

American Tourists 'Just Ain't the Same' Rome Vendor Charges

Rome—(U.P.)—"American tourists just ain't the same anymore. They just ain't got any more big spenders over there."

The authority for this is Frank Manicotti, who for eight years has been perfecting his Brooklynese English while peddling to American tourists in the shadows of the Coliseum and guiding them to after-hours night spots.

"Two, three years ago, they come here, they had a good time, they spend, spend, spend," Frank said.

"Now all they think about is money. I don't know what's happened over there. They just ain't the Americans I used to know."

"You take them to a shop, and do they look at the stuff they want? No. They start complaining about the prices. Right away, they complain about prices."

Forest Law Changes To Be Discussed

Changes in forest laws and department policy will be discussed at each of four operator meetings held by the southwest Oregon district of the Oregon state board of forestry this April and May, according to Curt Nesheim, district warden.

Meetings will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 30, at southwest district headquarters, Table Rock rd., Medford; Wednesday, May 1, at headquarters in Grants Pass; and Thursday, May 2, at the American Legion hall, Cave Junction.

According to Nesheim the fourth session will be a dinner-meeting Friday, May 24, of the Southern Oregon Conservation and Tree Farm association.

Business at the meetings will include a review of last year's fire season, new legislation and a discussion of the recent Supreme Court decision on operator and landowner responsibility and liability on operator's fires, Nesheim said.

Residents Warned About Work-at-Home Schemes

Jackson county residents have been warned about a "work-at-home scheme" where certain promoters and salesmen misrepresent themselves about the sale of knitting machines to prospective investors.

Citing a bulletin from the National Better Business bureau, Don McNeil, manager of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, noted that certain promoters use misrepresentations regarding the nature of the proposition, the ease and speed with which work can be accomplished on the machine and the profits which investors in the machine may expect to earn by knitting garments at home in their spare time.

WHICH CAME FIRST?

Kendall, Fla. —(U.P.)—A judge tore up a parking ticket presented by Marine Maj. William McCormick (Ret.), because of a "wet paint" sign. McCormick explained that a city painting crew painted a "bus zone" sign alongside his car after he had parked it and a policeman had tagged it before he could move.

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Frank said that this "lack of money" and the growing fear of tourists for "sidewalk men" has ruined his trade.

"Trouble with this town," he said, "is we got too many crooks. 'Everybody goes back to America and talks about all the bandits we got on the street over here. Now it's getting so bad these American tourists jump three feet when you go near 'em. Think you want to pick their pocket."

"There are a lot of street crooks around, but the cops are getting onto them now."

"I know a guy who used to sell Parker pens down by the forum. In 1933 he was selling 20 pens a day for \$5 a head. Now he can't make enough to cover his fines."

(Note: The "Parker pens" in question were Japanese imitations which wrote just long enough for the vendor to duck behind the nearest marble pillar.)

Had a Ball

"But the real trouble is," Frank moaned, "they just ain't got any more big spenders over there."

"After the war, in '50, '51, '52, we got the money people over here. Most of them for the first time are in Italy, so they cut loose, had a ball."

"Now we get 'em the second time around. Or get the ones that have been saving for 10 years for the trip."

"The ones that's been here before think they know it all. What do they need a guide for, they say. After all, they can even say 'Arrivederci Roma'."

"And the new first-timers count every little lira like it was a dollar bill."

"I wish," said Frank as a tourist gave him the cold eye, "I would have been a painter."

Northwest Orient Lines To Add New Flight

Portland—Northwest Orient Airlines will offer Portland-Chicago passengers a forenoon, second non-stop DC-6B tourist service, in new schedules effective April 28, J. W. Speer, district sales manager for the airline in Portland, said today.

The new service, flight 504, will leave Portland at 8:20 a.m., and arrive in Chicago at 5:35 p.m. Flight 504 will operate non-stop from Chicago to New York, arriving in the latter city at 10 p.m., to provide 9 hour, 40 minute transcontinental service, at low-cost Silver Dollar Coach fares, Speer said.



FLORAL BEAUTY—Roberta Brown charmingly calls attention to the first gorgeous sprays of rhododendron blooms in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park, which signal nature's yearly painting of the coastal landscape of the Redwood Empire with their floral beauty.

Big Fire Damage In U. S., Canada Said \$330,156,000

Boston—(U.P.)—Big fires in the United States and Canada in 1936 caused an estimated \$330,156,000 loss—the worst in history.

The two countries reported 430 large fires last year with individual loss of at least \$250,000. And 86 of them caused \$1 million or more damage.

The report was released by the National Fire Protection Association in its annual study of fires in North America.

The NFPA said the previous high fire loss was in 1933 when damage in the United States and Canada was set at \$274,374,500.

Industrial fire losses topped the unprecedented fire destruction. More than 100 large loss industrial fires were reported and 14 large loss church fires equalled the total number over the preceding three years.

More than 400 persons perished during large loss blazes, 333 the result of aircraft fires. The previous year's total from big fires was 296.

The largest structural fire in 1936 occurred in Brooklyn when the Luckenbach Steamship Co. pier exploded. Ten persons were killed and damage was estimated at \$7,600,000.

A total of 403 of the large loss fires occurred in the United States, 34 in Canada.

Musical Interlude Will Be Part of Dinner Program

A 20-minute "musical interlude," with numbers ranging from traditional choral singing to calypso, will be on the seventh annual Roosevelt Memorial dinner program Saturday, beginning at 6 p.m. at McLoughlin Junior High school, according to Democratic County Chairman Larry Sheehan.

Gov. G. Mennen Williams of Michigan will be guest speaker. Gov. Robert D. Holmes will introduce Governor Williams and Congressman Charles O. Porter will act as master of ceremonies. Mayor John Snider will welcome guests on behalf of the city of Medford. Invocation will be by the Rev. George R. Bolster of St. Mark's Episcopal church.

Early in Evening

The "musical interlude," un-

der the supervision of Jerry Dryud, will be presented apart from the regular dinner program and will come early in the evening.

It will open with the senior high mixed chorus, directed by

Lynn Sjolund, with Melody Pierce at the piano. The Anderson trio will present a calypso number, "Big Man of Michigan" written for the occasion and supposed with calypso dancing directed by the Colleen Hope studios. A spoken memorial number featuring Greg Milnes and Bob Bright against a musical background furnished by the chorus will conclude the program.

Tickets for the dinner are available at Lamports, Wait Young's Stationery and at the Labor Temple in Medford, and at McNairs Drug store, the Magnolia Lumber company and at Ashland, as well as from members of the ticket committee, headed by James Redden, chairman.

Two RC Officials Are Attending SF Meeting

Mrs. Frances Flinn and Mrs. Yvonne Dalen left for San Francisco Tuesday to attend a Pacific area meeting of Red Cross hospital representatives and alternates.

They are members of the Jackson Hospital council, which includes the Roseburg veterans' hospital and the Camp White domiciliary. The meeting will be held Wednesday through Friday.

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