

Mussolini's Dream Becomes Reality on Outskirts of Rome

Rome—UPI—A new marvel of Rome is emerging like a phoenix from the ashes of a good dream of Mussolini.

A little more than five miles south of the city, but still part of this proud and ancient commune, a new, vast and breath-taking complex of marble building and stately avenues is already in being.

Romans themselves who have not been out to the former sheep pastures for years are amazed at what they see.

This is "EUR," the Universal Exposition of Rome.

In 1936, Mussolini announced that he would build an historic complex of permanent marble-faced buildings for an "olympiad of civilization" which was to be opened in 1942.

Ground was broken and the gigantic task begun.

War Came Along

Plans called for exposition buildings as large as railroad stations; not "jerry-built" to last one season, but built like the colosseum to last for ages.

Marble columns as long as 25 feet and as thick as a work horse were hauled from quarries.

An obelisk was found of the many in Rome to grace the central square. Massive statues were brought in.

Then came the war.

The great olympiad of culture was forgotten while the world bled.

Only a few curious German and then Allied soldiers ever wandered out to the weed-grown site to stare at the abandoned massive statue heads and slabs of marble, great foundations and debris.

Italy had no time to think of the place in the difficult days after the war.

But in 1952 a plan was elaborated to finish the work and turn the quarter into a permanent world exposition center, museums, government offices and restful gardens.

Most people smiled when the Rome government also decided to finish another Mussolini dream—a subway.

It was finished in 1954, a marble-lined gem of construction running under the historic ruins of Rome from the central station out to the "EUR"—which was then nowhere and nothing but sheep still grazed. It was a pleasant ride into the country. Today EUR is practically completed.

Snow Window Of The World

It looks like a movie set until you see that solid marble.

A Swiss corporation, entirely privately financed, for the development of international trade has taken over four of dozens of magnificent palaces and is making it a "show window of the world."

The palaces have lofty halls whose average height varies from 18 to 36 feet. A total of 400,000 square feet in the places is divided into 126 exhibition halls. They can take anything from a wrist-watch display to a jet airliner.

This part is "permdindex"—the permanent industrial exhibitions.

Permdindex will be open for business this summer and to exhibitors of all nations, all year.

Morality in Finland Government Worry To Average Man

Helsinki—UPI—A series of cases and investigations involving top government officials has set the average hard-working Finn to wondering.

What is happening to public morality?

In letters to editors, editorials, vaudeville jokes and newspaper cartoons, Finns are commenting about a number of cases involving well known officials.

Educators and professional people are openly worried about the effects of the cases on Finland's reputation abroad.

They recall that for years the only thing Americans knew about Finland was that "the Finns always pay their debts."

But today Finnish newspapers are carrying such headlines as: "Former Mint Director Accused of Counterfeiting."

"Ex-Defense Minister Under Investigation."

"Public Officials Involved In Public Works Scandal."

"Woman Officials For Mannerheim Fund Accused Of Embezzling 32 Million Marks (\$100,000)."

These cases are presently under investigation, and there

have been no verdicts. But whatever the merits or demerits of the cases, the fact remains that a lot of top-rank Finns are getting their names in the papers.

The situation has gone so far that Finland's Chancellor of Justice Olavi Honka, who functions as the public conscience and legal guide on what is or is not legal, has called for a special organization to investigate such charges.

Delinquency Down

He wants more trained accountants and auditors available to help police in cases where special knowledge is needed.

Paradoxically, the average Finn is still a hard working citizen, who cannot sleep well at night if he owes any money. Juvenile delinquency has been on the increase, but is still below the statistics of most other countries.

And on the credit side, police have revealed that the average annual number of swindling and embezzlement cases today fluctuates between \$2,000 and \$2,800 a year, compared with about \$3,400 in 1945.

But too many such cases remain, police say, and too many of them involve people in public life.

The answer lies partly in conditions that prevailed after World War II.

A Helsinki newspaper recently expressed this hope:

"We can hope that public indignation will lead to something other than mere moral condemnation, that it will lead to a real feeling of responsibility among those who are entrusted with guarding the funds of corporations and other organizations."



State Department Utterances On River Program Guarded

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Washington—The State Department is being very guarded in its public utterances about negotiations with Canada on a plan for joint development of the upper Columbia river, but the signs that are available are optimistic.

