



CRUMBLING AND decaying mosques such as this one in Samarkand are seen regularly in the Soviet republic of Uzbekistan. One reason is

because many of the followers of Islam have stopped worshipping. Uzbek historians believe that the consequences of Tamerlane forced its builders

to hurry and they made serious mistakes. Completed in 1404, the walls began to crumble soon after. (CP Photo)

Islam Virtually Obliterated In The Lives Of Uzbek People

Abandoned and converted mosques symbolize the Soviet attitude toward religion in the central Asian republic of Uzbekistan. In this story, John Best, Canadian Press correspondent in Moscow, describes the decline of Islam and the emancipation of women in the region.

By JOHN BEST
TASHKENT (CP)—A symbol of present-day Uzbekistan is the crumbling or converted mosque. Before the 1917 revolution this corner of the Russian empire was almost entirely Moslem.

Today Islam has been virtually obliterated as an important influence on the lives of the Uzbek people. Hand in hand with its eclipse has proceeded the emancipation of women, kept deep in the background in Moslem times. Their resurgence has been of immense consequence to the regional economy, since women now represent a vital component of Uzbekistan's labor force.

The official Communist party line is that social and economic progress, plus expansion of public education, has resulted in most of the population abandoning religion.

But there is a certain section of the population (the exact number is not known) which continues to profess Islam and freely perform all religious rites," says official government literature. The laws of the republic ostensibly provide for both freedom of religion and freedom of anti-religious propaganda. But it's easy to see which has had the most powerful impact.

CONVERTED TO CINEMAS
The region is littered with decaying and locked-up mosques into apartment houses, libraries, shopping centres, cinemas and public monuments. The term "monument" is sometimes a euphemism. One mosque in Bukhara, described as a monument by the local guide, turns out on inspection to be a pool hall.

The authorities say there are 350 operating mosques in Soviet central Asia, which embraces four republics of which Uzbekistan with 10,000,000 people is the most populous. However, some are only makeshift or part-time ones. While there is no authoritative figure on the number of practising Moslems in Uzbekistan, one is told there are some 20,000,000 in the U.S.S.R. as a whole. It's impossible to verify the figure.

"We don't keep count," says Ismail Mandun Sattiev, deputy mufti for the central Asian republics and Kazakhstan, discussing the situation here. A soft-spoken, dignified man

4,000 copies and in 1960 one of 5,000. On the grounds of the Tashkent mosque is a library containing 25,000 books and 2,000 manuscripts, many of them rare, some unique, including 100 copies of the Koran in 10 different languages. One copy is 720 years old.

While most of Uzbekistan's madrasahs or religious training schools have been closed or converted into museums, one still operates. It's in Bukhara and has 35 to 40 students. Vice-Premier Sarvar Atimov of Uzbekistan says that when mosque is closed it is usually at the request of the congregation itself.

At the same time the administration tries to see that enough mosques are left open to meet the spiritual needs of the faithful, he adds. "It's not a good idea to have believers and no mosques for them to go to."

WOMEN UNVEILED
Of all those affected by the decline of Islam here, no group has been more profoundly affected than women.

The veil, without which they were not permitted to appear in public places in former times, has long been abolished. The new-generation Uzbek girl is well dressed and educated and has little time for quaint customs.

She is deeply conscious of her role in the region's economic growth. Women's accounts for one-third of all the labor employed in industry and in the rest of all specialists with higher education. Almost 70 per cent of Uzbekistan's doctors are women. And about 1,000,000 are employed in agriculture.

A government brochure, offering an insight into the sort of values that prevail here today, says many of the outstanding "m-a-c-h-i-n-e operators" "have become known far and wide in Uzbekistan."

"Twenty-eight thousand women of Uzbekistan have been decorated for their outstanding achievements in work. Eighty women have merited the title of Hero of Socialist Labor."

HALIFAX LIGHT LACKS POWER
HALIFAX (CP) — David Barkhouse has been a lightkeeper on four islands off Nova Scotia since he entered the transport department's lighthouse service in 1953.

Last December he became lightkeeper on George's Island just yards away from the bustle and bright lights of downtown Halifax. But there's no electricity in the lightkeeper's home on George's Island, consequently no television or refrigerator.

All lighting is by kerosene. "Dave's wife says that on all the other islands there was a power plant to produce electricity for the lightkeeper's dwelling. Now here we are sitting on Halifax's doorstep and no electricity."

After a summer on the island, Mrs. Barkhouse and her children are returning to their mainland home at Mahone Bay, N.S.

The King of the Kafa tribe in Africa may only be looked at by his wives and attendants. He cannot touch food or must be fed.

GEORGETOWN

Bernice DeLorey, laboratory technician, Halifax, N.S., spent the holiday weekend as the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. DeLorey in Georgetown.

Peggy Ann Aitkin left on Tuesday for the Magdalen Islands, where she will resume her school teaching duties. Miss Aitkin taught in the Magdalen Islands last year.

William Buffett of Georgetown is a patient in the Kings County Memorial Hospital in Montague. Sarah Morrison of Boston, Mass., recently motored to Georgetown and is the guest of her brother, John Dan Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Boudreau.

