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Pope Paul VI not likely to be disappointed in visit to shrines

EDITORS Note:
The following dispatch by UPI's religion writer describes the origins of some of the shrines that will be visited by Pope Paul VI during his visit to the Holy Land next month.

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Pope Paul VI is going to Palestine with the same motive that has animated millions of other Christian pilgrims during the past 2,000 years.

In his own words, he wants to see "the holy places where Christ was born, lived, died and ascended to Heaven after His resurrection."

Because he is a widely-read scholar, the Pope is not likely to be disappointed — as some pilgrims are — by the discovery that it is often necessary to settle for probabilities and approximations in identifying the localities where biblical events took place.

For example: When the Pope visits Bethlehem, he can be quite sure that he is standing in the village where Jesus was born. The oldest and best authenticated of all Christian records — the New Testament Gospels — identify Bethlehem as the place where the herald angels proclaimed the "glad tidings of great joy."

But should the Pope wish to see the precise spot in Bethlehem where Mary "brought forth her first-born Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling clothes, and laid Him in a manger," he will have to be guided by ancient tradition rather than the clear words of scripture.

Tradition points to a cave in the Judean hillside as the site of the manger. This usually surprises Western Christians who have been nourished on Christmas art depicting the nativity scene in a stable attached to an inn. But the Bible says nothing about a stable. It simply indicates that Jesus was born in a place where livestock were kept. And in the hill country of Palestine, it was — and still is — customary to use caves to keep livestock safe at night.

The particular cave which Bethlehem guides point out as the birthplace of Jesus has been a place of pilgrimage for Christians since at least 150 A.D., and possibly before that, so the tradition is certainly a very ancient one. The first Christian emperor of Rome, Constantine, built a church over the cave in 325 A.D. The present Church of the Nativity, in which Pope Paul will worship, is an enlargement of Constantine's church, built by the Emperor Justinian I in the 6th century A.D.

As the Pope visits other places connected with the life of Christ, he repeatedly will encounter the same situation that prevails in Bethlehem. He can

go to the little suburb of Bethany, about a mile and a half from Jerusalem, and be sure that it was here that Jesus visited his friends, Mary, Martha and Lazarus. But he may be somewhat less convinced when local guides point out a particular underground chamber as the burial vault from which Lazarus was called forth.

In Jerusalem, where the climactic events of Holy Week took place, the effort to find point precise locations is even more difficult.

Jerusalem has been a living city for the past 20 centuries, with new buildings constantly being built on the ruins of old ones. Archaeologists estimate that at least 20 feet of rubble now lie over the streets where Christ walked, and over which He carried His cross.

Some of the sites now pointed out in Jerusalem as holy places are of very dubious authenticity. For example, the place where Jesus ate His Last Supper with His Disciples is identified in the Bible only as a large upper room in a private home. A tradition which apparently is no older than the middle ages places the upper room (called "the cenacle") in a building on a hillside south-west of the city walls. The interpreter's dictionary of the Bible comments that "the slight claim of this tradition to authenticity is not enhanced by the fact that the tomb of David is alleged to have been at the same place."

More Reliable Tradition
Much older and vastly more reliable is the tradition which identifies the site of Calvary, where Christ was crucified, and the adjacent garden tomb in which he was buried.

Most scholars agree that it is highly probable that both of these sacred places are encompassed within the huge Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where Pope Paul plans to celebrate Mass on Jan. 4. The church was built by the Emperor Constantine in the early Fourth Century, on a hill which had been known among Jerusalem Christians for generations as far back as Constantine could trace — as the site of Christ's death and resurrection.

The Pope expressed a specific desire to visit the place where Christ "ascended to heaven after His resurrection." That is clearly identified in the Bible as the Mount of Olives, a low mountain (2,963 feet above sea level) which overlooks Jerusalem from the west.

On its lower slopes, he will also find the site of the Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus often met with His disciples, and to which He went, on the night He was betrayed, to pray: "My father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt."

Governor Scranton may become active '64 Republican candidate

By Raymond Lahr
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WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Republican presidential outlook appeared more uncertain than ever today with the announcement that Pennsylvania Gov. William W. Scranton may become an active candidate for the nomination.

Scranton disclosed in Harrisburg, Pa., over the weekend that former President Dwight D. Eisenhower had urged him to run. The governor said he was giving the suggestion "deep thought" but was still disinclined to become an active candidate.

Warrant issued in truck theft

A District Court warrant has been issued for the arrest of a man suspected of stealing a pickup truck from the lot of Hal Wilson's Auto Sales, 160 Greenwood.

The vehicle is believed to have been stolen December 14 although Wilson did not notice it missing until Thursday. He told officers the suspect expressed a desire to purchase the pickup on the 14th, and asked Wilson to hold it for him.

Police have traced the theft date to a complaint from Tim Wren, Tim's Enco Service, 311 E. Greenwood. Wren said that on the 14th a man driving this vehicle purchased gas and wrote him a worthless check for it. He identified the vehicle by its license plate number.

Bank application is turned down

Application of the First National Bank of Oregon to establish in Bend a branch bank on East Third, at some point between Greenwood and Emerson, has been denied, according to information from Washington, D.C.

The denial ruling was made by the Comptroller of Currency. No reason for the denial was made.

Approval of the application would have given Bend two First National institutions.



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Eisenhower recently suggested that Henry Cabot Lodge, U.S. ambassador to Viet Nam, also deserved consideration. And Richard M. Nixon, the 1960 Republican nominee, also has been a recent visitor to the former President's Gettysburg, Pa., office.

GOP leaders believe that Eisenhower is cool toward Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz., although he has pledged himself to support whoever is nominated by the Republicans next year.

Goldwater In Front
Goldwater, who is not a declared candidate, is still far in front of the field in terms of potential delegate strength at the GOP convention.

But Republican leaders have been quietly reappraising their prospects since the death of President Kennedy. Goldwater is judged to be a weaker candidate against President Johnson than he might have been against Kennedy.

Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York is the only announced candidate. But few Republicans can regard him as a likely winner of the nomination until and unless he defeats another major candidate in a state primary.

Since Kennedy's assassination, Republicans have looked toward Nixon and Scranton as the strongest potential rivals of Goldwater — Nixon as a man close to the center of the GOP and Scranton as a representative of the liberal faction.

Needs Massive Buildup
Scranton is viewed as a sort of "Republican Kennedy," a youthful, handsome Ivy Leaguer a millionaire with charm and tested appeal in a big industrial state. But to make him a national figure, a massive buildup must start soon.

The governor told newsmen that Eisenhower urged him Dec. 15 to consider becoming a candidate.

"He said the national scene now was such that he felt that a number of persons thought I should be the candidate and he thought that I ought to give a good deal of thought to this matter," Scranton said.

While sticking his toe in the water, the governor again denied that he is a candidate and said he knew of no national or state movement to launch a campaign for him.

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