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IT IS DIFFICULT TO CHARACTERIZE THE YEAR 1962. IT HAS BEEN CALLED A YEAR OF CRISIS, A YEAR OF CONFRONTATION. BUT AS THE YEAR DREW TO A CLOSE, IT WAS MARKED ALSO BY CONSIDERABLE RELAXATION IN INTERNATIONAL TENSIONS. FEAR GAVE WAY TO ~~RENEWED~~ <sup>a glimmer of</sup> HOPE, AND THE YEAR CLOSES ON A NOTE OF ~~HOPE~~ <sup>confidence</sup>. DOMESTICALLY, THE YEAR 1962, VIEWED ~~ON~~ <sup>has been</sup> BALANCE, ~~WAS~~ A FAIRLY GOOD YEAR. AS ONE WRITER PUT IT: "1962 WAS A YEAR WHEN BUSINESS -MEN THOUGHT SOMETHING WORSE WAS JUST AROUND THE CORNER, AND IT TURNED OUT NOT TO BE." THE NATIONAL INCOME WAS HIGH. <sup>Corporation profits hit a record high.</sup> OUR PEOPLE WERE AT WORK. UNEMPLOYMENT, THOUGH HIGH, WAS NOT ALARMINGLY SO. THE STOCK-MARKET DID PLUNGE BADLY IN THE SPRING, AS IF TO PROVE AGAIN (IF PROOF WERE NEEDED) THAT A LAW OF GRAVITATION IS IN OPERATION IN THE FINANCIAL WORLD AS IN THE PHYSICAL WORLD -- THAT WHAT GOES UP TOO SHARPLY MUST AS SHARPLY COME DOWN. BUT THE MARKET RECOVERED BEFORE IT <sup>could</sup> STAMPEDED OUR PEOPLE INTO AN ECONOMIC PANIC. SOME <sup>maintain</sup> ~~HOLD~~ THAT OUR RATE OF MATERIAL GROWTH, ~~IT IS CLAIMED~~, HAS NOT KEPT PACE WITH THAT OF OTHER ~~GREAT~~ INDUSTRIAL NATIONS. <sup>And are being made</sup> ~~AND THERE HAVE BEEN~~ PROPOSALS FOR TAX REFORM AND A TAX CUT TO STIMULATE BUSINESS AND CREATE GREATER CONSUMER DEMAND. BUT, BY AND LARGE, 1962 HAS BEEN A SATISFACTORY YEAR BUSINESS-WISE, AND A GOOD YEAR IS FORECAST ~~FOR 1963.~~ <sup>by business analysts for 1963.</sup>



MUCH HAS BEEN SAID AND WRITTEN ABOUT THE CUBAN CRISIS WHICH BLEW UP <sup>so</sup> SUDDENLY IN OCTOBER OF THIS YEAR. IN NO TIME WE WERE FACING <sup>an</sup> ~~THE~~ IMMINENT THREAT OF THERMO-NUCLEAR WAR. <sup>Our</sup> ~~WE~~ <sup>government</sup> CAME UPON INCONTROVERTIBLE <sup>proof</sup> ~~EVIDENCE~~ THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS SECRETLY CONSTRUCTING A BASTION OF VAST MILITARY POWER IN CUBA, ERECTING MISSILE BASES AND <sup>importing</sup> ~~BRINGING~~ JET BOMBERS INTO THAT ISLAND, <sup>distant</sup> ONLY NINETY MILES FROM OUR SHORES. IF SUCCESSFUL, THIS COULD HAVE RESULTED IN A MOST SINISTER SHIFT IN THE BALANCE OF POWER BETWEEN THE EAST AND THE WEST. WE WERE BY WAY OF BEING DANGEROUSLY OUT-MANEUVERED. <sup>Sharply</sup> WE CALLED A ~~PROMPT~~ HALT. <sup>We</sup> ~~AND PUT DOWN~~ <sup>declared</sup> A <sup>quarantine</sup> ~~GUARANTEE~~ ON ALL OFFENSIVE ~~MILITARY~~ WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT UNDER SHIPMENT TO CUBA. THE ARMED FORCES OF OUR COUNTRY WERE <sup>ordered</sup> ~~DIRECTED~~ TO PREPARE FOR ANY EVENTUALITY. THE STATE WAS SET FOR A SHOWDOWN IN WHICH THE GIANTS OF THE EARTH WOULD BE PITTED AGAINST EACH OTHER.

