FRIDAY MARCH 26, 1948

Crossroads---Good Friday, 1948

THERE IS striking similarity between the first Good, Friday and this Good Friday 1946. On both occasions, the world was filled with fear and uncertainty. On both occasions the world was offered a choice between the philosophy of selfish power and the goopel of love. On both occasions Jerusalem was torn with strife and division.

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This day in the calendar is called Good Friday, or Black Friday. It was both good and black. It was and is good in the fact that it represents almighty God going to the utmost limit to bring men from the the light of the ways of God, the ways of personal and national rightenusness. It was black in that it represented the darkness of evil in men's hearts which led them to decline the offer of Jesus Christ of Himself as the Prince of Peace.

It is no wonder that Jesus Christ wept over his belowed city of Jerusalem on that first Paing Bunday, when he saw in advance the tragic results of her fafetul decision: "If thou hadds known, even thou, at least in that thy day, the things which belong unto the property of the control of the property of the control of the

city was totally destroyed by the Roman armies.

Significantly the Cross was set up "outside the city walls." The city had turned its back on Jesus Christ, and the Roman governor. Pontius Plate, had "was he dh his hands" of the affair.

Simce that day, the Cross has become a sacred symbol to Christian way of life.

To Christian severywhere, regardless of sect, creed or denominational division; to all who enjoy the benefits of Christian society, Good Friday should be a solemn reminder of that Christian charge to learn and practice "the things which belong unto

peace." Jerusalem failed here and Good Friday went into the calendar. Each year it brings to all Christian people an urgent call to unity of purpose in seeking the ways

of peace.

It is noteworthy that for 21 years the churches of Charlotte have met together around the Cross in the annual Community Crucifixion Service. It will be held this year Crucifixion Service, It will be held this year at the First Presbyterian Church. This is a heartening sign. It would offer vast enougaement in these days of seeking peace, if these churches which share the Cross, could carry this Good Friday unity over into the entire year, giving vigorous leadership to the search for "the things which will be considered to the control of the country of the control of the country of the co

unity peace, and the Christian world, was chippers will gather in churches today from 12 noon to 3 o'clock in solemn recollection of those three hours of darkness when Jesus Christ was on the Cross. In calling for the observance of the day, the President said, "We in the United States, who still enjoy full religious liberty, should celebrate this day in a solemn and sacred manner. .. Today freedom of religion, as well as the freedom and security of nations is seriously threatened by anti-religious forces. .. For us Gogd Friday should be a day of prayer and adoration, of sorrow and love, of forgiveness and assurance."

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The world stands on this Good Friday at the crossroads of peace and war. It also stands at the "Cross Road." Are we going to crucify civilization with another war because of selfishness, as Jerusalem crucified

cause of selfishness, as Jerusalem crucified Jesus Christ 7 roo many are willing to leave Christ on the Cross and worship Him there, and put self on the throne. If we are to find and use "the things which belong unto peace," we must put self and selfishness on the cross and Christ on the Throne.

The Way To Defeat Communism

HARDENING of America's policy toward Soviet Russia and Communism and calls from the Republican right for even more toughness are answered by Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas with the assertion that Communism cannot be defeated by military might alone.

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Justice Douglas, who has been mentioned
as a possible candidate for Vice-President
on the Democratic ticket this year, spoke
at the University of Florida this week. Discussing the world crisis and the mounting
threat of war, he declared that "this country will fail miserably" it if sahlone "its
policies merely in terms of anti-Communism." He called for a "dynamic and vital"
democratic leadership which, will coster
manitarian programs for the masses of the
people of the world."

The wisdom and timeliness of Justice

The wisdom and timeliness of Justice Douglas' words have been underscored re-peatedly by developments in the interna-tional arena in recent days.

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In Italy particularly, we are witnessing a test of strength between the democratic and Communist movements in which the "programs for the masses" are the declsive factor. On the outcome of that struggle for control of Italy in the April 18 parliamentary elections, the future of Europe largely depends.

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America is backing the conservative De
Gasperi regime in this struggle and every
possible device has been used to meet the
Communist competition. An elaborate
campaign is being conducted to build up

a fear psychology against the Reds. American private relief, stop-raps aid and the promise of Marphall Plan benefits have been extended to Italy /REforms almost as drastic as those proposed by the Communista are promised by the Conservative parties. Italian mistionalistic sentiment has been appealed to By America's action in backing the return of Trjeate to Italy. Despite this strenuous effort to checkmate the leftist movement, reports from Italy indicate the Communists will win a majority of the seast in Parliament.

