

Medford People Visiting in Denmark; Write of Customs, Fear of Reds

(Editor's note: Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Carpenter, of Veritas orchards, Medford, are in Europe on a tour of the northern portion of that continent. The following article was written to The Mail Tribune by Mr. Carpenter, and gives a number of interesting sidelights on the trip.)

By LEONARD CARPENTER
Copenhagen, Denmark (By Mail) — The pear trees and flowering shrubs are in full bloom here this first day of May, just as in the Rogue valley.

Copenhagen is a capital city with a democratic royal family and a million and a quarter of the four million Danes. It is a city built of stone upon the water and one is never unconscious of this fact. Into one of the great squares an arm of the Kattegat runs and ships come and go within a block of the palace residence of the king.

The Danes know the wise use of paint and have used the yellows, reds, pinks, greens and blues to make their narrow curving streets gay and interesting. **Gay and Lovely City**

This is a gay and lovely city with an amusement park with some Coney Island tricks (but no litter, no old cigarette wrappers, popcorn bags or newspapers—not even a tiny discarded scrap of paper) several bandstands where the best music in Europe can be heard in season, numerous good restaurants seating hundreds of guests inside and in the open air terraces and gardens.

Since practically no one, except a handful of prohis, drinks anything but beer instead of water, the breweries are tremendous money makers and so during the last fifty or a hundred years many worthwhile gifts have been made by brewers. In one case the whole brewery was given to the public, the income to be used to care for the aged and for other philanthropic purposes. So every time one takes a glass he has the feeling of helping the other fellow.

And, having recorded this universal act of unselfishness, let me add that all Danes must belong to health associations to which they pay small dues and

for this they get the best medical care, including hospitalization for about 20 cents per day while having an operation or being ill. One lady said upon hearing this: "And my husband paid \$75 a day for his hospital alone in New York." This is not socialized medicine, according to my informant.

Meet U. S. Colonels
At breakfast recently were four American regular army colonels who had flown from their German base and landed at Copenhagen when in fact they had taken off for Oslo. Don't ask me why! But Copenhagen town has it all over the Norwegian town as far as night life is concerned.

Of course, we asked about them and found that one was very familiar with Medford's airport and wished to go back there. One colonel, from Texas, wanted to get in a good word about his state. He has a house in Austin, "the capital of the U.S.A., including Texas and three years away in Germany has been too long." Now, however, his wife and kids have come over and life is more bearable. After some ribbing by the two Oregonians, the Texan suddenly pulled down the Lone Star State banner by saying "oh, hell, I was born in Minnesota. Texas is where I was last stationed."

They were all fine fellows, upright, good looking and good natured, but one had the feeling that they were plenty tough.

Egg Production High
The manager of the world's largest egg cooperative which handles over 1,000 tons of fresh eggs a week and has about 500 collecting centers, had interesting things to tell us. "We are too near Russia — too near — too near. We have requests for quotations on eggs from several South American countries and from New York. No chance to sell in the U.S.A. on account of the unfavorable exchange and restrictions. Anyway, we haven't enough eggs to supply England, France, Germany and many other countries, and now Spain wants eggs too."

"Too close to Russia, we are. Oh, yes, I was in the resistance and I helped blow up the heavy water works in Norway near Trondheim which delayed the

Germans in developing the atom bomb. I was in many blow-ups. I was younger then. Oh, no, I was never caught. Had I been I would have been taken out like many of my friends and shot by the Germans.

"In one-half day the Germans took over Denmark and so can the Russians."

He was neither frightened nor nervous, but simply stating a fact which is so appalling to us who have never had a foreign occupation that we shudder to hear him say "too near."

He suffered under occupation for five years — 1,835 long days and 1,835 dreadful nights! Think of that and you can begin to understand what occupation means.

In Copenhagen, this huge city, all water, lights and other utilities were cut off and streets leading to the fresh water had barbed wire strung across them. But the Danish women walked with their pitchers, buckets or stew pans to the lakes and soon the men cut the wires and erected barriers on streets leading to those life saving lakes. All buildings, hotels, good private homes were taken over and occupied.

Many buildings were blown up because it was said the underground held meetings in them. Among them was the beautiful Swedish Yacht club.

Danes Need Dollars
Of course the Danes are urgently in need of American dollars — as who isn't — and they very generous, gay and pleasant to the foreign visitors.

The castle at Elsinor where the story originated which Shakespeare made into his tragedy "Hamlet, Prince of Denmark," is a prime tour for sightseers. It is a glorious palace and one can easily believe that any dreadful thing could happen there. Each year the play is produced in the original courtyard and most of the notable "Hamlets" have trod the historic boards there. This year the Irish players are to be presented.