<sup>suddenly</sup> But THE KREMLIN YIELDED! THE SOVIET MISSILES AND BOMBERS WERE WITHDRAWN. THE UNITED STATES NAVAL QUARANTINE <sup>was</sup> ~~ENDED~~. A WORLD COLLISION, WHOSE APPALLING CONSEQUENCES NO ONE DARED EVEN TO IMAGINE, WAS AVERTED.

OUR SUCCESS IN THE CUBAN CRISIS HAS UNDOUBTEDLY GIVEN OUR COUNTRY IMMEASURABLE PRESTIGE, NOT ALONE IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE, BUT THROUGHOUT THE FREE AND UNALIGNED WORLD.



~~WE MORE THAN COUNTER-BALANCED~~ THE DISASTROUS POLITICAL  
*was more than off-set in ~~the~~ October 1962*  
DEFEAT WHICH WE SUFFERED IN THE BAY OF PIGS IN 1961. MR.  
*now*  
KRUSHCHEV, HIMSELF, <sup>^</sup>TOLD HIS PEOPLE THAT THE UNITED STATES  
IS NOT TO BE LOOKED UPON AS A PAPER TIGER, FOR THIS TIGER HAS  
ATOMIC TEETH. THE CUBAN OUTCOME RENEWED THE CONFIDENCE  
OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN THE POLITICAL COMPETENCE AND SOUND  
LEADERSHIP OF ~~THE~~ <sup>its</sup> PRESIDENT. IT HAS, FOR A TIME AT LEAST,  
SILENCED THE WAR-MONGERS AT HOME. IT IS LIKELY THAT WHAT  
*in October* *a new way of doing business*  
TRANSPIRED <sup>^</sup>WILL POINT THE WAY TOWARD A LESS BELLIGERENT  
APPROACH TO THE SOLUTION OF ~~OTHER~~ INTERNATIONAL PROBLEMS  
IN THE FUTURE, AND THAT HENCEFORTH, NEITHER EAST NOR WEST  
WILL ~~HAVE~~ <sup>need</sup> TO RESORT TO THREATS OF WAR AND ACTS BORDERING  
ON WAR BEFORE AGREEING, AS THEY ULTIMATELY MUST, TO NE-  
GOTIATION AND MUTUAL ACCOMMODATION. <sup>if</sup> KHRUSHCHEV WILL HAVE <sup>hereafter</sup>  
TO PRACTICE WHAT HE <sup>if he wants peace</sup> PREACHES, AND ABIDE LITERALLY BY HIS  
PROGRAM OF CO-EXISTENCE WITHOUT THE SUBTERFUGE OF ASSISTING  
SO-CALLED MOVEMENTS OF LIBERATION, <sup>hoping</sup> ~~AND~~ IN THAT WAY ~~HOPING~~ TO  
EXTEND THE FRONTIERS OF COMMUNISM IN THE WORLD. THERE WILL  
BE LESS SHOE-THUMPING ON CONFERENCE TABLES <sup>in the future</sup> AND LESS MEGA-  
THON-BOMB INTIMIDATIONS. WE, OURSELVES, WILL <sup>perhaps</sup> BE LESS AFRAID <sup>now</sup>  
TO TAKE, ~~AT TIMES~~, A STEP BACKWARD FROM POSITIONS ~~WHICH~~  
~~WE HAVE~~ <sup>had</sup> PREVIOUSLY <sup>held</sup> TAKEN, IN ORDER TO TAKE TWO STEPS FORWARD  
ON THE ROAD TO A PEACEFUL WORLD.



