

Christmas Has Returned Behind The Iron Curtain

Vienna—(UPI)—Christmas behind the Iron Curtain would hardly be recognized as such by a Westerner, but it does exist.

Until very recent years, it was dangerous for a Christian to celebrate Christmas in eastern Europe but since de-Stalinization, it is regaining its former character as the oldest and most honored Christian holiday.

In Hungary, under the rule of Premier Janos Kadar, Christians who want to celebrate in the traditional way are no longer prevented from so doing.

Greeting cards, both religious and secular, now are sold in the state-run shops. While Christmas trees and decorations practically disappeared under the regime of Matyas Rakosi, they have reappeared in Hungary in the last few years.

The traditional two-day holiday, cut to one under Rakosi, has been restored as well as has the Catholic tradition of eating carp on Christmas Eve.

In other East European countries, a similar transformation has been taking place. "Stalinist" authorities tried for years to turn Christmas into just another festive occasion, without success. The word "Christmas" was replaced by "Festival of the Pine Tree," and "Father Christmas" became "Father Winter."

Now, behind the Iron Curtain, there are enough Christmas trees and gifts in the stores, although often at prohibitive prices for workers.

As in other Christian countries, Christmas is a family festival with a gaily decorated tree, lighted with candles, and under it colorful packages.

After the presents are opened, the family sings traditional carols, and then has the Christmas Eve dinner of fish and trimmings.

Even in the Communist countries, the churches are busy if not actually full for the Christmas Eve services. The congregations are made up of all age groups, from grandmothers to teen-agers.

Calendar

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

Hoedowners
Derby Hoedowners announce a Christmas party and dance on Sunday, December 23. The dance will be held at Derby Community hall starting at 3 p.m. and refreshments will be potluck fashion.

Edwin Cavin will call, and all square dancers and callers are invited.

Club Announces Party on Friday

Get Together club has planned a public card party Friday, December 21, at Girls Community club. Dessert will be served at 1 p.m. and cards will follow.

The club recently elected officers for 1963. They are Mrs. Alvin Lucas, president; Mrs. Alva W. Ford, vice-president; Mrs. Lloyd Lewis, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Dorothea V. Grossman, publicity chairman.

New Officers Are Elected By Bethel 22

Ashland—Queen Janie Clark of Bethel 22, International Order of Job's Daughters was honored at the December 11 session, when she was serenaded by an original song and presented a miniature Christmas tree, in recognition of her reign. Mrs. Richard Brown, Bethel guardian, offered best wishes and congratulations.

Election of new officers resulted in the choice of Miss Kathy Zimmerlee, who will don the queen's crown at installation ceremonies December 22. Elected with her were Miss Helen Colwell, senior princess; Miss Kay Newton, junior princess; Miss Tana Laird, guide, and Miss Patricia Lorton, chaplain.

Honored Queen-elect Kathy announced appointments at the meeting. Those who will serve the order during the coming term are the Misses Beth Iba, chaplain; Carol Ann James, recorder; Pamela Demo, musician; Donal Ann Brace, Cindy Wright, Linda Prescott, Laura Stakler, and Jackie Peterson, the five messengers; Mary Brostad and Maral Drew, senior and junior escorts; Barbara Jones, librarians; Diane Benson, treasurer; Diane Murphy, Linda Allen, outer and inner guards, and Lynda Lewis, soloist.

Also appointed were the Misses Kathy Hall, lady of lights; Pattie Brown, promoter; Janney McCarley and Vickie Palmer, historians; Linda Fremd, daughter of publicity; Ann Williamson, Sandra Forney and Linda Cannon, daughters of merits and awards; Connie Peterson, page; Ruth Evans, flag bearer; Linda Fremd, Sharon Moses and Vickie Parker, daughters of philanthropy; Linda Bidema, Sally Rountree and Pamela Rodda, daughters of paraphernalia; Becky MacCollister and Mary Jane Aring, daughters of sociability; Nancy Kiser, Lynn Davis and Peggy Austin, daughters of hospitality, and Kandy Kort-hase, all-around-girl.

Junior Bethel officers will also be inducted at the public installation in the Masonic hall December 22 at 7:30 p.m.

Festive Scene

Washington—(UPI)—Flowers and candles make good "Christmas partners," says the Society of American Florists.

For an entrance hall or table, the society suggests a trio of green, yellow and red candles in a setting of yellow carnations and holly.

For formal dinners, try a centerpiece of roses, with golden arborvitae and gold and green Christmas balls arranged at the base of a white iron candleholder bearing bright red tapers.



