

Jordan's Ancient Rock Caves Play An Important Role In Christianity

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last of four dispatches describing the places and shrines Pope Paul VI will visit in the Holy Land on his tour Jan. 4-6. Today: The churches.

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JERUSALEM, Jordan (UPI)—To an extraordinary degree, the ancient rock caves of the Holy Land play a central role in Christianity.

Christ is believed to have been born in a cave in the rocks at nearby Bethlehem. A tomb in the rocks here in Jerusalem is said to have received His crucified body. It is believed that it was in a cave on the Mount of Olives that He held his last meeting with the Apostles.

Churches have been built on all three spots. The early Christians located them by tradition, even though Jerusalem was destroyed by the Roman, Titus, in 70 A.D., and desecrated more than 60 years later by the Emperor Hadrian.

Constantine the Great, a convert and the first Christian emperor, found the three caves of the Nativity, the Entombment and the Ascension and built churches in their honor.

Focal Point
The Church of the Holy Sepulchre here in Jerusalem is to be a focal point of Pope Paul's pilgrimage. Hadrian built a temple to Aphrodite over the spot but the remains of this pagan shrine were removed by Macarius in 325 A.D., and a Jewish tomb was found.

The rock was laboriously cut away, the tomb chamber isolated and the Anastasis, a circular building, constructed. The present church is a group of buildings dating from the Middle Ages and there is little trace of the work started by Constantine at the encouraging of his mother, St. Helena.

The facade of the church is obscured by iron scaffolding erected in 1935 to prevent further decay. The three faiths which share the church—the Roman Catholic, the Greek Orthodox and the Armenian—were unable to agree on a unified reconstruction program until this year.

Inside the massive double-fronted wooden doors, Pope Paul will stand at the foot of what tradition says is Calvary. To reach the summit, the pilgrim mounts a flight of stairs to the right of the entrance. From there a stone staircase, blackened by the smoke of millions of candles carried by the

English Woman Claimed Witch

BURLEY, England (UPI)—Mrs. Sybil Leek said today people are turning against her just because she's a witch.

"It's heartless," Mrs. Leek, 41, said. "They are taking away my livelihood."

Mrs. Leek was evicted from her home in this village last month. And today the owner of her antique shop said he was foreclosing the lease on the shop and kicking her out.

"It all started," Mrs. Leek said, "with a woman spreading rumors linking me with black magic and sex orgies. Now the whole village is against me."

"But I'm a white witch," she insisted. "My witchcraft does nothing but good."



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devout down through the ages, leads to the place of Crucifixion. Down another flight of stairs and past the stone where Joseph and Nicodemus prepared the body for burial is the Holy Sepulchre itself. It is inside an octagonal church within a church and is so small that only three or four persons at one time may kneel to pray over the marble slab atop the tomb.

The first church at the Shrine of the Nativity in Bethlehem also stems from Constantine. He erected a basilica to which Justinian added in 530 A.D.

Time has dealt harshly with the original walls and columns, but the shape of the basilica and the Grotto of the Nativity beneath the altar are the same as they were in the original church.

Has Five Aisles
The present basilica measures 150 feet in length and is more than 100 feet wide. Divided by rows of frescoed columns into five parallel aisles running east and west, it is decorated with mosaics.

The original manger in the rock was replaced by one of silver. A silver star has been sunk in the marble floor at the spot accepted by Christians as the birthplace of Christ. A Latin inscription, lit by 15 silver lamps, reads "Hic de Virgine Maria Jesus Christus natus est."

—Here of the Virgin Mary Jesus Christ was born.

Constantine's Church of the Ascension was destroyed by the Persians but the Patriarch Modestus rebuilt it from the foundation. The Crusaders finished a new octagonal building in 1102 and it has been preserved in its essentials to this day.

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Pope Paul's Aides Leave For Jordan

VATICAN CITY (UPI)—An advance party of Vatican officials, prelates and newsmen headed for Amman, Jordan, today to prepare for Pope Paul's historic pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

The Pope leaves Saturday on a three-day trip to Jordan and Israel to pray "most humbly and briefly" on the land where Christ walked. He will be the first Roman Catholic pontiff in history to make such a pilgrimage.

The 66-year-old pontiff's pilgrimage will be doubly historic because it will provide the occasion for a meeting in Jerusalem with Patriarch Athenagoras I of Constantinople (Istanbul), leader of the Eastern Orthodox Church which split with Rome more than 900 years ago.

They are scheduled to meet Sunday at the residence of the apostolic delegate on the Mount of Olives and Monday at the Orthodox patriarchate.

There has been no such meeting since Patriarch Joseph of Constantinople came to Italy in 1438 to see Pope Eugene IV in an unsuccessful attempt to end the split.

The papal trip posed innumerable problems of physical arrangements, protocol, security, diplomacy and press coverage. Every department in the Vatican faced unprecedented tasks associated with the trip.

