

Booming World of Western Europe

Rich Still Rich, But So Are the Old Poor

EDITOR'S NOTE—In Europe's booming economy the old rich still have their castles on the Rhine. But it's the old poor who have struck it rich. They enjoy a crepes suzette in every pot and have so crowded the luxurious spas of days gone by that for many of the old rich there's no place to go but home. This is the second article of four on Europe's boom.

By RICHARD O'REGAN Of the Associated Press PARIS—Europe, not long ago a continent of industrial robber barons and decadent aristocracy facing an unruly poor, today is

turning into a huge middle class society. "Western Europe," says Hendrik Brugmans, a prominent Belgian historian, "is becoming socially democratized. The aged class struggle is done with. Nobody is ready to man the barricades today." Workers who a generation ago muttered dire threats as they walked by the houses of their employers now whiz by on scooters or in Volkswagens and apparently give class warfare a rare thought. "I have a TV, a washing machine and a vacuum cleaner," said Andre Demeure, a Belgium miner. "My father feared we

all would go hungry. I have full social security and I don't see what would make me happier." What has caused this change? Prosperity, advanced technology, the drive toward a united Europe, enlightened new attitudes of business and constitutional democracy in most countries of Western Europe. Concept Dying Out Demeure's son thinks he might want to go to a university. A generation ago European universities were for the upper classes only. Spoiled sons of the aristocracy studied history of art so they could collect rare furniture for their es-

tates. Sons of rich factory owners caroused and drank and duelled. Women went to university "only if they were very clever or very ugly," a German gentleman explained. Now, European universities are seething with young men and girls from all the former classes of society, although, for instance, in Germany only one-third of 1 per cent of the population attends. In some areas, the entire concept of the "working class" is dying out. "Everybody who used to work for a wage and had no title of

some sort used to consider himself working class," said a member of Germany's Socialist party. "Now anybody with the slightest skill who can furnish an apartment considers himself middle class. The only working class man any more is the man with the pick and shovel." Even street-cleaners in Germany have moved up. After 20 years' service they get a title as a "city official." All this does not mean that class consciousness has disappeared from Western Europe. The man with the title of "Baron," "doctor" or "engineer" still gets plenty of reverence anywhere he goes in Europe. Every official or functionary still insists on his own office and a battalion of protecting secretaries.

French Hide Money Many prudent Frenchmen reportedly hide their money. Under French law, they can be taxed on appearances. "I would never own my own house," said a provincial French businessman in Strasbourg. "I rent a flat, my wife hires a maid by the hour and I don't put money into the bank where the tax authorities can inspect it." Many Germans, on the other hand, live it up with fancy homes and private airplanes. The rest of their money they pack off to Swiss banks. Many used to buy huge Swiss homes, until the Swiss feared the Germans were buying up their whole country and prohibited further purchases. The new German rich also dash around the world in a futile attempt to find fashionable resorts not full of their coun-

trymen. Some, having explored Africa, the West Indies and the Canary Islands, now have ironically found a haven on their own North Sea Shore, a huge nudist colony on the island of Sylt. Here they are called the "naked and the rich." Some status-seeking European new rich try to crash the remnants of the old aristocracy. Considerable wire-pulling, work and publicity and a rich man may be able to buy himself a title of baron or count in Belgium. But a new title and new money don't always provide entrance to the old aristocracy. A French nobleman, with a 32nd generation title, said: "Money alone will not give you entry to the clan. One must learn how to behave." Thursday: Healing the wounds.

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Park Land Acquisition Speeded Up

SALEM (UPI)—The State Highway Department is accelerating its land acquisition program to gain more park lands, State Highway Commission Chairman Glenn Jackson, Medford, said Tuesday.

He addressed the annual meeting of the Oregon County Park Assn. here. He said acquisition of shorelands and access to beaches is getting top priority. "It is only good business to acquire the property now," he said. Tourism is Oregon's third largest industry, and will bring in \$216 million this year. He said this would increase with expanding population.

Advise Counties Jackson said recent recommendations contained in a report which called for obtaining more state park lands will not be filed away and forgotten. He said the parks department will advise counties in their park development. Personnel is now being sought to give such aid, he explained.

Of Oregon's 36 counties, 30 now have park programs. Jackson also cited the need to have federal agencies consider recreational facilities on an equal footing with other uses.

Spending Boosted "Congress should be vigorously urged to provide funds for Oregon's recreational development," he said. He said the Highway Department is upping its park spending program to \$5.2 million during the coming biennium, an increase of \$1.4 million over the current program.

The conference delegates were welcomed by Association President Charles S. Collins, Medford. Collins is executive secretary of the Cal-Ore Recreational Development Assn.

Smokers Losing Desire to Quit LONDON (UPI)—British doctors who have conducted the Ministry of Health's first "cure-yourself-of-smoking" course reported Wednesday that the desire to give up smoking is diminishing.

