

Master Plan for American Capital Points to City of Surpassing Beauty

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON—A bigger and better Washington is in the planning—a capital city of which all Americans can be proud and with enough breathing space for more than a million residents.

A master plan for the Washington of the future is now being prepared by the National Capital Park and Planning Commission with the help of a group of planning consultants.

Here's what the planners hope to achieve:

A Washington without slums, with its poorly-housed residents in new, well-planned low-cost homes. . . . An equalization of its population pressure in certain sections of the city by the geographic placement of new federal buildings. . . . A solution to its traffic problems by building through routes for through traffic. . . . Development of the school and recreational facilities for the city's youth on a neighborhood-by-neighborhood basis. . . . Coordination of future plans for the development of nearby Maryland and Virginia areas so they will be in harmony with the capital. . . . Preservation of the present low skyline of the city so that one can still see the capitol building from nearly every approach.

When George Washington hired Major Charles Pierre L'Enfant to design the federal city he had in mind that the city should be designed to meet the needs of the entire nation, rather than those of capital residents alone. L'Enfant's plan was never fully carried out. Some parts were changed, some completely ignored for the next 100 years. In 1900 the plan was resurrected and later augmented by several groups.

These included the National Commission on Fine Arts, which reviews plans for public buildings and parks, and the National Capital Park Commission, with authority to begin planned park purchases. The last was succeeded by the National Capital Park and Planning Commission, with authority also to plan and coordinate the expansion of Washington and surrounding area.

There are other agencies, both Federal and District of Columbia—in fact—which have a say in the construction of a Washington of the future.

Early this year President Truman told the various planners he thought the planning was a federal rather than a district job. He asked for legislation giving the National Capital Park and Planning Commission the powers it needs for putting the master plan into effect.

Local population and plans for

the federal government have been the largest single consideration in the drawing up of the master plan. One idea is to place federal buildings on the east-west axis of the city, with Constitution and Independence Avenues to handle traffic arising out of interchange of federal business. Another is to distribute the population within the city's four geographic sections more evenly.

Navy Pilots Stopped From Buzzing Mink Farms

SEATTLE, July 15.—(AP)—The Navy told its pilots yesterday to stay away from mink, and it didn't mean the stuff a blonde comes wrapped in.

It went a bit farther and named a board of investigation to look into the complaint of Mrs. E. T. Early that Navy fliers were buzzing her mink ranch. She asked the Navy reimburse her for the mink that have killed each other in plane panic—and she wasn't punning.

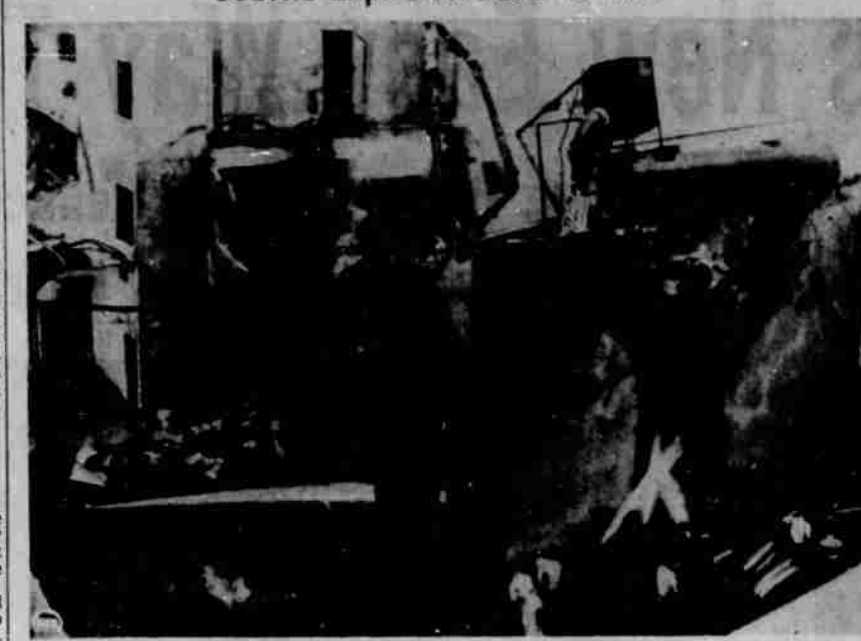
Mrs. Early said the planes roar up from the Sand Point Naval Air Station, fly low over her farm and the mink go crazy. Their kittens are frequently killed.

'Painless Childbirth' Provokes Controversy

LONDON.—(AP)—Dr. Grantly Dick Read, leading British obstetrician, scoffs at the theory that painless childbirth may destroy mother love.

