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Easter Demands Faith

Of all the Christian holy days, Easter is unique. Easter is the one which has best escaped the cloying curse of sentimentality, so easily commercialized.

The miracle of Christmas, incarnation of God in man, is nearly suffocated under seasonal hoopdedo. It's simple and pleasant to believe merely in the historical event commemorated by Christmas, the birth of Jesus who taught the world a new way of life, and ignore the implications. In that way, Christmas is like Washington's birthday and the Fourth of July. Anybody can believe in Christmas, even if he doesn't believe in the Savior. Christmas isn't observed, necessarily, for His sake.

Not so with Easter. It's not so easy to ignore the resurrection, or to commercialize the cross.

The word Easter, of course, has no Christian meaning; it is derived from the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring, Eostre. Pagans from ancient times have celebrated the budding of trees, the hatching of chickens, the doffing of winter underwear and donning of warm-weather garments. They still do.

People can be cute about Easter bunnies and baby chickens, new hats and spring flowers. They can't simmer over the Risen Christ the way they indulge over Little-Lord-Jesus-in-the-Manger-No-Crib-for-His-Head.

It isn't as easy to believe in Easter as to believe in Christmas. Christmas, if the miracle is sidestepped, requires only a knowledge of long-ago current events. Easter requires acceptance of the miracle, with no comfort from secular historians. Easter demands faith.

Easter without the resurrection, like Christmas without incarnation, is just a jolly-good-time-had-by-all. But Easter, with the resurrection, evokes "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." The real meaning of Easter, uncluttered with sentiment, untainted by trade, is clear only to those who can say, with Job, "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

The Highest Duty

For country, children, wife and home—for these a man can live and work and, if need be, die. It depends upon a man's sense of values which loyalties he deems most important. That freedom to choose is one of the strengths of a democracy.

First Lt. James G. Bristol decided that, for him, duty to wife and five children came before duty to country. An air force reserve pilot, he refused to fly in a crew training program and now faces possible court martial. Officials said his reason for wanting to give up his wings was "fear of flying."

That makes Lieutenant Bristol look chicken. It makes him out a coward.

But Bristol explains that he backed out because his flying made his wife "a nervous wreck." Mrs. Bristol lost her first husband in the crash of a training plane in 1944. Now, with Bristol flying again, she was on the verge of breakdown. To spare his wife the pilot spurned his country.

Does he deserve disgrace? Is he a hero or a heel? Which comes first, home or homeland?

For the military and the nation there is only one answer: a man's highest duty is to his country. He has free choice, but there is only one honorable choice: his country first. Maintenance of military discipline depends upon that priority; fear of punishment as much as patriotism keeps our men in uniform. Preservation of the nation in time of war depends upon that priority; it protects the security of children, wife and home.

If the nation granted its able-bodied citizens

Harriman May Become Person to Watch if Stevenson Refuses to Accept Nomination

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop

There is more than meets the eye to the plan to make W. Averell Harriman New York's favorite son. The immediate purpose is to hold the New York delegates in line for Gov. Adlai Stevenson of Illinois. But if Stevenson finally talks himself out of the race, Harriman will immediately become a serious candidate with the enormous asset of the biggest state delegation in his pocket. Harriman has, in fact behaved with remarkable generosity to Stevenson. An ambitious man, Harriman has brilliantly discharged the highest duties under two Presidents, and he has every right to regard himself as an important political figure. Yet he himself regards Stevenson as the best available candidate, and he has a good deal to do with keeping Stevenson in the race thus far.

Immediately after the Jefferson-Jackson dinner, at which President Truman made his surprise withdrawal announcement, Harriman and Stevenson, who are old friends, sought each other out. Stevenson had no prior inkling of Truman's intention to withdraw then, and he had of course been put in an uncomfortable spot. He was therefore in a disgruntled mood and he talked seriously of taking himself out of the race once and for all.

Harriman argued eloquently with him, especially when Stevenson indicated that he thought Dwight D. Eisenhower would be the Republican choice, and gave his reasons for not wanting to run against Eisenhower. Harriman is himself an old friend and admirer of Eisenhower. Yet he argued that Eisenhower would prove by no means unbeatable; that Eisenhower's election would also elicit many reactionary Congress; and that domestic and foreign policy were equally important and wholly inter-dependent. For these reasons, he argued, it was Stevenson's duty to make the race, even against Eisenhower.

Stevenson may not have been wholly convinced, but at least he did not withdraw the next day, as some of his friends had feared. And it is significant that Harriman's own arguments apply to himself, if Stevenson for one reason or another is counted out. Moreover, in this case all sorts of powerful support will almost automatically gravitate towards Harriman. Harriman, although he has been generally identified with foreign policy, is a more passionately convinced New or Fair Dealer than is generally realized. The Northern liberal wing of the Democratic party, as represented by Americans for Democratic Action, could be counted in his corner. So could many of the Northern and Western organizations men who have come to power through the New Deal and the Fair Deal.

