

Visitor in Italy Writes Of Pre-Election Flurry

By MARGARET SCHULER

The racket and flurry of Roman life is building up to a great crescendo of sound and fury, as the general elections of Sunday, May 25, draw near. Paper leaflets fly from tops of buildings or from car windows in such profusion of varicolored heaps, on sidewalks and boulevards, as to require continual sweeping away by little men with fagot brooms.

Immense, twenty-foot high plaques, erected on iron frames, tell the people to "Vote Communist" or "Vote Democrazia Christian" etc., as do banners stretched across streets. Politicians spout speeches on corners, automobiles roam the streets, blasting propaganda from loud speakers.

However, according to those who know, it is only sound and fury, signifying nothing. No party seems to have hit on a theme to inflame the voters. As Italy is better off financially than the last election time, Communist propaganda, along that line, falls short.

To an American, it is confusing. The present governing Christian Democrats, (Catholic church party) are the targets of a dozen opposition parties ranging from Monarchists to Communists, and reading their platform, it seems almost as though the two extremes were working together. They will denounce the "clerical interference."

On the left, the Communists and Socialists are fighting everyone else—and each other. They both rap the Vatican, and both claim a vote for them will keep guided missiles out of Italy. Both also claim to be the true representatives of the working people.

On the right, the parties seem just as divided. The Monarchists still believe ex-King Umberto is the only answer to Italy's problems. The Italian social movement seeks to keep alive fascism—and the memory of Mussolini. And so on—party after party, with diverse shades of convictions.

Presumably, the Christian Democrats will again win, but only Sunday will let people breathe easily again. About 70,000 Italians working in Switzerland are returning to Italy to vote. They have free travel on the Italian railroads. The Communists are the strongest single party in Italy, commanding 20 per cent of the vote. Sunday, May 1, was Italy's Labor day, and hordes of Communists paraded the streets of Rome, packed as tight as asparagus tips in a can, in huge trucks, waving big red flags and singing lustily—all ages from children to ancients. There seemed no end to the numbers. So much

Medford Riders Ribbon Winners

Among Medford riders who won ribbons in a horse show held May 18 at Grants Pass were Miss Susan Wright, Miss Barbara Read and Miss Janet Young. Miss Wright, riding Brown Shasta's Trixi, took fifth place in the parade class, and Miss Read took first place in the palomino class and fourth in the parade class riding Arabi's Image.

Miss Young placed first in the combination class riding Stonewall's Madge. She placed fifth in the English pleasure class while riding Prince of Carnation, and first place in the parade class and second in the palomino class on Beau Belle.

Pupils Present Recital Saturday

Music pupils of Margaret (Mrs. DeVere) Taylor were presented in recital Saturday, May 24, at First Presbyterian church. They played violin, flute and piano numbers before an audience of relatives and friends.

Sarah Matthews was heard in both flute and piano numbers and Cyndy Taylor played both piano and violin numbers. Janice Lampkin played both flute and piano compositions.

Piano numbers were played by Jean Montgomery, Kitty Tingleaf, Diana Kimball, Michael McDonald, Dick Johnston, Diana Vinzant and John Lampkin.

Twenty-Six Take Ride on Sunday

Twenty-six members of the Medford Trail Riders made a ride in to the Dead Indian territory Sunday. They went by way of Old Shale City, which was at one time an incorporated town. From there, they rode to the "old German mansion," where picnic lunch was served. Stanley Foley and Vincent Swinney took moving pictures of the ride.

VFW, Auxiliary Members Receive Gifts and Pins

Shady Cove—Presentation of awards and gifts highlighted the regular meeting of Steelhead post and auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, held in connection with a potluck dinner recently in Shady Cove.

Mrs. Phillip Holt, retiring president, received a past president's pin and gift, and Mr. Holt, past post commander, was given a past commander's certificate and pin. Edward Leaming received a 10-year membership pin and past commander's past quartermaster's pins.

Jesse Flenner, new post commander, presented a gift to Mrs. Gene House, new auxiliary president, in recognition of her election to the office. Mrs. Daniel Krotz and Mrs. Jeanette Johnson received 10-year membership pins.

Out-of-town members present were Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Walker, now of Willits, Calif., and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Coon, now of Las Vegas, Nev.

In preparation for the traditional sale of "buddy poppies" held May 23 and 24, the memorial flowers were distributed to chairmen.

