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Slotkin Remembers Christians

Brings Holy Land Rocks

By JEAN DAVIS

"Of all the historic places in Christendom, two are more sacred than any others."

Stanley Slotkin leaned forward from the high-backed, ornately carved chair at his desk and thoughtfully turned a small rock over and over in his hand as he talked.

"One is the place where Christ was born. The other is where he was crucified. There is no her say, no guessing about those two places. We know for a fact where they are."

The small stone Slotkin was absorbed with came from the Holy Land — St. Jerome's Cave to be exact.

ASKED FOR ROCKS

The cave, or tunnel, which connects St. Catherine's Church of the Nativity built over the manger where Christ was born, had collapsed in part.

While Slotkin was visiting the churches in February he noted the workmen digging in the grotto and asked if he could have several pieces of the rock to bring back to Catholic friends here, including Father Charles Casassa, president of Loyola University.

Slotkin explained that he felt that the stones from no more than 20 feet from the place where Jesus lay in the manger would have great meaning for his Christian friends.

Then the more he thought about it, the more he felt that the rock would have meaning for many.

BAFFLE CUSTOMS

Through the Franciscan priest in charge of the work; an Arab friend, George Shammam and the Mayor of Bethlehem, Elias Bandah, he arranged to bring 2 1/2 tons of the rock to the United States.

"Wait until customs gets it," said Slotkin.

When the rock does arrive in Los Angeles Slotkin plans to have the 2 1/2 tons broken up into pieces, weighing about four ounces each.

These will be mounted on a heavy cardboard imprinted with a cross and a letter of authenticity from Bethlehem's mayor.

20,000 PIECES

There should be about 20,000 pieces of rock to be given away, Slotkin believes. He plans to give them to anyone who comes into one of the Abbey Rent outlets around the country and asks for them.

"They will be already to frame," said the chairman



STANLEY SLOTKIN With a piece of rock from Holy Land

of the board of the equipment rental firm.

This is not the first project of a religious nature that Slotkin has involved himself in. For years he has been distributing pages of ancient Bibles to individuals, schools, churches and institutions.

"When people look at these things — the Bible pages and the stones from Bethlehem they talk and think about their religion and God," explained the amateur archeologist.

DEFINES RELIGION

When people do this, it pleases Slotkin who finds his own Jewish faith enriched by the study of other religions.

"What is religion?" he asked. Then, answering his own question, he said,

"If you squeeze the water out of it the basic fundam-

entals of every religion are the same. Boil it down and it's the Ten Commandments."

To prove his point he pulled a book on Moslemism out of his library.

DEAL WITH LIFE

Turning to the title page, he pointed out that the book stated flatly that it dealt with life according to the Islamic law and covered fundamentals of birth, courtship, marriage, divorce and death.

Such things as fasting, prayer, giving money to the poor and visiting Mecca, also covered in the book were the "water" of Moslemism or any religion, said Slotkin.

"Take the water away and you have left the fundamentals of life with which all religions are concerned."

Board Urges Placements

June 16-27 County 'Adoption Week'

Streamlined procedures were made in the county in the past year. Debs told the

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The crew of a Japanese destroyer credited with the sinking of PT-109—skipped by the late President John F. Kennedy, was not commended by the commander of the Imperial Navy for its feat.

Instead, it was criticized for not sighting the craft sooner than it did in the early morning hours of Aug. 2, 1942, in the Blackette Straits.

That disclosure was made today by Capt. Goro Nakajima, who was in Los Angeles Harbor on his initial visit to the United States.

NO REJOICING

Nakajima, at the time of the collision with PT-109, was navigator of the destroyer, Amagiri, which was piloting a task force of troop ships midway between Vella Lavella and New Georgia en route to Kolombangara Island.

Now, Nakajima is the captain of the freighter Daiwa Maru, owned by Ja-



CAPT. GORO NAKAJIMA Tells of PT-109

pan Lines, Ltd., home base in Tokyo. Now he recalls of the war in th and how closely h

Exhausted From Freeway Beaudry Finds Help In City Library

Beaudry may be a hazard on the freeway, he is the darling of city school librarians at the district's central book supply center today.

Last Friday, Beaudry was just a mutt nicknamed "Tleup" by police when he jammed traffic on the Hollywood Freeway.

After eluding motorcycle officers in an hour-long chase, the dog finally found sanctuary in the city school facility at Temple Street and Beaudry Avenue.

Mrs. Margaret Anderson, in the library office, said: "He was so exhausted that he just lay there panting for over two hours."

Workers around the building bought dog food and a ball, and began taking up a collection for the other necessities every well-loved dog should have, such as a collar.

Naming the shepherd canine Beaudry, they found a temporary home for him with librarian Bob Campbell, and are secretly hoping no one will claim their new friend.



BEAUDRY Librarians' darling

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Pakistan Floods Wipe Out 250

HYDERABAD, West Pakistan, June 17 (AP)—Flood waters from a week of severe storms coursed through the Hyderabad region today. More than