

Pope Paul Will Find Change Comes Slowly In Holy Land

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the second of four dispatches dealing with Pope Paul VI's visit to the Holy Land beginning Jan. 4. It describes the town of Nazareth.

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NAZARETH, Israel (UPI)—The worn hills of Galilee hid Nazareth from the pages of history until the Gospels turned it into a shrine venerated throughout Christendom.

It was the boyhood home of Christ. Here he preached the sermon in the synagogue that led to his rejection by the Nazarenes, and here he played amid the shavings and dust of Joseph's carpentry shop.

Pilgrims today can still see the spot where the shop stood. Mary's well is here in Nazareth and women still come to it for their water, returning home

with pitchers carried upon their heads.

Nazareth was a place that made almost no mark in this ancient land. So obscure was it, the Gospel of John tells us, that Nathanael asked in disbelief, "Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip replied "come and see" Jesus of Nazareth.

Much The Same

Pope Paul VI will find it a city that looks not greatly different than at the time of Christ. Nothing remains of course of the actual buildings, but change comes slowly in Galilee and what was destroyed by ravaging armies was rebuilt as it had been before.

Most of the modern Nazarenes wear Western clothes. Yet, many still dress in the flowing robes that were common in Biblical times. The population is now about 25,000, most of them

Arab Christians. About 10,000 of them are Roman Catholics.

Roman soldiers sacked the town on their way to major attacks on Japha in 67 A.D., and it is believed that the Nazareth of the Gospels perished. Only caves in the rocks provided refuge. Eusebius, citing Julius Africanus, says "relatives of the Lord" — presumably the descendants of the family of Joseph and Mary — were scattered throughout the countryside.

But politics and military strategy sent Titus to sack Jerusalem, and the seeds of Nazareth's rebirth were cast when refugees from the City of David came to quiet Galilee.

By the third century A.D. there was a Jewish community in Nazareth. In 614 A.D., the men of Nazareth joined Chosro II of Persia and helped him sack the churches of Jerusalem. When the emperor Heraclius drove out the Persians, the Christians put Jewish Nazareth to the sword.

Christ Leaves City

Christ left Nazareth for Capernaum (Tel Hum) on the northwest shore of the Sea of Galilee when he started his ministry. It was the place, Matthew tells us, He considered "His own city."

Pope Paul will visit and pray at the places where the New Testament says Christ centered His public activities.

Here the disciple Simon Peter — the St. Peter Roman Catholics venerate as the first Pope — had his house. It was the Sea of Galilee upon which the New Testament relates Christ walked, and it was these waters and the sweeping winds that he rebuked and commanded to be calm. Violent storms still rush down from the surrounding hills and catch fishermen, using nets similar to those of Biblical times, far from shore.

The sea, 13 miles long and seven miles across at its widest, is entirely under the sovereignty of Israel. Hostile Syria is on the opposite side, and several Arab Jewish clashes have taken place in the area in recent years.

Woeful Fishing Tale Wins Annual Liar's Club Event

BURLINGTON, Wis. (UPI)—Even the worst fishing conditions could not be as bad as those described by Richard Burlin, of rural Chatham, Mass., the Burlington Liar's Club decided today.

Burlin was named "World's Champion Liar for 1963" for this woeful fishing tale:

"Fishing around here was so bad sometimes this summer that even the biggest liars didn't catch any."

Another tale which won honorable mention in the 35th annual competition for the world's tallest story of the year was sent in by Rondia Johnson, Seattle, Wash., who said: "It was so cold here one winter that we all took steam baths by crawling into the refrigerator."

George Lowrey, McIndoe Falls, Vt., claimed: "It rained so hard for the last two weeks in Vermont that the Vermont

side of the Connecticut River was four feet higher than on the New Hampshire side."

A complaint about mail service by John Zepczyk, Phillips, Wis., also won honorable mention. He said: "I hope this arrives in time for the 1963 contest for liars, but the mail is so slow here that all of the mailmen have moss growing on the north side of them."

A New York City schoolgirl, Sara Barbosa, wrote that she knows a "girl in our neighborhood whose mouth is so small that in order to say 'three,' she has to say, 'one, one, one.'"

