

Jerusalem Knows No Palm Sunday Peace, But Holy Land's History Full of Conflict

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JERUSALEM, Jordan. An Arab Legion sentry, has red headress falling down on his shoulders, peers from the citadel of Jerusalem across a few yards of no man's land. Beyond that strip he sees his enemy — an Israeli sentry watching from the other side of the divided Holy City.

Nearly 2,000 years ago, sentries of the Roman legions took the same stones which support the citadel today. And in between have come armies of many races, religions, and nationalities to man the heavy fortress-tower dominating the walls of Jerusalem, where the first drama of Easter was lived.

The oldest traditions connected with the city of Christ's death and burial refer to it as being named "Salem" or "Peace," in the time of Abraham. But rarely in its history has the city known real peace.

Two main reasons have contributed to Jerusalem's being caught in the path of so many invasions and wars. The first is its location as the cross-roads between Egypt and Asia. The second is its unique status as the Holy City of three great religions.

To the Jews, Jerusalem is sacred as the site of their original temple and the spiritual center of their faith. The last remnant of their temple is the so-called wailing wall inside the old city, but since 1948 no Jews have been permitted to reach this wall.

To Christians, Jerusalem is sacred as the site of the crucifixion, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

Third Most Sacred
To Moslems, Jerusalem is the third most sacred city of their faith, ranking next to Mecca and Medina. The Prophet Mohammed ascended to heaven from the rock beneath the famed "Dome of the Rock" inside the old Jewish temple area. Before he established Mecca as the center of his faith, the prophet looked toward Jerusalem when he prayed.

Religious rivalry has contributed to the continuing strife surrounding Jerusalem, but Jerusalem was in the path of invasions long before the birth of Christianity and Islam.

Few Records
There is no record of the origin of the city, but it first played a part in Biblical history during the wars of King David. After conquering Jerusalem, David built an altar to God on the stone threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite. This huge rock formed the altar of the temple built by Solomon and remained the focal point of Jewish temples after that. The same rock became the Moslem's third most holy place when Mohamed ascended to heaven from it.

Solomon built the first of a series of walls around the city. The kingdom was founded by David and Solomon around 1,000 B.C. It lasted more than 400 years. At that time this area was left free because of the weakness of its bigger neighbors.

Buffer State
The Jewish kingdom was a buffer state between Egypt and Assyria. But the Assyrians were overthrown by Babylonia. In 587, B.C., the Babylonians under Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem and carried into captivity the leading people of the country.

The tolerant Persians under Cyrus the Great overthrew Babylon, and the Jews were allowed to return. The temple was rebuilt in 520, B.C., and in 444 the wall was restored under Nehemiah.

The Persians were followed by Alexander the Great, then the Ptolemies of Egypt and the Seleucids of Syria.

Maccabees Win
Jewish nationalism emerged victorious again in 165, under the Maccabees until 63 B.C., when Pompey established a Roman protectorate. Direct Roman rule began in 6 A.D.

Jesus was born during the protectorate, Herod the Great ruled under the Roman shah. Christ was crucified during the direct rule period, condemned to death by the procurator of Judea, Pontius Pilate.

A Jewish rebellion came in 66 A.D. and Titus destroyed the city. During the siege by Titus, historians say, mothers ate their own children and old people were devoured by younger and stronger ones. After Titus, wolves and jackals ruled the area.

It was not until 1948 that Jews were able again to make a serious effort to control the city. But Israel has control only of Jerusalem's modern suburbs, the ancient site of the capital of David and Solomon, including the wailing wall and the temple area, is in Arab hands and no Jews may enter.