As a result of his long service in Washington, moreover, Harriman already knows rather intimately the key men in the farm, labor and other powerful groups, and these men like and trust him. Finally, with Stevenson out of the picture, Harriman would become the almost inevitable choice of the many powerful Democrats who have no use for Sen. Estes Kefauver. These conspicuously include President Truman, who strongly admires Harriman and who is determined to prevent

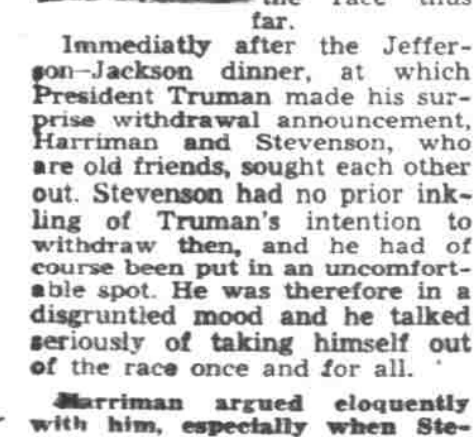
Kefauver's nomination at almost any cost.

Truman, in fact, according to reliable report, personally approved the project hatched by New York State Chairman Paul Fitzpatrick, and Bronx Boss Ed Flynn, to star a sort of continuing boom for Harriman. The first step in this Fitzpatrick-Flynn project is the New York dinner in Harriman's honor, scheduled for April 17, the day before the New York caucus at which Harriman's selection as the New York's favorite son will almost certainly be formalized.

This dinner should be an interesting occasion. All the Democratic hopefuls, with the possible exception of Gov. Stevenson, but conspicuously including Kefauver, will be put through the paces over radio and television. One of the objections to a Harriman candidacy has always been that he is a poor speaker and does not register well at this sort of occasion.

Yet on April 4 he made a speech which amazed even his most fervent admirers. The occasion was the third anniversary of the signing of the North Atlantic Treaty. President Truman, Secretary of State Dean Acheson, Secretary of the Treasury John Snyder and others went through the usual weary, ghost-written performance. Then Harriman made a speech which obviously came from the heart, and which was so brilliant that it brought him a standing ovation from the word-weary Washington audience.

If Harriman can repeat this performance at the New York dinner, he will become a man to watch. And he will certainly become a man to watch very carefully, if Gov. Stevenson continues to run away from the Democratic nomination. (Copyright 1932 New York Herald Tribune, Inc.)



Today in Holy Week



As they went to tell His disciples, behold, Jesus met them, saying, "All hail." And they came and held Him by the feet and worshipped Him.—Matthew 28:9. (Photograph of original painting by J. J. Tissot.)

Comes the Dawn

JERUSALEM—(Special)—Reports reached this city early this morning that a person, called Jesus of Nazareth, who was executed Friday afternoon, has risen alive from his tomb—just as He said He would.

The followers of this Man, who calls himself the Christ, are seething with excitement. The entire city of Jerusalem, which has been in a turmoil for the past week, greeted the news of the mysterious Resurrection with wonder.

The Nazarene was ordered executed by Pilate on the charges of the multitude and other leaders. They charged Him with sedition and with blasphemy. Before the grand council the one called Jesus had said He was Christ, the Son of God. He has had several previous clashes with the leaders.

The condemned Man was arrested earlier last week in the olive garden of Gethsemani—located on west slope of the Mount of Olives near the city.

One of the disciples of Jesus, a man by the name of Judas, betrayed his Teacher. It is said he was paid 30 pieces of silver for his efforts. During the excitement of the arrest one of Jesus' companions cut off the ear of a Roman soldier.

One witness to the affair said the ear was healed when the Nazarene touched it.

Jesus was then arraigned before Annas and Caiaphas. They judged Him guilty and sent Him to Pilate for trial. Pilate sent Him on to Herod who ordered the Man returned to Pilate. After considerable argument Pilate finally delivered the Nazarene to be crucified.

The execution took place at the regular execution grounds on the hill of Golgotha, commonly called the Place of the Skull, which is located just outside the city on the road to Damascus.

The leaders still have no explanation to offer for the strange physical phenomena which occurred during the final stages of the crucifixion Friday. The sky was darkened from the 6th to the 9th hours. And the earth shivered and shook with great force.

A wealthy member of the council, Joseph of Arimathea, laid the body of the executed Man in a rock tomb in a garden near the execution place. The tomb was sealed with a huge stone and soldiers were placed there Saturday to guard it.