(Reports from Jerusalem said the most intense security measures in Israel's history are under way for the Pope's two-hour Sunday visit to Nazareth, the ancient settlement where Jesus grew up and preached.)

(In Amman, King Hussein announced plans to visit the Jordanian sector of Jerusalem personally to insure that "all preparations for the Pope's visit are satisfactory." He called on the people of Jordan to "fulfill your duty toward our great and dear guest, Pope Paul, and give a clear picture of your unity and life.")

Local News
Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hines have returned to their home near North Bend following a holiday visit in Roseburg with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Cloake.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman P. John and Doug and Kenny returned during the weekend from a holiday visit in Portland, where they were guests of Mrs. John's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. William Anderson.

Rehearsal Is Called For Canyonville Show
On Sunday, Jan. 5, at 2 p.m. the first rehearsal is being called for the Canyonville PTA Variety Show to be directed by Jack and Sydna Mann of Tiller. The show is to include music, comedy and dancing, and both adults and children will participate. All who would like to be included should be at this first rehearsal which will be held in the Canyonville school gym.

Goal of the PTA in this project is to swell its scholarship fund, with the hope that this year two scholarships can be awarded, according to Mrs. R. E. Proctor, correspondent.

A decision was made to present permanent Christmas gifts to the primary and elementary schools in place of the usual candy treats. Another project of the PTA successfully launched is the hot dog sale two days each week at the school.

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Rocky To Open N. Hampshire Effort Today

ALBANY, N.Y. (UPI)—Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller, who Wednesday showed he could outmaneuver the weather man, returns to the strategically more involved game of politics Friday when he heads for New Hampshire.

Rockefeller, pressing his campaign to capture the Republican presidential nomination, will not be accompanied by his wife, Happy, who expects a child in June.

The possibility that Mrs. Rockefeller will join her husband on any of his campaign jaunts before the expected birth depends on her condition, but there have been indications she may accompany him in New Hampshire later this month.

The governor also has scheduled a visit to Washington, D.C., Jan. 10, and a three-day trip to California late in the month.

New York's first family Wednesday made their first public appearance here since the announcement of the expected birth. Smiling for the expected parents do, they greeted 1,425 visitors at the traditional New Year's Day open house at the executive mansion.

But it was no easy job keeping the appointment. Hampered by freezing rain, they left New York City in the governor's personal airplane but were forced to detour to Clegg Falls because the airport here was sealed off by swirling snow.

They made the 60-mile long journey from Clegg Falls over snow and ice-covered roads in a state police cruiser part of the way and in the governor's limousine. The couple arrived at the mansion just moments after the throng of chilled and snow-covered well-wishers was admitted.

Hospital News
Visiting Hours 2 to 3:30 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m.
Douglas Community Hospital Admitted

Medical: Lisa Abbott, Mrs. John George, Mrs. James Phillips, Charley Vinson, John Lander, Ina Harryman, Steven Marquardt, John Kerr, Mrs. G. W. Peterson, all of Roseburg; Michael Conley, Umquaga; Everett Nolen, Oakland; Mrs. Richard Bryant, Mrs. Clyde Strunk, both of Winston; Mrs. Oscar Simmons, Sutherlin; Audie Cooper, Glendale.

Surgery: Mae McKeithan, Sutherlin; Mrs. Lonnie Proctor, Roseburg.

Discharged: Mrs. George McEwing, Mrs. Cleve Whiteaker, Timothy Thomas, Marvin Williams Jr., Mrs. Jack McLean and son Michael Gwyn, Debra Wehbe, Mrs. Pauline Cotton, William Long, Mrs. C. B. Keeney, Debra Wolf, all of Roseburg; Mrs. Walter Holtenbeck, Mrs. John Marlow and son John Ulysses, Claude Chambers, Patricia Lail, Robert T. Mound, all of Winston; Mrs. Ted Osborn, Monica Morse, Beverlee Johnson, all of Myrtle Creek; Mrs. Oscar Simmons, Sutherlin; Gerald Witt, Dillard; Timothy Burkhardt, Coquille; Delores Nolen, Oakland; Steven Holmes, Donna Glassford, both of Glendale; Theodore Marshall, Tenmile.

Mercy Hospital Admitted
Medical: Mrs. Donald Nichols, Roseburg; Scott Goodman, Oakland; Mrs. Mae Michael, Sutherlin.

Surgery: Mrs. Dennis Garboden, Riddle; Raymond Rose, Roseburg.

