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**COVER**

150 years puff past. Top: replica of George Stephenson's *Locomotion No. 1*, the engine that hauled the first train on the Stockton & Darlington Railway, 1825. Below: the beautifully-restored *Claw Line*, Pacific No. 35028, one of the last locos to haul passenger trains in steam on British main lines. They both appeared in a 150-year Steam Cavalcade on August 31, between Shildon and Aycliffe, watched by about 350,000 people. Pictures: M. G. Hogg, Merchant Navy Loco Preservation Society.

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## A New Year message from Sir Nicholas Cayzer

A YEAR AGO, I wrote of bombings, kidnappings, hijackings and economic disarray—and the general sense of frustration in the face of these difficulties. Regrettably, the devil continues to enjoy himself.

We are still in a mess, though social and economic experts have written volumes about cause and cure. Perhaps they have forgotten the simple little word "no". We appear to suffer from an inability to say "no" and mean "no", or if we summon enough courage to say "no" we quickly change to "yes" when faced with the consequences.

Government, clearly initiated by others, has vacillated when challenged; it has believed in a mumbo-jumbo of words and has shrunk from deeds. Respect—and respect is one of the elementary forms of discipline—will only be achieved by those who mean what they say, and say what they mean. To fail to achieve respect is to invite the trouble-maker to take advantage of what he believes to be decadence or weakness.

In the year ahead it would be no bad resolve to decide to say "no" to ourselves, and others, when we or they propose to act in a manner prejudicial to sensible disciplines which must be observed if, as a nation, we are going to secure our future.

Christmas is the opportunity for retreat and regeneration; I hope you have all enjoyed a happy one. For the New Year, serenity and good health.

*Nic. Cayzer*