

EISENHOWER

LT. Delco. Fri. Mar. 30 - '56,

The President of the United States and the First Lady, observed this Good Friday - by attending the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, their own church. Arriving about midway in the early part of the service they stood, as many of us often do - and then were ushered to their regular pew for the twenty minute sermon.

The day was so windy and cool, that Mrs. Eisenhower wore a grey wool suit and a black straw hat - saving her spring things for Sunday, we suppose.

Not only was there an overflow crowd inside, but outside a crowd of spectators had gathered to see the nation's Chief.

The President had ordered that all government employees, as far as possible - should be given time off to attend Good Friday services.

The Eisenhowers will remain at the White House over Easter, and on Monday will take part in the traditional easter egg rolling on the South lawn.

JERUSALEM

In Jerusalem we hear it was a typical Good Friday.

In the Holy City Christian pilgrims retraced the steps of the Saviour through the narrow, winding Via Dolorosa - the road that leads to Calvary or what the pilgrims are told is the Way of the Cross. Actually the exact route is unknown because the Jerusalem of the Saviour's Day was completely destroyed by the Romans.

As usual, the procession moved through those streets, pausing to pray at each of the places marked as Stations of the Cross - the first station on the side of the hall in which the guides say that Pontius Pilate delivered his judgment. Perhaps the palace did stand on that site. No one knows for certain.

At any rate, Good Friday services went on as usual in Jerusalem - even though the old walled city is held by Jordan and coveted by Israel - patrolled by the Army of young King Hussein.

ISRAEL

The Israeli Ambassador in Washington, called at the State Department today - for the second time in a week. Ambassador Eban, still pressing for a decision on that matter of arms - to balance the growing might of Egypt. He had no comment to make as he came away from an hour long session with Assistant Secretary of State, George Allen.

The word in Washington is that these conferences may be leading up to a new development. Congressmen Keating of New York and Scott of Pennsylvania saying they believe the State Department is formulating a new policy. Just conjecture.

ALGERIA

A dispatch from Algiers tells of the underground terrorist army boasting it will not only drive the French out of Algeria - but will go on to conquer half of France. Which of course they almost did do some twelve centuries ago.

Then the Moslems, on the march swept out of the Arabian peninsula seized North Africa, Spain, and even crossed the Pyrenees - intending to take over France. Charles Martel raised a feudal army and in one of the world's decisive battles solded all that at Tours? In the year Seven Thirty Two. Saving France from Moslem conquest. And then Spain drove them out. Ferdinand and Isabella defeating them in the final seize of Grenada.

But maybe the present day Algerians haven't read about what happened to their ancestors back in the Eighth Century.

Anyway, today's statement by the Algerian Army of Allah says they'll go on to conquer France this time. A propaganda announcement says that all of southern France will be taken over - and refers to France as "the land of our ancestors."

However, invasion of France may have to wait a while - fighting still continues in Algeria, with the French, pouring in reinforcements - including ^{some} thirteen ~~more~~ ^{additional} hundred ^{force.} soldiers from the Nato ~~Army~~. Also more Senagalese troops from French West Africa.

More than two hundred casualties in the last two days. Most of the 200 dead, Algerian terrorists. In spite of which they say that before long they'll invade France, with no Charles Martel to hold them at bay.

LONGWY FOLLOW ALGERIA

But there is some fighting between French and Algerians in France. At the city of Longwy, Algerian workers marched on the City Hall - and there battled with the police, who used tear gas to break it up.

PINEAU

The French Foreign Minister today called ~~in~~ in the Ambassadors from Syria and Lebanon. Pineau, protesting against an Arab League Communique - pledging aid to the rebels in Algeria. A communique stating that the Arab League is willing to support the rebels - ~~in~~ with all the force of the Arab countries.

Foreign Minister Pineau told the Syrian and Lebanese ambassadors that he regretted the Arab League communique - especially in view of his proposed visit to the Near East - to Lebanon and Syria. Although ~~he~~ he didn't say he would call off that tour - he indicated that France takes a serious view of the suggested Arab support for Algerian terrorism.

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A hand grenade ~~was~~ tossed into the Egyptian Embassy in Paris early this morning, shook the building and smashed most of its windows. ~~Re~~ Pedestrians passing by say they saw a bright orange flame through the window, no one was hurt, but the grenade woke up everybody in the Embassy.

NASSER

Here's an interesting point of view:

That The danger of war in the Middle East has decreased ever since Egypt started getting arms from the Iron Curtain

countries. So says the Premier of Egypt. Nasser, giving his

opinion in an interview with ^Ludwell Denny, of ^{the} Scripps-Howard-
papers.

Nasser indicated that Egypt ^{now} has become so strong -

that Israel is not likely to start an aggressive war. And ^{that} in his

^{Egypt,} of course, ~~Egypt~~ will never start a war. ^{Hence Nasser} ~~that's why~~

^{says} the chances of peace are ~~is~~ better. - ~~not that arms are flowing~~

~~from the Communist world into Egypt.~~

The Egyptian Premier also denied that his country

~~is~~ might be turned into a Soviet satellite. He charged that

the real enemies of the Middle East - are America, Britain,

and France. ~~Nasser added~~ ^That it was western colonialism that

forced him to buy ~~in~~ arms from the Communist bloc.

LIBYA

The British ~~Government~~^{are} is offering more economic aid to Libya -- in an effort to ~~stop~~^{check} Soviet and Egyptian ~~propaganda~~^{inroads into that new} ~~in that~~ desert nation. Libya already receives aid from Britain and America - in return for military bases. But ~~this new~~^{today's} British offer would put aid to Libya on a more constructive basis - ~~it~~^{it} would cover such things as farm ~~in~~ irrigation and highway development. The British, anxious to do this ~~work~~ -- ~~has~~ before Khrushchev makes any more offers to Libya, ~~and~~^{and} Before Nasser tries to move in.

