

# The Kingdom . . . The Power . . . The Glory

No matter how quietly He lay, sleep would not come . . . His mind was too full . . . He found himself reflecting on the events of the day . . .

He had always done this at night, when the others slept . . . but lately these moments of reflection had become more important to him . . .

Each day was so full . . . There were so few days left, He knew . . . There was still so much to do . . .

He found himself thinking of the night before . . . The hours spent with Lazarus and his sisters . . .

How good to be able to show his gratitude for the warmth of their home; for their friendship . . .

He laughed quietly to himself as he remembered the singing they had done; how poorly Lazarus sang, but with what zeal . . .

The laughter went as quickly as it had come . . . He felt very tired . . . He remembered that He had slept only a little at Lazarus' house . . .

Instead he had walked quietly in the moonlight. He had stood on the hill beyond the house, letting his eyes feast on the stretches of land and the hills, in the light of the moon . . .

Then He had come back into the house, looking on the sleeping disciples, He had stood for a moment near each one . . . praying . . .

That they might be able to understand what surely lay ahead of them . . . that they might be able to bear up under what was to come . . .

What was to come! A cold shiver had run through his body . . .

Do I understand it? . . . He had asked himself. Can I bear up under it? . . .

But the fear which had gripped him had lasted only a moment, as it always did . . . it had left him ready for sleep . . .

But now, 24 hours later, sleep did not come. He recalled the morning . . .

He stood again in the sun on the high hill above the city . . . they had risen early, made their farewells, walked to the place where the view of Jerusalem was so magnificent . . .

Below them stood the temple gleaming in the bright sun . . . just inside the west gate, even from the hill, you could see the crowds lining the streets, waving palm branches; you could hear the sound of their laughing and singing . . .

As He had done in the morning—looking up Jerusalem, so now on the cot in the house in Bethany; he was moved again almost to weeping . . .

But as they had started down toward the gate, even his mood had changed and the disciples responded to the excitement like children . . .

He that comes in the name of the Lord!—He could see how pathetically sure they were that His hour had come; that this was the end of all their waiting . . .

Now as He lay in the quiet room He found his mind moving from reflection on the day's events to deep and agonizing reappraisal of his ministry . . .

How was it possible that they understood so little? At times they have seemed to grasp so much . . .

A fear stabbed him broad awake; made him perspire . . . Will they understand . . . after . . .

He thought about each man . . .

Peter—whose loyalty and love was so earnest, but who got so hopelessly tangled; who meant so well, but who could not always face the harder part; yet who much he must be counted on in spite of his weaknesses—

And John—so unlike Peter; so gentle—but not ready yet to stand by himself . . .

He thought of the brothers—James and John—still concerned for their own futures; able men—but not yet servants . . .

He thought of Judas . . . what will Judas do? His nervousness, his disappointment, his loyalty which asks that I go his way, and is not prepared to yield . . .

How much they meant to him—had He perhaps expected too much of them; would the sacrifice seem too great to them when it came time for them to make it; would their trust be shaken in the days that lay ahead? . . .

He trembled; He felt suddenly sick; He was covered with perspiration . . .

Then his own words sounded in his ears—brought time back and breath, and . . .

"Father"—slowly his lips formed the familiar words—"hallowed by Thy name; Thy Kingdom—Thy Will—"

The moment had passed; the void was filled. Through his mind they came; energizing his body, they came; pouring from within his memory they came . . .

understanding broke upon a young man's face—fear departed as quickly—strength seemed to follow understanding . . .

beauty blossomed in a hated man . . .

In a steady march they came—the sights and sounds of the Kingdom—three words seemed to run back and forth through his head . . .

It will come. It will come. It will come . . .

How earnestly they seek it where it can not be found . . .

It will come—it has come—here—there—there to some—

But how will it come to all . . .

He thought of the shepherd seeking the one lost sheep; the prodigal son; the prostitute; He thought of Peter, of Zaccheus, of the Roman Centurion . . .

And when he can not believe; when he resists . . .

Now the day came back to him again, but he was not afraid to think about it . . .

Their desperate appeal . . .

Thy Kingdom . . . how can it come to all? . . .

As to one, so to all; from one to two, to more . . .

Having sought to win men to the kingdom . . .

Now his mind turned to think of the days that lay ahead . . .

He would suffer . . . knowing his humanity he knew what pain would be his . . .

Having sought to win men to the kingdom . . .

Now, as their wrath, the hatred, their loneliness, their guilt rose up to break against him, to break his spirit if he could . . .

Strange joy triumphed over the fear that had visited him . . .

peace assailed his whole being . . .

—a clash with the authorities—

—charges He would not answer—

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Now, beyond the end that might come, He could see the beginning . . .

What was The Kingdom, The Power, The Glory . . .

