

Aggie on Tour Europe's Churches Old-Feeble

(Editor's Note—This is the second in a series of articles written by Mr. Davis commenting on his impressions of Europe. He was winner of the European Tour award made last year.)

By DAN DAVIS

Many of our forefathers came to this country to find religious freedom, a thing which they cherished more than life itself.

But what of the countries they left behind? What is the strength of Christianity in Europe today, and along what lines has it developed?

IN EUROPE this summer we visited some of the most beautiful churches in the world. We spent hours in St. Paul's Cathedral in London, awed by the magnificent building created by Sir Christopher Wren. In Westminster Abbey we wandered through the monuments erected to famous Englishmen, whose remains have been lain to rest in this famous church yard.

The medieval cathedrals of France—Notre-Dame, Sacre Coeur, Chartres—were beyond imagination. They were huge, lofty caverns of dimness, illuminated by the most beautiful stained-glass windows in the world.

It was difficult to believe that many of these soaring cathedrals were built by peasant labor without the aid of machinery before Columbus set sail to find India.

ALSO IN Germany, Holland, Austria, and Switzerland we saw inspiring

churches erected before America was carved out of the wilderness.

However, after attending services in some of these churches, we almost decided that Christianity in Europe was as feeble as it was old. Very few young people were present at the services, and the crowds were pitifully small.

In France the popular thing to do seemed to be to disclaim Christianity. And many students characterized themselves as "free thinkers."

THE CHURCH in Germany had fallen into some discredit, because of its failure to oppose Hitler's teachings. In fact, of the 18,000 ministers in pre-war Germany, 12,000 joined the party-sponsored church, which authorized Hitler's portrait to be displayed over the altar. And since the downfall of the Third Reich, there has been widespread criticism of the church for "selling out."

Many of the young people we met rejected any idea of God. As one student from the Berlin Technical Institute told us, "I cannot accept the idea of a God who would let such destruction fall upon the world. My God is truth, the truth I find through scientific experiment."

BUT TO leave the story at that would give a very false impression of the church on the continent. In Christianity, Europe has vigorous roots which are sending up sprouts that may well flourish into a greater faith.

In every refugee camp we visited, the people had built chapels in which DP's of all faiths worship together. And

the Catholic Church in France had begun a program of sending priests into the factories to spread the faith to the workers.

In the slums of Paris are small protestant churches which help social workers and in addition to ministering to the physical as well as spiritual needs of the people.

BUT THE MOST moving spiritual experience we found in Europe—including the service of all the great cathedrals—was in the village of Biebes on the outskirts of Paris. Here the students of the University of Paris had built a small chapel of stone and mortar during their time after class.

It was a small awkward building of Eastern design nestled under huge trees. But there was nothing small about the faith of those European students with whom we worshipped—their faith was stronger than the stone and mortar of their self-made chapel.

THE RELIGIOUS climate in Europe is far different from that of our own country. In America almost everyone claims to be a member of a church, sometimes because it is the socially accepted thing to do. Yet many Christians in this country have little idea of what they actually believe.

In Europe there are fewer people who accept the title of Christians but those who do, know where they stand and what do believe. There are signs that the youth of Europe are beginning to dissolve denominational differences and worshipping together.

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Citizens Celebrate

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ters more dignified when he later cited them.

Washington's Birthday is usually celebrated with banquets and speeches in his honor.

"Washington's Birthday used to be an observed holiday at A&M along with Texas Declaration of Independence Day and San Jacinto Day," said M. T. Harrington, president of the college. In the early 1920s they were combined into the present spring vacation to give the students a longer holiday, he added.

The annual Masonic banquet honoring Washington's Birthday will be held Friday night at 7 in Sbis Mess Hall said S. R. Wright, head of the civil engineering department.

Sponsored by Sul Ross Lodge of College Station and the Brazos Union Lodge of Bryan, the banquet will have as its guest speaker Albert J. DeLange, past grand master of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

The Bryan chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold a luncheon in honor of Washington's Birthday at the home of Mrs. Jack Clark, N. Oakwood Friday at 1 p. m., said Mrs. Frank B. Brown, 404 Fairview.