The negotiations are being conducted in a series of meetings held in different cities by the International Joint Commission, the agency which deals with disputes over waters flowing across the U.S.-Canadian border.

Douglas McKay, former governor of Oregon and President Eisenhower's first interior secretary, is the chief U.S. representative at the bargaining table. He is aided by engineers from the Federal Power Commission and Corps of Engineers and lawyers from the State Department.

Following its most recent meeting with the Canadian members early this month, the IJC issued the following statement couched in typical diplomatic language:

"The International Columbia River Engineering Board presented to the Commission an abstract of the Board's recent report concerning Columbia river development. . . .

Further Discussions

"Following its meeting with the Columbia Board, the commission held further discussions concerning the formulation of principles for the determination of downstream benefits and their apportionment. The Commission has now reached a mutually satisfactory basis for proceeding to a consideration of a first draft of principles. These principles will be discussed and further developed at the next meeting of the Commission in Montreal on April 30."

In plain language, they are making progress, according to one undiplomatic expert who attended the meetings to date. The principles they have to come to terms on are the methods of computing downstream benefits and paying them.

That is, if Canada builds Mica Creek dam, a great storage project on the far north big bend of the river, how shall the U.S. compensate Canada for the many kilowatts this project will add to the hydro potential of every dam from Grand Coulee

to Bonneville?

Package Deal Sought

If the U.S. builds Libby dam just south of the border in western Montana, how shall Canada be compensated for the water it will back up some 45 miles across the border and for the fact that it will rule out certain projects on the Canadian side?

McKay's general aim, he has said, is to obtain a package deal—an agreement by which both countries will obtain the greatest joint benefits from this mighty international river, without regard to the border.

There is no talk any longer of Canada diverting either the Kootenay river, which would make Libby dam unfeasible, or diverting part of the Columbia, which would hurt all downstream development in the U.S. The engineering report recently issued by the Columbia Engineering Board

made it clear that a diversion of the Kootenay offers no material advantages over alternative plans which include Libby.

Politically, any diversions in Canada would set off a mighty howl from the U.S. side, especially in Congress. Indications are that the Canadians have no intention of provoking this sort of international static. But many hours of negotiating lie ahead before the package is neatly tied up.

Early in his career, McKay was instrumental in developing the Willamette Valley flood control plan. Later he ran into trouble at Hells Canyon and thereafter suffered a stunning defeat at the polls in 1956. He now has an opportunity to conclude his public career with a crowning achievement for himself and the Pacific Northwest, as well as our neighbor to the north.

Registrations to Open For YMCA Summer Camp

YMCA Diamond lake camp registrations officially open Wednesday, April 22, the Medford YMCA has announced.

Diamond lake camp is the YMCA's summer residence camp for boys and girls 8 through 15. It is open for both YMCA members and non-members. Registrations will be limited to 72 boys per period.

Boys and girls eat in a lodge that seats 100 people. Tents with cement floors provide housing and shelter. Coats and mattresses are furnished for sleeping.

Five periods will be held at camp this year. Period 1, July 3 to 5, and period 5, Sept. 5 to 7, will feature family camping. Period 2, July 19 to 23, and period 3, July 26 to Aug. 1, will be for boys only. Period 4, Aug. 23 to 29, will be for girls only.

Food is supplied with daily supplies of fresh meat, fresh vegetables, fresh milk, fresh fruit.

Fishing, swimming, training in the use of boats, canoeing and sailing, hikes, archery, games, chapel, and chores are featured in the program. Some older boys receive training as junior leaders. Transportation is arranged with parents and all campers are covered by health and accident insurance.

Information brochures can be obtained at the YMCA at Spring 2-6295.

Application Filed For Radio Station

An application for a new radio station in Medford has been received by the Federal Communications commission, Washington, D.C., from Diana Crocker Redington and Associates, doing business as Medford Broadcasters.

The application is for a license and frequency for a one kilowatt, daytime only, station on 860 kilocycles.

Other members of the applying firm include William H. Crocker II and Alexander and Genevieve D. E. Dampierre Casey, San Francisco.

