



FORTUNATE . . . Robert and Ely Lindahl and sons feel "fortunate" that they have a two-room apartment and can live in Denmark. Family income is about \$1,600 a year, with \$200 going for taxes. Pauline Frederick, WNU Foreign Correspondent, was a guest in their home.

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Copenhagen Most 'American' Of All Cities on the Continent

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COPENHAGEN.—Denmark's revered Grundtvig has said that this is a land where "few have too much and fewer have too little." Copenhagen is a city of one million, containing one-fourth of the population of the whole country. And I might add that American army men visiting here on leave are saying that Copenhagen reminds them more of an American city than any place they have seen over here.

My trip here was extremely worth while, for I had a chance to meet and get acquainted with Robert and Ely Lindahl and their two sons, Svende, aged three, and Palle, who is two.

The Lindahls live two flights up in a two-room apartment of a large red-brick apartment building. They have a single living room where they also eat, a smaller bedroom shared by the four of them, a kitchen with gas-range and cupboards and sink like those in thousands of American kitchens, a bath with shower. The Lindahls lean toward simple, modern furnishings in warm rusts and greens with colorful land and seascapes on the walls. It was February, but there was a bunch of golden forsythia on the coffee table. The blonde, bright-eyed hostess and her husband offered cherry wine in which we toasted Denmark and America.

Robert Lindahl is a clerk in the office of the oldest newspaper in Scandinavia. He earns eight thousand crowns a year, or a little better than \$1,600, and around \$200 of

in any other country of Europe except Belgium. It is not surprising that in a dairy land like this she is able to give her children the milk they need and the eggs and cream and many of the other essentials. In fact, in the food line only the following are rationed: butter, sugar, brown bread, white bread, oatmeal, coffee, tea and cocoa. Since the liberation the butter ration has been cut from three pounds per person per month to two pounds because it is being exported. Each person is allowed about three and one-third pounds of sugar a month. Candy is scarce, especially chocolate. Each person may have a little less than three-fourths of a pound of bread per day, about one-half pound of coffee or cocoa and a little more than one-fourth pound of tea per month. The soap ration is one-third of a pound per person for personal use each month, and the same amount in soap flakes or powder for household use.

Svende and Palle Lindahl are having a chance to grow up in a little country that will offer them many advantages if there is not another war. (But there are many Danes who expect that the United States and Great Britain are going to get tired of their occupation job in Germany and withdraw, and in that event a new Hitler will soon come to power.) Because of the advance in medicine and hygiene, the average life span of these little boys should be 64 years, and if they have any sisters, theirs should be 66 years. If they decide to live in the country they will probably have a farm of from 24 to 120 acres, the size of most Danish farms. If they live in the city they will probably have two-room flats such as they occupy now, as that is an average city dwelling.

From olden times the Danish State has recognized its obligation to supervise and watch over the normal and physical upbringing of children and take special care of incorrigible and perverted as well as neglected and deserted youngsters.

When it comes time to go to school, the Lindahl boys will find that not only are the secondary schools free, but instruction at universities and other advanced institutions of learning is also free. When they are ready to take jobs they will find that 52 per cent of their fellow men are engaged in manufacturing and crafts and 28 per cent in forestry and fishery.

They will find that they are living under a constitutional democracy. With fervence people here talk of their king who stayed with them during the occupation, while at the same time they cling ardently to their democratic institutions.

Yes, Svende and Palle Lindahl, you were fortunate to be born in Denmark—that is, if there isn't another war in Europe.

Denmark's Economy Is Well Balanced

Denmark is one of the few countries where the cost of living and wages have been kept more or less in balance. Finance Minister Thor-kil Kristensen explained to me that during the occupation the Germans offered high wages to get workers to build airbases and other installations. Wages in towns rose between 60 and 65 per cent, and went up even more in agricultural areas. Since 1939 the cost of living has gone up 60 per cent, although the

quantity of all goods has gone down. Whether or not high wages can be maintained depends on the competition from world wages. The finance minister said the prices Denmark is able to get from her exports will greatly affect the wage standard at home.

Cotton and wool are almost non-existent, since the Danes are trying to build up dollars to increase the imports. It is harder to get clothing than food in Denmark.

In These United States

Americans Will Greet Easter With Open-Air Sunrise Worship

(By WNU Feature Service)

Hours before the dawn on Easter, thousands of American families will be stirring about, getting ready to attend sunrise services, thus dramatically and reverently affirming their belief in the Resurrection. The Easter sunrise service has become an institution that has spread all over the United States in the past 25 years, and this year it will be greater than ever.

