

sulted in the so-called agreement of 1951, the Tibetan Government had to accept the present Panchen Lama as the true reincarnation.

He was brought up under the protection of Chinese Nationalists and then Communists. The Chinese intended to use the Panchen Lama as their puppet, and they did so when the Communists took over the government in Peking: "A telegram of congratulations to them was sent and published in his name, although he was only ten at that time...and no doubt many people were deceived into thinking that this telegram came from official Tibetan circles," according to *My Land & My People*, an autobiography of the Dalai Lama.

The Chinese were also supporting him in secular matters to reopen the old rift between the Panchen and the Dalai Lamas' followers. The Panchen Lamas never held any secular authority in Tibet. A rift began between the two immediate predecessors in about 1910, when the Chinese invaded Tibet and the thirteenth Dalai Lama fled to India. Some of the attendants of the previous Panchen Lama took the opportunity of the Dalai Lama's absence to complain about the taxes levied by the government. The Chinese, noting the incipient disagreement, did all they could to widen it in the hope of dividing Tibet and making it easier prey for their attack. However, the Chinese failed to divide Tibet, and the Tibetans drove them out of the country. The thirteenth Dalai Lama then returned and issued a declaration of Tibetan independence in 1912.

Since his release last year one of the Panchen Lama's duties is to issue calls to the Dalai Lama and other exiles to return to Tibet. But the Tibetans in exile are skeptical about whether those calls are really coming from him. Aware of his fortitude and patriotism, the Tibetans recognize him as a Tibetan dissident in China. If the Chinese are serious in their liberalizing policy, why not let the Panchen Lama meet the Dalai Lama in India? That would be a true test of China's intentions.

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## EXCURSUS IV

ALBERT VORSPAN on

JESSE JACKSON

AND A NEW BROTHERHOOD WEEK

Jesse Jackson has inspired a fantastic idea of how to change Brotherhood Week from a mealymouthed inanity into a powerful leap toward world peace.

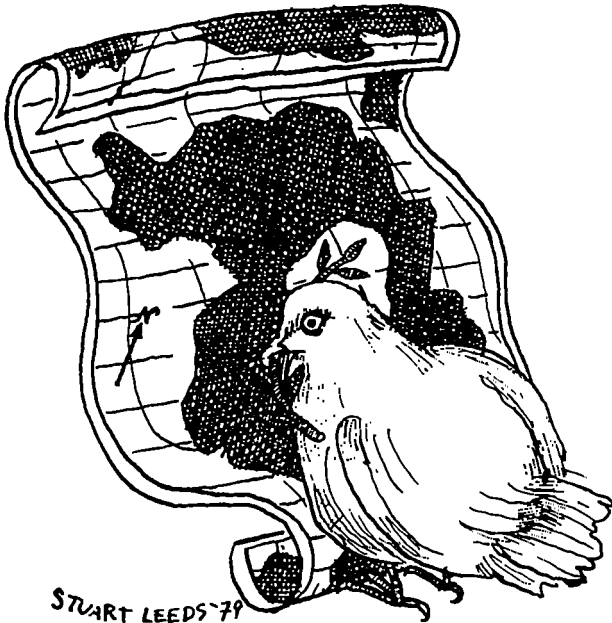
With incomparable panache and superb media hype the Reverend Jackson has shown the world how a black Christian minister from Chicago can go to the Middle East on his own and negotiate peace between Israel and the PLO. Cynics may say they have not yet seen anybody beating their swords into plowshares or fanning themselves under a fig tree, but it must have been a precursor of something big to have civil rights preachers from America joining hands with Arafat and his associates in a rendition of "We Shall Overcome." Only the skeptical naysayers asked "Overcome whom and what?" Certainly, most people of goodwill must have hurled their hats and their yarmulkas into the air to celebrate this exultant interfaith victory.

So why not learn from such an historic initiative and build on it for Brotherhood Week before Jesse O.D.'s on publicity? Let every religious and ethnic group be assigned to resolve some bitter conflict somewhere on earth, the farther and more intractable the better. And, in the spirit of Jesse Jackson, let it not be one's own group that is a party to the conflict. Too parochial and self-serving. No, it should be a universal interfaith in action, pure idealism adrift on the world like a loose cannon, the prophet Isaiah bursting forth in coats of all colors, faiths, shapes, and varieties. Statesmen in striped pants have failed for centuries to bring peace; now volunteers, uncontaminated by the facts, will achieve it through the medium of a newly revitalized Brotherhood Week. Share with me the exquisite vision....

The Italian Anti-Defamation League will be asked to put its fight against Mafia stereotypes on the back burner for

a while and proceed to negotiate the dispute between Iran and its Kurds. They will meet with a Moslem ayatollah--or, if he refuses to meet with them, they can denounce him as an anti-Italian bigot and run like hell....

The Episcopalians will be asked to put a moratorium on the boring struggle about homosexual priests and proceed to the Sahara to work out peace between Morocco and Algeria and the Polisarians about who should own the limitless sands good only for *Lawrence of Arabia*-type movies....



The pope should not be demeaned by involving him in the narrow dispute over Northern Ireland. He should be dispatched instead to patch up the damaging dispute between Jane Fonda and Joan Baez....

American Poles should stop fighting Polish jokes and send a delegation to fix things up between China and Vietnam. This will be a hard nut to crack because of language barriers and the fact that this delegation is likely to be shot at by both sides. Peace is not a free lunch, and it is necessary to take risks for peace, else what's a heaven for?...

Quakers should be dispatched to Canada, not only to bring about a reconciliation between Ottawa and Quebec--which is easy--but between Pierre and

Margaret Trudeau....

American blacks, fresh from the triumph of peace in the Middle East, should concentrate their efforts on negotiating the conflict in Northern Ireland, meeting with the IRA and persuading them to be nice and nonviolent, and singing civil rights songs together, like "Go Down, Moses," and then demanding a meeting with the Queen of England, nobody lower, to induce her to throw in the royal towel....

American Jews should stop trying to resolve the hopeless dispute between Orthodox and non-Orthodox Jews in Israel and hie themselves to Syria to smooth out the dreadful conflict between the Sunni Moslems and the Baaths. President Assad will be glad to provide one-way tickets and interesting encounters for the Jewish delegation on the road to Damascus....

Copies of all memoranda on the above negotiations should go to Cyrus Vance. He shouldn't feel like a dope.

These vistas are just for openers. Think on it. Brotherhood Week may mark the beginning of the messianic age instead of, as has been the case for these many years, an annual futile exercise in ecumenia over soggy tuna fish sandwiches and weary platitudes. And, if it works, can anyone deny Jackson (and me) a Nobel Peace Prize without running the risk of being shot down as racists in front of a firing squad of one hundred television cameras?

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## Quote/Unquote

FROM MANGER TO MANAGER

To Our Friends:

As the Holiday Season approaches our thoughts turn to the true meaning of this happy time.

During the course of the year and in the rush of events, we may tend to overlook the important friendships that are the real basis of business relationships.... --"Season's Greetings"

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