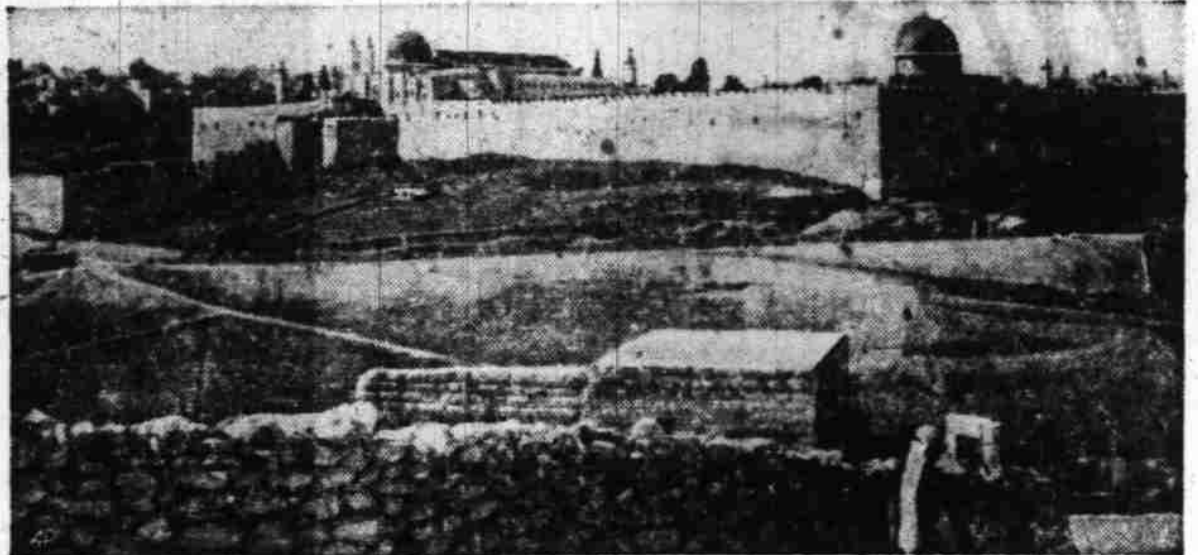
The emperor, Hadrian, built a Roman city called Aelia Capitolina which no Jew was allowed to enter. Pagan temples were built on most of the holy sites, Christian and Jewish. Christian rule began with Constantine in the Fourth century.

A brief Persian conquest was the only interruption of Christian rule until Moslems took it in the Seventh century.

Orthodox was a contributing cause of the Crimean War. The Ottoman Turks tried to eliminate friction over holy places by guaranteeing the status quo. The British undertook to uphold the status quo principle. But as the Zionist movement brought a

wave of Jewish immigration, inter-religious jealousies flared again. In 1948, the United Nations sought to solve the age-old problem of access to holy places by making Jerusalem an international city.

But again armies and not diplomats settled the fate of Jerusalem. The Jewish army took over the modern city. The Arab Legion occupied the original Holy City. Jerusalem today lives in a state of no-war, no-peace. Arabs and Jews signed an armistice in 1949, but they still are far from a final peace.



JERUSALEM—Although it has been torn down and rebuilt several times, this view of the walled city of Jerusalem is much what Christ must have seen as he rode in from Bethany on the first Palm Sunday. The wall has been used for centuries as wars and conquering armies swept over the city. It is still in use today, guarded by the Arabs in their dispute with the new state of Israel.

MacArthur's Aide Denies Pre-Yalta Plea

NEW YORK (AP) — Gen. Douglas MacArthur's chief aide issued a fresh denial Friday that MacArthur — prior to the controversial Yalta conference — pleaded for Russian help in the war against Japan.

The aide, Major Gen. Courtney Whitney, also suggested that "someone" may have tampered with the diaries of the late James Forrestal, then secretary of the Navy.

Whitney made the statements in a letter to the editor of The Washington Post and Times-Herald. He released copies of the letter here.

The newspaper, in an editorial March 25 criticizing MacArthur, wrote that "General MacArthur is known to have sent messages to the Joint Chiefs of Staff during World War II pleading for concessions to get Russia into the Japanese war."

Whitney replied in his letter: "I have only recently finished a review of General MacArthur's most important messages to the Joint Chiefs of Staff during World War II and consequently can say unequivocally that there is no truth to the impression, resting upon anonymous sources, which you try to create."