DURING THIS LAST WEEK, THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT RELEASED THE ELEVEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY PRISONERS WHO WERE CAPTURED DURING THE ILL-FATED INVASION OF 1961. A THOUSAND OF THEIR CLOSE RELATIVES WERE ALSO ALLOWED TO LEAVE CUBA. IN EXCHANGE, CUBA RECEIVED SOME FIFTY MILLION DOLLAR'S WORTH OF MEDICINES AND BABY FOODS. IS IT TOO MUCH TO HOPE THAT A THAW IN THE RELATIONSHIP OF OUR TWO COUNTRIES MAY ~~SOON~~ SET *before long* IN? SECURE AGAINST INVASION, CUBA MAY NOW PERHAPS RE-APPRAISE HER ~~ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL~~ *unfavorable* POSITION AND CONSIDER *and her political isolation in the Western Hemisphere* THE ADVISABILITY OF A NEW RAPPROCHEMENT WITH HER NEIGHBOR, *strong and close* THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, WHICH HARBORS NO ILL WILL TOWARDS HER PEOPLE.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES FORCED KHRUSHCHEV TO RETREAT BY A THREAT OF FORCE, *but* HE WAS ACTUALLY COMPELLED TO USE FORCE TO ~~FORCE~~ *compel* GOVERNOR ROSS BARNETT OF MISSISSIPPI TO SUBMIT TO THE ~~FEDERAL~~ *the United States* AUTHORITY OF ~~HIS COUNTRY~~. FIVE HUNDRED ~~UNITED STATES~~ MARSHALS, NATIONAL GUARDSMEN AND FEDERAL TROOPS HAD TO BE SENT INTO OXFORD, MISSISSIPPI TO PROTECT THE RIGHT OF A NEGRO, JAMES MEREDITH, TO REGISTER AS A STUDENT IN THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI. TWO FEDERAL COURTS *presided over by Southern judges* HAD ORDERED HIS ADMISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY, BUT GOVERNOR BARNETT HAD VOWED THAT "HE WOULD ROT IN JAIL



BEFORE HE WOULD LET ONE NEGRO DARKEN THE SACRED THRESHOLD  
OF OUR WHITE SCHOOLS". HE PERSONALLY INTERPOSED HIS  
AUTHORITY AS GOVERNOR OF <sup>Mississippi</sup> ~~THE STATE~~ AND PREVENTED JAMES  
MEREDITH FROM REGISTERING. HE DEFIED THE <sup>Federal</sup> GOVERNMENT IN  
WASHINGTON. HE APPEALED TO THE PEOPLE OF MISSISSIPPI TO BACK  
HIM <sup>up</sup> IN THIS DEFIANCE, IN THE NAME OF STATES' RIGHTS. PASSIONS  
WERE <sup>wildly</sup> INFLAMED WHEN <sup>and the</sup> UNITED STATES MARSHALS ARRIVED IN OXFORD,  
A DISGRACEFUL RIOT BROKE OUT WHICH LASTED ALL THROUGH THE  
NIGHT OF SEPTEMBER THIRTIETH. AN EX-MAJOR-GENERAL, EDWIN  
WALKER, HARANGUED THE CROWD AND URGED IT ON TO ACTS OF  
VIOLENCE. A MOB OF TWENTY FIVE HUNDRED CHARGED AND ATTACKED  
THE MARSHALS. ROCKS, BRICKS, BOTTLES WERE HURLED AT THEM.  
CARS WERE OVER-TURNED AND SET ON FIRE. ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY  
MARSHALS WERE INJURED. TWO MEN, ONE A FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT,  
WERE KILLED. TEAR-GAS HAD TO BE USED TO QUELL THE RIOTERS  
WHOSE SAVAGERY <sup>and racist madness and fury shocked</sup> ~~AND RACIA: JATE AND FIRU SHOCKED~~ THE NATION  
AND THE WORLD.

FEDERAL AUTHORITY WAS FINALLY ESTABLISHED IN MISSISSIPPI.  
JAMES MEREDITH IS <sup>now</sup> REGISTERED AND IS ATTENDING CLASSES AT THE  
UNIVERSITY, GUARDED BY FEDERAL MARSHALS. BUT THIS TRAGIC  
EPISODE <sup>Americans, proud of their country and its traditions of</sup> ~~HAS~~ CONFRONTED ~~US~~ WITH SOME VERY ~~SAD AND~~ BITTER FACTS. <sup>human rights</sup>  
NOT ONE FACULTY MEMBER OF THE TWO HUNDRED AT THE UNIVERSITY  
OF MISSISSIPPI, SPOKE OUT DURING THE VIOLENT AGITATION WHICH



