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Millions Attend Easter Services

By United Press International
Easter services drew millions of American Christians to the nation's churches and traditional shrines and reached countless others over coast-to-coast broadcasts.

Generally clear and cold weather, marked here and there by weekend snow, greeted worshippers at sunrise services. An estimated 20,000 persons filled the Hollywood Bowl at dawn and 30,000 attended sunrise services in the nation's capital.

More than 6,000 persons braved a 4-inch snowfall and sub-freezing temperatures to attend early services at the Cathedral in the Pines at Rindge, N.H., where crews worked four hours during the night clearing roads and parking lots at the non-denominational memorial to America's war dead.

At Bar Harbor, Maine, sunrise services were held indoors when snow and sleet forced cancellation of services atop Mt. Cadillac. Easter celebrants used skiers' chair lifts to reach services in 3 to 4 inches of snow on 4,393-foot Mt. Mansfield at Stowe, Vt.

Young pacifists pleaded for disarmament in parades in New York during services in the city's packed churches. More than 100 members of the Society of Friends assembled at sunrise in Times Square to pray for peace in the Quaker tradition.

Sunrise services atop Bald Knob Mountain in Southern Illinois drew about 1,500 persons, including 19 families who camped overnight beneath a towering 111-foot cross.

In Chicago, worshippers flocked to dawn services in the city's new lakefront exposition hall and at Arlington Park race track. Temperatures hovered in the high 20s.

Violence and greed also marked celebrations of the resurrection of Christ. Five gunmen held up 25 persons and fled with \$150 from an Easter prayer meeting in Chicago. At Denver, a Roman Catholic priest shot and killed a burglar he found stealing the Easter collection.

Convicted Slayer Sentenced To Life

OTTAWA, Ill. (UPI) — Chester Otto Weger, convicted bludgeon slayer, today was sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of one of three matrons slain at Starved Rock State Park more than a year ago.

Even before the sentence was pronounced, Weger's family, his mother, Juanita, his wife Jo Ann, and sister, Mary, clung together in the first row of the courtroom and began to sob.

Judge Leonard Hoffman sentenced Weger after a brief legal battle in which defense attorney John McNamara contended that the jury had been "pressured into returning a guilty verdict."

McNamara introduced an affidavit by juror Harold Herman which told of bailiffs exerting pressure on jurors.

Prosecuting attorney Robert Richardson countered by introducing at least six affidavits from jurors saying that they had reached a verdict of their own free will.

Hoffman said "In my judgment, this has been a fair trial. This should serve as a model for other murder investigations in the future."

"I will not let a whimsical affidavit by a juror destroy the verdict of this jury," he said.

Hoffman suggested the possibility that Herman, a lightning-rod

salesman, might be "seeking publicity."

Weger, who throughout his tense five-week trial showed little emotion, showed less today.

Asked by Hoffman if he had any statement, Weger said "No sir, I do not."

Shortly before the court convened, Weger told newsmen "I'm innocent. I never killed anybody. I will not plead guilty to anything."

After the sentencing, Weger's family huddled together in an alcove off an ante-room, sobbing. His mother lowered her head to her daughter's chest.

They were allowed to visit Weger, who was guarded by deputy sheriffs.

Weger was found guilty of bludgeoning Mrs. Lillian Oetting of Riverside, Ill., to death. He also was charged with the slaying of her two companions, Mrs. Mildred Lindquist and Mrs. Frances Murphy, also of Riverside, but has not been tried in the Lindquist and Murphy deaths.

At the time of his conviction, the jury recommended life imprisonment, although some members of the jury later expressed dissatisfaction with their own verdict.

Easter Sunday Fire Kills Five Children

SAGINAW, Mich. (UPI) — An Easter Sunday fire killed five children of a woman who once had been placed on probation for burning the hand of a daughter she caught playing with matches.

The fire struck the home of Mrs. Delores Johnson early Sunday morning and killed three of her sons and two daughters, including Debra Kay, 8.

Mrs. Johnson, 30, and two other children, Darlene, 11, and Diane Mary, 2, escaped.

Four years ago Mrs. Johnson had been convicted of cruel punishment and placed on three years probation for holding Debra Kay's hand to a gas burner as punishment after she caught the child playing with matches.

Mrs. Johnson had to be restrained by neighbors Sunday from going back into the flaming home to rescue her children.

Chilly Weather In Indiana Over Easter

By United Press International
Chilly, windy weather greeted Indiana's Easter observances Sunday.

Temperatures climbed no higher than the low 40s over more than half the state but managed to creep upward to 53 at Evansville during the day.

Although the religious holiday was generally dry and sunny to partly cloudy, some rain developed overnight and by 7 a. m. today Evansville had received .37 of an inch and Louisville .04.

There was no sign of a major warmup for this week in all of Hoosierland.

The five-day outlook called for temperatures averaging eight degrees below normal in the central and south portions and 2 to 5 degrees below normal in the northern third. This would put the average temperatures for the week in the 40s and low 50s at high points, and the upper 20s to the mid 30s at low points.

Only minor day-to-day changes were expected in the north, while in the south it will be cool Tuesday, warmer Wednesday and Thursday, cooler Friday and warmer Saturday.

Precipitation this week will range from one-fourth to one-half inch in occasional rain Wednesday or Thursday and about Saturday in the north, and one-half to one inch in rain Wednesday and Thursday in central and south portions.

Overnight low temperatures today ranged from 21 at Lafayette to 37 at Evansville.

Highs today will range from the 40s to the low 50s, lows tonight from the 20s to the upper 30s, and highs Tuesday from the upper 40s to the low 50s.

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Fort Wayne Pastor Dies In Air Crash

HOUSTON, Miss. (UPI)—A four day search for three Church of God ministers, one of them from Fort Wayne, ended Sunday when a 13-year-old youth found the wreckage of their plane in a field.

The bodies of the Revs. Robert Mapes, Fort Wayne, the pilot; C. C. Curby, Troy, Mich., and M. B. Ellis, Royal Oak, Mich., were in the wreckage.

The discovery was made by Douglas Gore as he played near his home about 18 miles south of here.

A Civil Air Patrol official said the plane "went straight down"

and the three men apparently were killed outright.

The plane left Meridian Miss., Thursday on a flight to Paragould, Ark. Control towers at Paragould and at Pine Bluff, Ark., heard a distress call that night from the plane saying it was in a thunderstorm, location unknown. Another call 10 minutes later was the last reported.

Eisenhowers Attend Easter Services

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (UPI) — Former President Eisenhower and his wife, Mamie, attended Easter services Sunday at Palm Desert Community Church. The Eisenhowers arrived here Feb. 8 for an extended vacation at near-by Eldorado Country Club.



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