"To the contrary, the MacArthur message file . . . makes no mention of the entry of Soviet Russia into the war against Japan."

The Post editorial cited an entry in Forrestal's diary quoting it as saying: "He (MacArthur) felt that we should secure the commitment of

the Russians to active and vigorous prosecution against the Japanese . . . He expressed doubt that anything less than 60 divisions by the Russians would be sufficient."

Whitney replied in his letter: "Gen. MacArthur not only flatly denies that he had any such conversation with Secretary Forrestal but ridicules the idea."

The editor of the diaries, Walter Mills, "concedes that such entry was not made in the handwriting of Secretary Forrestal but was taken from what is alleged to be his dictated diary notes. . . . This is not to impugn the integrity of the editor."

"But it does suggest that either the diary notes were dictated by someone other than Secretary Forrestal during the years intervening between the event and the process of editing for publication, or that Secretary Forrestal, if he did indeed dictate the notes, was even then suffering from a mental disorder . . . which ultimately led to his death."

FLEES REPS
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To date, 23 persons, mostly hunters, have been led to safety by Bella's voice, heard three and four miles away "like it was right next to me."

Three years ago, following the death of a lost hunter, City Councilman Albert Theriault suggested such a device be tried to prevent further tragedies.

The unit, put in operation Thanksgiving Day, 1951, has been bawling 1,000 ever since.

NOMINATIONS CONSIDERED
WASHINGTON (UP)—The Senate had under consideration Saturday nominations for two Oregon postmasterships made by President Eisenhower. Jack R. Bailey was nominated for Scio postmaster and John P. Ivers for Oceanlake.

Moslem Woman Breaks 1,000-Year Tradition

CAIRO, Egypt (AP)—A woman has broken a thousand years of tradition at the Al Azhar University, noted Moslem seat of learning.

The first feminine speech within its walls was given by Begum Zein Hamed Allah, editor of the Pakistan newspaper Mirror. Students and professors applauded politely as she appealed for equal rights for Moslem women.

Iridium Coil Used To Simulate Jet Heat

SCHENECTADY, N. Y. (UP)—General Electric Company engineers have come up with something to simulate the white-hot heat of jet engine combustion chambers. It's a six-inch coil of iridium — worth about \$175 an ounce.

The high temperatures, which soon would melt ordinary metals, were generated in a small furnace no larger than a wastebasket.

A tiny electric current was passed through the iridium coil, making it possible to calibrate temperature-measuring probes for use in taking jet engine temperatures.

Livestock Loss Said High While Going to Market

COLUMBUS, O. (UP)—Enough livestock is injured or killed daily on its way to market to furnish one day's meat needs for half a million people, according to C. W. Hammans, Ohio State University farm expert.

Hammans, a marketing specialist, said careless handling of livestock means the loss of about a hundred tons of beef, lamb and pork each day.

The result, he maintains, is a lower price to the producer and higher costs for the consumer. Bruised meat can't be eaten and extra labor is required to trim it out.

DUCK EGGS SENT
UTRECHT, Netherlands (AP)—A Dutch committee is flying 60,000 duck eggs to Korea to help impoverished farmers build up flocks depleted in the Korean War.

'Hot' Whisky Cache Found Under Hood

DETROIT (AP)—Elmer F. Smith, a Tawas City, Mich., tourist camp operator, couldn't beat a law of physics. So he ended up in jail.

The story came out when Smith pleaded guilty to smuggling 28 bottles of whisky across the Canadian-U.S. border. He admitted he concealed the whisky under the hood of his car and drove into Detroit, unsuspected by customs men.

In suburban Dearborn, heat from the engine burst four of the bottles and set fire to the whisky and car. Firemen put out the flames. Police called customs men, who confiscated \$150 worth of whisky that escaped the flames and Smith's car. Now he knows alcohol expands when heated.

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