Kolachky, originated in Bohemia, is no newcomer in American homes, but it is so good it deserves special recognition, especially at holiday times. The individually filled buns can be baked with a variety of fillings, cottage cheese and raisins, or preserved fruits or jams. They are hearty and healthful. Particularly are they useful when you need to serve large quantities or are entertaining children or young persons in groups. Recipes are given here for the original form with yeast dough, and the quick-to-make version using prepared biscuit mix.

Kolachky Holiday Treat For Friends or Families

Though cooks are always experimenting with new varieties of homemade breads, some of the old world treats still remain among the best. Kolachky, for one, is no newcomer but it is so good it deserves special recognition. The delicious Kolachky, individual filled buns, originated in Bohemia, but they are familiar favorite in many American homes today.

You should have no difficulty making Kolachky. After letting the dough rise to proper proportions, form it into balls and make a depression in each. You can bake Kolachky with any of a wide variety of fillings, but one that we heartily recommend is a delicious combination of cottage cheese and raisins.

Kolachky is welcome any time of the day or evening. It tastes best of all, however, when you and a few neighbors take an hour or so away from household chores and relax with coffee talk. The coffee hour and Kolachky are old friends—a heaping basket of the warm bread, an inviting potful of the steaming coffee.

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KOLACHKY
One-half cup lukewarm milk; one-half cup sugar; one teaspoon salt; two envelopes active dry yeast; one-half cup warm water (105-115 degrees); two eggs, unbeaten; one-half cup soft shortening; four and one-half to five cups enriched flour (measure according to directions on package).
Combine milk, sugar and salt. Sprinkle yeast on warm water. Let stand five minutes. Stir well and add to milk mixture. Stir in eggs and shortening.

Add enough flour to make a soft dough, first with spoon and then with hand. Knead until smooth and elastic. Cover. Let rise in warm place until double in bulk. Punch down. Let rise again until almost double (30-45 minutes). Shape into 2-inch balls. Cover. Let rise again until light (15 to 30 minutes).

Make a depression in center of each and fill with Cottage Cheese Filling. Place on greased baking sheet. Bake in hot oven, 400 degrees, 20 to 25 minutes. Makes about two and one-half dozen.
Cottage Cheese Filling
One and one-half cups cottage cheese; two egg yolks; one-half teaspoon mace; one tablespoon grated lemon peel; one tablespoon lemon juice; one tablespoon sugar; one-half cup seedless raisins.
Combine all ingredients; mix well.

QUICK CEREAL KOLACHKY
A quicker version of this

old favorite can be made with prepared biscuit mix, and either version can be varied by placing fruit jams or preserves in the center depressions.

For Quick Cereal Kolachky use two and two-thirds cups prepared biscuit mix; two tablespoons sugar; one-fourth cup melted and cooled butter, margarine or fat; one cup milk; three cups whole wheat flakes or corn flakes; one-half cup thick orange marmalade, plum jam, or raspberry preserves.

Combine biscuit mix, sugar, and butter or margarine in mixing bowl. Add milk, all at once, and stir just until dry ingredients are moistened. Allow to stand two or three minutes. Spread cereal flakes out onto a large flat pan. Drop rounded tablespoons of dough onto flakes, one at a time. Sprinkle flakes over top. Transfer to greased baking sheet with a small pancake turner.

Press a cavity in center of dough and fill with thick marmalade, preserves, or jam. Repeat until all dough is used. Bake until done and lightly browned in a moderate oven (375 degrees F), 12 to 15 minutes. Serve warm, plain or with butter. Yield: 12 rolls.

Holiday Party Held in Ashland

Ashland—A lighted tree beside a realistic fireplace was the center of attention for members and guests of the Soroptimist club when they met for their annual Christmas party in the Mark Antony hotel December 14.

During the luncheon a chorus of fourth graders from Lincoln school presented a program of Christmas carols directed by Mrs. Charlsia Schall and accompanied by Mrs. Virginia Cecil.

At its conclusion the president, Mrs. Mabel Winston, and the second vice president, Mrs. Alta Nichols, conducted an initiation ceremony for two candidates, Mrs. Vera Poole and Mrs. Isabel Thomas.

There was the customary exchange of gifts and contributions were collected for the Soroptimist table at the YMCA benefit sale in the armory. Each member also gave \$1 to buy Christmas trees and trimmings for several families who might otherwise have none.

Soroptimist club luncheon meetings will be resumed after the holidays with the first regular business session of 1963 on January 4.

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