost sight of principles. They want to quantify everything. By this reasoning the price paid to resist Hitler would probably have been considered "unacceptable" today.

Meanwhile, evidence continues to mount from all sides that it would be extremely unwise to let the Argentine leadership "off the hook." First of all, British troops found large quantities of dum-dum bullets, banned since World War I, in an ammunition depot Argentine forces abandoned in the latest fight for the island capital of Stanley. The deadly rounds were from a regular Argentinian production line. None of the bullets had fortunately yet been used. The soft-nosed bullets expand upon impact and cause large jagged wounds leading to painful death. "They would take half a man's back away if they went through the chest," said a British soldier.

Second, it is evident that authorities in Argentina have been acting toward internal dissidents much the same way the Mafia deals with its enemies (perhaps a carryover trait from the Sicilian ancestors of many Argentines). Here is an almost unbelievable report from the British newspaper THE GUARDIAN, of June 4, 1982.

A British vessel sailing off the Argentine coast early this year is reported to have discovered a large number of skeletons lying on the sea bed with their feet encased in concrete....Western diplomats were told of a British vessel, on a routine voyage, anchoring off the Argentine coast some weeks before the Falklands crisis erupted. When the ship was ready to resume sailing, it found its anchor had become fouled and could not be raised.

A diver who went down to deal with the obstruction discovered what was described as "a sea of skeletons." All were weighed down with concrete blocks on their feet and some of the victims appeared to have been decapitated....According to the version now circulating in Washington, the victims appeared first to have been made to walk into wet concrete and then to have been killed. The bodies were then apparently dumped into the sea, possibly from an aircraft.

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (a body set up by The Organisation of American States) investigated allegations against the Buenos Aires regime and issued a 260-page report on its findings last year. It gave considerable detail about cases of people who had disappeared without trace since the military junta took power six years ago.

So much for this Special Report. Yesterday Mrs. Thatcher gave the most logical, sound-minded speech yet on the subject of nuclear weapons and the arms race. Perhaps more about that next time.

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