When the Royal College of Physicians issued a report linking smoking with lung cancer, many Britons gave up cigarettes. But doctors said they have found that the mental attitude of smokers is slowly changing from one of alarm to complacency.

The typical attitude now is, "It cannot happen to me."

Nests Destroyed NAIROBI, Kenya (UPI)—Farmers fearing disaster a few weeks ago blew up the nests of millions of tiny birds, the Sudan diods, which had been attacking the wheat crop for food.

'Round the State Oregon Paces Freeway Work

SALEM (UPI)—State Highway Engineer Forrest Cooper says that Oregon still leads the nation in the percentage of interstate freeway mileage completed and opened.

The U. S. Bureau of Public Roads credits Oregon with 65.4 per cent of its interstate system open to traffic. This was nearly five percentage points ahead of New York, in second place.

There are 732 miles worth of interstate highway planned in Oregon. Of this, 205 miles are adequate for today's traffic, with another 272 miles expected to be ready for traffic volumes expected in 1975. Cooper said by the end of December, Oregon hopes to add

another 25 miles of completed freeway.

Tax Vote Opposed SALEM (UPI)—State Rep. Richard Eymann, D-Mohawk, says he dislikes the idea of a statewide tax election during the 1963 legislature to pay for an expanded state budget. He might be chairman of the 1963 House Tax Committee.

No such election has been formally proposed, but Gov. Mark Hatfield said recently he is thinking about the possibility of asking the session to call one—if additional revenue is needed.

Eymann noted that if such an election were held, and a program was defeated, the legislature might find itself faced with dipping into earmarked funds—such as those reserved for the Oregon Game Commission—to find revenue.

City Administrator HOOD RIVER (UPI)—Bruce Clausen, 45, project engineer for moving the city of Arlington, was named city administrator here Monday night by the city council.

He replaces Hal Puddy who resigned in August to take a similar position at Bend. Clausen takes over Dec. 1. For the past year Clausen has been project engineer for Clark and Groff Co., in moving Arlington to higher ground and out of the path of the John Day reservoir which will flood the old city site.

Squid Luncheon PORTLAND (UPI)—The biology students at Portland's Lincoln High School have had their annual squid luncheon. Biology instructor Calvin B. Foulk has the students dissect squid for their studies. The cut-up squid then are french-fried and eaten by the youngsters. The students say it's great—with catsup, of course.

Campaign Cost Up SALEM (UPI)—The Labor for Whipple Committee, Oregon City, filed an expense report of \$4,006 Tuesday. This upped the cost of the campaign of Democrat Blaine Whipple for Congress in the first district to \$10,287.

The man to whom Whipple lost, Rep. Walter Norblad, R-Ore., earlier reported a campaign expense of \$81,475.

Moving Problem SALEM (UPI)—The Capital Post of the American Legion here has an Air Force surplus T-33 jet plane all ready for display. But it also has a problem. The wing span is 41½ feet. The width of the streets between McNary field, where the plane now is, and the Sunny-slope shopping center, where it is to be displayed, are only 34 feet wide.

Post Commander Kenneth Holmes said the plane may have to be transferred by helicopter. "Or maybe we will have to cut off the tail, put it on a trailer, and sew it back on again."

Grocer Wounded PORTLAND (UPI)—A grocer refused to hand over his money to an armed robber Monday night and was shot in the thigh. The grocer Thomas O. Anderson, is recovering in a Portland hospital. He said two men entered his store and asked for a package of cigarettes. One of them suddenly pulled a gun and said: "Give me your money

Ex-Official Begins Term

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS His appeal for reduction of sentence turned down, former Department of Agriculture official Earl C. Corey began serving a two-year prison term Monday at McNeil Island federal prison.

Corey gave health reasons for his request Monday before federal Judge Gus J. Solomon. The judge said federal institutions have adequate medical facilities to treat his problem.

Corey was convicted two years ago of conspiracy in warehousing of government-owned grain. He and another defendant, Laurence Smith, Waterville, Wash., appealed to the U. S. Supreme Court.

The high court denied hearings on Nov. 5. Smith is expected to begin serving a two-year term in about two weeks.

Nine Named To Group

A nine-member advisory committee for the Curriculum Study Center in English at the University of Oregon has been announced by Albert R. Kitzhaber, professor of English and director of the Center.

The Center is part of a nationwide Project English program designed to improve the teaching of English in U. S. secondary schools.

The newly appointed committee includes Willard Bear, assistant superintendent of the Oregon State Department of Education; William C. Jones, assistant superintendent of the Bethel Public Schools; Lloyd F. Milhollen, deputy superintendent of the Eugene Public Schools; and Douglas V. Olds, assistant superintendent of the Springfield Public Schools.

Members of the university faculty serving on the committee are Bower Aly, professor of speech; Paul B. Jacobson, dean of the School of Education; John L. Powell, head of the department of physics; Kester Svendsen, head of the department of English; and Marshall D. Wattles, acting dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

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