He said in the "British Medical Journal" he had never known such a case in 30 years of practice. But on the other hand, he said, mothers frequently felt resentment at the child because of the agony of prolonged labor. An argument on the subject was touched off by an article

Seattle Explosion Fatal to Two



Firemen pour water on stubborn blaze at Halibut Oil Products Co., Seattle, Wash., where explosion wrecked building and killed two persons.

in the "Journal" by Dr. J. A. Hadfield, London University lecturer in psycho-pathology. Dr. Hadfield said there is evidence that the pain of childbirth is what stimulates the mother instinct. He suggested an investigation of whether anaesthetic lessens this love.

Reported Dr. Read: "It is not pain in labor which unlocks the door of mother love." Anaesthesia of itself does not inhibit the maternal instinct. When a child is born, the sight of it, the sound of it, and the touch of it open up the floodgates of mother love."

FISH STORY, SMALL SIZE
BOZEMAN, Mont.—(AP)—Strictly as a gag, Mrs. Leroy Kerr entered a 3½-ounce fish in the Bozeman Kiwanis Club's trout derby. The near-minnow won her eight pounds of butter and a wool blanket. Other women had thought their catches too small to enter and Mrs. Kerr's was the only entry in the distaff division.

GRADUATION PUNCH
CHICAGO.—(AP)—The audience at Darwin school heard the briefest—and probably most provocative—of all commencement orations. There was only one speech.

The full text: "Ice cream and cookies now will be served in the gymnasium." The graduates, clutching their kindergarten diplomas, scurried from the stage to the tables.

All Europe Rocked by Shooting Of Togliatti, Italian Communist Chief

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All Italy—indeed the whole of Europe—is rocking from the impact of the attempted assassination of Palmiro Togliatti, fiery Italian Communist leader who is widely credited with being Moscow's ablest foreign operator.

Even as Togliatti was being operated on for removal of the bullets which gravely wounded him, wildcat strikes began to spread throughout the peninsula at Red instigation. The Communist press howled for the resignation of Catholic Premier De Gasperi. The premier himself condemned the assault and raced to Togliatti's side in the hospital. The harrassed chief of state summed up the shooting thus:

"The worst thing that could happen."

That would seem to be a fair appraisal. The potentialities of this sensational development are so great that no one can foresee the end. This much is clear: To Moscow's Advantage

On the face of it any immediate repercussions must be to the advantage of Moscow. Even if Togliatti recovers, he has been martyred and a mighty flame of answer has swept the Communist world and its sympathizers.

Whether Russia gains or loses in the long run depends heavily on whether she overplays her hand in her anxiety to take advantage of the situation.

We have seen that the Communist leadership's first move was to start a wave of strikes sweeping through Italy. There you

have the makings of a possible revolution, should Red passions be allowed to run that far by Moscow.

And in neighboring France, whose unhappy government long has been fighting for its life in the face of Communist machinations, the Red flag was flung into this new gale sweeping over from Italy.

The Bolsheviks are extraordinarily good organizers, and they are opportunists, ever ready to take advantage of any development like the Togliatti affair. I think we are safe in assuming that they will exploit this shooting as far as they dare. However, Russia definitely doesn't want another major war on her hands at this juncture and her activities will be governed by that fundamental fact.

The danger is that the Muscovites might start something they couldn't stop.

The potentialities of the sensational Togliatti development are so great as to divert the spotlight at least temporarily from the German crisis.

Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador and Panama cover nearly a million square miles of territory with about 18,000,000 people.

Japanese Crown Prince Reaches 14th Birthday

TOKYO, July 15 (AP)—Akihito is 14.

Some day he may be emperor of Japan and its 90,000,000 people. Until three years ago he believed he was descended from heaven—and untouchable by human hands.

Yesterday Akihito came to school as usual. His shirt was wrinkled and his shoes needed polish.

Five Americans were there to entertain the Crown Prince and his 268 schoolmates with an ordinary magician's show.

Akihito was called to the stage. He was handed an American 50-cent piece—which then disappeared in a flash.

Through it all he was sober faced.

Then the magician pulled out a paper hat—and placed it on Akihito's head.

Akihito snatched off the hat and held it stiffly at his side. His schoolmates giggled.

Salem-Albany Power Line Bids Are Solicited

PORTLAND, July 15.—(AP)—Construction of a 115-kilowatt transmission line from the Salem Bonneville sub-station to Albany is planned in a bid call issued yesterday.

Bids will be opened July 27. The Bonneville Administration said completion would give two transmission lines to Albany and ultimately result in improved service to Eugene and Coastal points.

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