

Easter

Christians celebrate holiday around the world

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Millions of Christians around the world celebrated Easter Sunday, marking the holiest day of their year with processions and services from the sacred sites of Jerusalem to Soviet churches where KGB agents mingled with worshippers.

In the officially atheist Soviet Union, Russian Orthodox believers celebrated at the country's 7,500 churches, braving the leaden glare of uniformed police and KGB agents to attend services.

Churches overflowed. Young people stood shoulder to shoulder with the "babushki" — old women — the last of a generation brought up to believe officially in Jesus Christ. Absent were the middle-aged, whose jobs might be jeopardized by religious observance.

Although Soviet officials discourage religious faith, the government estimates there are about 30 million Christians in the country.

Worldwide, there are nearly 1 billion Christians, most of them Roman Catholic. Protestantism is the second largest denomination, followed by the Eastern Orthodox — Greeks, Armenians, Egyptian Copts, Ethiopians and Russians.

This year, Easter Sunday climaxed an infrequent overlap of the Eastern and Western Christian holy weeks. According to the Bible, Christ was crucified on Good Friday and rose two days later on Easter Sunday, the holiest day on the Christian calendar.

In contrast to the Soviet attitude toward Easter, communist officials in Hungary gave unprecedented publicity to the holiday, reflecting the recent development in church-state relations.

In Northern Ireland, Easter observances poured from the churches onto the street.

In the towns of Belfast, Londonderry and Crossmaglen, uniformed members of the outlawed Irish Republican Army,

fighting for Irish independence from British rule, paraded to commemorate the 1916 Easter rising against British rule in Dublin.

British troops and Northern Irish police looked on while members of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political arm, read a statement warning that attacks against security forces in border areas of Northern Ireland will be stepped up.

In Jerusalem, Christianity's holiest city, thousands of Christians flocked to churches and holy sites as bells rang out to mark the day. There was heightened security but authorities said there were no serious incidents.

Eastern Orthodox Christians as well as Roman Catholics conducted separate services in the rotunda of Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulchre, where many Christians believe Christ died and was buried.

Pope delivers Easter message in 45 languages

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VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II wished the world a happy Easter in 45 languages Sunday and appealed for an end to terrorism, torture, abortion and man's "feverish preparation" for war.

The pope spoke to 300,000 people who jammed St. Peter's Square for Christianity's most important holiday.

He said the world was beset by ever growing contrasts between war and peace, wealth and hunger, human rights and oppression, hope and despair and life-seeking forces vs. abortion and euthanasia.

"Open to Him (Jesus) the doors of this our difficult modern age, this civilization of growing contrasts in which there fight the ardent desire for peace and the feverish preparation of destruc-

tive means of war," the pope said.

The crowd, so big it spilled out of the square and into nearby streets, stood in bright sunshine waving yellow and white papal flags and banners signifying their home countries while the pope celebrated mass at an outdoor altar.

Floating over the square were thousands of bright blue balloons, released by peace demonstrators who had marched to the Vatican to support legislation that would require immediate Italian aid to famine-stricken nations.

Later, John Paul delivered his traditional "Urbi et Orbi" (To the City and the World) blessing and address and ceremonially closed the special "holy year" he proclaimed in 1983 to commemorate the 1,950th anniversary of the Crucifixion.

Wearing gold robes to signify Chris-

tian joy at the resurrection, the pope decried the battle between "wealth that comes from material and technical progress, and extreme poverty and penury paid for with the deaths through hunger or thirst of millions of children and of men and women."

Also in battle are "the universal desire for the dignity of man and for his rights, and the violation of the same rights to the point of brutal forms of arrogance and violence, of oppression of consciences, of torture and terrorism," the pope said.

Following his address, John Paul wished the world a happy Easter in 45 languages, including Korean, Swahili, Arabic, Hebrew, Maltese and his own native Polish.

Murder trial begins today in prison employees' killings

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EDINBURG — Testimony begins Monday in the third murder trial of former state penitentiary inmate Eroy Brown, who has admitted killing two prison employees but said he acted in self defense.

District Judge Darrell Hester of Brownsville scheduled testimony to begin at 9:15 a.m. before an all-Hispanic jury that he impeled last Thursday, then recessed for the Easter weekend.

Walker County District Attorney Frank Blazek, hobbling on crutches with a recent leg injury, will prosecute the case. State Sen. Craig Washington, D-Houston, against will defend Brown.

Brown, 32, of Waco, will be tried for killing Texas Department of Corrections farm manager Billy Max Moore.

Moore was drowned and TDC Ellis Unit Warden Wallace Pack was shot to death on April

4, 1981, but Brown said he attacked the men in self defense because they were driving him toward "the bottoms" area of the prison and he feared he would be tortured.

At the end of his second capital murder trial in Pack's death, a Galveston jury, which included four blacks, acquitted Brown in late 1982. His first trial in Pack's death had ended in a hung jury.

Blazek has decided not to

seek the death penalty in the Moore killing because of the outcome of the Pack trial and the expense involved in capital murder trial, but has indicated he may present new evidence in the Moore killing.

Washington, who agreed to moving the trial to Edinburg on a change of venue, said it did not matter that there were no blacks on the 70-member panel from which the six men and six women jurors were selected.

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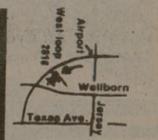
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Aggies may attend 'Wappenschaw'

By KARLA K. MARTIN
Reporter

Wappenschaw. That's Scottish for "weapons show," and this summer, Texas A&M will have its own wappenschaw of intellectual weapons — the faculty.

The Aggie Wappenschaw is a four-day "learning vacation" open to former students, parents, and just anyone interested in hearing presentations by selected Texas A&M faculty members.

The 1984 Wappenschaw will be held on June 10 through 14, and despite the low attendance record of the previous years, people in Liberal Arts Continuing Education expect more people to come.

Annie Ruth Taylor, coordinator of the 1984 Aggie Wappenschaw, says this year's program will include 18 informal presentations covering topics such as the impact of modern technology on education and medicine, computer use, art criticism, writing and solving

mystery stories, quilting, the secrets of violin making and an update of foreign policy. A question and answer session will follow each presentation.

Taylor, who has coordinated Wappenschaw since October 1982, says the program is not all work, by any means.

"It's a very stimulating four-day party," Taylor said. "You get into some really stimulating discussions and thoughts, but it's very relaxing and easy to swallow."

Taylor said that besides the presentations, this year's Wap-

penschaw will also include guided tours of the campus, the Texas A&M University Press, the Cyclotron building, and the Nuclear Science Center.

A backyard barbecue will be held at Taylor's house, and there will also be a wine and cheese party at the Messina Hof winery (located a few miles north of College Station).

Wappenschaw has been highly praised by those who have attended — but that's the problem, Taylor said. Only eight people showed up last year.

"We're not too successful in terms of attendance," Taylor said, "but this year, we expect about 30 people. The people who came the first two years loved it."

Those who attend the Wappenschaw have their choice of staying in the Memorial Student Center Hotel or a Commons dormitory. The cost will be \$495 for a MSC room and \$470 for a room in the Commons. (This cost includes room, board, transportation and activities).

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