

Europe Can Revive In Time If U. S. Extends Help Now, Walter S. Fisher Points Out

Europeans have so much vitality they will be able to work out their own problems and come back strong, if only we can help them back on their feet through such problems as the Marshall plan.

This was the opinion expressed by Walter S. Fisher, speaking recently before the Roseburg Kiwanis club on his tour of Europe last April and May.

The people over there do not want United States aid after they recover, he believes. In the meantime, however, they need help. Communism seems to be stemmed in the western countries, but when people starve ideologists progress. "I found Europeans are very



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much like Americans," he said. "The people are the same as we. Their expressions, likes, dislikes and reactions are the same as those of Americans and I believe we can deal with them."

With Mrs. Fisher, he sailed from the United States April 1 on the Queen Elizabeth, visited France, Italy, Switzerland, Belgium, Holland and England, and started home June 1.

Soil Holds Vitality
Scenes in Europe are up to expectation, he said. Monuments mark the progress of education. The cathedrals, villages and the are treasures, brought out again since the war, are everything they are rated as being. He said his desire to see Europe dated back to the third grade in school, when he first studied geography.

The countryside is beautiful, though through the centuries the land has been subjected to wars

and farmed by generations. Yet the soil is bursting with vitality. Every place one visits is surrounded by a legend, marking its place in history. Wherever you go, you are taken to a part of the village and shown a monument of the past.

Europeans are philosophical about wars and take them in stride.

French Still Fear Germans
The French still fear the Germans more than they do the Russians and the atom bomb. They don't seem to share our fear of Russia. The last war is still strongly in the minds of the people. The damage is so great it will take 15 years or recover.

While railroads and hotels are operating as usual, everywhere are the scars of war. He described bombed bridges, and tumbled masses of ruins. The people don't want to replace these historic landmarks with new structures. They want to rebuild them as they were. For example, the Italians want to replace the Arno bridge as it was before the war. Scientists are studying the ancient records in an attempt to rebuild it with all its grandeur.

Fisher lightly touched on his visitations to the various scenic attractions in the seven countries he visited. Their first view of Paris was unimpressive, as they arrived at night, and the power shortage was definitely evidenced. But in the daylight, Paris proved what it has been rated, he declared.

Sidewalk Cafe Distribution
Strolling has been developed to a fine art all over Europe, he said. Another institution, developed to a high degree in Paris, is the sidewalk cafe, where for a 10-cent cup of coffee one has the privilege of sitting all day, watching the people go by, transacting business, or just gossiping. People use them as they might attend a baseball game, for recreation, in this country.

He described the beauties of Naples, Mount Vesuvius, Pompeii, the Isle of Capri and Rome. The latter is an extremely clean city, lying against a background of low green hills. The work of Mussolini from a domestic view was extremely noteworthy. It is considered, said Fisher, that Mussolini did much for his country, until he got militaristic ideas.

Song Eases Extraction
Their tour took them on to Florence, to Venice and to the

areas of the Alps. He described lunching at Oscar's, where Oscar, himself, sang to his customers to get them in the right mood to overlook the high prices on the menu, and he sang again when he presented the bill, but it was, nevertheless, delightful, he stated. Oscar has an international reputation for fine foods.

He told also of lunching next to a table occupied by Movie Actress Myrna Loy. The only other notable they saw was Queen Mother Mary, when they attended church in England.

He discussed the "Santa Claus

Clothes-Soap Drive For Needy Overseas Dated

Final arrangements are taking shape for an intensive drive in Roseburg to collect as much clothing, shoes, and cake soap as possible during the week of November 20 to 27 for relief to the needy and homeless overseas.

St. Joseph's church will cooperate as a local collection depot, according to Rev. Edmund Hyland, pastor.

The campaign is part of a nation-wide effort, sponsored by War Relief services of the National Catholic Welfare conference, to gather indispensable materials for expellees and refugees of Europe and Asia. A recent survey shows the plight of some of these persons to be desperate.

"Share what you can spare" is a slogan of the campaign, urging Americans to express thanks for benefits enjoyed in their own country by clearing shelves and closets of old clothing and shoes suitable for wear by those less fortunate. Soap is listed as a prime necessity. All materials donated will be distributed free overseas to all in need, regardless of race, creed, or color.

All residents of Roseburg are invited to participate in the local campaign.

The temperature of the human body was formerly used as the base point for thermometers.

like villages" of the Alps, the famed Swiss watch-making. He said it was difficult to go away without buying a Swiss watch, the same as it was difficult to leave The Hague, Holland, without buying a diamond.

He said he left Europe with the feeling that if peace can endure, the people will come back strong.

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