

*On the Feast of
Abraham's Sacrifice:*
**WONDER in
JERUSALEM!**

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It was on the Arab Feast of Abraham's Sacrifice that the head of the principal nation of the Arab world had come to Jerusalem to speak to the Israeli Parliament about our responsibility under God to put an end to war. Abraham, on the rock over which Solomon built the temple of Jerusalem and where a Moslem mosque now stands, had obeyed God's command to sacrifice his only son. God accepted the sacrifice and spared the son. But in the same Jerusalem God sacrificed His Son for us all.

One of the words most frequently heard that day was the name of God, and another was the word "miracle."

I have been to the Holy City some twenty-five times, both before the last war (the "Yom Kippur War") and afterwards. A pilgrimage I was leading was one of the last to "escape" just 48 hours before that last war, and I led the *first* pilgrimage from the United States to Jerusalem after the war. So I

Next Wonder in Moscow?

Cardinal Rossi, Prefect of the Congregation of Evangelization, told reporters in Tlaxcala, Mexico, the week after Sadat's visit to Jerusalem: "It is not unthinkable that one day Pope Paul VI would go even to Moscow to bring about a real peace. If Brezhnev would invite him, he certainly would go. But the invitation would have to come from Brezhnev. The Church does not wish to pressure anyone." (Novidades, Mexico, D.F., Mexico, November 28, 1977, pp. 1, 20)

have come to know the situation of Jerusalem well.

What we witnessed there in most recent years has been frightening. Not only have we seen and felt an ever increasing fear and division between Arabs and Jews outside of Israel, but even more within. So many Christians have been leaving that a high church official told me that at the present rate there would be no more Christians there within just another few years.

Unexpected!

Those of us who were fortunate enough to see the main leader of the Arab nations in Jerusalem last November 20th could well have wondered whether this could not have been the beginning of a new era. It was a total surprise. It was so sudden. It reminded me of the light which arched over Mt. Zion...diffusing to the East...which no one could explain. It happened as we were taking the Pilgrim Virgin to the East.*

And the Lady of Light came at Fatima in a globe of light *from the east, and returned to the east*, in all those apparitions in which *She promised world peace*.

Elsewhere in this issue of SOUL is an article by Madame Sevenet of Paris in which the venerable lay leader of the Blue Army of France sees the present world situation not as one for despair but rather as *the springtime of a new era*.

Is that a part of what we witnessed last November 20th in Jerusalem?

* See *Explosion of the Supernatural*, p. 164

Those in the Blue Army who blindly live the conditions of their pledge, fulfilling every day the basic requests of Our Lady's Promise, can rarely see any result. And then something wonderful happens...like the reported visions of Our Lady of Fatima at the present moment outside Saigon (which are profoundly affecting that area and may ultimately affect *all* of South-east Asia) and like the recent "miracle" in Jerusalem.

Her Doves in Egypt

How long has Our Lady been leading us to the era of peace She has promised? Do we recall the doves seen flying about Her vision over the Coptic church in Cairo, the "miracle of Zeitoun" recognized by ecclesiastical authorities in Egypt which brought together Arabs and Christians in common prayer? Do we begin to appreciate the prophecy of Pope Pius XII who at the end of his life spoke of these days as "the Springtime," and said that in the Queenship of Mary lies the world's greatest hope for peace?

Dawning of Her Promise?

On our first world tour with the Pilgrim Virgin we saw an extraordinary arch of light over Mt. Zion. We now anticipate with even deeper faith the taking of the Pilgrim Virgin around the entire world in 1978 as both an occasion and symbol of the dawning of Her promise:

"In the end, *my Immaculate Heart will triumph...and an era of peace will be granted to mankind.*"