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It is clear that the Communists still are gaining among the people because the Italian masses have been made rebellious by two world wars and a long depression between them. They have never known true democracy and never realized the benefits of free enterprise, and they will not raily to the democratic movement until it offers to the democratic movement until it offers that has yet been devised. Communist infiltration in Italy in France and elsewhere may be expected to continue until the democratic leadership does develop such a program, and shifts the main emphasis from military force to peacetime reconstruction.

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As Justice Douglas says so well, that infiltration cannot successfully be checked by resorting to totalitarian methods, which would only destroy our own democracy, produce civil war and lead on to international war. Such a war "could well be an Armageddon," the Justice adds, and even a Linch and the successful of the succ

A Sign In Radio-Active Cloud

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Mr. Capp's fictions are often grotesque out never absurd and he usually can be ounted on to make an important point for

the people of this scientific age. There was, in fact, a great moral in his tale of Romeo and the radio-active cloud. If we missed it at the lime, we can't mistake it today when we read about Manufacturer Wright's cloud.

When the scientific was a scientific was a scientific with it. The scientists who produced it made no provision for survival of the human species or the eventual triumph of moral law, as Mr. Capps was able to do. They have no Kickapoo Joyjuice or other antidote for this murderous fog. They know of no way to confine it to one area. Instead, the radio-active cloud is at the mercy of the winds and may blow back on the users.

As Cartoonist Capp's reminded us in his engaging fable, our war manufacturers have created a world that is fantastic, ridiculous and insane in the extreme in comparison to Dogpatch. Manufacturer Wright provides final proof, if any more is needed, with his calm announcement that we now have the radio-active cloud and also a new A-bomb which is much more destructive than the ones dropped on Japan. In the depth of our folly, we still call this "atomic progress."

Mixing Em Up — A newspaper from a county on the Ohio River, west of Louisville, reports the water got so high recurs that a farmer went to the henhouse and caught a fish as big as the chicken he was after.—Lexington (Ky.) Herald.

George Bernard Shaw says Henry Wal-lace could pacify the Reds. Certainly. The Czechs have just pacified them.—New Or-leans States.



People's Platform

Carrier Boy Backs The News

Imagination Charts Path

Editors, The News:

I MAGINATION carries us far on the turbulent sea of human success. Imagination is a panoramic view pictured in our minds of great possibilities, lying, in store for us. Napoleon had a very vivid imagination which stood him well in planning

imagination which stood him weil in panning future battles. It don't think we can get very far without Inagination. Imagination looks into the future, dealing with possibilities and probabilities. It develops many thosa that lay dormant, pushing them to the forefront of greater possibilities, in all fields of human endewort. Constructive imagination is

The Challenge Of Nursing

ENGINEST THE NEWS:

EVERTWHERE we hear of a shortage of nurses, and everywhere young women are urged to enter training for the profession. Radio, bus placards, the profession of the profession

Income Tax On Ladies CHARLOTTE

Editors, The News:

HAVE read with great interest a man's viewpoint
on the North Carolina State Income Tax Law
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"Dauntless Defender"

Joseph & Stewart Alsop

The Palestine Mess

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Samuel Grafton

Proposal For Peace

Drew Pearson's: Rutledge Walks Into MacArthur Bedlam

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Orders From Moscow?

IT LOOKS as if Henry Wallace's Third Party is now acting on direct orders from Moscow.
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Wiping Out Liberal Newspapers

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Charlest Departments appropriation bill, mauled by
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Both AFL and CIO spokesmen are demanding that the
Senate Appropriations Committee Wiles which would destroy vital functions of the Bureau of Labor Statistics,
eliminate veterans' re-employment activities and slash the
Labor Department's over-all budget to \$12,485.200. This is
virtually one-fourth lies than the Budget Bureau says is
needed for the next fiscal year.

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For years the BLS reports on industrial production, earnings, employment, industrial accidents, home construction, etc., have proved highly valuable, which is a supersymmetric and production of the future. The production of the p

depended on Bureau services for guidance in economic plan-in. It set, the Bureau of Labor Statistics is the only Fed-ral servery turning out, this fectual information. Yet Taber cit the Bureau's appropriation from 8.389.000 ap-proved by the Budget Director, to 82,00,000 which means that much of this important work would have to be aban-doned or greatly cuttailed unless the Senste rules otherwise. Taber, chairman of the House Appropriation Commit-ter, also wiped out the Department's Bureau of Veterane' Re-under the CI Bill of Rights. Note-Referring to the \$4,073,000 being spent by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in the current fixed year. Repre-sentative Mike Montroley of Oklahoms inquired during \$4,000,000 a year to a country whose two-bunder-billion-dollar economy in these troubled times must have some se-curate gauge to know exactly whose two-bunder-billion-