

A New Era — and A

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Above: Standing beside the "peace plane" during its landing in Paris on Oct. 15th is Abbe Richard, Director of the Blue Army of France. The words of Our Lady's promise "PEACE TO MANKIND" appear on the front of the 108 passenger plane which carried the Bishop of Fatima on a Golden Jubilee peace pilgrimage around the world. In this issue of SOUL almost all articles are illustrated with photographs taken during the pilgrimage which left Fatima

following the fiftieth anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun, October 13th. Climax of the pilgrimage, in a sense, came in Seoul, Korea, on Nov. 7th, fiftieth anniversary of the Communist Revolution in Russia. There were as many deaths in the Korean War as in all of World War I, and now the world fears the new war that may explode upon us out of China in the next decade.

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LOOK into the FUTURE

In a sense, 1967 was the year when we witnessed the greatest evidence of the fulfillment of Our Lady's fifty-year-old promise to convert Russia.

A great many events of world importance surprised us (as I am sure they did most people) during this historic Jubilee year. Most of the surprises were pleasant . . . like the book by Stalin's daughter and the Eucharistic vision of Patriarch Athenagoras, head of the Orthodox Church, after which he publicly acknowledged the Pope as "First among all Christians" and made his historic journey to Rome.

But one surprise was unpleasant and sobering:

Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, dean of the Sacred College and three times actually "head of the church" (after the deaths of Popes Pius XI, Pius XII, and John XXIII) told me in a personal interview that he did not think *anyone* other than Pope John XXIII read the famous 1960 Fatima Secret (including Cardinal Ottaviani), and that: "We may expect still greater suffering before the peace which Our Lady of Fatima promised."

FORETOLD BY SOKOLSKI

Eight years ago the universally respected columnist, George Sokolski, also told me in a special interview, just months before his death, that he also foresaw a great trial in the future: *An atomic war, started by China, in which we would be joined by Russia in a terrible effort for survival.*

So many of us have begun to rejoice over the imminent conversion of Russia (which may now be taken for granted) that only recently has the buildup in "stalinist" China poked through our consciousness as the final part of the awful prophecy of Our Lady: that if her requests were

not heard, after the second world war "Error will spread from an atheist Russia fomenting *further wars* . . . and several entire nations will be annihilated."

Atheism has spread from Russia through the world . . . especially to China. And with each passing day, the final prophecy of the aged columnist-sage, George Sokolski, and the warning of the world's most celebrated Cardinal, loom heavily in the world's future.

Now, can CHINA be converted? Or is atomic war inevitable?

George Sokolski, a Jew, was a man of faith. If he could speak from the grave, he would certainly affirm that all was possible through prayer. But I will never forget the quiet authority with which he spoke eight years ago of the split between Russia and China (when most people thought it wasn't real) and how China could "only gain" by the atomic war which she was preparing because of her overwhelming population and vast area.

We enter 1968, only twelve years from the time that George Sokolski predicted World War III.

Outward evidence of the changes that have taken place in Russia will be seen this year, and more in the years following.

We are one year closer to the 1980s . . . when George Sokolski predicted the atomic war which would be started by a wild, atheistic, western-hating, schizophrenic leadership in the world's waking giant of the east: Communist China.

Is this the time to despair? Is this the time to forget about the intervention of Our Lady of Fatima?

IT'S EITHER-OR

Oh, no! The recent trip of the Pilgrim Virgin around the world . . . inspired by the Bishop of Fatima . . . shows how much we should be en-

couraged! It was a trip of triumph, not only in its public visit to the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics but especially in its encircling of China! Celebrations around China included hundreds of thousands in Calcutta, hundreds of cars in a motorcade in Bangkok, vast celebrations in Saigon, Tokyo, Taiwan and the Philippines. But the Bishop of Fatima personally felt that the most "touching" of all were in the Cathedral of Seoul, Korea. "It was not so much the crowds," the Bishop of Fatima explained, "as the spirit of faith and devotion in these people who suffered so much in their war against Communist China and who now still stand in greatest peril of the greater war which may come."

Father Mao, and millions in China, know that that is *ultimately* why Our Lady came to us fifty years ago at Fatima. They wonder why so many of us in the western world may have to be run over by the Soviet revolution before we realize it, too.

