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Dear Reader:

Sometimes in the sleepless midnights of the war that goes on, Despair whispers that all is lost and America is undone. Cynicism adds its acid then, and like you we wonder if it is madness to go on tilting at invading giants that others see as windmills. In the morning, still Knights of the Woeful Countenance, we look at our children, you and I, and we remember why we fight . . . and go on fighting.

We are delighted to report that we never met a child who was a "Liberal" - for "Liberalism" is apparently an acquired habit . . . like the affectation of snuff. Maybe it is because they are closer to God, but we find unspoiled children an unfailling antidote for despair.

Recently we read of an eleven-year-old girl in the south of England who ran away from home. When she was found some days later, busily selling newspapers in a great British city, she was asked by the authorities why she had run away. Was she beaten? Were her parents cruel and abusive, or neglectful? The child told this story: "You see, sir, there are six of us at home. Papa works very hard but the pay is little more than others take from Welfare. My little brother Timmy is terribly crippled. The doctors have given up hope, but Mama is saving money to send him to the holy shrine at Lourdes. I knew that, if I left to earn my own way, Mama could save the money she spent on my food . . . so that little crippled Timmy might have his miracle."

That is a true story. It is also a parable and a lesson. As every child knows, miracles grow out of sacrifice: The Great Miracle of a free America, for which we labor, not least of all.

Sincerely,

Scott Stanley Jr.

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Has Plans For Dictatorship

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■ IT IS three o'clock on a Sunday morning, and you are awakened from a deep sleep by your television set, which has turned itself on. Outside your window, you hear distant shouts, marching feet, truck motors and loudspeakers; and, still farther away, the hungry whining of rifles. "Ladies and gentlemen," says your television, "the President of the United States." And the face of the man you wouldn't buy a used car from appears.

"My fellow Americans," he says, "let me make one thing perfectly clear. First, let me apologize deeply for disturbing you at three o'clock in the morning. I myself was already up, getting ready to go to church, but perhaps you were not. As I said not long ago, the American people are like children, and need discipline to mature - so perhaps the experience will do you good. The fact is that riots have broken out in more than a hundred of our major cities from coast to coast. The rioters are organized, trained, and armed - in fact, they are Communists - and they are shooting, looting,

and burning. They are trying to punch holes in the veil of good will I have created. And their activities have placed our nation in great danger.

"My friends, let me make one thing perfectly clear. I hate the Communists and all they represent. No man ever lived who hates the Communists more. You all know that. And you know that I have the constitutional obligation to do whatever is required to protect our nation from them. Now, therefore, as President of the United States, I hereby proclaim a state of national emergency, and invoke the emergency powers given me under it by Act of the Federal Register.

"To thwart speculators, the banks and stock exchanges will be closed. To thwart Molotov-cocktail makers, the gas stations will be closed. To thwart spies, the airports, bus and train stations will be closed. There will be a national registration of all persons. Radio stations and newspapers will be closed to thwart the inevitable wreckers. And to thwart the inevitable hoarders, your grocery store will be closed. The government will issue ration cards to assure that you get the necessary calories.

"My fellow Americans, the only thing we have to fear is disagreement itself."

The television turns itself off and goes dark. On the steps of your front porch, you hear boots. Then there is a short, peremptory knock. It is 1984, or perhaps several years earlier. Totalitarian dictatorship has come to the United States.

All of this is fantasy, of course. As you know, it can't happen here. Perhaps you have a better explanation for the following facts.

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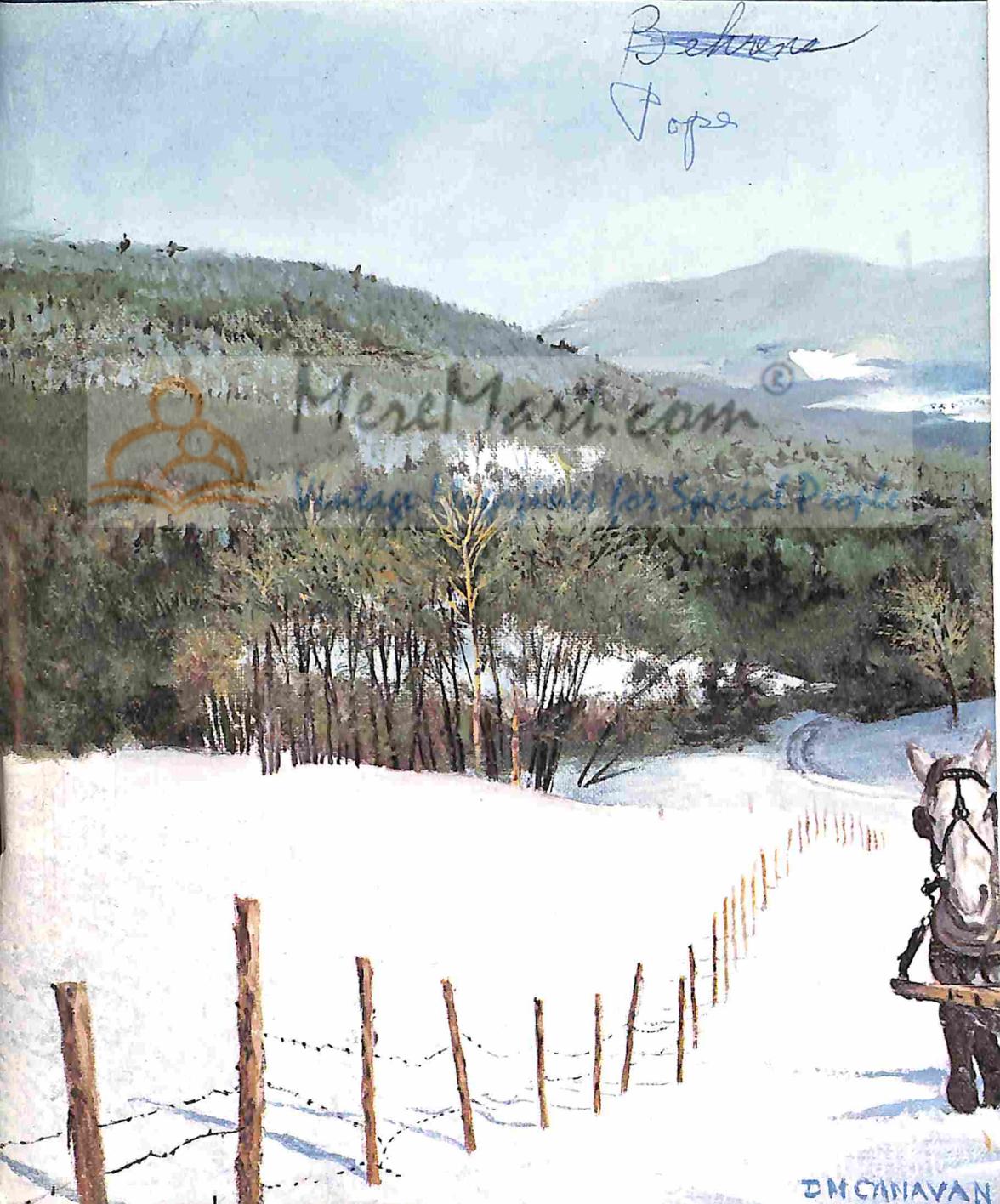
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