

Italian, Fed Up With Taxes, Opens Republic of Own

Rome—(U.P.)—A shepherd in southern Italy decided he was fed up with government taxes and set up an "autonomous republic" of his own.

Michele Mulieri has six acres of land at Tricarico in the stone-heavy, poverty-ridden ankle of Italy's boot.

"I don't know about other folks but I know when I've had enough," said the 59-year-old Mulieri as he chucked up notice of his sovereign state on the walls of Tricarico's little town square.

His domain is open to any weary soul desiring to escape from Italy's tax burden. The only inhabitants to date are Mulieri and his wife, their five children and a score of sheep.

Mulieri said that if Italy wanted any further dealings with him it should send an ambassador. Instead, three policemen showed up at the Mulieri farmhouse and delivered an official ultimatum that he stay on his own property or produce a "valid passport" in the form of a tax receipt.

Mulieri is only one of many complaining about taxes. Rome's big, pro-government Il Messaggero ran a long article claiming that the cinema, stage and other forms of entertainment cost too much because of taxes. It pointed out that films are an essential ingredient of the national diet and, like bread, should not be taxed out of reach of the average citizen.

"Amusements, diversions, recreations and shows are today considered necessary elements among the basic needs of workers," the newspaper commented. The government mark-up on movie tickets goes as high as



Avoid crowded picnic areas by picnicking at breakfast time. Early risers know that picnics are more enjoyable if the surroundings are uncluttered with people—or things.

Breakfast is an easy meal to take on a picnic. Ready-to-eat cereals are just right—no cooking is necessary—merely pack the cereal box in the picnic hamper. This breakfast takes just a few minutes to pack.

MENU

- Shredded Wheat with
- Fresh Sliced Peaches and Milk
- Pecan Rolls Butter
- Chocolate Milk

The peaches could be sliced and sugared at home. Additional sugar would not be necessary with the sweetened peaches. Pecan rolls are a favorite—butter probably would be unnecessary.

Colorful plastic spoons, paper plates (except the cereal bowls) and gay bandannas for napkins add a festive note to the outdoor breakfast.

Another way to vary the way you serve that all important meal—breakfast—is to serve it on trays that can be carried to the porch or patio.

Doctors and dietitians agree that a basic breakfast of fruit, cereal, milk, bread and butter will provide one-fourth of the daily nutritional requirement. You and your family will feel better and work better, especially in the late morning hours, if you eat a basic breakfast the year round.

86.9 per cent, noted the paper. In Milan today it costs from 600 to 800 lire (96 cents to \$1.28) to put oneself into a movie seat. Sometimes the price hits 1,000 lire (\$1.60).

The paper noted that part of the taxed funds are returned to producers of films. That is the well-known Italian "subsidy" of 15 to 18 per cent which is the basic ingredient in the production of films in Italy. It has many critics in the industry and

out of it. The Messaggero article took this stand:

"We believe that this form of subsidy given to the entertainment industry is actually the best way to achieve shows of little value..."

Eitel Monaco, head of Italy's motion picture producer and distribution association (ANICA), recently told a gathering of American businessmen that current taxes on films are "an absurd quota."

Growth of Paris Claimed Too Fast; City Showing Age

Paris—(U.P.)—The experts shake their heads sadly and agree that the queen of cities, gay Paris, is showing her age. Paris has grown too fast, her circulation is sluggish and her face has been lined by time.

The situation is critical and the cure extremely costly. The lowest estimate is that it would take \$162,857,142 to make a good start at remedying the ills of the capital.

That is the opinion of 200 architects, traffic experts and city planners who completed an extensive diagnosis of Paris.

They found that the capital grew too quickly with too little planning, that it overbalances the rest of the nation as the economic and cultural nerve center and that its rising traffic is slowly smothering it.

To start with, the experts found there is an imbalance between Paris and the rest of the nation. In its radius of little more than 20 kilometers it is packed one-seventh of the total population of France.

Into Paris, as into the hub of a wheel, runs every major road, railway and airline in France. Paris is the magnetic pole of the French economy, the seat of the stock exchange and the center of culture. More than 62,000 college students—more than half of the college students in all France—are enrolled in Paris universities.

Furthermore all of this activity—or certainly 80 to 90 per cent of it—is concentrated in only 16,000 acres of Paris' total of 3,000,000. That area runs from the Arch of Triumph to the Louvre, left of the Seine to Mont Sainte-Genevieve and right of the river to the grand boulevards and up through Montmartre.