Discharged: Edward Reece, William Hampton, Mrs. Robert Rayburn, Ivan Pickens, Mrs. Helen Hammock, Cindy Clarke, Mrs. Robert Sullivan, Mrs. Jack Gault, Mrs. Margaret Butler, Mrs. Richard Dow, Hilda Reizenstein, George Brown, Mrs. Marvin Vaughn and daughter Susan Elizabeth, all of Roseburg; Debra Hansen, Tamara Densmore, both of Winston; Mrs. Boy Douglas, Mrs. Ronald Williams and daughter Tammy Elaine, all of Myrtle Creek; Orlo Handy, Mrs. James Tenbrook and daughter Sharon Gail, all of Sutherlin; Mrs. Perry Van Cleave and son Virgil Logan, Oakland; Mrs. Larry Halstead, Days Creek.



THE SINGING NUN, Soeur Sourire (with guitar) is pictured here with another Dominican nun inside the convent at Fichermont, Belgium, during the taping of a sequence for the Ed Sullivan television show Jan. 5. The rarely photographed nun's big hit of 1963 was "Dominique." (UPI telephoto)

Castro Starts His Sixth Year

MIAMI (UPI)—Premier Fidel Castro starts his sixth year in power today with a speech and a "gigantic" parade, probably featuring his regime's made-in-Moscow military might.

The 37-year-old premier marks the anniversary of his seizure of power in January, 1959, with a Soviet-style parade through Havana's "Revolution Square."

Castro, apparently confident he cannot be overthrown as long as he has solid Russian support, faces a possible new diplomatic challenge later this month.

A five-nation investigating committee is expected to make public the results of its probe of charges that the Castroites smuggled 3 tons of arms into Venezuela for use by Communist terrorists.

Latin American diplomatic quarters say substantiation of the charges could lead to United Nations sanctions against Castro. Five Latin nations still maintain relations with his revolutionary regime.

Top Communist leaders reaffirmed Russia's pledges to aid Castro against "U. S. imperialism" in year-end statements from the Kremlin.

The government is mobilizing "hundreds of thousands" of officially-controlled Cuban workers in revolution square for the parade which starts about 10 a.m. EST.

Castro is expected to deliver what the Communists in China describe as a "major policy speech" about 1 p.m. EST.

MATCH UNDER FIRE

HAGERSTOWN, Ind. (UPI)—A proposed return flyweight title bout between Hiroyuki Ebihara of Japan and Pone Kingpetch of Thailand has come under fire from the World Boxing Association (WBA). Arch Hindman, WBA executive secretary, has wired boxing groups in the two countries that Kingpetch, who lost the title to Ebihara on a first-round kayo at Tokyo, Sept. 18, would fight his way back into contention.

Pair Of Young LBJ's Gave Guards Hectic Afternoon

DALLAS (UPI)—The younger half of the country's first family blended in with 75,000 football fans Wednesday, and gave the Secret Servicemen guarding them a hectic afternoon.

Luey Baines and Lynda Bird Johnson watched Texas defeat Navy 28-6. The men who guard the daughters of the President didn't get much of a chance to see the game.

The 19-year-old Lynda Bird had mixed emotions about the game. Her fiancé, Lt. (J.G.) Bernard Rosenbach is an Annapolis graduate, but she is a sophomore at Texas.

However, she joined her schoolmates in cheering for the Longhorns. She often jumped up from her seat on the 35-yard-line seat and displayed the "hook 'em horns" hand sign, much to the discomfort of the Secret Service men around her.

Each time she jumped up, they stood up and searched the crowd around her. When she sat down, they sat down. A Dallas police officer said they did not know where the 16-year-old daughter of President Johnson was sitting, and Col. Homer Garrison, chief of the Texas Department of Public Safety had to admit that he did not know where she was either.

The two girls were not the only worry of the Secret Service. Extra men were placed on duty in case the President himself decided at the last minute to make a surprise call on the Cotton Bowl. Some reports indicated that 35 detectives spent the night in the huge stadium—just in case.

But the President only watched the game on television at Johnson City and the Secret Servicemen were probably happy with that decision. They were busy enough with two normal teen-age girls.

White House Host For Dutch Troupe

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A famed Dutch ballet group which performs only for children goes to the White House today to keep a date made by Mrs. John F. Kennedy before President Kennedy's assassination.

The Scapino Ballet from the Netherlands planned to give a special performance late today for nearly 200 Washington area youngsters, including underprivileged children as well as children of the Dutch Embassy staff.

Mrs. Kennedy originally had invited the troupe to appear on Dec. 17, and the appearance was rescheduled by President and Mrs. Johnson after Kennedy's death.

Mrs. Dean Rusk and her daughter, Peggy, 14, were to substitute for Mrs. Johnson today as hostesses for the ballet. Mrs. Johnson does not plan to return from Texas until next weekend.

TO BUILD SKYSCRAPERS

TOKYO (UPI)—Plans for the construction of several "skyscrapers" in this earthquake-prone city were announced today. The tallest will be only 24 stories, but this will be higher than any previous building in Japan.

Among buildings planned or under construction are the 17-story Otani Hotel and a 24-story office structure for the Tokyo city government.

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