

Thurs. March 30, 1972

HOLY LAND

Easter time in the Holy Land jammed packed as always. An estimated seventy-five thousand pilgrims and tourists - streaming into Jerusalem today with every hotel, every youth hostel, every private home - booked solid.

Meanwhile, local workmen were sweeping and hosing down the Via Dolorosa; clearing the way for those who will follow tomorrow night in the footsteps of the Savior, the historic route from St. Stephens Gate - via the stations-of-the-Cross to the Holy Sepulchre.

VATICAN

At the Vatican in Rome - Pope Paul washed and kissed the feet of twelve young boys all of them - either orphaned or handicapped.

This - a re-enactment of the gesture that Christ made in behalf of his ~~dx~~ Disciples -- at the Last Supper. According to the Vatican - a symbol of humility and service.

*Then - a brief speech - the Pontiff saying:
"none of us can pretend that our charity is sufficient - when we consider it ought to be without measure."*

LONDON BELFAST

More than fifty years of home rule in northern Ireland was finally, formally ended today.

The British parliament imposing direct British rule -

^{as} its last act prior to Easter adjournment, thereby

hoping to end two and a half years of communal

strife [^] that ~~already~~ ^{has} claimed ~~many~~ nearly three

hundred lives.

Far from ending it though - today's action ~~alone~~

^{to be} serving as a catalyst for renewed violence, [^] including

a series of bombings in Belfast - as well as a ~~for~~

gun battle across the border with Southern Ireland.

^{With} ~~and~~ the British government announcing plans to send

in ~~an~~ additional ~~four thousand~~ ~~for~~ troops.

KIZILDERE

In the kidnapping of those British radar ~~technicians~~ technicians in Turkey - as you may have heard by now - a tragic ending. The Turkish commandoes trapping the kidnappers and their hostages in a house in the mountain village of Kizildere. When the commandoes stormed the house though - they found the technicians had already been murdered. As for the ten terrorists involved a later announcement saying they were all captured - dead.

WHITE HOUSE

From The White House ^{comes} an announcement ~~today~~
that President Nixon plans to invoke the railway
labor act - in two threatened rail strikes. This -
in order to prevent a walkout for at least sixty
days - during which time ~~we are told~~ the
President ~~will~~ probably ^{will} seek emergency legislation -
in an attempt to effect a permanent solution.

CAPE KENNEDY

At Cape Kennedy - a week long test of that Apollo Sixteen Moonship - was finally completed today. Fully fueled and ready to go - the ship achieving a simulated blast off, exactly as planned. Launch Director Walter Capryan later calling it - "a very successful test." The real thing now just seventeen days away.

AGRICULTURE

~~Monthly~~ report ^{cover} ~~from~~ from the

Agriculture Department showing a recent decline
in farm prices for live beef-cattle and hogs.

The first such drop - since ~~was~~ last summer.

Another minus on the plus side - in the average
price of all farm products; which fell two percent -
during the month just ended. This ending a five
month steady advance.

PRICES

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On another front, the White House today rejected a Democratic call - for a new freeze on wages and prices. Press Secretary Ron Ziegler insisting that Administration goals will be met - specifically, ^{including the} ~~the~~ ^{of} cutting ^{of} the rate of inflation, in half - by the end of this year. "The overall figures show a positive trend" said Ziegler. Adding, "we're satisfied."

CRIME

The U S crime rate - up again last year. About six percent - according to figures released today by acting attorney general Richard Kleindienst. ~~But~~ This the smallest increase in six years, - ~~and~~ ~~are told~~ with more than fifty cities actually reporting a decrease in serious crime. The biggest of these - Washington, D.C., which President Nixon hopes to make a model of law enforcement. The Crime rate in Washington cut by thirteen percent last year; including fewer crimes ~~at~~ in every category except one; but that, sad to say, murder.

BRIDGEWATER

Here on our own shores - a tremendous explosion today at a fireworks factory near Bridgewater,

Mass.
~~Connecticut.~~ The shockwaves - felt for more than

fifteen miles around. ~~And then~~ ^{Followed by} a series of

smaller explosions. In the end - at least three dead -

maybe four - and eleven injured. A witness saying:

"It was just like Hiroshima."

DETROIT

*The new head man at the University of
Detroit - a Jesuit institution - Doctor James
Woodruff, a forty-two year old black Protestant.
Dr. Woodruff accepting the post of Provost after
serving for several months as acting President;
thus becoming the highest ranking black - in any
Catholic college in the country.*

NEW YORK

For Carl Stokes - ex-Mayor of Cleveland -
the start of a new career today. The former
politician signing on as co-anchor-man for a nightly
news cast on New York TV. In that city - at least -
the first black ever to hold such a job.

Stokes explaining his switch saying it's
a "whole new field - a tremendous challenge."

And he added: "after all, there aren't many ~~places~~
places - where ex-Mayor's can go."

FULTON

Love and marriage - and politics - and legal fees - all part of a story reported today from Fulton, Missouri. The State's Attorney General - a Republican - recently ruling that judges may not accept fees for performing marriages. But a Fulton judge, a Democrat, now defying the ban. Judge Hugh Williamson uniting in marriage a loving couple by the name of James Hammett and Rodena Helking. The Judge accepting ten bucks for same, expressing confidence that higher authority will eventually rule that as he put it the Attorney General - "is wrong as usual."

Bridegroom Hammett observing that he, too, feels the judge is "entitled". Hammett adding on his own; Warren: - "It's either the best money - or the worst money - I've ever spent."

MIAMI

"Ah, there's good news tonight." For
years and years = that remark ^{was the slogan of} ~~identified with~~, one
of America's ^{best known, most popular radio} ~~great broadcast~~ personalities. Whatever
the days events - Gabriel Heatter always stressing
the brighter side. His deep, rich voice, ~~the~~ ^a voice
of hope in time of ^{crisis} ~~poor~~; the voice of cheer - in
time of sorrow. And now - the final sign-off/

Gabriel Heatter passing away today in Miami. A

~~great loss to those who only heard his~~ ^{indeed to the millions who were his enthusiastic} ~~great~~
fans. And a great loss to
~~loss of~~ [^] those of us who knew him and will never
forget him. Good old Gabe, an eloquent
rabbi ~~who~~ made famous via radio.
~~Gabriel Heatter~~, Age eighty-two. Solong!
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