Workers are well cared for in cooperatives or private, often company owned, apartment buildings in which they live in three rooms plus bath plus kitchen, making five-room apartments, with gas, electricity, water included for \$15 to \$20 per month. All modern apartment construction calls for sun in every three-room apartment, and "modern" goes back at least 20 years.

Small brick houses in their own grounds surrounded by gardens are the homes of many workers. In this lovely city the inner business and hotel and restaurant part is the kernel of the nut, surrounded by the many factories which are the shell. It is one of the cleanest and quietest cities in the world and of course that brings up transportation and bicycles.

The Danes say there are two million bicycles in use in Copenhagen but perhaps that is an exaggeration. Men, women and children ride, ahead of, behind and between fast moving autos, on streets not twenty feet wide. Painters with ladders strapped on their backs at about the same angle as the tongue of a logging truck trailer; mothers with a baby riding in a basket facing her, and a child on a little seat over the rear wheel; big dogs in baskets with their front legs in wicker tubes, going down town with master or mistress, on the handle bars; porters and quick delivery boys with 8-foot long bikes built with a platform six inches off the pavement between the two wheels.

Sweet little ladies like Billie Burke, beautiful ones like Greta Garbo who used to sell gloves in this town, old, old ladies, the fat, the lean, whiz along in a seemingly endless procession.

Cars Small, Economical
Cars, generally speaking are short and horsepower is low, but there are few grades to negotiate and every economy of gasoline and space is needed.

Many of the trains, buses and all street cars are electrified and there is a network of lines radiating in every direction.



DR. CORNELIUS H. SIEMENS
SOC Commencement Speaker

SOC Speaker Young College President

Ashland — Dr. Cornelius H. Siemens, commencement speaker at Southern Oregon college, is the youngest college president in California, according to Marshall E. Woodell, chairman of the graduation exercises. Dr. Siemens will appear at the June 1 ceremonies to be held at the Butler Memorial band shell in Lithia park.

Dr. Siemens is completing his second year as president of Humboldt State college, Arcata, Calif. Previously he had served as president of Compton college in southern California since 1946.

President Siemens has chosen as his commencement topic: "Democracy's Greatest Challenge." Dean Woodell said. He will be accompanied by his wife and young son and daughter on the Ashland visit.

The California educator received his collegiate degrees from the University of California, obtaining the A.B. and M.A. in mathematics and physics and a doctorate of philosophy in school administration.

Wife Killed Because House Not Shipshape

Port Orchard — (U.P.) — A retired Navy chief petty officer said Saturday he shot and killed his wife because she didn't keep their house shipshape.

"She was a good woman but she wouldn't keep the house neat and clean," Pete J. Smith told Kitsap county authorities. "Being a Navy guy, I'm tidy."

Smith, 50, killed his wife, Anne, 46, with a rifle on the front lawn of their Keyport home Friday evening. He threatened to shoot himself when officers arrived and found him standing over the body of his slain wife but they took the gun away before he could pull the trigger.

PENNIES PAY BET
Toronto, Ont. — (U.P.) — Mayor Don Mackay of Calgary paid off a \$25 football bet to City Solicitor Wally Angus Thursday. He brought along 2,500 pennies.

Even in foreign lands one's hair grows long and the time comes when diplomatic relations with either one's travel companions, or the hair, must be sacrificed. First, the beautiful blonde took my hat with a smile and summoned the appropriate specialist to deal with my thicket. When I returned to the B. B. to pay the 71 cents demanded, I had half as much hair left as for a \$1.25 hair cut in our town but I also had been thoroughly washed and brillantined and my hair stood out straight in all directions.

(Continued Monday)

OPS Warns Against Overpriced Potatoes

Portland — (U.P.) — Oregon housewives, wholesalers and retailers were warned by the Office of Price Stabilization here not to pay more than ceiling prices for potatoes.

Carl C. Donough, local OPS director, reported that potatoes from Shafter and Bakersfield, Calif., were being sold in Oregon at above ceiling prices. He said any price more than 7 to 8 cents a pound at the retail level was in violation of existing

DUFFY TO WED DUFFY
Milwaukee — (U.P.) — Ann Louise Duffy, daughter of Federal Judge F. Ryan Duffy, will marry Joseph Leo Duffy Jr. Saturday.

regulations. Donough said retailers should not pay more than \$5.37-5.59 a hundred pounds while the price to wholesalers should be between \$4.57-4.79 a hundredweight.

The OPS for several days has had agents at Los Angeles and Bakersfield checking carloads of potatoes in an attempt to stop the flow of over-priced spuds into Oregon, Donough said.

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