Mrs. Michael Fazio reported on the district No. 7 encampment held recently.

Plans were completed for a fishermen's breakfast which the post held last Saturday at the VFW hall in Shady Cove. Serving started at 2 a.m.

Phoenix Women Change Meeting

Phoenix—Women's association of Phoenix Presbyterian church announces that the date of the next meeting has been changed from June 19 to June 12, since the former date conflicts with Daily Vacation Bible school.

The meeting will be in the form of the annual silver tea, and the usual business session will not be held. Women of Presbyterian associations throughout the valley are invited to attend the tea.

The Phoenix association plans to have two booths at the annual Phoenix festival June 14, one serving cake and ice cream, and another serving "hot dogs." Mrs. Vincent Claffin is chairman of cake solicitation, and Mrs. H. R. Ross will take charge of working hours for the booths.

Mrs. C. A. Stothers is chairman of the cake booth, and Mrs. M. A. Williams is chairman of the hot dog booth. Association members recently gave a hummage sale at the Fehl building in Medford.

Visitor Welcomed At Recent Meeting Of Butte Falls HEC

Butte Falls—Mrs. J. H. Wright was welcomed as a visitor at the May meeting of Butte Falls Home Economics club, at the home of Mrs. Leslie Casey. Mrs. Everett Moore was reported home from the hospital.

The HEC will provide a birthday cake for the June Grange meeting to celebrate the anniversary month of the group.

The winning entry in the national grange sewing contest was announced at the style show sponsored by the HEC. The top three entries were presented awards by Mrs. Roy Green.

Episcopalians Cancel Dinner

Prospect—It was announced this morning that the dinner planned by Church of the Good Shepherd, Prospect, and St. Martin's church, Shady Cove, in honor of Bishop Benjamin Dagwell of the Oregon Episcopal diocese, has been canceled. Graduation ceremonies at schools in both towns has made the dinner impractical, it was stated.

The winner would have been one of a series being held by congregations throughout the diocese in honor of the bishop who is retiring this summer.

Leaders Train For Camping

More than 40 Girls Scout leaders of troops in the Rogue Valley Area council attended an overnight camping and training session held recently at Camp Chinkapin, eight miles from Medford. Phoenix, Ashland, Central Point, Grants Pass, Jacksonville, Merlin, and Hills, Calif., formed four patrols, and pitched tents, cooked over campfires, practiced lashing, followed compass trails, practiced various types of fire-building and reflector-over baking. They also practiced crockpot.

Following the evening evening campfire program, the leaders enjoyed an hour's session on stars and planets, conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hubbard, Medford, Jupiter and its moons were viewed through a telescope.

Senior Girl Scouts Mary Stuart, Edith Byers, and Patricia Ray of Central Point conducted a "Scouts' Own" ceremony.

Leaders attending the session received a certificate of exposure to camping skills presented by the area training chairman, Mrs. Jerry Gastineau, Executive director, Miss Ruth Kilbourn, and Mrs. William Baker, field director, were co-ordinators of the camp.

Patrol leaders included Mrs. Jack James, Phoenix; Mrs. Howard Rightmier, Grants Pass; Mrs. James Overturf, Medford; Mrs. Clyde Sackett, Merlin; Mrs. Arthur St. Germain, Central Point; and Mrs. T. D. Gettling, Grants Pass. The senior patrol included Mrs. Maurice Ritchey, Mrs. Jack Sanborn, Mrs. W. E. Acord, Mrs. L. A. Pritchard, Mrs. Kenneth Edwards, Mrs. Roy Jackson, Mrs. Jerry Gastineau, all of Medford; Mrs. Bruce Stuart, Central Point; and Mrs. Ted Bergold and Mrs. John Rogness, Grants Pass.

Other leaders receiving certificates were Mrs. Vincent Bevis, Mrs. Richard Foy, Mrs. Norvel Jones, Mrs. C. A. Wirth, Mrs. George Davy, Mrs. Chester Keene, and Mrs. Georgia Smith, Medford; Mrs. Charles Vickery, Jacksonville; Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. Harold Hyde, Mrs. Mackie McCourtney, Mrs. Gloria Schieffler, Mrs. Edna Smith, Mrs. Alice Lewis, Mrs. Robert Hart, and Mrs. Dennis Galahar, Grants Pass; Mrs. Morford, and Mrs. Richard Coons, Merlin; and Mrs. William Wiley, Hills.

