



TOWARD TOMORROW Fr. Henry Atwell

Halloween is not the only day our nation is haunted this year.

We seem to be obsessed by a legion of unexorcisable demons. We most certainly don't need creatures from outer space in UFOs to terrify us; we have enough of our own horrors here already.

And between my writing this and your reading it, I dread what latest terror might be announced.

So rather than try to comment profoundly on current events, I'll choose instead to write about a man with remarkable imagination, J. R. R. Tolkien. In his books, "The Hobbit" and "The Lord of the Rings," he opened the door to fantasy and has captured the hearts of thousands of young people.

Like so many adventure stories which once fascinated us — stories of intrepid missionaries like Isaac Jogues or the legendary heroes of the old "wild west" — Tolkien's stories also tell of a world where the comforts of home and family and friends are forsaken to meet the demands of a higher courage. Hazards lurk at every bend in the road. Struggle and bravery are needed daily. And strange powers beyond our ordinary experience weave their own purposes through a man's life.

Tolkien, for example, describes a magic Ring which confers great power to the one who possesses it but then destroys whoever uses it. Many different kinds of people struggle and connive to obtain the Ring but even when they succeed they soon discover that the Ring brings them to final defeat.

The victory is gained not by those who win the struggle for the Ring but precisely by those who lose.

Victory belongs, then, to the humble and the humiliated, rather than to the proud and strong.

The forces of evil, seemingly so invincible, are therefore forever vulnerable. They cannot understand the strategy of those who seek to do good. They cling to their Ring and are defeated just as they suppose they have at last triumphed.

But the struggle is not ended, nor will it ever be. A new age — the Age of the Dominion of Man — begins. And Tolkien concludes, "No one can yet say whether men will find the wisdom and courage to destroy their Ring of Power or whether they will be destroyed by it."

These thoughts are prompted by an editorial in the current issue of Christianity and Crisis magazine about Tolkien, who died recently.

2 Nobel Judges Quit in Protest

Washington, D.C. [RNS] — Two members of the Nobel Peace Prize Committee resigned in protest to the award given to Henry Kissinger and Le Duc Tho, the Washington Post reported.

Two other members of the committee, named by the Norwegian Parliament, are under pressure to quit by their political party because they approved the 1973 selections, the Post's correspondent in Oslo said.

Prize committee members resigning were Helge Rognlien of the Liberal party and Einar Hovdhaugen of the Center party. They opposed the awards to Kissinger and Tho.

Is Tolkien's fantasy relevant in our modern, scientific, practical world?

Probably just as relevant as anything we'll hear from the White House this week!

The following is a list of meetings and Masses sponsored by area Catholics in the Charismatic Renewal.

Pentecostal meetings are held on Mondays at the homes of: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dunning, 159 Chestnut Ridge Rd., Chili Center; Mr. and Mrs. Klaus Schulz, 156 N. Greece Rd., N. Greece.

On Tuesdays, Mr. and Mrs. William Buechel, 3681 Lake Avenue, Rochester; Mrs. John Sherry, 15 Starlite Dr., Rochester;

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lynch, Hamlin-Clarkson Town Line Rd., Hamlin.

On Wednesdays, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mahaney, 479 Covewood Blvd., W. Webster.

On Thursdays, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hauser, 1570 Culver Rd., Rochester.

On Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. John Donnelly, 9 Ellicott St., Rochester; Mr. and Mrs. James Reid, 113 Amity St., Spencerport;

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wollschleger, 350 N. Winton Rd., Rochester.

Weekly prayer meetings are held at St. Peter and Paul Church at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and at St. Theodore Church at 8 p.m. on Mondays.

Mass is celebrated at 8 p.m. every First Friday at St. Lawrence Church and at 7:30 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month at St. Charles Borromeo Church.

Judge Wilmer J. Patlow A Leader in Our Courts.

A Plan to Bring 'Order in the Court'

Order (?) in the Court

Use City Court Judges in County Court: Patlow

Backlog Drops 70 Per Cent

City Court Reform Ends Most Trial Delays

Patlow: Cut Spending In Judgeship Races

Patlow Asks Bar to Study Plan on Judges

Patlow Gets Tough with Speeders

The collage features several headlines and snippets of text, including a quote from Judge Patlow: "We're running a better court than when I came here five years ago." It also includes a small portrait of Judge Patlow.

As Administrative Judge of City Court, Judge Wilmer J. Patlow has led the way to much needed reform in the Rochester court system. Through his efforts, the criminal case backlog has been reduced by 70%. The implementation of individual trial calendars for City Court judges has resulted in a more effective and speedier disposition of cases.

Judge Patlow has been nominated and widely endorsed for re-election to the City Court bench. He has accomplished a great deal and has made significant contributions to City Court and the people of the City. His re-election will assure the continuation of this vital work.

Re-Elect Judge Wilmer J. Patlow to City Court

Democrat/Liberal

Citizens for Judge Patlow: Dorothy Harris, Chairman, Samuel Prato, Treasurer.