CHRISTMAS IN CRISIS

Never before, in nineteen hundred and sixty-two years, has there been a Christmas quite like this.

For five days, not long ago, millions of us wondered if we would still be alive, come December 25. Our lives seemed to hang by threads—threads strung between Washington, Moscow, Havana, New York, threads that tightened almost to the snapping point as the clock of crisis ticked off the fateful moments. Our ships had flung an arc of steel beyond the Caribbean. Our planes probed the shameful secret of the island 90 miles from our shores. Men—armed for battle—streamed to Key West. And in how many million homes, from Miami to Puget Sound, did we feel the dry squeeze of anguish as our children asked, “Will we all die soon? . . . Is the world coming to an end?”

Never before in man’s history have men confronted the face of an Armageddon in which the dead would be counted in such sums as horrify the mind. For five days, our nation, proud of its freedom, committed to values as sacred as life itself, wondered if the future would extend for another day, another hour, even half an hour more.

Now the Yuletide is here to share and love with those we love. And as satellites soar over our heads and singular things move toward the moon, as bizarre ships lurk under the seas with missiles that can incinerate whole cities in
Ten world figures tell why they think it fort: Freedom is man’s most precious possession, but only when it is imperiled does man recognize its worth.

Christmas in Berlin will not be carefree, but rather a day of stocktaking; our thoughts will be with those across the Wall for whom we will place burning candles in our windows as a reminder that we are with them, that our loyalty will not fail them. Yet these tiny lights will also symbolize beacons of freedom, uniting us with our friends everywhere who are with us in the defense of freedom, and who must know that the people of Berlin are determined to face the burden of a harsh fate, sustained as they are by the belief that injustice cannot endure—and that right will prevail.

EDWARD TELLER, nuclear physicist, University of California
In this Christmas season, many more people know that we live in a crisis. The crisis has been with us for more than a decade. A wrong decision by a few people could mean suffering greater than most of us remember, and more sudden than could have occurred at any time in history.

A decisive part in the solution for which we all are searching is a firm and reliable association among all nations. The first step will have to come in the form of a common authority—even a common government—uniting those countries in which the belief in human dignity is strongest.

All over that part of the world where Christmas is the greatest of holidays, men and women are recognizing that their fate is one. The free democracies should form a federal union. We can do this only if we use the foundation of our community of ideals to develop the laws and the loyalties which are required by a government of the free. The Chinese symbol of “crisis” is composed of the simpler symbols “danger” and “opportunity.” We know of the danger. Let us think of the opportunity.

Now, for the first time since members of other groups as if they have a chance to abolish warfare. Wars could once be fought and in which man finds himself is that peace on earth is no long

RALPH J. BUNCH. United Press
The power of destruction has as now. We are told, and I do set reactions in motion capable close to it. Never before was Cuban crisis. Could we ever
The One Who Delivers Us

The One Who Delivers The Children of Israel

1. The People Were Sold in Captivity.

2. The One Who Delivers Them.
   - A single, solitary person.
   - Born among the slaves.
   - Brought up in Pharaoh's temple.
   - Educated in the courts of Pharaoh.

3. The Years of Discipline and Growth.
   - Time in the wilderness.
   - Watching sheep and tending over his people.
   - Devotion to God.

4. The Giving of His Life.
   - Response to God in obedience.
   - Identifying with his own people.
   - Giving his life for the people.
The One Who Delivers Us.

2. “You shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sin.”

1. Another Kind of Captivity.
   - Inner and Spiritual.

2. Another Kind of Deliverer.
   - A franchise, helpless, helpless.
   - Born among a despised people in great dust,
   - Seeking for life to Egypt.

3. The Years of Discipline and Preparation
   - Growling in every way.
   - Walking in the way of them.
   - The burden of the carpenter shop.

4. The Giving of His Life
   - A life among His people.
   - His suffering and joy with them.
   - Than Him death opening the way into God’s great new face.
5. The Aliveness With Us

- Meaning
- Forgiveness
- Fellowship
- Everlasting Life
The Meaning of Love

1. Here Is Love That Stoops
   "Emmanuel! God With Us"
   - From Heaven to Earth.
   - From Healer to Verdict.
   - Into the Whole Human Situation
     - Poverty, Suffering, Sin.