ATTENDED MEREDITH'S REGISTRATION, IN FAVOR OF COMPLIANCE  
WITH THE FEDERAL COURT<sup>2</sup> ORDER TO ADMIT HIM. NOT ONE!  
PRACTICALLY THE ENTIRE CLERGY OF THE CITY OF OXFORD REMAINED  
SILENT -- THE VERY MEN WHO PREACH~~ED~~ BROTHERLY LOVE AND *often*  
QUOTED~~ED~~ THE BIBLE WHICH DECLARED<sup>2</sup> THAT GOD MADE OF ONE BLOOD  
ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE EARTH. ONLY HERE AND THERE DID A  
NEWSPAPER IN MISSISSIPPI DENOUNCE THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE  
FOR DEFYING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ITS COURTS, AND FOR  
INCITING TO DISOBEDIENCE AND RIOTING. THE SOLID, *respectable* WHITE CITIZENS  
*of Mississippi* WERE NEARLY ALL BEHIND THE GOVERNOR -- NOT TO SPEAK OF  
THE STUDENT BODY.

IN ALL THIS ONE *could see* ~~SAW~~ CLEARLY THE DREAD, DARK HERITAGE OF  
*how deep the abyss* THE PAST -- AND HOW LONG AND *different steep the climb road* ~~DIFFERENT~~ IS THE ROAD WHICH MAN  
*which men must climb* ~~MUST TRAVEL~~ TO OVERCOME *their primordial* ~~THE EVILS OF~~ RACE PREJUDICES AND  
HATES, EVEN *men who live* ~~AMONG PEOPLE~~ LIVING IN A FREE AND DEMOCRATIC  
*men who belong to* COUNTRY, AND EVEN ~~AMONG~~ THE SO-CALLED BETTER CLASSES *in* ~~IN~~  
~~OUR~~ SOCIETY.

TO THE CREDIT SIDE OF THE WORLD'S <sup>1962</sup> LEDGER SHOULD BE PUT  
THE END OF THE ALGERIAN WAR AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ~~THE~~ *an*  
INDEPENDENCE <sup>t</sup> ~~OF~~ ALGERIA. FOLLOWING SEVEN YEARS OF REVOLT *Algeria*  
AND *unavoidably* ~~BLOODY~~ *peaceful* EFFORTS AT PACIFICATION, FRANCE, UNDER THE  
LEADERSHIP OF CHARLES DE GAULLE, BEGAN A SERIES OF NEGOTIATIONS  
AT EVIAN IN THE SPRING OF THIS YEAR, WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES



OF THE ALGERIAN FRONT OF NATIONAL LIBERATION, AND ACCORDS WERE FINALLY REACHED. <sup>people of</sup> THE ~~ALGERIANS~~ WERE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE ON THE ISSUE OF SELF-DETERMINATION, AND IN JULY THEY VOTED OVERWHELMINGLY IN FAVOR OF INDEPENDENCE, ~~AND~~ BY THAT VOTE, FRENCH SOVEREIGNTY IN ALGERIA CAME TO AN END.

THE EVIAN ACCORDS WERE VIOLENTLY RESISTED BY THE EUROPEAN DIE-HARDS IN ALGERIA. BLOOD-SHED, MASSACRES AND TERROR PRECEDED AND FOLLOWED THE LIBERATION OF ALGERIA, THE LAST MAJOR DECOLONIZATION ACT IN THE DISMANTLING PROCESS OF EUROPEAN IMPERIAL POWER. <sup>all over the globe.</sup>

AS IN ALL SUCH CASES OF NEWLY-WON INDEPENDENCE, ~~THERE~~ <sup>and peaceful</sup> ~~HAS BEEN~~ NO ORDERLY TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY. <sup>took place</sup> ALGERIA IS STILL FAR FROM POLITICAL STABILITY. IN FACT, IT <sup>finds itself</sup> ~~IS~~ AT THE MOMENT IN POLITICAL <sup>turmoil</sup>, AND IN A CONDITION APPROACHING ADMINISTRATIVE AND ECONOMIC CHAOS. PANIC-STRICKEN FRENCH SETTLERS HAVE BY THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS FLED THE COUNTRY, AND WITH THEM ~~THERE WAS~~ A MASSIVE FLIGHT OF FRENCH CAPITAL AND BUSINESS INTERESTS. <sup>took place</sup> UNEMPLOYMENT IS RAMPANT. THERE IS A SHORTAGE OF TRAINED, COMPETENT MEN TO RUN THE GOVERNMENT. ~~THE~~ THE VARIOUS CONTENDING GUERRILLA GROUPS AND THEIR LEADERS HAVE NOT BEEN DISARMED AND BROUGHT INTO OBEDIENCE TO THE <sup>central</sup> AUTHORITY UNDER THE PRESENT CHIEF OF STATES, MOHAMMED BEN BELLA.