"The City of Light" is being slowly suffocated by its traffic problem and poor layout.

The central market place (Les Halles), in the heart of the tourist area, causes such traffic tie-ups that, although the heavy trucks roll in from the country shortly after midnight, the jam often continues until 4 p.m.

The police department figured out for the experts that there are 10 private cars for every one public bus, yet private cars carry only 30 per cent of the people who daily ride to work in Paris.

In this central section, more than 80 per cent of the buildings are over 100 years old, the experts said, and many thousands were built during the aesthetically unsatisfactory period of the second empire.

Paris is gradually being abandoned as a residential center, the experts said, because of the heavy traffic, the noise and the somewhat startling fact that one out of every three residential buildings in the area lacks basic conveniences such as gas, water, electricity and plumbing.

The vast majority of Parisians live in the other sprawling areas of the city which, like Topsy, just grew without planning, adequate facilities, sufficient space or beauty.

An adequate building program would involve underpasses and parking spaces, widening of narrow streets, building of speedways and new parks, schools and hospitals for outlying areas.

After the preliminary "modernizing" huge sums would have to be voted every year to keep up with the speed of modern living, the experts concluded.

Gallant Students Startle Elizabeth

Dundee, Scotland—(U.P.)—Unlike her namesake, Queen Elizabeth wasn't quite sure what to do recently when three gallant students spread their cloaks in her path.

She shot a worried look at Prof. Rutherford Dow, master of Queen's College. He assured her that, like the fabled Sir Walter Raleigh, the students wanted her to tread upon their cloaks.

The Queen, who had just returned from Norway with the Duke of Edinburgh, gracefully stepped on the garments and thanked the owners with a smile.



GIVING undivided attention to task at hand, Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov attacks laden plate at Chicago luncheon en route to N. Y. (International)

On The Side

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REMEMBER THE HIT play titled "Journey's End?" The action took place in a trench at the battle front in World War I. So cleverly and powerfully was the play written that the audience had the feeling they, too, were in that war torn trench with the fighting men. That is the supreme dramatic achievement: to make the audience so lose themselves in their absorption that they feel they are actually taking part in the drama being unfolded. A current play that produces this effect is the thrilling, chilling melo-drama titled "Desperate Hours." Makes you feel you, too, are trapped in the house with that trio of trigger happy escaped criminals. The realism is increased by the remarkable performances of the cast, especially by Karl Malden, whose portrayal as the head of the harassed household is a classic.

Can Happen

Is your charming matronial mate around 50 years of age? I suppose if such is the case you are confident you will never have to pace the hospital waiting room floor again waiting to learn what has happened in the maternity ward? Don't be too sure about that, Sir. Mrs. Vincent Rigina of Detroit, who is 52, recently gave birth to a son. A fine healthy infant, weight seven pounds, nine ounces. So, Sir, you too may again assume the role of the proud papa and pass out the cigars as in the days of yore.

California is in again. A resident of the Golden State points with pride to the fact that George N. Stockton of Alhambra, Calif., who is 95, still has all his original teeth and most of his original hair. Another Golden Stater reports that Mrs. Margaret Mountford of San Francisco, who is 92, has all her original teeth and reads and sews without the need of spectacles.

Sidelights

Calling all husband hunters! There are 40,000 surplus men of marriageable age in New Zealand... "Where can you get frogs' legs well prepared in New York City?" Asks a San Franciscan. There are several places in Manhattan featuring that specialty. Also snails. However, I cannot conscientiously recommend any particular place. Have had no personal experience. I don't care for frogs' legs, snails or onion soup.

Heart Throbs

What's all this about tall, terrific, dark handsome fellows being the top heart throbs? Everything seems to indicate height is no great advantage in inspiring the intense affection of a female. That great lover Byron was only 5 feet 7. To get closer to the present, a Florida Don Juan, who was reported to have forty women wild over him at the same time, was said to be 5 feet 6. However, the reports further said he had "a powerful, domineering voice."

Defective Motor Fills Home With Smoke

Central Point—A defective refrigerator motor filled the residence of Lester L. Moser, 65 Winema Way, with smoke yesterday morning, but damage was limited to the refrigerator and slight smoke damage, it was reported, by Central Point Rural Fire district crews.

Frances Churchman, 105 Winema Way, reported the fire after she saw smoke coming from windows in the Moser residence. Rural Fire district crews were called to the Gulf Red Cedar mill a few minutes earlier to extinguish a fire in sawdust bark. The mill is located near Highway 99 north of Central Point. No damage was reported.

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