When questioned at first this morning the guards at the tomb said that the body had been stolen away by Jesus' followers. Later, one of them, who refused to be identified, told this amazing account:

"Just at sunrise this morning there came a great earthquake. And in the heavens directly above me there appeared a person. His garments were white as snow. His face shone with lightning. The light was so bright I began to swoon.

"Just as I lost consciousness I saw this heavenly visitor roll back the stone from the tomb and sit upon it.

"Later three women came to the tomb bearing spices. Then the Angel, for that what it must have been, told the women: "Be not afraid. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is risen. He is not here. Go, tell His disciples and Peter." He will go before you into Galilee."

Another report from among the followers of Jesus has it that a woman by the name of Mary Magdalen said that the resurrected Master also appeared to her this morning near the tomb. She said He instantly disappeared.

The Nazarene is the teacher of a new sect, which has already attracted many followers and much attention. The leaders, who have done their utmost to suppress these teachings, were not available for comment this morning.

Political Parade

(Editor's note: Stories in the "Political parade" are written by or for the candidates, on invitation of The Oregon Statesman, and views expressed herein may or may not be in accordance with the opinion of this newspaper. Stories on candidates with opposition in the primaries are published on page 1 each day.)

Today's subject: ED. C. DUNN, Candidate for POLK ASSESSOR (D)

Ed. C. Dunn, county assessor of Polk County, who is a candidate to succeed Ed. C. Dunn, who is a candidate for Polk County, is a native son of Polk County. Dallas has been the home of Mr. Dunn for over 65 years. He is a long-time member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge and has been an active member of Dallas Methodist Church for 58 years.

Mr. Dunn probably knows more of the residents of the county by their first names than any other man in the county and has been in more of their homes than any other man.

He has always been interested in politics with the purpose of promoting the best interests of the whole country rather than the interest of any one political party.

He sometimes boasts that Polk County is probably the best county in the state from the standpoint of high class citizenship. And while that statement sounds like a boast, with him it is a sincere belief. He is a candidate on the Democratic ticket.



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centuries fail to heed the admonition. They cling to their worries, and sometimes let them cumulate to the very unsettling of their minds. I think we have become as a nation the victim of our obsessions. We have let ourselves grow frigid from fears of enemies within and without. We forget our own strength which in reality is more than ample for our needs. Earth-bound we are, grubbing in the ground, oblivious to sun and sky and the dawn. The day's routines bind us, and habit holds us in a groove. Easter comes to loosen the graveclothes of which enshroud us. It emancipates the spirit of man with its message of a sublime hope. Personal anxieties drop away, collective fears are dissipated in a fresh baptism of confidence. The very sunshine comes as a healing aspis to the infections of doubt and confusion. Troubled we may be over our private affairs, worried we may be over the state of the nation and fearful of the calamities that threaten in international relations. But as we go along we may find that the stone is already rolled away, and find too not the body of a dead Jesus but the transcendent glory of a risen and living Christ.

Fun With A Camera

By DR. HENRY MORRIS

Sunday, perhaps, is the most ideal time for taking pictures, due to the fact there is plenty of time to study light, composition, etc., regardless of the subject photographed.

Ideal photographic subjects vary according to your taste in pictures—perhaps the wife in her new hat, the children in their Sunday best, scenes of people near the church with their new spring bonnets.

Around home, children at breakfast, pets, flowers or flowering shrubs, your favorite room or your choice of beauty spots in the yard. In addition you can find one hundred and one other subjects that are worth your time and effort to photograph.

Store windows are intriguing even though they are quite difficult to take due to reflections. The depot is an ideal place for candid pictures depicting joy of people meeting their friends. Again, the steam engine pulling a heavy train up grade, with lots of smoke and steam will give you a picture that you will wish to enlarge and frame!

The beach has unlimited possibilities for the camera fan. The surf is more interesting if there is a boat in the offing, some large rocks protruding from the water or bathers, to give it more color.

Cloud formations make good pictures and a number should be taken that you may have a varied selection to use when you have a negative that needs a cloud in the print.

In photographing any subject do your best each time to get something good, by doing this your ability to take good pictures will greatly improve. Try it and see if I am right.

RIVER PARADE HELD

EUGENE (AP)—The annual White Water Parade, in which river guides run the rapids of the McKenzie River, will be held here Sunday. The run down the river will start at 10:30 a.m. about 40 miles east of Eugene.



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Group Aid To Children

SINGAPORE (AP)—A society for the prevention of cruelty to children has been formed in this colony where incidents of child cruelty are high.

The president of the Bahal League said, "there is no doubt that children are being ill-treated in this colony. They are sold, made to work like slaves and are ignored."

The Department for Social Welfare said there were 57 cases of child cruelty investigated last year. They represented only cases reported to the department.

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