

Growing Population No. 1 Problem in Crowded Italy

Rome (AP)—Italy is like a fond mother with a huge family she cannot support but dreads to see leave home. Population is Italy's biggest problem.

Italy's population is increasing a half million yearly. She has two million unemployed. A quarter million new workers are seeking jobs each year. That means 3,000,000 job hunters by the 1951-52 deadline for recovery under the European Recovery Program (ERP). The Economic Cooperation Administration (ECA) hopes to open up 1,150,000 new jobs.

Without emigration, Italy would remain still crippled by almost two million workless. These, with their families, have to be fed, clothed and housed at the expense of the national economy. Italy can never be economically or politically healthy under such conditions. So large a population of the aimless idle is a standing invitation to political unrest.

Only the communists and their allies in Italy maintain that emigration is not the key to Italy's economic future. They say that in a thoroughly socialized state industry and agriculture could be enlivened enough to employ all Italians. ECA and non-communist Italian economists say this argument is killed by Italy's experience under Fascism.

Modern Italy has never known a period without mass unemployment except during the days of mass emigration before World War I. Italian diplomats abroad have standing instructions to investigate every possibility of emigration in every country of the world. ECA is building 260,000 tons of shipping to help overcome the shipping bottleneck that keeps would-be emigrants home. ECA also is financing a vocational training program in Italy to get around the obstacle that almost all countries taking emigrants want skilled laborers.

Talks with legislators and officials who have to do with emigration undercover a soft spot which is holding Italy back in her efforts to overcome her population problem.

Few Italian officials are willing to see their people go to live in a wilderness, make their home in a sod hut, face a future of unrelieved hardship. Emigrants who find themselves in these conditions write home, complaining bitterly.

Complaints have come particularly from Argentina, which is currently the largest taker of Italian emigrants. Senator Luigi Carmagnola, an anti-communist socialist, who had helped negotiate the emigration treaty, said "Italians work under extreme difficulty in Argentina."

Senator Cino Macrelli, of the anti-communist republican party, said he had letters complaining of "brutal treatment."

Italian emigration office officials confirm there are many complaints. Their figures however, did not bear out reports from Italian shipping quarters that "many" emigrants were returning from Argentina. According to these records, 78,719 Italians went to Argentina as emigrants in 1948. During the year, 4,329 Italians returned from Argentina as third class (emigrant) passengers, of whom all but 222 paid their own passage. In the same year, the world figures were 215,862 emigrants and 26,022 returnees.

ECA hopes that 1,400,000 emigrants can be moved abroad between 1948 and 1952. France took 30,710 emigrants in 1948, Belgium 46,364 and Switzerland

Tree Topping Record Broken

Albany, July 5 (AP)—Harold Johnson, Castle Rock, Wash., set a new record for tree topping in the northwest when he climbed a 100-foot pole and sawed off its 15-inch top in three minutes and 12 1/2 seconds, slightly beating the previous record set last year by nearly a minute, in closing events at the fifth annual Timber Carnival here. Al Fircbaue, Lebanon, was second.

Carnival officials estimated that more than 25,000 people attended the three-day event which closed Monday night with a fireworks display on Waverly lake. A feature of the final show was the water skiing of Willa Worthington, Portland, national water skiing champion.

Winners of the other events were M. S. Harper, Springfield, speed climbing; with Fircbaue second. George Moen, East Stanwood, Wash., was first, and Ben Lentz, Newberg, second, in log bucking; R. W. Dimick, Jefferson, first and Mike Slyn, Dallas, second in log chopping with H. L. Busley, Eugene, and Dick Saylor first and second in speed boat racing; James Herron, Kelso, Wash. was first in the birling contests followed by Russell Ellison, Aberdeen, and Harold Hooper, also of Kelso. Ellison was northwest champion last year. Jim Herron, in a field of tent contestants, won the jousting contest.

One-Third of Britons Happy Without Sex

London, July 5 (AP)—Thirty-one per cent of Britons, most of them women, are doing without sex and are completely happy about it, a British "Little Kinsey Report" indicated today. The survey, conducted by the research group known as mass observation, also reported that 54 per cent of the population found sexual relations unpleasant and 26 per cent think sex is "wrong."