BUT AFTER SEVEN <sup>my</sup> YEARS OF CRUEL AND COSTLY CIVIL WAR AND <sup>the grossest of</sup> ~~ALL FORMS OF UNAVAILING~~ REPRESSIVE MEASURES, THE ALGERIAN <sup>Gordian</sup> KNOT, WHICH COULD NOT BE UNRAVELLED <sup>in any way</sup>, HAD TO BE <sup>sharply</sup> CUT. THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY OUT. HISTORY ASSIGNED THIS HARD AND UNPLEASANT TASK TO CHARLES DE GAULLE, AND HE DID NOT SHRINK FROM IT. HE WAS DENOUNCED BY MANY OF HIS COMPATRIOTS. ATTEMPTS TO ASSASSINATE HIM WERE MADE. HE WAS <sup>forced</sup> ~~PAID~~ WITH A REVOLT OF <sup>his</sup> ~~LEADING GENERALS OF HIS ARMY.~~ BUT HE <sup>and</sup> ~~PERSISTED~~ HE WON THROUGH. THE PEOPLE OF FRANCE SUSTAINED HIM TIME AND AGAIN. THEY VOTED HIM SWEEPING POWER, RECENTLY THEY VOTED TO CHANGE THE METHOD OF ELECTING THE FRENCH PRESIDENT, <sup>which</sup> DE GAULLE ADVOCATED <sup>Hereafter</sup> ~~A CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE~~ <sup>France will</sup> ~~WHEREBY~~ THE PRESIDENT ~~WOULD~~ BE ELECTED BY POPULAR SUFFRAGE. THEY ALSO GAVE HIM <sup>an</sup> OVERWHELMING ENDORSEMENT IN THE RECENT PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS, ~~WHEN~~ DE GAULLE'S PARTY WAS SWEEPED INTO POWER. <sup>De Gaulle</sup> ~~HE~~ HAS GIVEN FRANCE STABLE GOVERNMENT. HE HAS PUT AN END TO THE RULE OF THE FRAGMENTARY PARTIES WHICH, <sup>in the</sup> ~~UNABLE~~ TO AGREE AMONG THEMSELVES, <sup>past,</sup> ~~TIME AND AGAIN~~ CAUSED THE FALL OF GOVERNMENTS IN FRANCE. <sup>time and again</sup> NEXT TO JOHN F. KENNEDY, <sup>in my judgment</sup> CHARLES DE GAULLE IS THE MAN OF THE YEAR IN 1962,

WAR BROKE OUT BETWEEN INDIA AND CHINA IN 1962. FIGHTING TOOK PLACE HIGH UP IN THE FROZEN HIMALAYAS. THE FIGHTING CONCERNED A BOUNDARY DISPUTE. THE POSITION OF NEITHER OF



THE *belliferents* <sup>made</sup> WAS QUITE CLEAR OR APPEARED CONSISTENT, RED CHINA, AFTER SWEEPING THE INDIAN TROOPS BEFORE THEM AND PENETRATING NEARLY FORTY MILES INTO INDIAN TERRITORY, CALLED FOR A CEASE-FIRE AND OFFERED TO WITHDRAW. IT IS HARD TO SEE WHAT RED CHINA, HARD-PRESSED AT HOME BY HUNGER AND ECONOMIC CHAOS, HOPED TO GAIN FROM AN ATTACK ON INDIA AT THIS TIME. WAS IT TO DIVERT THE ATTENTION OF THE HARASSED CHINESE FROM THEIR OWN DOMESTIC TROUBLES, ~~TO THE TRUMPED-UP PATRIOTISM~~, OR WAS IT TO ESTABLISH RED CHINA'S *hegemony* ~~IN ASIA AND~~ IN THE COMMUNIST WORLD, AND TO ASSERT PEKING'S *freedom* OF ACTION AND INDEPENDENCE ~~from~~ <sup>IP</sup> MOSCOW? IT IS EQUALLY HARD TO FOLLOW THE POLITICAL INVOLUTIONS AND CONVOLUTIONS OF NEHRU'S ~~UBDIA~~ INDIA, FOLLOWING THE CHINESE AGGRESSION, <sup>*India did not break*</sup> ~~NEVER BROKE OFF~~ *diplomatic* RELATIONS WITH CHINA. *she* EVEN VOTED <sup>*that*</sup> AT THE VERY TIME THE HOSTILITIES WERE ~~GOING ON~~ <sup>*taking place*</sup> TO ADMIT RED CHINA INTO THE UNITED NATIONS. <sup>*India*</sup> ~~IT~~ NEVER BROUGHT ITS COMPLAINT TO THE UNITED NATIONS.

