

much I had enjoyed those evening walks. He said: "You would not dare do anything of that kind today. Within two or three blocks you would probably be mugged. Certainly you would not go night after night like that without losing whatever property you had and perhaps also your life." All of us were greatly shocked recently to hear about the massacre in the Tel-Aviv airport, the atrocities in Munich, and the hijackings of numerous planes with great danger to the crews and passengers. Violence seems to be increasing everywhere.

Many Americans have now become somewhat accustomed to the danger of atomic warfare and are no longer thinking of it as a real possibility. Many think that such a war would be so terrible that we can be sure no nation would start it. Yet it is well known that one man, the American president, has the sole power to start American atomic missiles on their way. In case of an atomic attack against us he would have to act quickly to avert total catastrophe. Yet this is a tremendous power to put into the hands of one man. Suppose that such a president were to suffer temporary insanity. Might half the world be killed as a result?

We do not know who holds control over the missiles of other atomic powers. It is sometimes said that Russia is now ahead of us in this area. Even though the fear of atomic warfare has been somewhat dulled by passage of time, the actual danger may be greater now than ever before.

What is ahead for the world? Will there be a period of terrible danger, violence, suffering, and death? Or is there reason to hope that a time of universal peace may yet come?

Aside from the Bible there is no way in which any human being can tell what is ahead. Only God knows the future and He has revealed certain definite facts about it. We will examine a few of these in later chapel services.