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"Christianity In U.S." Featured By Life Magazine

Segregation One Of Challenges To Faith, States Article

NEW YORK, Dec. 21—In its current issue devoted entirely to the subject of Christianity, LIFE Magazine examines today's religious boom in the U. S. and finds that "through the boom in belief runs a thread of doubt."
 "In many areas," LIFE says, "Christians ignore the tenets of their faith and practice racial segregation. Religious leaders also worry how much new interest in Christianity is only a mundane 'cult of reassurance' which does not meet the major challenges to Christianity. But the doubts, and the willingness to ask searching questions, are in themselves a measure of Christianity's vigor in the U.S. and its capacity for new growth."

FISK UNIVERSITY CHOIR SHOWN

In another section of the magazine devoted to the Music Of Worship, LIFE presents in illuminated manuscript form what the editors consider to be the six great American hymns. "America has made eloquent contributions to the world's religious music, including one innovation: the spiritual," the opening paragraph states. LIFE's editors also chose "four of the American choirs which sing our hymns most beautifully." Hymns include Swing Low Sweet Chariot, Dear Lord and Father of Mankind, Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory, God Of Grace and God Of Glory, O Little Town Of Bethlehem, and Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus. Choirs include the Fisk University Choir, the Paulist Chorists of New York, the Cadet Choir of West Point and the Washington Episcopal National Cathedral Choir.

THREE MAIN SECTIONS

The LIFE Christianity issue is divided into three major sections. The first covers the basic tenets and history of Christianity; the second, the sights and sounds of the current Christian boom in the U.S.—the world's largest and most dynamic Christian country. The final section shows how the rest of World Christendom is related to this country's faith.

Included in the issue are: the life of Christ as interpreted by fifteen of the world's great artists; examples of modern church architecture, part of what LIFE calls "the biggest building boom in church history and the greatest revolution in ecclesiastical architecture since the Renaissance;" a text feature on frontier religion in the U.S., citing the importance of the circuit riders, camp meetings and farmer-preachers in the development of U.S. Christianity as the nation swung westward in the 19th century; a visit with the Reverend Billy Graham, who at 37, LIFE calls "the most famous U.S. re-

ligious leader in the world."

CARDINAL DEPLORES DISCRIMINATION

LIFE shows the Archdiocese of Chicago, the nation's largest, headed by Samuel Cardinal Stritch, and calls it typical of Christian and Catholic genius for organization. In discussing the widespread charitable activities

of the archdiocese, Cardinal Stritch is quoted as saying to a medical group: "When a hospital staff refuses to admit qualified doctors because they are Negro, we are violating a truth that came to us when Christ died upon the Cross."

Also featured is the Church of South India, a product of U.S. missionary activity in that country, which represents a combination of five denominations in India—Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational and Reformed. LIFE calls this one million member Church, established

eight years ago, "a most daring and imaginative experiment: the most promising effort yet toward church unity in Protestantism."

This issue also includes a history of the Bible, tracing its development and current sales boom, which makes it far and away the nation's best-selling book. Total sales last year are estimated at more than six million copies. This does not count the 15 million Bibles distributed by the Bible Society in 64 countries. Gordon Parks, one of LIFE's top photographers is represented in the issue by a handsome photo essay on the Benedictine Monastery of Atchison, Kansas. Parks' photographs show the Abbey's 172 monks at work and devotions and help explain why the Benedictines in America are the second largest branch of the world order.

TWO YEARS IN PREPARATION

The special LIFE Christianity Issue combines the normal Christmas and year-end issues of the magazine and all told includes 120 pages of editorial material. In preparation for almost two years, it represents the most ambitious single editorial project ever undertaken by the magazine.

Representing a radical departure from normal magazine publishing practices, this special issue of LIFE is priced at 35 cents a single copy and will be on sale for two weeks (December 21 through January 4). It features more than twice as many color pages as a normal issue of LIFE and is bound in a heavy-stock cover "so that it can serve as a permanent addition to any library." The Christianity Issue concludes the LIFE series on "The World's Great Religions." Earlier in the year the magazine published major features on Hinduism, Islam, Buddhism, Confucianism, Taoism and Judaism.

Nora Reynolds

Mrs. Nora Belle Reynolds, age 92 years, of 2403 No. 22 St., expired Friday December 16, 1955 at a local hospital.

She was an Omaha resident 17 years and was a member of the Deaconess Board of Zion Baptist Church. She was also a member of the Missionary Society.

She is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Jessie Mae Davis; son, Frank Whitfield; 2 grandsons, Basil and Louis Vann; granddaughter, Lorraine Crawford, all of Omaha; 3 nieces, Mrs. Selma Webster, Mrs. Stella Henderson, Mrs. Mary Wiley of Chicago, Ill.; 7 great grandchildren; 2 sons-in-law, Willie Robinson and Cecil

Davis of Omaha.

Funeral services were held Tuesday December 20, 1955 at 2:00 p.m. from the Zion Baptist Church with Rev. F. C. Williams officiating. Interment was in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Palbearers Messrs. Charles Thornton, Adam Lee, Lee Vaughn and T. A. Holt.

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