And Jesus slept, for He was very tired . . .

Our world society, for the most part, is fed too much information (including gossip) about many things. Most of it becomes distorted and twisted, as we try to find solutions to many large and small problems. If engineers and scientists depended upon gossip and misinformation as facts and laws, they'd never make progress.

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### This and That

by George R. Averill

Publisher and His Daughter Visit Puerto Rico

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO—These lines are being written in a great Caribbean Sea cross-roads city, on an island whose national flag, since July 25, 1898, has been our own Old Glory. One gets a thrill to see it flying in a land that Christopher Columbus, in November, 1493, claimed for Spain, where Spanish still vies with English in conversation in cities and dominates primitive mountain hamlets.

We arrived here in a British West Indian Airways viscount plane, only two hours for the 540 miles from Barbados. The day was unusually warm, because of abnormal humidity. Phil Rich, Midland editor, and I were whisked from the beautiful San Juan airport to the Normandy Hotel, which fronts the beautiful Atlantic Ocean right next to the new and famous Hilton Hotel.

Within a couple of hours 20 National Editorial Association members, including wives, flew in from New York; among them was my only daughter Susan, of Wellesley, Mass. My wife, Louise, had previously referred to us as "a sort of father-daughter honeymoon."

Indeed, such it will be—for Susan, temporarily relieved from her domestic responsibilities, (she has four children) knows how to get the most from a trip, and I'm a close second in this art, too.

PUERTO RICO consists of 3,600 square miles of land, most of which are rolling and mountainous. Her major crop is sugar cane, some of which finally emerges as Puerto Rican rum. Also grows bananas, makes molasses, needs, pottery, straw hats, other woven articles and furniture.

Average temperature is 70 degrees, with good trade winds most always blowing. First inhabitants were peaceful nomadic Indians, made slaves by Spanish conquerors.

Her basic human problem always has been the poverty of most of her people, and still is the major political issue of the island.

FOR CENTURIES, Puerto Rico (meaning Rich Port) was the base from which Spanish adventurers operated, as they prowled throughout the Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico countries in search of plunder. Ponce de Leon was its first Governor—he was the chap who, in 1513, discovered Florida and

subsequently the oldest U.S. city, St. Augustine, was founded there.

Uncle Sam won Puerto Rico during the Spanish-American War, in 1898; and uses it as an important military base, chiefly for the protection of the Panama Canal.

One is always reminded, throughout this tropical Caribbean Sea area, that people lived here and famous cultures long before North America was utilized as his habitation.

SAN JUAN, capital city of 250,000 population, is located on several small islands and peninsulas; its shores are encircled by the Atlantic Ocean. Puerto Rico's southern and parts of east and west shores, are touched by the equally colorful waters of the Caribbean Sea.

Its climate is a powerful attraction to its own people, and an ever-increasing tourist (mostly Americans) trade also attests to the appeal of perpetual spring and summer down here.

One late afternoon our editorial group was guest of Puerto Rico Governor, Luis Muñoz Marín, and his young wife, Ines Menoza de Muñoz. He is the son of the late Puerto Rican Prime Minister and Washington, D.C., resident commissioner.

THE FATHER, in 1917, finally obtained U.S. citizenship status for all Puerto Ricans (though they do not vote in U.S. elections) while the son was elected to the first of his three terms as Governor in 1948, and he has obtained the status of a U.S. Commonwealth for his country.

Elections for the governor and legislative houses are held on the same basis as for our own federal government.

Governor Marín spent most of his boyhood in the U.S., speaks equally well in English or Spanish. (See THIS & THAT, Page 2-A)

### Reject Business Zoning on N. Hunter

Multiple Family Desired by City; Set New Hearing

Even a modified business C zoning classification was not enough inducement for Birmingham city commission to go along with a city plan board recommendation Monday night.

City commission, 5-2, with Mayor William Roberts and Commissioner Carl Ingraham dissenting, voted down a motion that business C be applied to a small single-family-zoned block on the northeast corner of Hunter and Oakland.

Then, by unanimous vote, the commission on May 6, as the hearing date for zoning the block to multiple family use.

SPARKED BY Commissioners Florence Willett and Charles Renfrew, the commission majority thus rejected a repeated plan board recommendation that business C zoning be applied to the five lots at that corner.

It is highly probable that there will be a lawsuit over the commission's action, even though it had been approved by the city council.

After George Carr, representing the petitioners, insisted right up until the final vote that he believed the property deserved to be changed to a business C zoning.

SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, the commission and the plan board met in special session to explore why planners recommended the business C use. Commissioners made it clear at that meeting that they wanted to know why multiple family would not be a "reasonable" use. (See ZONING, Page 4-A)

STRICTLY FRESH

Sit carefully for the next few weeks. There are bound to be several hard-cooked Easter eggs lurking under davenport and chair cushions, undiscovered by the small fry.

