

Easter's Meaning Today—1



The Last Supper

Da Vinci: The Last Supper

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Against a grim background of tragic events a little group of men in an upper room in Jerusalem kept the Passover nearly 2000 years ago. Of all that happened that night in the vast Roman world nothing could have seemed at the time less important than that Last Supper. Yet, while even the Roman Empire itself has fallen, that Passover meal, a living reality still, goes on.

What if again, in our time, when the events of the world are huge and obscuring, the really significant factors are to be found in something that the casual eye misses, or seeing thinks too small to count!

At any rate, to us living amid thunderous events, that Last Supper says at least two things.

First, that vitality is stronger than size. In the long run, a vital seed growing can split a rock. Vitality was in that upper room, and what is vital lasts, and grows, and spreads, and as Jesus said, "The Gates of Hell shall not prevail against it." When this planet was young,

large volcanoes blazed, while along the edges of the primeval seas the first living cells appeared. Who could have guessed that not to the volcanoes but to those living cells the future belonged? He who lets huge and terrible events discourage him does not know history. When they have passed away, the vital, germinal, spiritual forces will still be going

strong. Second, that Last Supper says to us that great consequences can come from small beginnings. Everything worth while on earth started as a quiet, inconspicuous idea held by an unnoticed minority in some upper room. Such vital ideas make no contemporary headlines, or if noted at all seem hopeless against their powerful foes. History, however, in the end, changes the perspective. Oaks do grow from acorns. The stone that the builders rejected does become the head of the corner. The crystal slipper fits despised Cinderella's foot and not her proud sister's. The last do become first, and the first last.

Today, in a turbulent generation we need this message. The faith of that upper room has not collapsed; rather, its alternatives, substitutes, and antagonists have landed us in worldwide catastrophe. The final word belongs to good will, to liberty, democracy, justice, decency. Between that upper room and Easter stood the Cross, but for all that Easter Day came.

East Salem Neighborhood Club Guest at Ricket's

East Salem, April 21—The members of the Neighborhood club of Garden Road met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ricket on Garden Road. There were 10 members and four guests present for the afternoon. The program for the afternoon was a very clever memory contest arranged by the hostess. Guests were Mrs. Noby Zeller, Mrs. Ruth Compton and Mrs. Paul Rasmussen of Salem, and Mrs.

Lillian SeRine, a new resident on Garden Road.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Strawn of Auburn district spent the week-end at Toledo visiting at the home of his sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baker and family moved last week from East Center street to West Salem. Their two daughters in Auburn school were Coretta in the sixth and Nioma in the third grade.

Born last Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. David Bates of Swegle district, was a son, weighing nine pounds. He has been named Allen David. Monday Mrs. Bates was taken home. The little boy has one sister, Nancy.

Mrs. William Judson of Redmond spent last week visiting in the home of her parents, the Earl Woods on Sunnyview avenue.

Mrs. Walter Swingle left Tuesday morning for a two weeks' visit at the home of her sister, Mrs. Harry Jennings, in Spokane.

Consolidation Loses In San Francisco

San Francisco, April 21 (AP)—For the second time in less than six months, San Francisco voters have defeated a proposal to consolidate the city's street railways by purchasing the privately-owned Market street system. The total semi-official vote in a special election yesterday was: "Yes, 53,441; No, 87,399."

The election was on a revenue bond proposal to buy the Market street system for \$7,950,000. Sponsors included Mayor Angelo J. Rossi and the city board of supervisors. A similar proposal lost last November by a margin of 3500 votes.

Evangelicals to Conduct Campaign

The First Evangelical church, Marion and Summer streets, is conducting a "Home-Front-For-Christ" campaign this week.

From Monday through Wednesday special church workers are calling upon the families of Salem with which the church has had previous contact.

These homes are being informed of the services to be held Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at the church. The hour of the evening services is 7:30.

The "Back Home Hour Male Quartet" is to provide the special music on Thursday evening. For the remainder of the week the church has brought back to Salem Robert Johnson, tenor soloist from Whitworth college, Spokane. The pastor, the Rev. J. Kenneth Wishart, will preach each night. His themes are: Thursday, "Following Jesus, Where?"; Friday, "The Joy of Being Remembered"; and candlelight Communion service; Saturday, "What Would You Do With Jesus?"; and Sunday, "The Power of God."