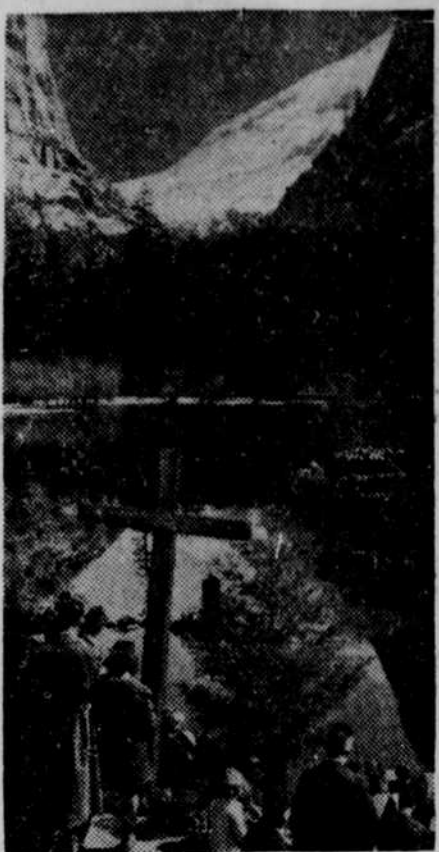
Again nature's cathedrals of the great outdoors in national parks will provide backgrounds and settings for Easter worship from New Jersey to California. Open-air services will be held at the rim of the Grand Canyon, at the base of towering Half Dome in Yosemite, by the Easter Bowl near Stovepipe Wells in Death Valley, among the fantastically carved and vividly colored sand stone cliffs of Zion in Utah, and around a rustic cross in the pines on the summit of Hot Springs mountain.

Mammoth Hot Springs terrace will be the church of the open air in Yellowstone, and special Easter services will be held on Bromide Hill in Pratt National park, Oklahoma. Scene of historic ceremonials more than 800 years ago, the Great Kiva in Aztec Ruins National park, New Mexico, will again be used for sunrise services. Deep within Carlsbad Caverns, 750 feet below the surface, hundreds of visitors will gather for Easter worship.

In the cities, too, sunrise services will be held from coast to coast. From Rodney Square in Wilmington, Del., to Soldier Field, Chicago, and the Rose Bowl at Los Angeles, more thousands will gather to sing and worship as the sun rises on Easter morn. The traditional service at the Garden of the Gods, Colorado Springs, will be broadcast over a nation wide radio network.

Miami Beach, Atlantic City, Seattle, and dozens of other cities have instituted sunrise services. In Washington, everyone from the President and cabinet members to the lowliest citizen will attend the impressive Easter service at Arlington National cemetery. At San Francisco, thousands will rally at Mt. Davidson for Easter worship.

Hundreds of small communities in Texas, Kansas, Vermont, Oregon, and all the other states, will hold their own sunrise services, many of them in parks and public squares, others among the great natural settings so abundant in America.



YOSEMITE . . . Mirror Lake at the base of Half Dome is the scene of Easter sunrise services each year. Thousands of California people as well as many from other states attend the annual event.

"Off We Go" AVIATION NOTES

FORMER PARATROOPERS
The 17th airborne division association has grown from 134 members in September, 1945, to over 3,000. But there are 20,000 eligible former 17th men for whom the association has no address. The address is 11 Ravine street, Birmingham, Mich., in case others want to join. The official publication is the "Talon."

Buy Stratocruisers
Northwest Airlines has purchased 10 Boeing stratocruisers, developed from the B-29 superfortress. Double-decked, each will carry 75 passengers.

ECONOMY FLYING CLUB
At Waukegan, Ill., Wayne Carpenter, manager of the airport, is gathering 100 members for the Economy Flying club, with annual membership set at \$25 and \$10 a month for flying training. The plan is experimental, Carpenter said, its purpose being to make it possible for anyone to learn flying.

Cleveland Foundation
Civic and business leaders of Cleveland, Ohio, have formed a non-profit air foundation to advance aviation through public education, research, and by means of scholarships.



KING FOR DAY . . .
Cpl. Lawrence O. Johnson of Portland, Ore., was chosen from G.I.s in the regional hospital of the Smoky Hill army air field, Salina, Kan., as "King of McPherson for a Week-end." One of his first acts was to repeal an old law prohibiting boys from playing marbles on Sunday.

Uncle 'Stork'

WASHINGTON.—Uncle Sam is still playing stork for war veterans. The old fellow who has already played a part in bringing some 800,000 servicemen's babies safely into the world, all expenses paid, is still taking on the responsibility for an additional 30,000 or so monthly. This function comes under the Emergency Maternity and Infant Care program which provides for service to wives of servicemen in the four lowest pay grades, including medical, hospital and nursing care for their infants during the first year of life.



AIRLINE PILOT . . . Miss Louise Schurman, who flew for the ATA in England during the war, is now working as a co-pilot with Willis Airlines, New York. She has over 1,600 pilot hours and has flown practically every type of plane.

Farm Aviators to Meet
Farmer-aviators will fly to the Hutchinson municipal airport, Hutchinson, Kan., on Friday, May 24, to organize a Kansas Flying Farmers' club. More than 100 are expected to attend.

Vets Get Airport
BETHANY, CONN.—The new owner of the Bethany airport is Bethany Airways, Inc., with Bob Halpin as president and Ben Shiffrin, secretary-treasurer. Both of the men are ex-army pilots.

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