THE UNITED STATES RUSHED MILITARY AID TO THE HARD-PRESSED INDIANS AT THE VERY TIME THAT NEHRU WAS NEGOTIATING WITH THE RUSSIANS FOR <sup>*the*</sup> M.I.G. -21 JET FIGHTERS, WHICH THE RUSSIANS FINALLY REFUSED. <sup>*were responsible, I believe for forcing*</sup> WE ~~FORCED~~ THE RESIGNATION OF THE ANTI-WEST DEFENSE MINISTER, <sup>*Krishna*</sup> ~~KRISTINA~~ MENON. WE PRODDED INDIA INTO NEGOTIATION WITH PAKISTAN FOR A SETTLEMENT OF THEIR <sup>*long-standing*</sup> ~~DISPUTES~~, PRINCIPALLY THE



ONE OVER KASHMIR. BUT NEHRU, THOUGH DISILLUSIONED, <sup>still remains</sup> ~~IS STILL~~  
A NEUTRALIST. THIS ~~SAINTLY~~ <sup>false saintly</sup> PREACHER OF PEACE TO THE REST OF  
THE WORLD, IS NOT AVERSE TO PLAYING THE OLD GAME OF POWER  
POLITICS AND TO RESORT TO FORCE WHEN THE INTERESTS OF INDIA  
ARE INVOLVED <sup>as</sup> ~~OR~~ IN GOA, KASHMIR OR THE NORTHERN FRONTIER\$.  
<sup>let down</sup> ~~SOMEWHAT DISILLUSIONED~~ BY HIS COMMUNIST FRIENDS, WHOSE  
POSITION HE SO OFTEN DEFENDED AGAINST THE WEST, HE IS STILL  
THE <sup>prolix</sup> PREACHER OF MORAL PLATITUDES, HOPING THAT THE  
WEST WILL <sup>always</sup> EQUIP HIS ARMIES WHENEVER THINGS GO WRONG. THERE ARE  
<sup>no world accolade</sup> NO LAURELS FOR NEHRU IN 1962.

THE PAST YEAR WAS ONE OF <sup>spectacular</sup> ~~IMPRESSIVE~~ PROGRESS IN THE FIELD  
OF SPACE EXPLORATION AND APPLIED SCIENCE. TRAVELING FOR  
ONE HUNDRED AND NINE DAYS THROUGH ONE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY TWO  
MILLION MILES OF SPACE, MARINER II, A TWELVE-FOOT HIGH, FOUR  
HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVEN-POUND INSTRUMENT-PACKED SPACE  
LABORATORY, CAME FINALLY ON THE FOURTEENTH OF DECEMBER  
WITHIN CLOSE RANGE OF THE PLANET VENUS, AND SENT BACK VALUABLE  
DATA ABOUT THE ~~PLANET~~ AND ITS SURROUNDINGS, WHICH SCIENTISTS  
ARE NOW EAGERLY STUDYING. IT HAS BEEN ASSERTED THAT MARINER  
II'S DATA WILL ADD MORE TO MAN'S KNOWLEDGE OF THE PLANET  
~~VENUS~~ <sup>twenty-</sup> THAN HAS BEEN ACCUMULATED IN ALL THE PAST FIVE HUNDRED  
YEARS OF SKY-WATCHING.

ON JULY TENTH OF THIS ~~PAST~~ YEAR, TELSTAR, THE FIRST  
COMMUNICATION SATELLITE, WAS LAUNCHED AT CAPE CANAVERAL.



