

Holocaust's story

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Many of us have been watching "HOLOCAUST" this past week - the 9 1/2 hour presentation of the persecution and extermination of a large segment of European Jewry during the Nazi Regime. No doubt many watched in horror others in fascination, still others in rejection that such a portrayal should be shown at all. Has it not been more than thirty years since these events took place? Have not the Jews suffered enough without being again reminded of those years of unspeakable suffering? Have not the Germans in both Germany and in America more than proven their worthiness to be more enlightened citizens in a more enlightened world? Has not recompense been paid for such crimes?

The cry of surviving Jews following the Holocaust was, "It shall never happen again!" Events in the Middle East have determined that a majority of the world's Jewish population support a defensive militarism in Israel. Zionism has rarely proven itself to be pacifist. The present Prime Minister of Israel was never one to run from a good fight. The Jewish Defense League of America has armed itself against the ever-prevalent forces of anti-Semitism.

In his recently published book, "Paul Among Jews and Gentiles", Professor Krister Stendahl comments: "The United States of today is the first place in the modern world since Philo's Alexandria where Jews and Christians as people, as religious communities, and as learned communities, live together in a manner and in sufficient numbers to allow for open dialogue. It is the first time in recent history where there could be an open relation between Christians and Jews and where the conversation which Paul started in Romans chapters 9-11, but which was broken off mainly by Christians expansion and superiority feelings, can start again. The pain of history and the shame of the Holocaust interfere with real dialogue, but the possibility exists, and it is hoped, will increase (pg. 37)

Rosemary Reuther's interesting book "FAITH AND FRATRICIDE: The Theological Roots of Anti-Semitism" attempts to trace this horror of history back to the New Testament itself - at least to the early church's attitude toward the Jewish community and to Judaism following the crucifixion of Christ. Reuther, in a closely argued and well-documented book, presents the thesis that Christian anti-Semitism is not aberrant, but rather normative - and is inextricably intertwined with the Christian message, from the Gospels to the present day.

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A third publication to which I would draw attention is the book entitled, "The German Church Struggle and the Holocaust", edited by F.H. Littell and H.G. Locke. This book is invaluable because it presents the story of the Holocaust from both sides, so to speak - from the side of the German Church and from the Jewish side. Can we see it as a Civil War between two opposing ideologies? Was it a racial struggle? Were there social, religious and economic factors involved that we in America have not yet discovered? Can anything justify the mass murder of six million men, women and children?

If anyone wants further reading material on the Holocaust, on a more popular level read, "God, Jews and History" by Max Diamant; "The Source" by Irving Wallace; "In the Beginning" by Chaim Potok, and "Night" by Elie Wiesel.

If we are to answer the question, "The Holocaust: Could it happen here?" - we must first ask ourselves two other questions. What are my feelings about Jews? Second, how would I have acted had I lived in Berlin or Warsaw in 1942?

The first question has to do with anti-Semitism. Is there really only a thin veneer hiding a dormant anti-Jewishness among the population of most countries where Jews have become prominent business people, doctors, lawyers and authors? Do Christians still regard the Jews as "Christ-killers"? Do Gentiles still project all manner of evil emotions upon their Jewish neighbours as if Jews were the instigators and possessors of the world's ills? If the answer is "Yes" to these three questions then the Holocaust could happen here. We would be the first to burn Jewish books, set ablaze Jewish synagogues, and light the fires of extermination.

In a sermon at Stanford University, Dean Davie Napier confessed, "If I were a Jew... I would tell you that in view of what my people have suffered in 1900 years of Christian history in so-called Christian nations and implicitly if not explicitly in the name of Jesus Christ - as a Jew I would have to tell you that the name makes me sick. But as a Jew, I would know what you mean, perhaps better than you, by the Word of God, and the Kingdom of God - and I would say, if you will not cudgel me with your name Jesus, I may even join in the song, 'Oh Happy Day'."

If the TV presentation "HOLOCAUST" serves no other purpose than to make us aware of our own brutal human nature and of our dormant anti-Semitism, then its showing will have been worthwhile. If we are shocked and incensed at such actions by the Nazis and the SS of the Third Reich then we had better consider our own feelings. If we are wondering whether such a thing could happen here let us open up a dialogue between the various communities in Canada. There is still very much a great fence between the English and French in Canada. If what we have been saying is true, there is also a very great fence between the Jewish and the Christian populations on this continent.



Pioneer Days for eight-year-old Adam Smythe seems to go back only to the roaring 20's as his costume seems to indicate.



Brent Falcone, 8, says grace over a simple meal of baked beans and brown bread. Pupils in grades two and three classes at Park school prepared the meal themselves.

Pioneer days at school

By GEORGE EVASHUK
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Grade 2 and 3 classes at Park school in Georgetown had a taste of pioneer life Thursday and from the reaction of the children, it tasted good.

But that could be because a pioneer meal—baked beans, baked whole wheat bread and baked apples—was cooked by the children themselves. The milk, however, came in the familiar three quart jug.

PARK SCHOOL PIONEER BEANS

Pick and rinse beans. Cover in cold water and soak overnight. Drain and cover again with boiling water. Cook for one hour. Drain and keep the water. Place onion pieces in the bottom of the bean pot. Mix one tablespoon salt with four teaspoons mustard, two tablespoons brown sugar, one-half cup molasses, one cup catsup, black pepper and a piece of salt pork. Cover the entire mixture of spices and beans with the left over water. Cover the pot and bake for six hours in a 300 degree F. oven.

WHOLE WHEAT BREAD

Allow ingredients to warm to room temperature. Combine: 3 cups warm water 2 1/2 cup honey 2 or 3 tablespoons yeast Allow yeast to soften 5 minutes. Add: One-quarter cup butter 5 cups stone ground whole wheat flour 2 tsp. salt Beat with mixing spoon 7 minutes. Add 2 or 3 cups, enough to make stiff dough. Knead - Put into greased bowl Let rise - Punch down Form loaves - let rise Bake 350 degrees, about 1 hour.

straight rows rather than in clusters and the children were forbidden to get up and walk around or talk. Gym was spent square dancing and classroom time in memory work, times tables (remember when?) and spelling and math drills.

The Pioneer Day came about following a visit to the class made April 6 to Black Creek Pioneer Village said teacher Pat Mindorff. The children and teachers spent about a week and a half getting everything ready.

The children prepared all the food Thursday morning while the place mats, in the shape of Conestoga wagons, were made Wednesday. The children also wore costumes which they prepared at home.

The food was prepared with the help of teacher Marion Staddon. Park school principal Alan Leaper also got into the act by providing an exhibit of an old-fashioned iron, coal-oil lantern, a black powder rifle and flask and some old tools, and kitchen utensils.

Mrs. Mindorff said the objectives of the teaching unit were to make the children more aware of the past and appreciative of it. Louise Hurley, teacher of specific learning disabilities, brought in her class of children to attend the meal. Family needs in the past were met by the families themselves, she said, adding that for recreation and household needs, the families were dependent on the whole pioneer community.

And one last thing. If you want to find out just how good pioneer life tasted, the children provided The Herald with their recipe for the beans and the bread.



Scott Ewins, 8, is not really a dunce, he says. He just wanted to see what he looked like wearing a dunce's hat and convinced The Herald's photographer to take his picture.

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Susan Raxe isn't crying over split milk. Probably she's wondering if there's a cat around to lick it up.

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