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## **COMING**

Helsinki opened a new phase in the debate about religious and other human rights in the Soviet Union. But the debate itself is hardly new, as Robert Smylie makes clear in an historical overview that ranges from 1917 through FDR's ingenuous efforts to persuade Americans that the Russians were trusted allies in the democratic cause.

Making the moral and legal case for white South African rule is not an enviable task. South Africa's foreign minister, R.F. Botha, is pressed hard in an exclusive interview with Johannesburg journalist Benjamin Pogrund.

We have been told many times that the Holocaust under Hitler marked the end of tragedy as a cultural form in the Western world. Not so, says Samuel Hux in a provocative article that argues for understanding culture in terms of "covenant" as well as "social contract." The article should stir up a new debate about the purported "end" of Western civilization.

The possibilities—and nightmares—invoked by genetic research with "recombinant DNA" challenge the most elementary values of our society. Tabitha Powledge steers a clear course between antiscientific fears and dangerous enthrallment with technological "progress." In the laboratories and the legislatures, ethics may be more important than test tubes in thinking about the human future.

In America and elsewhere there are rising tensions between communal values and individual rights. Noted ethicist Paul Ramsey takes off from the "gay rights" vote in Dade County, Florida, to diagnose a cluster of such tensions that may well be beyond political resolution.

And much more.