

Italy Accumulating Dollar Balances

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—(AP)—Italy is being permitted to accumulate dollar balances with which to buy essential civilian goods in this nation through purchases by U. S. army troops in Italy, exports to the United States and gifts from Americans.

President Roosevelt announced Tuesday that the dollar equivalent of the American-printed lire issued to U. S. troops fighting in Italy will be turned over to

the Italian government. In addition, the dollar proceeds of gifts made by Americans to persons in Italy and of any products exported by Italy to this country will be made available to Italy, he said.

Saying "It is to our interests that Italy be able to contribute as fully as possible to the winning of final victory," Roosevelt said in a statement that "the dollars will be used by the Italian government to pay for essential civilian supplies purchased in this country for use in liberated Italy."

These supplies will supplement "substantial amounts" of civilian goods such as food, clothing and medical supplies distributed by the U. S. army "as a necessary part of military operations in Italy," he said.

Clothing, vitamins and medicines collected by American Relief for Italy Inc., already are being moved to Italy on army vessels, the war department announced. Foreign Economic Administrator Leo T. Crowley said food shipments to Italy are being increased and arrangements are under way for shipments of other supplies and individual gift packages.

Italy already has received 35,000 bales of salvaged clothing, 498 cases of new clothing, 1,722 cases of shoes, 3,128 cases of vitamins and food supplements and 170 cases of medical supplies the war department said. These goods were donated by private relief organizations.

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MARIE ROGNDALH

Marie Rogndahl Back To School --Hard Study Surest Road To Top

By JOSEPHINE MOORE
University News Bureau

A very lovely and happy girl came back to the University of Oregon campus this week. She has put away for a time the thrill of success and the heady excitement of appreciative audiences who love her voice for a quiet year of hard work and study. This she will do because Marie Rogndahl realizes that you can get to the top and be popular but you won't last if you haven't the background and technique that only hard work can give you.

Interviewing the Oregon girl who won national acclaim and popularity through General Electric's "Hour of Charm" contest for the "undiscovered voice of America" and who has spent the summer singing with Phil Spitalny and his all-girl orchestra, is rather like looking through a kaleidoscope at bright changing bits of color. So much has happened to this charming singer in the past few months and so much animates her with interest.

It was definitely the best summer of her life, she says, and she's so happy to get back, and she's planning such a busy winter, and she's learned about tramping, and she's Marie fairly bubbles over with enthusiasm.

She loved New York. One thing she has promised herself, that she will always live close enough so that she can get to New York. Of course she was terribly excited, and she says she seldom gets excited, to get back to Eugene.

"The train was half an hour late and I all but dragged the train and myself, I was so impatient." And she thinks it's going to be

fun of get back into sweaters and bobble socks and go to work again. She hasn't seen campus clothes since she left.

Where did she sing? Well, of course, on the radio every week, and then she went on tour with Phil Spitalny and the orchestra. They did 11 cities in three weeks and Marie thinks she has learned enough about tramping so that she can really develop into a trouper. There isn't anything artistic about tramping, she confides, just a hard grind. She doesn't think she could take it as a steady diet. The girls she tramped with were grand.

Did the people like her? They were best to her in Toronto, Canada, and in Buffalo, N. Y., and in Fort Wayne, Ind., she thinks. They were grand everywhere but those audiences stand out in her memory, they were so appreciative.

How about opportunities for other students in the east? Marie thinks the opportunities are unlimited for young musicians who are well-trained, with a good background of hard work and talent. She feels that study is the most important thing to a well-rooted background and technique and that's what she's come back to Oregon to get more of.

Why did she come back when opportunity seemed there at hand? She wants her degree and she wants it from the University of Oregon and she wants to study under Sigurd Nilsen, professor of voice, who has trained Marie at the university.

This will be a hard year, for this year Marie intends to learn three operas. This year she will get a repertoire so that when opportunity arrives she will be ready for it. For opera is what Marie wants most of all. Other things beckon and seem alluring—movie contracts (and there have been definite offers) and radio and such—but opera will win in the long run.

What does she intend to do after this year is over? Well, maybe she knows and maybe she doesn't but time will tell, not Marie.

Ration Board Chief At Salem To Quit

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 13.—(AP)—John A. Heltzel, Salem attorney, has asked to be relieved of his duties as chairman of the local rationing board in which capacity he has served since rationing was first instituted three years ago. In his letter of resignation Heltzel declared that his rationing job has caused him to seriously neglect his professional duties.

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Oregon's Physical Fitness Plan Told

The initiative and leadership of Oregon in the organization of health and physical fitness programs for its schools is paying dividends.

As one of the first two states to establish a state-wide organization for long range planning and for co-ordinating the efforts of all the various education and health groups in the state, Oregon has received so many inquiries from other states now awake to the need that an article setting forth the plan has been written.

Author is Howard S. Hoyman, acting dean of the physical education school at the university and member of the executive committee of the group.

Published in the Health and Physical Education Journal for September, the article explains in detail the set-up used in the state and the working of the plan.

While Tennessee inaugurated a similar organization at about the same time, the unique feature of the Oregon idea is a written code under which the joint committee operates.

"The necessity for long range and post-war planning for health and physical fitness and an organization to co-ordinate this planning has long been apparent," Hoyman says, "But many states now feel the need for immediate action without knowing how to go about it. Oregon has received so many requests, a statement seemed wise."

Japanese-American's Painting Wins Prize

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 13.—(AP)—A 51-year-old Japanese-American artist today carried off first prize of \$1,000 in the Carnegie institute exhibition of American paintings with a still-life entitled "Room 110."

Yasuo Kuniyoshi, a native of Okayama, Japan, who came to the United States when he was 13, won the votes of a jury composed of three officials of American art museums with a colorful painting that would be difficult for the uninitiated to understand.

Home Conversion Set For Forest Grove

FOREST GROVE.—(AP)—An unlimited number of residential conversion priorities has been granted the Forest Grove area to relieve a housing shortage. George W. Coplen, regional NHA official, said.

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