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Senior Citizens Week Events Being Arranged by Council

Plans are underway by the Rogue Valley Council of Aging for events during Senior Citizens Week to be held in the valley May 17 through 24.

Announcement of activities for the week was made by John Gribble, chairman, at the monthly meeting of the Rogue Valley Council on Aging.

The Council will sponsor an open house at the Center Sunday, May 17, with the center coordinating committee in charge, and the Fifty Plus club will hold one Friday, May 22, during their regular meeting.

Churches Cooperate

Churches have been asked to honor their older members with notices of the week's activities to be mentioned in bulletin announcements. The Medford Ministerial association voted at their recent meeting to cooperate with the council in holding events for senior citizens of their churches and neighborhoods.

Roscoe Roberts of the Panama Grange is in charge of a similar program in the small communities to honor older citizens throughout the valley.

The council reported that garden clubs in the districts have been asked to arrange tours of garden spots in the valley to which shut-ins and residents of nursing and old age homes could be taken for rides during the week. Mrs. S. D. Earhart and Mrs. Chester Guches will serve as the liaison between the Friendly Visiting program and the nursing homes for scheduling the tours, it was announced. Gribble asked the council to be included in these tours.

Picnic Also Planned

Frank Glonning, also announced that the Fifty Plus club at Camp White was planning an inter-club picnic for clubs at Medford, Rogue River, Ashland and Grants Pass.

Dr. Frank Roberts, recreation chairman, spoke at the council meeting of the continued growth of the Medford Fifty Plus club which now meets each Friday at the Episcopal church guild hall with nearly 100 members. The club was started April 11, 1958.

During March 196 men and women used the facilities of the Senior Center with 996 since the center's opening Oct. 12, 1958.

The council voted to send a letter of appreciation for the use of the building to the city officials enclosing a full report of activities carried on for senior citizens and the improvements which have been at the building, including the landscaping.

Miss Guri Sand, Grand

Forks, N.D., a visitor at the meeting, spoke on the senior citizens program in her town. Miss Sand, a sister of Mrs. Helen Paulson, 504 Hamilton st., is the coordinator in Grand Forks for the program for a group of men and women over 65 years of age in the United States.

Mrs. Fred Rankin of the state council for aging discussed the housing project proposed in Douglas county to renovate a hotel there for a non-profit retirement home using private capital. A project called "meals on wheels" was also explained. This is being considered in Clatsop county to assist older people to remain in their own homes as long as possible. The project was to be carried out by the women of the churches in the county, each church furnishing the meals for three days of the month, the payment which would come from those who received the meals at a reasonable cost.

Education Program

Glonning pointed out the need for continued educating of the public to realize the problems of the more than 15 million people over 65 in the United States. He explained that a day workshop might be held in the valley to discuss such problems and to train leaders in this field. Tentative plans for such a workshop to be held at Camp White in September have been discussed, he said.

The group acknowledged the donations of 500 books from L. G. MacClaren and 200 classical and popular records from Mrs. C. R. Moore. Paintings and wood carvings from the classes held at the center were displayed at the meeting.

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ACCOUNTING COURSE

Miss Enid L. Parr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Farr, Rogue River, recently completed an accounting course at the Finance school, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., while serving as a specialist in the WACS.

Miss Parr is a graduate of Butler High school and attended the University of Oklahoma.

WITH SQUADRON

James D. McCord, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McCord, 178 Marshall st., Medford, is serving with the Airborne Early Warning Squadron 3. The squadron operates from the Naval Air Station, Agaña, Guam, where McCord is serving as an airman.

COMPLETES TRAINING

Pvt. Ronald R. Casper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Casper, 1287 South Peach st., recently completed four weeks of individual combat training while serving with the U. S. Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

SERVING ABOARD

Roger L. Poutre, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard L. Poutre, 2653 Buckshot rd., is serving aboard the tank landing ship USS De Kalb County, operating with the U. S. Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific. Poutre is a seaman in the U. S. Navy.

IN EXERCISE

Two valley men recently participated in an amphibious landing exercise with the First Regiment of the First Marine Division at Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The men were Sgt. Melvin L. Thompson, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Thompson, 427 Laurel st., Central Point, and Pfc. James V. Ellis, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Frantz, 22 Quince st., Medford.

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