Finally, this story about weather by V. Y. Brown, Benson, Mo.: "It has been so dry here in the Ozarks for so long that we have frogs two years old that don't even know how to swim yet. Yesterday, I saw two men cleaning a string of fish with a whisk broom."

FAIR OAKS MEET SET

The Fair Oaks Industrial Club will meet Jan. 7 instead of the usual first Thursday of the month, according to Maureen Batman, secretary-treasurer. Election of officers was held at the December meeting and, in addition to Mrs. Batman, others elected were Mrs. Myrtle Giedler, president, and Mrs. Dorothy Longbrake, vice president.

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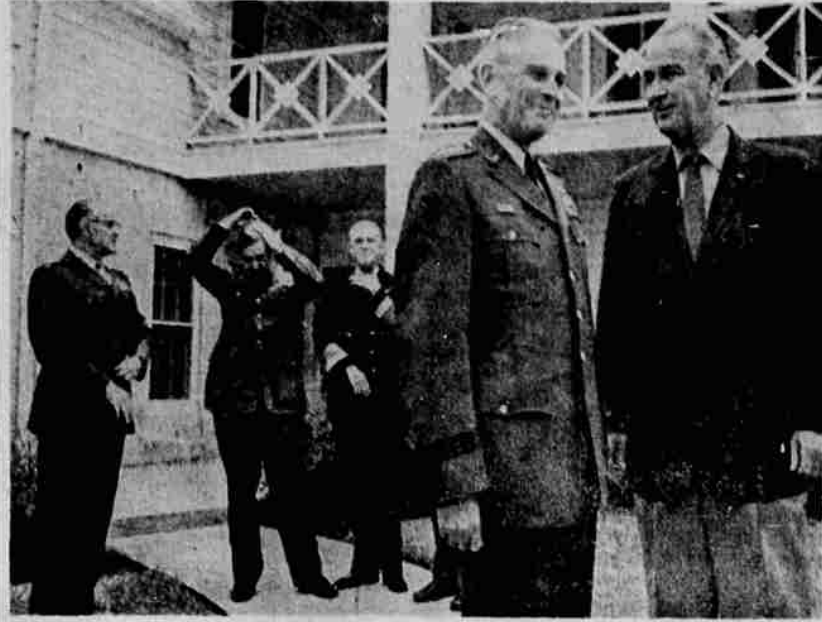
VATICAN CITY (UPI)—The city of Rome will give Pope Paul VI a hero's sendoff Saturday when he leaves for his Holy Land pilgrimage and historic meeting with the Orthodox patriarch of Constantinople.

The spiritual head of 500-million Roman Catholics will be the first Pope to visit Palestine and the first in 325 years to meet a supreme leader of the Eastern church.

His meeting with Patriarch Athenagoras I of Constantinople comes Sunday on Jerusalem's Mount of Olives, where Christ prayed on the eve of His crucifixion.

Clemente Cardinal Micara, papal vicar general for the city of Rome, Monday ordered the bells of Rome's 500 churches to ring for 10 minutes when the Pope leaves the city and again when he returns on Monday. He asked Romans to turn out in force for the Pope's departure and especially for his return.

The response was expected to be enthusiastic. Pope Paul, the austere north Italian intellectual who was more admired than loved when he was elected to the papal throne six months ago, appears to have captured the hearts of Romans with his pilgrimage plan. He was almost mobbed during recent public appearances, including a Christmas Day visit to a bleak working class suburb.



GETTING READY — President Lyndon Johnson, right, poses with Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, as three other members get themselves in shape for having their pictures taken with the President, Gen. David M. Shoup adjusts his coat, while Gen. Curtis LeMay combs his hair and Adm. David L. McDonald gets his tie in order. The Joint Chiefs met with the President at the LBJ Ranch Monday. (UPI Telephoto)

Judge Ponders NAACP Seeks Injunction Against Mummies Parade

PHILADELPHIA (UPI)—A court hearing was scheduled today on a suit by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) seeking to bar blackface clowns or minstrels from a parade on New Year's Day.

Two other civil rights groups, the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) and the Committee for Freedom Now, threatened to form a human chain to block the 64th annual Mummers parade Wednesday if any of the marchers use blackface makeup.

Charles W. Bowser, attorney for the local NAACP, filed a request Monday for a preliminary injunction against the use of blackface and Common Pleas Court Judge Theodore Reimel set the hearing.