IT HAS SUCCESSFULLY TRANSMITTED BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE TELEVISION, BOTH IN BLACK AND WHITE AND IN COLOR, TELEPHONE CALLS AND PHOTOGRAPHS. IT IS GENERALLY AGREED THAT "FROM AN APPLIED SCIENCE VIEWPOINT, THE SUCCESSFUL LAUNCHING AND OPERATION OF TELSTAR IS THE MOST IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENT OF THE SPACE AGE SO FAR. SINCE THEN, ANOTHER COMMUNICATION SATELLITE, THE "RELAY" HAS BEEN ORBITED INTO SPACE. THUS A NEW AGE IN SATELLITE COMMUNICATION WAS BORN *this* LAST YEAR. TRULY SCIENCE IS SCORING ONE BREATH-TAKING VICTORY AFTER ANOTHER! ONE HAS THE CONFIDENT FEELING THAT THESE REMARKABLE *achievements* ~~DEVELOPMENTS~~ WILL GO ON INDEFINITELY, OPENING NEW DOORS, PROBING NEW MYSTERIES, AND ADDING TO MAN'S ~~POWER AND~~ MASTERY OVER THE FORCES OF NATURE.

DECEMBER SECOND, NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY TWO ALSO MARKED THE TWENTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DAY WHEN ENRICO FERMI AND HIS ASSOCIATES ACHIEVED THE FIRST SELF-SUSTAINING NUCLEAR CHAIN-REACTION, BENEATH THE WEST STANDS OF STAGG FIELD AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO -- AND THE ATOMIC AGE WAS BORN! *exciting and epochal* THIS WAS THE *had been* CULMINATION OF EXPERIMENTS WHICH ~~WERE~~ CARRIED OUT IN MANY PARTS OF THE WORLD, EVER SINCE PROFESSOR ALBERT EINSTEIN, *gave the scientists* IN NINETEEN HUNDRED AND FIVE, *world his* ~~ADVANCED HIS~~ EQUATION THAT ENERGY IS EQUAL TO MASS TIMES THE SQUARE OF THE SPEED OF LIGHT. SCIENTISTS SINCE THAT TIME HAVE LABORED TO RELEASE THE ENERGY OF THE NUCLEUS OF THE ATOM, AND TO CONTROL THAT ENERGY. THE SUCCESS OF ENRICO FERMI NOT ONLY



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OF <sup>fresh</sup> POWER, OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, BUT IT MARKED A NEW STAGE IN  
THE EVOLUTION OF HUMAN SOCIETY. <sup>IF</sup> ENRICO FERMI'S ACHIEVEMENT  
TOOK PLACE DURING WORLD WAR II, ~~AND~~ AS A RESULT OF THE URGENT  
MILITARY NEEDS OF THE UNITED STATES AT THAT TIME,  
IT WAS QUICKLY UTILIZED TO MAKE THE ATOMIC BOMBS WHICH WERE  
DROPPED ON HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI. SINCE THAT TIME ~~it~~ <sup>it has</sup>  
~~WAS~~ <sup>been</sup> THE MILITARY USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY RATHER THAN ITS  
PEACEFUL USE WHICH HAS PREOCCUPIED <sup>the</sup> ~~OUR~~ ATTENTION, ~~AND IN~~ <sup>of our country</sup>  
~~A FEW YEARS~~ <sup>and</sup>, ALSO THE ATTENTION OF THE SOVIET UNION. ~~THE~~ <sup>But now</sup>  
<sup>the</sup> APPALING DESTRUCTIVENESS OF <sup>the</sup> NUCLEAR BOMBS HAS ~~NOW~~ FULLY  
DAWNED UPON <sup>mankind and</sup> ~~THE WORLD~~, WITH THE WORLD DIVIDED <sup>as it is</sup> INTO TWO  
HOSTILE BLOCS, EACH IN POSSESSION OF THE ~~ATOMIC~~ BOMB, AND  
EACH CAPABLE OF DESTROYING THE OTHER, MANKIND HAS BEEN  
BROUGHT TO THE MOST FATAL CROSSROADS <sup>in</sup> OF ITS HISTORY, <sup>Knowing that</sup> ~~FOR~~ THERE  
IS NO DEFENSE AGAINST ATOMIC WEAPONS, ~~HENCE~~, MANKIND <sup>now</sup> ~~FACES~~ <sup>the</sup>  
~~THE ONE~~ INESCAPABLE CHOICE <sup>between</sup> ~~X~~ THE END OF WAR, OR THE END  
OF MAN. SINCE MAN DOES NOT WISH TO DESTROY HIMSELF, IT IS  
LIKELY THAT HE WILL FIND WAYS TO PUT AN END TO WAR. THIS  
WILL NOT BE EASY, NOR WILL IT BE QUICKLY <sup>accomplished</sup> ~~ACHIEVED~~. MANKIND  
WILL CONTINUE TO LIVE IN DREAD UNCERTAINTY, SKIRING <sup>t</sup> ~~THE~~  
ABYSS OF TOTAL DISASTER FOR A LONG TIME, UNTIL THE NATIONS



