

Russians' Belief in God Prevails Over Persecution

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Religious people of Russia celebrated Christmas Wednesday, January 7, being December 25 according to the calendar of the Orthodox Eastern Church—and throughout the vast union ruled by Atheistic Communism the churches were crowded with worshippers.

Now that's both interesting and vastly important, because it provides further striking evidence that belief in God cannot be stifled.

Go where you will and even among the natives of the African jungles you will find an almost universal belief in some sort of god. Indeed the world almanac gives the total global population as 2,150,959,919 and records the number of believers in religion as exactly the same figure.

Ever since Bolshevism came to power in Russia it has sought to wipe out religion on the ground that it is the foe of the masses. During the first score years after its revolution of 1917 there was heavy anti-religious propaganda sponsored by the government. Many thousands of churches were destroyed and other thousands were converted to different uses. Sunday was secularized, systematic religious instruction of the young was prohibited and theological schools were closed. Great numbers of priests were charged with anti-Soviet conspiracy and were sent to prison or executed.

However, in 1943 it was announced that Premier Stalin had approved plans for the reestablishment of nearly all the early rights and privileges of the Russian Orthodox church. It isn't clear just what developments have followed, but news dispatches from Moscow tell us that his Christmas was widely observed in religious services.

Double Talk Quoted

This doesn't mean by a long hot that Communism's efforts to kill religion have slackened, but merely that another line is being pursued. Perhaps the Reds are following a policy which was indicated by one of America's leading Communists in an address to the students of a Theological seminary about the time of the Moscow announcement. The speaker said in substance:

"The Communist party doesn't care anyone from membership because he is religious. However, it is best that you shouldn't harbor under any misapprehension. You may be sure that once you have joined the party we shall to everything in our power to make your religion from you as being detrimental to progress. Revival Signs Noted

So the Bolshevik battle against religion continues, although thus far there has been little evidence that it is meeting with great success. Indeed, some months ago the Right Rev. Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen, professor of philosophy at Catholic University, Washington, stated that there were signs of revival of religious feeling in Russia and Russian-occupied territory, despite official attempts to suppress religion over many years. Others, including your correspondent, have noted this revival.

Still, one has the uncomfortable feeling that Bolshevism may be making progress with one vasty important but non-vocal section of the populations under the totalitarian rule. I refer to the children. If they are deprived of religious training, and atheism is driven into their young minds, they may come to regard religion as "the foe of the masses." One safeguard against this is that parents who already have religion will, in some way, hand it on to the youngsters.

In any event, despite the efforts of Hitlerism and Bolshevism to destroy religion, I don't believe the trick can be done. Belief in God strikes me as being pretty well inherent to mankind, despite the relatively few dissenters.

And unless religion can be destroyed, Communism as practiced by Bolshevist Russia can't succeed, because totalitarianism and religion are incompatible.

Suggests New Canal Through Mexico



Sen. Dennis Chavez, D., N. M., has proposed that the United States consider building a new canal between Salina Cruz and Puerto Mexico, in Mexico. Chavez said his proposal would bring the Pacific 2600 miles closer to New York, and would serve as a security measure for the United States. Map above shows present Panama Canal, and proposed canal through Mexico.

Don't Rush 1948 Estimate on Tax, Bureau Advises

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WASHINGTON (NEA)—Here is a word of advice from the Bureau of Internal Revenue:

Do NOT file an estimate of your tax on 1948 income, this year, until the last minute.

The last minute is midnight of March 15.

The reason NEA Service has been asked to broadcast that advice is this:

Congress is expected to revise the personal income tax law early this year. That revision is expected to apply to all or most income received during 1948. It is generally assumed that the revision will include permission for all husbands and wives to split their joint income, as those in Community Property law states now can. This would considerably reduce the amount of tax due.

There is strong sentiment for increasing the personal exemption allowed for each member of the tax family, from the present \$300 to a larger figure—possibly \$500 each. That would make some change in the amount of tax due.

Finally, there is the possibility of a downward revision of tax rates.

Would Avoid Confusion

The Bureau of Internal Revenue is not assuming anything about what Congress will do in any of these respects—or whether President Truman will veto such a bill—or whether if he does the bill will be passed over his veto in this presidential election year.

But the Bureau does want to avoid a flood of estimates—accompanied by partial payments—based upon the old law, which then would have to be amended downward, often with claims for refund of the payments already made.

Wait as Long as Possible

If action on a new tax law is not taken by the middle of March there is no option, under the law, except to file an estimate and then amend it later, making extra work for taxpayers and Bureau alike, and putting both to needless expense.

For everybody's sake, the Bureau hopes that every taxpayer will wait as long as possible, to see what Congress and the President do.

Quite unofficially, the Bureau's personnel joins the nation's taxpayers in hoping that Congress will decide the new tax law in time to cover the March 15 estimates.

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Justices Quit Bench in Negro Property Issue

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—(AP)—Three Supreme Court justices have disqualified themselves from taking part in the court's consideration of challenges of property agreements which bar colored people from living in white neighborhoods.

Justices Rutledge, Reed and Jackson left their places on the bench when cases involving the issue were called for argument. None gave a reason.

The three justices' disqualification of themselves left the court a bare quorum of six justices and made possible an evenly divided court on the final decision.

By historic precedent, equally divided decisions uphold the rulings of lower courts. If this should happen in the present cases, it would mean the Supreme Court upholding state and federal court rulings that property agreements barring colored persons are valid and enforceable by court orders.

O. & C. Timber in Douglas Bought by 9 Companies

Nine purchasers paid a total of \$298,588.70 for an aggregate of 44,440,000 board feet of timber contained in 12 parcels of O. & C. timber in Douglas County. It was reported by James E. Slatery, district forester for the Bureau of Land Management.

The Douglas County Lumber Co., Coon Creek Timber Corp., Roseburg Lumber Co., Harold

Wooley and Yoncalla Lumber Co. purchased seven parcels in the Douglas County Master Unit; the E. K. Wood Lumber Co. and Grant Lumber Corp. purchased two parcels in the South Umpqua Master Unit, and the Gardiner Lumber Co. and E. K. Wood Lumber Co. purchased three parcels in the South Coast Master Unit.

The latter unit is administered from the Coos Bay office of the Bureau of Land Management, said Slatery.

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