2. Here Is Love That Shows God's Reactions
   - Hungry Friendliness.
   - That Went Up to Death Without Song.
   - Falling Down for the Little.
   - Real Treasured and Rarely Beloved.

3. Love That Reaches Out and Include
   - Children and Women.
   - Rich, Sophisticated, and Learned.
   - Outcasts, Homeless, and Unwanted.
   - Finally Included Me.

4. Love That Aimes Itself Under All burdens
   - In The Darken and Rejection.
The Glory of Response to Home Love

1. There was at the Salvation Army Kettle.
2. The Man Waiting to go to Texas City.
3. The Farmer Who Kept the One of the Letters.
4. There Who Move Their Home with Others.

- Elmer Garmen
- James Royce Parker
- Roberson
December 23, 1962

"But when the time had fully come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons."

ALL GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH
Organ Prelude—"Come, Redeemer of our Race" ........................................Bach
Call to Worship
Processional Hymn—"It Came Upon A Midnight Clear" .................................. 191
The Lighting of the Candle
Invocation
Lord's Prayer and Gloria

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* Service of Baptism
** Dedication of Parents and Children

GLAD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY
Reading of the Holy Scriptures
Choral Call to Prayer
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response

** Service of Baptism

THE SON OF GOD IS COME
Christian Greetings
Receiving Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Anthem—"O Bethlehem" .............................................................Basque Carol
Sanctuary Choir

O Bethlehem, fairest of all the towns of Judah,
Over thy walls a Star shines bright;
There in a stable rude and lowly,
Lies our Redeemer, Jesus holy,
Of Mary born this happy night.

O Bethlehem, Thou couldst afford Him but a manger,
O Bethlehem, there neath the gaze of oxen mild
Mary with love Her Son is keeping safe in Her arms,
And warmly sleeping; silent adoring the Heav'nly Child.

Let all adore! Leave all the weal and woe of living;
Let all adore! Hark while the joyous angels sing,
Join with the shepherds and the sages,
Hasten to greet the Hope of Ages;
Here will ye find your newborn King.

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIM HIM KING
Vocal Solo— **"The Holy Mother Sings" ...................................................McKinney
Shirley Tolbert, alto

**"The Virgin's Lullaby" .................................................................Reger
Mrs. Firman Early, soprano

Sermon by Pastor Fredrikson—"The One Who Delivers Us"
LET LOVING HEARTS ENTHRON
Hymn of Dedication and Decision
Benediction
Choral Response
Postlude

*First Service Only  **Second Service Only  ***Ushers may seat latecomers

This morning Pastor Fredrikson will greet folks at the main door, Pastor Babcock at the balcony door and Pastor Rowe at the side door.

The Service this morning over KELO is sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Earl Lemonds and Ethel in memory of Mrs. Margaret Lemonds.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM SCHEDULE

There was a feeling among our Church School teachers that there should be an opportunity for parents to visit all our children in the various departments. This would give parents a chance to see their children in intimate, personal circumstances. Therefore, the following schedule has been worked out.

Children report to their rooms at 3:50 p.m.
Presentations in rooms at 4 o'clock, 4:20 and 4:40.
Coffee in the Parlor for any free adults from 3:50 until 5 o'clock.

Then there will be a general Family Worship in the Sanctuary at 5:10 p.m. The Fredrikson family will be in charge.

SCHEDULE FOR THE HOLIDAY WEEK

MONDAY, December 24—5:15 p.m.—Christmas Eve Family Worship—Led by the Rowes and the Babcocks

11:15 p.m.—Service of Carols and Candles—Led by Pastor Rowe

WEDNESDAY, 7:00 p.m.—Midweek Prayer Service
8:15 p.m.—Diaconate Meeting in Parlor

THURSDAY, 6:30 p.m.—Supper for College Youth in Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY, 7:00 p.m.—Cub Scouts in Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, December 31—8:00 p.m.—Coffee and Fellowship Hour in Fellowship Hall
9:00 p.m.—New Year's Eve Communion in Sanctuary

CHURCH STAFF

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