Members of the planning committee are Mrs. J. M. Nance 404 Hensel, Mrs. E. B. Reynolds 200 Pershing, and Mrs. E. L. Williams, C-L-X College View.

French Accepts

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French told the Spokane Review, a Washington newspaper, that he "was impressed with the people, with the board of regents and with the college."

First clue of the presidency was made clear at that time, but Washington State's first view of Dr. French was at the October meeting of the Association of Governing Boards of State Universities and Allied Institutions held at A&M.

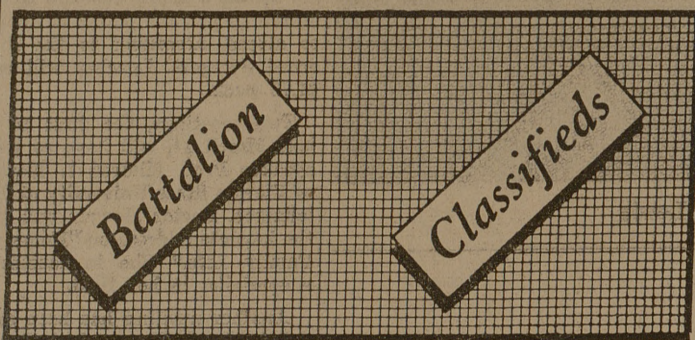
It was here that a WSC regent spotted Dr. French as a possible candidate for the presidency.

Dr. French came to A&M from the vice-presidency of Virginia Polytechnic Institute. His resignation from his position as dean of the College is expected to appear before the Board of Directors Feb. 29.

Washington State College is a land grant college established under the Morrill Act. It is located in Pullman, Washington in the south-eastern portion of the state.

Enrollment at the northern school is estimated to be 6,000 students. The college is co-educational and has seven schools making up the college arts and sciences, agriculture, engineering, pharmacy, veterinary medicine, mines, and graduate schools.

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Entertainers for the Cafe Rue Pinale, which will be open Friday night at 8:30, will be announced tonight, Miss Betty Bolander, MSC program consultant said yesterday.

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Class '27 Plans Reunion March 28

The class of 1927 will celebrate its Silver Anniversary at a reunion in the MSC beginning March 28. One hundred and fifty members are expected to be on hand to celebrate their twenty-fifth year out of school with a three day program.

D. C. "Spike" Arnold, class agent, of Houston is preparing a program to include an informal dinner, an outdoor barbecue, the A & M-University of Minnesota baseball game, and a banquet.

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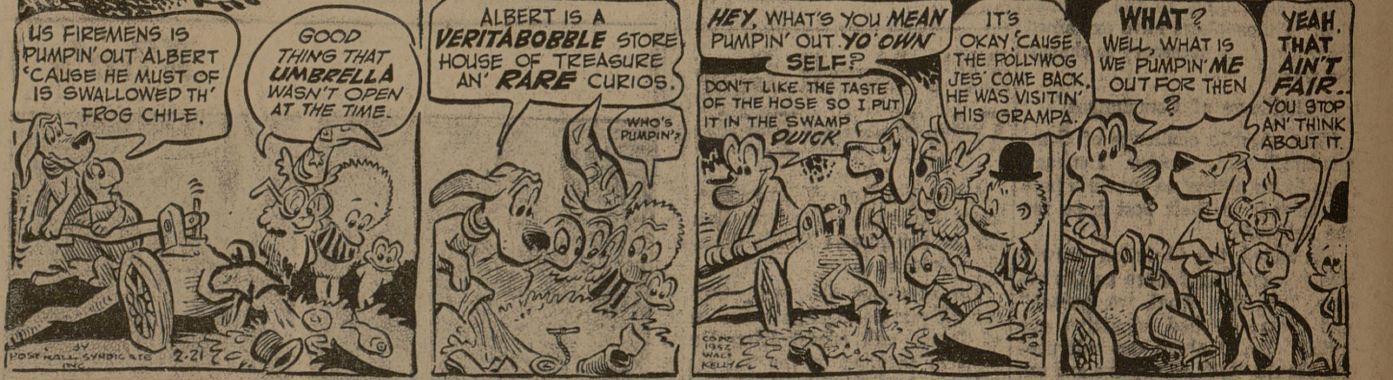
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