

Polytechnic Christmas Pageant Viewed by 2000

TWO THOUSAND adults who last night viewed the colorful Christmas pageant at Polytechnic High School auditorium with its traditional beauty and splendor found much to praise in the nearly professional effort of the 600 students whose talent made the seasonal program possible.

The story of the ever-recurring search for the Babe of Bethlehem was told with understanding and feeling. The audience came away with a realization of new meaning inspired by the ritualistic ceremony depicting the search for good and light in a time of evil.

There were the shepherds, the wise men, the angels, the Madonna and Joseph as of old, but the clear resonant voice of the narrator, Dick Driggers, brought forth a new challenge for the peoples of the world to strive for peace on earth, good will toward men.

The costumes, the product of student effort, have never been more beautiful in the many years that the Polytechnic Christmas pageant has been held. The stage settings, each designed and made by teenagers were unusual in conception and flawless in creation. The skillful lighting effects added much to the scenes.

The musical background, featuring old English carols, brought warm approval from the audience. The interpretation of Francesco Gemelliani's "Adagio Cantabile" by the school string and wood wind ensemble as the overture set a high standard of excellence which was maintained to the very end when Saint-Saens' "Marche de la Reine des Heures" was sung and played by the choral groups and the orchestra.

The code word "Kuehn" was used to camouflage orders placed with Krupp by the Reich Ministry of Defense, according to a 1934 memorandum by defendant Karl Eberhard, who headed the company's war material sales department.

Armament correspondence not properly disguised was ordered removed from Essen to vaults in Berlin.

A letter from Krupp's Magdeburg plant to the defendant Karl Pilser in early 1935 emphasized that it would not always be "blocked" plants. It said that where espionage was suspected the Gestapo should be informed instead of the criminal police, because the Gestapo was more experienced in handling espionage cases.

Arrangement of Meyers Set for January 7

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20. (AP) Government prosecutors today tentatively set Jan. 7 for the arraignment on perjury charges of Maj. Gen. Brent H. Meyers, who fixes a maximum prison sentence of 60 years if he is convicted.

Bandits Eludes Hunt in Theater

SEATTLE, Dec. 20. (AP) A candy store handle who took \$125 from a till and \$13 from the woman clerk despite her plea she wanted to buy the little boy's Christmas presents, eluded police who "hooked down" a nearby theater last night, searching for him.

Eloper-haven Town Suffers in Blaze

ELKTON, Md., Dec. 20. An early morning fire today burned out most of a block of business buildings in this famed haven for eloping couples.

Four firemen were injured as three main street buildings were destroyed, including two hotels from which more than a hundred guests were routed in their night clothing.

Volunteer companies from half a dozen neighboring towns in the northwest corner of Maryland answered the call.

Patrolman William Binder spotted the blaze about 5:30 a. m. in a two-story shoe store building. It apparently started in the basement.

Patrolman quickly roused guests in the two hotels.

The shoe store building was destroyed quickly and the fire moved into the three-story structure housing the Ritz Hotel, a restaurant and a grocery store. It then spread to another three-story building occupied by the New Central Hotel, a liquor store, a photographic studio, another restaurant, and the new theater.

Jail Terrorists Held to Blame in Hunger Strike

SANDY POINT, Texas, Dec. 20. (AP) Warden David Coers today blamed a small group of troublemakers for terrorizing 325 prisoners into a hunger strike at the Darrington State Prison Farm.

The strike was in its fourth day today, but Coers said that some prisoners were eating lunches of rolls and coffee fed to them in the floods.

"Many of the prisoners went to go into the mess halls and eat," he said, "but a small group of troublemakers is keeping them out by threatening them with violence."

Coers said that he had ordered that all Christmas packages sent to the men by friends and relatives be held back from them until the strike is ended.

Monks Will Face Espionage Trial

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Dec. 20. (AP) An official announcement said today five Franciscan monks will be tried on charges of organizing an espionage service, operating a black radio and furnishing secret information on military, political and economic matters to a "foreign power."

Church Services Sunday

ADVENTIST: 7:30, young people's Christmas service; 8:30, church Christmas service; 9:30, church Christmas service; 10:30, church Christmas service; 11:30, church Christmas service.

ALLIANCE: First Christian and Missionary Alliance, 11th St. and Broadway, 7:30, 8:30, 10:30, 11:30, church Christmas services.

ANGELIC: 7:30, church Christmas service; 8:30, church Christmas service; 9:30, church Christmas service; 10:30, church Christmas service; 11:30, church Christmas service.

ANTHONY: 7:30, church Christmas service; 8:30, church Christmas service; 9:30, church Christmas service; 10:30, church Christmas service; 11:30, church Christmas service.

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Municipal Band Concert Program
SATURDAY, 7 P. M., DEC. 20 ONLY
J. Richard, Conductor
Soloists: Forrest L. May, Robert J. White, etc.