George, had as their recent guests, their daughter, Mrs. Ron Smith and Mr. Smith and their two children, Phillip and Michael of Kingston. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Rink and son James of Boston, Mass., were recent guests of John Dan Morrison of Georgetown Royalty.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Ring of Boston, Mass., are holidaying in the province and are staying at Garrett's Tourist Court at Morrison's Beach.

Marie MacLean of Georgetown left early in the week for Lennox Island where she will teach school for the 1964-65 term.

Dr. Fred A. DeLorey, P. Eng., M.Sc., D.I.C., Ph.D., who is a member of the faculty of the University of Toronto, was a recent guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. DeLorey of Georgetown.

Mrs. Mabel Hearn of Picton, N.S., was a recent visitor to Georgetown where she was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. George Mair and Mr. Mair. Mrs. Hearn recently returned from a trip to New York City where she attended the World's Fair.

Jackie Fitzgerald of Boston, Mass., recently motored to Georgetown where he was the guest for a week of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Fitzgerald of Georgetown.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Walker and daughter Valerie of Bunbury, motored to Georgetown on Sunday, where they were guests of Mr. Walker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Walker. On return they were accompanied by their son Master Andy Walker, who had been visiting with his grandparents in Georgetown.

LAC Charles Fitzgerald of the Royal Canadian Air Force, stationed at Camp Borden, arrived home on Saturday and is spending a leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Fitzgerald of Georgetown. LAC Fitzgerald will leave for Gimley, Manitoba at the completion of his leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Richards and son Kenneth of Charlottetown, recently motored to Georgetown, where they were guests of Mr. and Mrs. N. W. Hansen.

Mrs. Nelson W. Hansen of Georgetown has entered the Prince Edward Island Hospital for surgery.

Recent guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Wood of Georgetown were: Mrs. Wood's brother, Mr. Monty MacMillan of Calgary, Alberta; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur MacMillan and a daughter Eva and Doug of Wood Islands and Mr. and Mrs. Charles MacMillan of Saugus, Mass., and daughter Mary Lou; and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Wood and son Barry of Rollo Bay and Mrs. Clark News of Saskatoon, Sask. and Mrs. Frank Dixon of Rollo Bay.



President Johnson while flying over the Jacksonville Beach, Fla., area. A section of one jet engine shown at the right of picture. Damage from Dora was still being assessed but was placed in the tens of millions of dollars. (AP Wirephoto)

PRESIDENT VIEWS HURRICANE DAMAGE

This is a view of damage left by hurricane Dora as it was viewed Friday by President Johnson while flying over

the Jacksonville Beach, Fla., area. A section of one jet engine shown at the right of picture. Damage from Dora was still being assessed but was placed in the tens of millions of dollars. (AP Wirephoto)

No Discrimination Is Found By English Firms In Quebec

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Rev. Paul Cimon, a 36-year-old Jesuit priest and a research associate with the Thomas More Institute for Adult Education, said among businessmen he "found there was great interest in finding a solution to the problems which exist."

French-Canadian staff lack of communication exists between the two groups. This lack of interchange also manifests itself between English-language enterprise and the Quebec government, between

English-language business and the French-speaking masses. He added the "two solitudes" in Quebec business have been caused mainly by the policies of English-Canadian business being formed to fit in with the conditions of all Canada.

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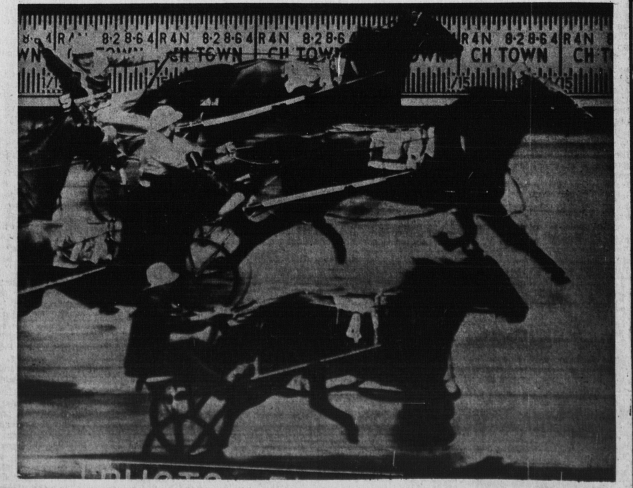
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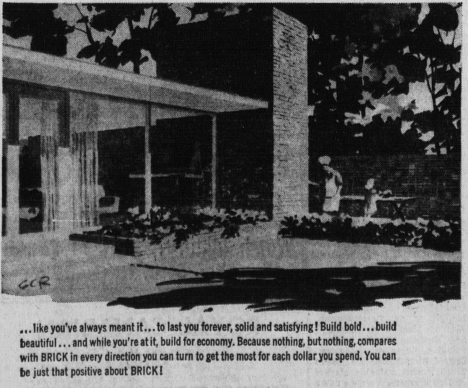
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