Earlier in the month, Miss Kilbourn conducted an overnight camp training session for leaders of the West Siskiyou district. Attending the camp were Mrs. G. A. Hosford, Mrs. E. V. Biasotti, Mrs. E. E. McBain, Mrs. H. N. Scammel, Mrs. J. D. Jenott, Mrs. W. W. Layton and Mrs. T. R. Deter of Yreka; Mrs. Clay Stone, Mrs. Arnold Kuttel, and Mrs. Lyn Roberts of Grenada; Mrs. D. J. Coonrod, and Mrs. Merle Freeman of Montague.

Books on Babies Always Best Sellers

Washington—Books on babies are the government's biggest sellers. "Infant care" accounts for 10,823,000 copies of the 23 million books on children sold according to the government printing office.

Mrs. Katherine B. Oettinger, chief of the Social Security administration's children's bureau, said the great demand for infant care information shows a genuine concern for the well-being of the nation's children.

Only one publication out of the five top sellers is not concerned with rearing children. The exception is a booklet on income tax.

Also on the 10 best-seller list are publications on power plants of aircraft and a "Pilot's Weather Handbook." They rank eighth and ninth.

The government also has left no gap in information available to mothers about child care. Its publications cover the span from pre-natal care to adolescence.

Camp Fire Girls Offered Day and Resident Camping

Camp Fire Girls day camp of the Medford area will be held June 17 through 20 at TouVelle State park, it has been announced by the Camp Fire office. Registrations must be in by June 10 and the fee

of \$1.50 will include insurance for the girl. Each girl attending must have a group permission slip signed by the parent. These are available at the Camp Fire office or from the group leaders.

The girls will meet at the public library each day at 9:30 a.m. and will be returned to the library at 2:30 p.m. Adult volunteers are needed as counselors and for transportation. Day Camp counsel training will be held at the Camp Fire office June 5 at 10 a.m.

The girls are asked to bring a sack lunch for the first day and to wear play clothes.

Registrations are also being taken for the summer resident camping program of Camp Fire Girls, according to the Camp Fire office. Two camps are available. Camp Esther Applegate near Lake of the Woods provides camping from July 6 through July 27 and the fee is \$16.50 per week. Camp Tyee near Roseburg provides camping for Camp Fire girls from July 13 through August 10, and for Blue Birds from August 3 through August 17. The fee is \$16 per week.

Registrations should be made at the Camp Fire office, 1010 Stewart avenue, Medford, or call SPing 3-4679. A deposit of \$5 is required with registration and, health and sickness insurance is included in the fee. If the quota is not filled by council members, non-council members may make reservations.

50-Plus Club Announces Plans For Study Units

The 50-Plus club made plans for organizing various study groups, and discussed the possibility of holding a bazaa for fund-raising and a craft display, at the meeting last Friday afternoon in the Red Cross building.

Groups were suggested for study of interests including music, drama, photography and various hobbies.

Mrs. Ethel M. Byers volunteered to help teach a class the techniques of making artificial flowers.

Five new members were received, bringing the total paid-up membership to 58. Sixty-five persons, including guests, were present. The meeting followed the invocation, flag salute and singing of "America."

Spring Recital Given Saturday

More than 100 guests assembled at the Church of the Latter Day Saints Saturday evening for the annual spring recital given by voice pupils of Mrs. Caroline A. Werner. Since some of the valley's best known vocalists are heard in this recital each spring, it is an event of interest to music lovers.

Mrs. Werner welcomed the audience before the first number, and spoke a few words of explanation concerning the arias to be sung.

Six singers appeared on the first half of the program. They were Janet Myhre, Sue Bresse, Sylvia DeVoss, Frances Thrun, Violet Hunter and Lois Reed. Mrs. DeVoss sang as one of her numbers the well known "Recitative and Polonaise" from "Mignon" and one of Miss Thrun's numbers was the Wagnerian composition, "Die theure Halle" from "Tannhauser."

Mrs. Reed's numbers included "On Patria Mia" from Aida and she and Miss Thrun closed this half of the program with the beautiful duet sung by Octavian and Sophia from "Der Rosenkavalier" by Strauss. These two voices blended to good advantage in this selection.