OF THE EARTH LEARN TO ADJUST THEIR <sup>obsessive</sup> DESIRE FOR ~~ABSOLUTE~~ <sup>unconditional</sup> NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, AND THEIR DOCTRINNAIRE INSISTENCE UPON ONE ECONOMIC SYSTEM TO THE EXCLUSION OF ALL OTHERS, TO THE <sup>supreme, and</sup> OVER-RIDING NEED FOR <sup>human</sup> SURVIVAL.

ALTHOUGH THE MANNER IN WHICH STATESMEN AND POLITICAL LEADERS OF THE GREAT WORLD POWERS HAVE ACTED IN THE LAST TWENTY YEARS GIVES LITTLE GROUND FOR OPTIMISM -- THEIR POLITICAL THINKING AND MANEUVERING <sup>has been and still is of the vintage</sup> ~~IS STILL~~ OF THE PRE-NUCLEAR AGE AND THEREFORE DANGEROUSLY OBSOLETE -- IT IS STILL A NOT UNWARRANTED HOPE THAT THE USHERING IN OF THE NUCLEAR AGE, TWENTY YEARS AGO, MAY HAVE ACTUALLY BROUGHT IN A NEW WORLD ORDER FOR MAN, AND <sup>that</sup> THE LONG HOPED-FOR AGE OF UNIVERSAL PEACE <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ <sup>not too far off.</sup> <sup>And so</sup> WE ENTER THE NEW YEAR NOT WITHOUT HOPE OR CONFIDENCE. WE KNOW OF <sup>the</sup> MANY SORE SPOTS IN THE WORLD WHERE TROUBLE IS STILL BREWING -- THE CONGO, BERLIN, VIETNAM, THE SINO-INDIAN <sup>frontier.</sup> ~~BORDER.~~ WE KNOW OF <sup>the</sup> MANY PERSISTENT PROBLEMS WHICH <sup>remain</sup> ~~ARE STILL~~ UNSOLVED -- THE WRETCHED ECONOMIC PLIGHT OF MANY PEOPLES IN LATIN AMERICA, IN ASIA AND IN AFRICA -- AND THE RESULTANT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL UNREST IN THOSE COUNTRIES UPON WHICH COMMUNISM <sup>eagerly</sup> ~~NORMALLY~~ PREYS. BUT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED A SURGE OF CONFIDENCE IN OUR ABILITY TO COPE WITH THESE PROBLEMS, (IN COOPERATION WITH OUR ALLIES, GIVEN TIME, AND WE NOW BELIEVE



THAT TIME WILL BE GIVEN. WE HAVE LOST <sup>our</sup> FEARS. WE HAVE  
REGAINED THE INITIATIVE IN WORLD AFFAIRS. WE HAVE SET  
IN OPERATION PLANS <sup>the</sup> AND PROGRAMS TO HELP <sup>the</sup> UNDERDEVELOPED  
PEOPLES IN LATIN-AMERICA AND ELSEWHERE = AND THESE PEOPLES  
ARE NO LONGER SUSPICIOUS OF OUR MOTIVES OR BEWITCHED BY  
COMMUNIST PROPOGANDA. THE SO-CALLED NEUTRAL WORLD IS  
NO LONGER A TAIL TO THE SOVIET KITE.

1963 SHOULD BE A GOOD YEAR FOR THE FREE WORLD,