ICELAND

American officials in Washington repeat that if our troops are forced to withdraw from Iceland - it will be a real blow to the Free World. This with reference to yesterday's vote in the Icelandic Parliament calling for an end to our use of the great Air Base at Keflavik.

In Washington, it is said that if Iceland insists on this - there will be a dangerous gap in the Nato defense line. And - it would be a triumph for Moscow, because it would leave Iceland open to Soviet occupation in case of war. Also, there's the possibility that other nations might follow suit - demand American withdrawal from their territory.

However, there's much doubt that Iceland will insist on our actually pulling out. That the vote came as a result of a heated political campaign in Iceland. With elections coming in June. Optimism in Washington is based on the hope that after those elections - Iceland will change her mind, and allow us to keep on using that strategic air base.

VIET NAM

France and South Viet Nam signed an agreement in Saigon today - providing for the withdrawal of the remaining French expeditionary corps. This is in line with a request made by Premier Diem last January - when he assured the French that his government was strong enough to take over the French obligations under the Geneva truce - especially patrol of the border between South Viet Nam and the Communist North.

So twenty thousand French troops will be pulled out - all that are left of the French expeditionary force of one hundred and twenty thousand - that existed at the end of the Indo-China war.

LOBBY

The Senate lobbying committee may plunge into more investigations - of outside influence on the actions of individual Senators. Chairman McClellan of Arkansas, ^{saying} ~~revealing~~ that at least two other Senators would like to have certain cases checked - to see if there are any sinister forces at work. That)

The lobbying committee was set up just to make such investigations. ^{going} ~~it went~~ into the question of Senator Case of South Dakota - and that ² famous twenty-five hundred dollars, offered to the Senator if he would vote for the natural gas bill. ~~As we know, Senator Case deliberately voted against the bill, because of that offer. And then President Eisenhower vetoed the bill.~~

Afterward, the McClellan Committee sent out a circular letter - asking the rest of the Chamber about possible leads. Now the Chairman reveals, two affirmative answers - two suggestions for further investigation.

Senator McClellan refused to say who the two Senators

are, or what the possible lines of inquiry are - but he said
he and his colleagues are definitely interested.

COMMUNISTS

We've all heard a lot about the troubles of the Communist parties throughout the world - because of that new anti-Stalin line in the Soviet Union. But one ^{Red}~~Communist~~ party seems unaffected - the British Communist party. Maybe that famous capacity for under-statement affects the Reds in Britain too. Anyway, they opened their annual convention today - without so much as a ^{remark}~~question~~ about Stalin. The speakers, concentrating on self criticism - and calling for stronger Communist propaganda.

Party leader, Harry Pollitt, made the keynote speech - without referring in any way to the problem that is agitating the comrades elsewhere.

Pollitt did ^{not} even mention the London Daily Worker - which is running a series of letters to the Editor - criticising Pollitt because he was such a faithful ~~henchman~~ of Stalin. The letters, asking why he didn't recognize the crimes of the old ^{dictator}~~dictator~~ at the time they were occurring.

Apparently these letters are too violent for a

^{ish}
British meeting - even if the conference is composed solely
of Communists.

CRIMINALS

Tonight "Nick ^{Montos}~~the Greek~~" is in the hands of the
F B I - Nick, ~~Montos~~, who twice made the list of the "ten most
wanted criminals." He escaped from the Mississippi state prison
in January, of last year - and is a suspect in last ~~year's~~ week's
bank robbery at Tampa, Florida -- which netted a haul of ^{some}~~about~~
ninety thousand dollars.

Last night "~~Montos~~ Nick ~~the Greek~~" and another criminal
pulled into a fashionable motel at Memphis, Tennessee.
Unfortunately for them, one of the guests there was an F B I
agent - who phoned headquarters, and a trap was set.

A number of F B I agents quickly moved in across
the court. ^{and} ~~then they~~ ^{at} called the cabin where ^{Nick} Montos and his
friend were staying, telling the ^{my} ~~two~~ - to walk out with their
hands up, within thirty seconds.

^{FBI} ~~then~~ ^{then} the agents waited as the seconds ticked off.
Nothing happened. So, ^{tear} gas shells were fired into the
cabin. And a moment later, "Nick ^{Montos}~~the Greek~~" and his pal came
stumbling out. Coughing and rubbing their eyes.

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Each of them had more than two thousand dollars in cash. In their car, six guns, a couple of switch blade knives, three sets of license plates - and a sheriff's badge.

CHIMPANZEE

Well, spring is here, ^{— with the big} ~~and Ringling Brothers'~~ circus ~~is~~ on its way North. -- and Today we have a dispatch from United Press correspondent, H. D. Quigg, who is riding on that train. His dispatch today deals mainly with the chimpanzees - and their manner of travel.

Quigg says that the chimps are given a lot of attention - because they are so talented. They can roller-skate and dance on a rubber ball - and they can be made up to look almost human. They get a special ration every day including two quarts of milk and six bananas. They have a special ice box to keep the milk cold - also a gas range for making coffee and tea. And if any chimp feels out of sorts - he gets a glass of hot milk laced with sugar, eggs and whiskey. Reporter Quigg says the chimps are so fond of medicine - they don't mind being sick.

And these refugees from the jungle never have to scratch - except out of habit -- because they have no fleas.

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The Ringling men say they never come across a flea on a wild animal, not even a chimp. ^{Of course, Henry,} Only the dogs have the ^{flea,} ~~familiar~~

bugs. And the dogs don't travel in style - like the chimpansees, when they're headed North, to perform ^{at} ~~in New York's~~ Madison Square Garden.