Tresa Matlack opened the second half of the program with the aria "Adieu, Notre Petite Table" from Massenet's "Manon," and Edith Baker sang one Mozart and one Strauss number. Phyllis Corliss was heard in Verdi's classic "Caro Nome," this being the first time that Miss Corliss had appeared in a recital here for some time, since she had been living in Japan.

Two younger singers, Karen Morlan and Zita Maddox, also appeared in the second half of the program, as well as June Popham, contralto, who was heard in a number of John Jacob Niles and Bizet's "Ouvre Ton Coeur."

To close the program, Mrs. Popham and Mrs. Matlack sang a duet from "Martha" which was well received.

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Housecleaning Topic of Talk

"Housecleaning" was the title of a speech given by Mrs. Effie Kurtz at the Toastmistress meeting last evening at the Girl's Community club. Mrs. Clarence Wilson gave an entertaining speech about a hunting dog.

Toastmistress was Mrs. Bernice Kunzman, timekeeper was E. N. Ness and lexicologist, Mrs. Roy Rolls. Everyone was given a special evaluating job which in itself was educational while the "Education" talk which was given by Mrs. James Vandersteen covered a biography of the Toastmistress founder, Mrs. Ernestine White and "Qualities of Leadership."

Mrs. Pat Redmond gave "Topics" which were ideas for improving the club. The president Mrs. Arnold Bohert conducted the business meeting, appointing committees for nominating and for the June council meeting which will be a picnic at the country home of Mrs. Clarence Wilson.

The July meeting will be a picnic and covered dish dinner as well as installation of new officers at the home of Mrs. B. Marshall. June 9 Toastmistress club will meet with the Medford Toastmistress' club.

Do-It-Yourself Fad Applies Everywhere Except in Kitchen

Ithaca, N. Y.—A panel of home economists at Cornell university agree that the "do-it-yourself" fad applies everywhere except in the kitchen.

"With more money to spend, with more women working, and gadgets and equipment and a wider choice of prepared foods, the trend in the kitchen is toward letting someone else do it," said Professor Carlton Wright.

"We build our own furniture, repair our own houses, but we no longer bake our own breads," Wright said.

Outdoor Eyeglasses Come in Tropic Colors

Southbridge, Mass.—(UPI)—Outdoor eyeglass frames in tropics-inspired colors now are the height of fashion.

The American Optical company, worked with women's clothing designers to produce the Parasol, a new outdoor frame available in six of the leading color choices.

The frames come in Jamaica red, sun yellow, tur-

Calendar

Calendar notices and news for the society section of The Mail Tribune must be submitted in writing and deadline for the Sunday edition is 1 p.m. Friday. Deadline for the weekly calendar is 9 a.m. of the day of publication and for week day news is 5 p.m. the day before publication.

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m.—Jackson County salon, Eight and Forty, home of Mrs. Clark Walker.

8 p.m.—Natural Foods Associates, Medford High school, room 32.

8 p.m.—Pythian club, home of Mrs. William Sweet, 2045 South Stage rd.

Wednesday: 11 a.m.—Medford Townsend club, Carpenters hall, 123 1/2 West Main st.

12:30 p.m.—Chapter AA of PEO Sisterhood, with Mrs. Grace Collins, 1810 East Main st.

Dinner Honors Frank H. Gray

Mr. and Mrs. Frank H. Gray were honored at a dinner for which Catherine L. Miller was hostess Sunday at her home at 420 1/2 South Central ave.

Mr. Gray, manager of the local office of Western Union Telegraph company, is retiring after 50 years of service with the company. The guests at the dinner presented him a gift, and Mrs. Gray was given a corsage.

In addition to the hostess and the Grays, those attending the dinner were Mrs. Chester Smith, Miss Lenita Nels, Miss Esther Walden and Mrs. James Hestwood, all Western Union employees.

Wednesday Club Elects Officers

Mrs. Hazel E. Flurry was elected president of Wednesday Study club at a luncheon meeting May 21 in Girls' Community club. Other officers elected were Mrs. Don Edwards, vice-president, and re-elected to office were, Mrs. L. V. Watkins, secretary and Mrs. Geraldine Mitchell, treasurer.

Mrs. L. K. Doty is the retiring president.

This meeting was the last of the current season and also marked the end of the 49th year of Wednesday Study club, the oldest of the women's organizations in the valley.

Mrs. Paul B. Rynning and Mrs. George R. Carter are new members. Meetings will resume October 1.

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