Veterinarian friend of ours plans to specialize in treatment of ailing snakes. He's going to open a hissing parlour.

### Churches to Mark Tre Ore, Easter

Community Services Slated Good Friday

More worshippers will be attending more Birmingham area churches than ever before as the solemn observance of Holy Week ends with the celebration of the risen Christ in special Easter services this Sunday.

Community services in both Southfield and Birmingham will mark Good Friday. "Glorious Easter morning are sunrise services, special communions, Easter breakfasts, and the joyous music of the festival Sunday.

SPONSORED BY the Birmingham Council of Churches, a three hour service of devotion will be conducted at First Baptist church from 12 to 3 p.m. Good Friday.

Speaking on "Seven Sayings from the Cross," the sermon in three parts will be delivered by Rev. Robert D. Dosey, of Birmingham Congregational church; Rev. Dr. Arnold Runkel, of First Methodist church; and Rev. Dr. Glen H. Searis, of First Presbyterian church.

CALL TO WORSHIP will be by the Rev. Mackay Taylor, of Northminster Presbyterian church; Rev. Carl Baird, of Birmingham Congregational church; and Rev. Robert Searis, of Franklin Community church.

The service will be divided into three portions, the first hour from 12:00 to 12:45, second hour, 1:00 to 1:45, and third, 2:05 to 3 p.m.

Mrs. Walter F. Turner, chairman of the organ, and soloists will be Mrs. Sylvia Coughlin, Mrs. Mary Bittel, and Mrs. Ruth Killen.

A SECOND observance service a one-hour observance slated at Embury Methodist church, 14 Mile road at Croft, will begin at 1 p.m. Good Friday. Rev. Allen Witkop of First Methodist church, president of the Birmingham Council of Churches, will preach on "How Jesus Came to His Cross."

Rev. Reginald B. Becker, minister of Embury Methodist church, will conduct the service, while Mrs. Lyle Hartwick will be soloist.

SOUTHFIELD PROTESTANT churches will unite for community Good Friday services from 12 to 2:45 p.m. at Northland center auditorium, sponsored by the Southfield ministerial association.

Speakers for the Rev. Robert Secrest, of Southfield Methodist church; Rev. Lorenzo S. Todd, of Community Church of Congregational, and Rev. Harold Kreig, of St. Mark's Evangelical United Brethren church.

An evening Good Friday service at 7:30 p.m. will be held at Southfield United Presbyterian church, E 4157 W. Ten Mile road, with the Rev. Gerald Fisher of Magnolia Evangelical United Brethren church as speaker.

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ERNEST SEAHOLM

### Seaholm Retiring: 18 Years on B of E

After 18 years' service on Birmingham's board of education, the past 10 as its president, Earnest W. Seaholm this week announced he will not seek re-election at this June's annual school district election.

"I would like to be relieved of the duties of service on the board," he explained. "I make this decision with regret, but I feel a person can continue in public service too long. One of our primary democratic benefits is the growth we make by stepping aside and letting younger persons bring in new ideas and viewpoints."

SEAHOLM, 69, WAS ELECTED to his first four-year term on the school board in the June 1939 election.

A retired chief engineer of Cadillac Motor Co., he has guided the school district through a \$10,000,000 school expansion program since the recent war and an enrollment growth that now is approaching 11,000 pupils.

A "happy Easter" gift in the form of a check for \$200 will be sent drive to \$205.85 taken to George Miller in Royal Oak this week by the organizers of the George L. Miller, Jr. fund, occupying from a crippling accident, was presented with a check for \$500 from his Birmingham "particularly generous" gift fund friends.

### PO Expects to Resume Saturday Mail Service

Though further instructions had not been received at Birmingham post office as The Birmingham Eccentric went to press Wednesday noon, local Postmaster Rollie Reese said he expected local Saturday service would be resumed this week.

No order to resume Saturday delivery and window service had been received at either Detroit or the Birmingham post office. Reese said Wednesday. But he added word was expected momentarily, since President Eisenhower signed an emergency money bill Tuesday.

REDUCTION OF DAILY parcel post and stamp window hours will be continued, Reese said. In accordance with Sumnerfield's recent order to cut that service from 10 to 8 1/2 hours, the windows will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. All other windows will be open from 9 to 5 daily.

A backlog of second and third class mail piled up at the Birmingham post office after last Saturday's shutdown, Reese said, adding on Tuesday that "we haven't got it all cleaned out yet."

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This is the text of a sermon preached on Palm Sunday by the Rev. Robert Dyckman Dewey, 31-year-old minister of the Congregational church of Birmingham. Mr. Dewey has been assistant pastor of the church at Woodward and Euclid since its organization in 1933, only a few months before his installation as its first minister.