21,524. Much of the emigration to Switzerland and Belgium is seasonal. Australia may take 20,000 this year. Canada is taking 500-600 monthly.

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Firemen Fight Hotel Blaze—Smoke billows from Lafayette Hotel at Aberdeen, Wash., as firemen (right) direct streams of water on the blaze that caused seven deaths. Hotel rooms were on second floor, with shops on street level. (AP Wire-photo)

Officer Who Nabbed Master Love Swindler Suspended

Chicago, July 5 (AP)—The detective who arrested master love swindler Sigmund Engel here June 24 was suspended indefinitely today by Police Commissioner John Pendergast for his handling of the case.

Detective Peter Harlib was suspended after an investigation by Pendergast into charges that Engel was "coddled" after his arrest. Harlib once was prevented from taking a mattress to Engel to ease his hard bunk at the police station.

Pendergast announced the suspension after a heated conference attended by Capt. Matthew Lyne, head of the Town Hall station where Engel was taken after his arrest, Capt. Ray Crane of the uniformed police, Department Inspector Ed Daily, and Harlib.

The suspension, the commissioner said, was based on several charges. Harlib, he said, had disobeyed a departmental rule by handling the Engel arrest without another detective, although his captain had told him to have another man on the case.

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WIFE OF AIR FORCE COLONEL ASKS: Is 'Wild Man' Eating Corn Her Missing Husband?

San Francisco (AP)—The wife of a missing air force colonel wonders if a red-bearded "wild man" seen eating chicken feed in farmer's yards in Humboldt and Mendocino counties might be her husband, Air Force Col. Archibald Y. Smith, who disappeared April 21 on a flight to Portland, Ore.

Mrs. Evelyn Smith feared a plane crash injury might have affected her husband's mind so he believes he once again is a German prisoner of war, dodging his captors and existing on cracked corn.

Col. Smith, when he returned home from the German prison camp, said his diet had consisted mainly of cracked corn. He expressed astonishment that a man could keep alive so long on it.

The air force colonel, with Army Col. Walter W. Hodge and



TransAmerica Head—Sam Henry Husbands (above), who started in the banking business 40 years ago as a \$35 a month runner, has been elected to the presidency of the huge TransAmerica Corp. He has been described as "the poor boy who made good." (Acme Telegraph)

No Sign of 'Wild Man'

Eureka, Calif., July 5 (AP)—Sheriff's deputies said today that they had been unable to locate a "wild man" with an appetite for chicken feed reportedly roaming the farmyards of Humboldt and Mendocino counties.

Mrs. Evelyn Smith of San Francisco said that she believed the man may be her missing husband, air force Col. Archibald Y. Smith, who disappeared two months ago on a plane flight.

She said he may have suffered an injury that caused him to relive his past, taking him back to the days he spent roaming the German countryside after escaping from a Nazi prisoner-of-war camp. During that flight, she said, he had lived practically on nothing but cracked corn chicken feed stolen from farms.

A Humboldt county farmer, living in the general area over which the plane would normally have flown was the last to report seeing the "wild man," sheriff's officers said.

Scout Sessions Call

Amity—Twenty-two girls representing the Brownie, Intermediate and Senior Girl Scout troops of Amity, attended all of the four day Scout sessions at McMinnville city park. Mesdames Elmer Engelland, H. N. Wilcox, Fred Neilson, Herman Bruke, John Stuller and Richard Fuller furnished transportation and assisted with instruction.

Apple and Pear Men To Apply 2nd Spray

Apple and pear growers in the Willamette valley are being advised by Entomologist B. G. Thompson of Oregon State college to apply their second cover spray for codling moth by July 8.

Three pounds lead arsenate in 100 gallons of water is the recommended spray for the average orchard. In orchards where codling moth is not a serious problem, two pounds lead arsenate to 100 gallons of water may be used.

Three pounds calcium arsenate in 100 gallons of water is only slightly less effective than the lead arsenate spray.

For growers following a DDT spray program, Thompson suggests the second application be made by July 8. The spray should contain two pounds of 50 per cent wettable DDT to 100 gallons of water.

41 Climb Peak
Sisters, July 5 (AP)—The mountain climbing enthusiasts of Mount Hood's Mazama club—41 of them—climbed the 10,094-foot north Sister peak yesterday.

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