



Some Looks At Books

By LOCKIE PARKER

FRIENDS AND ENEMIES. This book is too modest to "give you all the answers," but these firsthand views of a keen observer are worth pondering, and Mr. Stevenson gives you his own conclusions.

DEAR AND GLORIOUS PHYSICIAN by Taylor Caldwell (Doubleday \$3.95). This author who made her debut with "Dynasty of Death" has always loved a big canvas and a theme of more than domestic interest. Her latest novel is no exception. Not only has she taken as her hero the Apostle Luke but she has given us a vivid and plausible picture of that confused and troubled era, the declining vigor of Rome, the permeation of Eastern mysticism into the Empire, the pride of the conquered Greeks, the prevalence of slavery, the scepticism of the sophisticated and the hunger of good men for a faith that would sustain them.

Lucanus, later called Luke, is shown first as a Greek youth—he was the only Apostle who was not a Jew—a youth of unusual beauty and intelligence with a special attachment to the "Unknown God" of the Greeks. He dedicates himself to the service of this god and humanity as a physician, falls deeply in love with a girl who dies at the age of fourteen, turns away from a god who permits this and similar sufferings and resolves to thwart him by saving his victims from pain and death as often as possible in his capacity as physician.

We follow Luke through these dark days, see him become a great physician but still a rebellious and somber soul. Then we see him attracted to the story of Christ and recognizing at last in Him the God he was seeking. There follows the pilgrimage through Judea where Luke seeks out and questions all who had known Jesus or heard him preach and finally he writes the Gospel of St. Luke. Here is a story which makes the men and women of the first century come alive and seem close to us in their griefs and joys.

Of course, Mr. Stevenson had interviews, too, with the highest officials and he gives candid accounts of these talks, the points on which they could agree, such as avoiding war and developing better political relations between the two countries, and usually utter disagreement over specific means of attaining these ends. Yet even here the Russians seemed personally to regret this and it was in a melancholy tone that Krushchev himself said after a discussion of the Middle East, "See how far we stand from one another, at opposite poles."

The author nowhere shows the least confidence in the predictions of the early collapse of the Soviet system from internal weaknesses, that we hear from some of our columnists and commentators. He considers that the achievements of this regime in a generation have been magnificent in industrialization, education, science, and that the majority of the people are aware of this and proud of it. He also finds them working eagerly and devotedly—more so than we—to make their country still better. There are weaknesses, of course, and some dissatisfied people. There is the great question of China and the unrest in the satellite countries of Eastern Europe. But there is also the very positive and dynamic thrust forward of a vigorous people.

THE SECRET OF CROSSBONE HILL by Wilson Gage (World \$2.95). Here is a pleasant tale of adventure for the eight to twelve-year-olds. The Vance family go to spend a summer on the Carolina coast. In the swamps behind the coast looms Crossbone Hill. When David and Kathy find an old map in a

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bird's nest, they suspect buried treasure there. And when they see lights flashing at night on Crossbone Hill, they believe someone else is after it. Their own attempt to locate the treasure produced some hair-raising experiences. They found no treasure but they did find something else. There is a fine background of wild life in the swamps as well as the excitement of a mystery.

SOMETHING SPECIAL by Beatrice Schenk de Regniers (Harcourt \$2.25).

"Keep a picture in your pocket and a poem in your head and you'll never feel lonely at night when you're in bed." This is the first of a new group of genuinely childlike verses full of humor, imagination and interesting sensations that small children will recognize and lucky grown-ups may remember. Each page is appropriately illustrated by Irene Haas who has happily caught the spirit of the verses. In fact her drawings are first-rate on their own—see the little girl feeding a sugar lump to a hungry horse or not feeding one to an angry lion.

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The undersigned, Dixie Delores Person, having duly qualified as the Administratrix with the Will annexed of the Estate of Heywood E. Person, deceased, late of the above named county and state, all persons having claims of whatsoever nature against the said Heywood E. Person, deceased, are hereby notified to exhibit the said claim or claims to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of March, 1960, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said Heywood E. Person, deceased, are hereby requested to pay the said indebtedness to the undersigned immediately. This the 5th day of March, 1959. Dixie Delores Person Administratrix, C. T. A. m5,12,19,26,A2,9c



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Jesus' Trial Lesson for March 15, 1959

THE COURT tries the prisoner, or so it is intended. Sometimes his story reverses the court's verdict. In such cases, those who look back at the trial can see that the prisoner was really trying the court. That is to say, in the eyes of posterity and (we may well believe) often of God himself, every one connected with the trial will be judged by his attitude to the prisoner; not the other way around.

Joan of Arc, for example, had a spectacular trial. She was condemned and cruelly executed, apparently to every one's approval. But today she is called a Saint. Students of her life and times feel that if any one in that grim courtroom where her death was decreed deserved to die, it was not she, but some who betrayed her, some who judged her.

The Judge's Question

Jesus' trial before Pilate is the supreme example of such an upside-down trial. If any one had asked the governor that evening how he thought history would rank him and his young prisoner of that morning, he would have smiled his grim Roman smile and perhaps said, "Hmph! History will not be interested. But if history wants to know, it's on the record. I had the man executed. That settles it, doesn't it?" Pilate could not have known that his own sole claim to fame would be the fact that every seven days, all over the world, in hundreds of languages, men and women would repeat the words almost like a curse... "and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who... suffered under Pontius Pilate."

In the course of that wicked farce of a trial, Pilate asked a question which has more echoes than he guessed: "Then what shall I do with Jesus?" That is the question by which the participants in that trial were judged; it is the question that judges us today. What will you do with Jesus?

The Mob's Answer

Pilate asked the wrong people what to do with Jesus. He was the judge, he had the responsibility. He never would have thought of asking a Jewish mob for advice on statesmanship or anything else. Yet he goes through the bitter face of asking a mob, a brainless bloodthirsty mob, what to do with this innocent prisoner. The crowd thought they were passing sentence; but they were only passing sentence on themselves. The voice of the people is not the verdict of history, it is not the voice of truth or the voice of God. Sometimes it is; but not there and then, not in Jerusalem. Mobs have voices, they have wills, they may have weapons, but the one thing they do not have is brains, judgment, wisdom. The verdict of history, verdict of God, is seldom in favor of the mob.

The Fact-Finders

Of course, even a mob's voice has some brains behind it. In this case it was that dignified combination of chief priests and elders and scribes. These were Pilate's fact-finders. Pilate was a typical Roman; he cared less than nothing for local customs, superstitions, notions. He did not pretend to understand why this Jesus should be the object of so much hate. When Pilate said, "What evil has he done?" it is very possible that he was not "stalling for time" but really was puzzled to know. The scribes and the elders and the chief priests were his fact-finders, his research team when cases came up out of their courts—and such occasions were rare. If some inquiring reporter has asked some of those chief priests, the afternoon of Good Friday, what part they had in the trial, they would perhaps have said with pride, "We were there. We influenced the result. We were consulted. We gave the advice that changed the governor's mind. That Jesus might have been at large this minute, if it had not been for us."

But it was murder all the same. For these fact-finders had no facts. All they had was prejudice, emotion, name-calling. They influenced the result; but not with truth. Can we say we are never guilty of their crime?

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Go To Church Sunday

Aberdeen Caucus Slated April 7

Aberdeen, which still nominates its candidates for mayor and town board by the caucus system, will hold its caucus Tuesday, April 7, preliminary to the municipal election May 5.

The caucus will be held at the town hall.

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