Switch-Over Hampers American Industry

Portland, April 21 (AP)—American industry is being dislocated temporarily because of a switch-over from defensive to offensive production.

So asserted Frederick C. Crawford, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, in an Oregonian interview. "It means a rebalancing of war orders, a cutting down on defensive orders, like anti-aircraft guns, and an increased need for aircraft and ships. There will be a continuing shortage of labor on the Pacific coast, if labor is not skillfully utilized, while in sections of the past many people may be out of work temporarily," he said.

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Blue Coupons Will Buy More

Washington, April 21 (AP)—Blue ration coupons will buy about twice as much frozen fruits and vegetables and canned and dehydrated soups starting tomorrow. Dry black-eyed peas will be ration-free.

A slash in the point values of these goods was announced by the office of price administration to prevent warm-weather spoilage and relieve a clogging of storage space resulting from slow sales.

It was the second major change in coupon costs of rationed fruits and vegetables, and came as the OPA was considering an overhaul of some of its meat points, including possible reductions on luncheon and other ham and an increase on beef hamburger. These meat changes, if made, probably will come at the end of the month.

Fanciers of frozen foods received what officials described as obvious "point bargains," primarily to clear commercial refrigerators of the remnants of last year's pack and make way for this year's. When the new crops come out, they are likely to be point-priced again at about the old levels.

The one-point size of frozen fruit was cut from 13 to 6 points, one-pound package of frozen baked beans from 8 to 4 points, and the customary 12-ounce size of other frozen vegetables from a 6-10 point range to a flat rate of 4 points.

The customary 10½ ounce can of tomato soup was cut from 6 to 3 points and other canned soups from 6 to 4 points. For dry or dehydrated soups, the new values are only a fourth of what they started out to be when processed food rationing began on March 1. The points were cut in half March 29, and again approximately in half, effective tomorrow. The 2½-ounce package will take a single point.

The south, where black-eyed peas are popular, will hail point-freeing of this dry vegetable. Other varieties of dry beans, peas and lentils were unaffected and remain at 4 points per pound.

Next month's blue coupons, which are G, H and J, may be used starting Saturday. Thus, during the last week of the month, both April and May stamps will be usable simultaneously.

Pardon Granted Mrs. Southard

Boise, Idaho, April 21 (AP)—The last strings that attached Mrs. Lydia Southard, convicted poison slayer of the fourth of her six husbands, to the Idaho prison, were severed Tuesday.

The state pardons board made final a conditional pardon granted Mrs. Southard 18 months ago.

The middle-aged woman has spent her free months quietly on her sister's farm at Nyssa, Ore.

Mrs. Southard's prison career included an escape over the walls and freedom for 30 months during which she married a sixth time. Husband No. 6 obtained an annulment after her arrest.

She was convicted of poisoning Edward Meyer, No. 4, at Twin Falls, in 1921. Her first three husbands also died while she was married to them. No. 5 obtain a divorce after she was arrested.

Pierce Talks On Japanese

Eugene, Ore., April 21 (AP)—"Alien Japanese must go back to Japan when this war is over. There is no place for them here," Walter M. Pierce, former Oregon governor and congressman, declared here Tuesday in a talk before the Rotary club.

Pierce charged that in spite of the fact that the U.S. is at war with Japan, agents representing alien Japs are extending their holdings of land in Malheur county and in the sugar beet lands around Ontario and Nyssa. The lands are being purchased nominally through children and corporations, but alien Japs control them, the former congressman averred.

To those who propose that Japanese in the U.S. be "Americanized or Christianized," Pierce said flatly "it can't be done."

He also warned that at the conclusion of the war something must be done about the dual citizenship situation. He said the United States has done much for the Japs but in turn they have abused privileges granted them and "have tricked us."

Pierce called attention to what he termed the "rabbit rate" of Japanese population increases, and warned that a contest looms to see whether the Pacific coast will remain white or turn yellow.

Twelve rubber tire factories are now operating in South America.

Great Fir Log Has Police Escort

North Bend, Wash., April 21 (AP)—The biggest Douglas fir log ever taken out of the North Bend area by truck received a state patrol escort yesterday to a Lake Washington boom.

The 200-foot giant, felled a month ago, was 10½ feet in diameter at the base. It was cut into 20-foot sections for the long haul. The four marketable sections went to the Elliot Bay Lumber company for plywood.



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