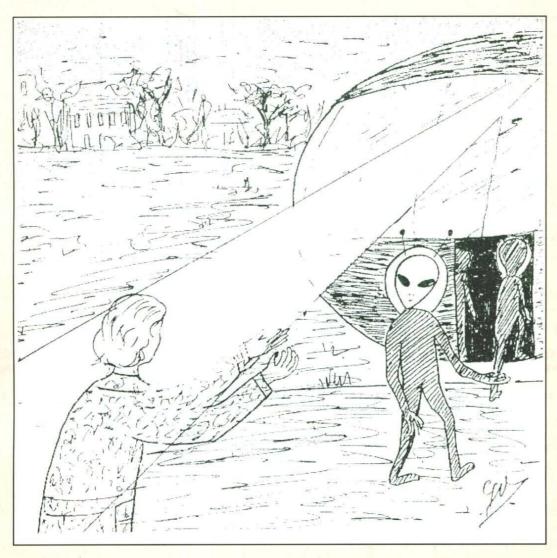
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EDITORIAL

THE DIVE FROM GREATNESS

n the opening line of China's great historical romance, THE STORY OF THE THREE KINGDOMS (SAN KUO CHIH YEN-I), we read:

"Empires wax and wane; States cleave assunder and coalesce. When the rule of Chou weakened, seven contending principalities sprang

up, warring together until they settled down as Ts'in, and when Ts'in's destiny had been fulfilled there arose Chu and Han to strive for mastery. And Han was the victor".

And so it is that nations and peoples, all the time, are rising into nobility and greatness for a brief while, sometimes producing a great civilization, and then going down again like spent rockets into degeneracy and oblivion.

How long it took for most of the great civilizations of the past (there have only been about 14 of them) to go down into decadence we can learn from our own history books. However one is sometimes tempted to wonder whether any of them ever went down so rapidly as civilization in Britain and America is now doing.

It seems unbelievable that this people which we see in Britain today is the people which stood with such tenacity and bravery in the Second World War, only half a century ago.

Violent crime in England and Wales is reported to now be worse than it is anywhere else in the entire world. (Daily Telegraph, April 3, 1997.)

Out of 11 industrialized countries, England and Wales top the list for burglaries, car thefts, and assaults. (*Daily Telegraph*, July 30, 1997. "Britain is the Car-Crime Black Spot of Europe".)

Drunkenness in British youth aged 13 to 16 is worse than in any country of Western Europe. (Evening Standard, July 17, 1997).

The total of inmates in Britain's gaols stood at 68,000 in March 1997, and is rising fast. A record figure, again a figure unequalled in any country in Western Europe in terms of proportion of population. (*Daily Telegraph*, July 26, 1997).

In Britain today, assault, rape, and murder, of young children, by other young children, is becoming nothing unusual. Also, women can be seized from cars in the middle of London and stuffed into a car-boot and taken off and raped or murdered.

Britain is a haven for criminals of all types, drug-barons, and terrorists, and our successive Governments have been too weak and pusillanimous to keep them out, just as they are totally unable to check the general influx of ordinary foreign individuals wanting to get in here and batten on the marvellous health and social services which we still have, on our free AIDS treatment, and so on. (So, how long do you imagine that we are going to possess such services?).

And, in common with almost all other Governments — I say *almost* — our Governments are patently far too scared of the Dark Forces that are the Ultimate Rulers of our world and so cannot extend proper protection to the law-abiding citizen, and dare not even exterminate even the most bestial and horrifying of criminals, all of whom have to be maintained for years in prisons at the honest citizen's expense. The gangsters and gunmen and terrorists have *carte blanche* to murder you and me. But you and I don't have *carte blanche* to protect ourselves.

With glee the Satanic Forces that rule our world watch the fast rising tides of paedophile murder, drugs, and unnatural sex. None of these things are anywhere near the level they will be at soon. Most significant of all is the latest news, a few days ago, that drugs are now getting into Britain's armed forces. Already under-manned, and having difficulty in recruiting new blood from our youth, they are finding -