Bowser noted that city officials have tried to discourage the use of blackface but said the NAACP wants "this matter determined in the courts and not in the streets."

Louis Smith, chairman of the local chapter of CORE, said that the blackfaced marchers were a "gross insult" to Negroes.

Smith and Stanley Branche, head of the Committee for Freedom Now, said in a joint statement that "since the city of Philadelphia has given the blackface mimics the green light, we have no choice but to use our bodies to stop this parade."

The dispute started when Magistrate Elias Myers, the parade director, and city Recreation Commissioner Robert Crawford announced that blackface marchers would be banned from the parade.

After protests and demonstrations in front of his home by members of some Mummers' groups, Myers said the makeup would be allowed as long as the marchers "behave themselves and don't poke fun at anybody."

Crawford later announced that blackfaced marchers would not be eligible for the cash prizes awarded to participants in the parade, which includes clown clubs and string bands.

During the weekend, about 50 Negroes staged a sit-in in the lobby of a television station (WCAU-TV) which plans to telecast the parade locally.

Leaders of the sit-in group later met with station officials. The station rejected demands that it cancel its coverage but said it would not present "any of the blackface elements" on camera.

OAKLAND MEETING SET

There will be a joint meeting of the Mariners' Club and the Senior High Fellowship of the Oakland Community Presbyterian Church on Sunday evening at the church. Following a 6:30 potluck dinner, an interesting program will be given, according to Edith Dunn, correspondent.

FROZEN FIRE ENGINE

SILVER LAKE, Wis. (UPI)—Silver Lake's volunteer firemen were thawing out their new \$15,000 fire engine today.

While the firemen were pumping water for a public skating rink the engine broke through the ice and fell into the lake.

Oakland Council Delays Action On Soot Problem

The citizens of the Oakland area tabled any further action at a special meeting of the City Council Monday night on its soot and ash problem with Martin Bros. Container and Timber Products Corp.

It was decided to allow the company additional time to see what can be done about the "fly ash" and soot resulting from the smoke stack on the newly-installed boilers at the mill. The boilers, which use bark and sawdust for fuel, provide heat for the dry kilns.

Ray Martin, general manager of the company, who was on hand for the meeting, said his company was expecting any day a report from contractors for the boilers on the details of what measures they were going to take in the installation to prevent the spread of soot. If received in time, he will present it before the next regular meeting of the City Council, he said.

Residents became alarmed about the problem some two months ago when the installation was first put into operation. Apparently, the soot and fly ash contains an oily substance that is difficult to remove. Land owners and business people complained that it was actually causing structural damage when it settled. Several of the persons said damage was extensive enough on their roofs that they would have to be replaced.

Martin said the prevention of escaping soot was already figured into the original contract. The contractors are due to work on that aspect starting Jan. 11 and ending Jan. 17.

Several people voiced concern about the damage already done as a result of the soot and ash. City Attorney Don Kelley advised that action in the form of lawsuits could be taken. The public could file joint suits to enjoin the nuisance, which might mean the closure of the mill, or at least the portions causing the problem. He said however, the city was not responsible for this action unless it involved city property.

Martin declined to comment on the liability of the company or the contractors on the matter.

Birch Society Plans Meeting

The John Birch Society of Roseburg has scheduled a public meeting Jan. 7 to discuss why right wingers were originally blamed for the assassination of President Kennedy, until it was found out "that a man with Communist leanings had allegedly committed the act."

"We hope to show whose side we're really on," says John Birch spokesman Roy Cottrell. "It is the socialists who are preaching hate and not the right wing," he said.

The meeting will take place at the Harris Cafe banquet room at 7:30 p.m. No admission will be charged.

Featured during the evening will be a film of the speech made by Robert Welch, father of the society, when the Birch group was established as an ultraconservative opposition to Communist infiltration. On hand to show the film will be Leslie Flemming, state coordinator of the John Birch Society. He will introduce the film and answer questions later, Cottrell said.

Local News

Mrs. Willard Herriott of this city, with her son, Trip Simms, who is an aviation cadet at Connelley Air Base at Waco, Tex., left by plane Monday for San Diego. They will attend the funeral of Mrs. Herriott's brother, Doyle Pressnall, who was drowned at Mazatlan, Mexico, on Christmas Day.

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