

Milnes Says People of Alba Are Like People of Rogue Valley

Greg Milnes told a meeting of Medford's Town Affiliation committee Thursday night that the people of Alba are "wonderful people—not really different from people right here in our city."

Milnes, a Willamette university student, visited Alba, Italy, during the summer as an official delegate from Medford. Alba and Medford have been sister cities since last spring.

Mayor John W. Snider introduced Milnes at the meeting and said his visit is the "highlight" to date of the relationship between the two cities.

Milnes said he was in Alba at the time Medford's first "friendship pouch" was received there. The pouch contained letters from the people of Medford to the people of Alba and, he said, persons receiving letters were "delighted" and seemed most anxious to answer them.

Praises Reception
He praised his reception in Alba and the hospitality that was afforded him and his companion on the trip. They had an interpreter at their beck and call, he said, and the city

of Alba paid all their expenses there including food and lodging.

Milnes brought back with him a silver plaque from the people of Alba to the people of Medford. The plaque bears an inscription of friendship and is a replica of a painting of the city made in 1100 A.D., which now hangs in the mayor's office, he said.

He pointed out that the people of Alba do things more on a family basis rather than a group basis. There are no clubs as we would know them, such as garden clubs. Thus, exchanges between the two cities will probably have to be done on an individual basis rather than a group-to-group basis, he added. He did not,

however, that Alba has a Rotary club.

People of Alba "have a great deal of respect for the people of Medford," Milnes said, "for initiating" the sister-city relationship.

Mayor Snider later cautioned that the "worst thing that could happen" would be for Medford to drop the sister-city relationship now that it has been started. There was no indication that the program would be dropped at the meeting and when called on for ideas to promote the program, the some 40 persons gathered there responded with a number of them.

When Milnes first arrived in Alba, he said he was ushered in to the mayor's office.

On the wall of the office, he said, were a number of clippings from the Mail Tribune about the sister-city relationship. He said he was surprised to see something familiar so far from home.

Much Bigger
Milnes said the city of Alba is much bigger than he thought it would be. He noted that there are some four or five 10-story modern apartment buildings in Alba.

One real difference between Medford and Alba, he said, is that Alba has no residential areas. The 20,000 people there live mostly in apartments rather than individual homes.

Milnes said the city is divided into two sections — the old and the new. The new section is modern by American standards, he said, and he showed some slides of the new buildings going up in this section.

The old half of the city has a number of buildings dating back to the year 1000. In this section, he said, the streets are narrow. He pointed out that the entire city is extremely clean and well-kept.

Public Square
In between the two sections of the city, he said, is a large public square highlighted by a fountain.

Milnes said Alba has long been influential in the politics of Italy. During WWII, he said, Alba was one of the few Italian cities that ran the Fascists "out of town." They also kept the Germans out of the city and withstood artillery bombardment and air attacks for 40 days before finally having to give in under the sheer power of the German forces.

Alba received a gold medal from the Italian government for its courage during this stage of the war, he said. The city is extremely proud of its part in the Italian resistance, he noted, and has erected a church as a monument to persons who died during the resistance.

Among Industry
Included among the industry of Alba, he said, are a chocolate manufacturing plant, a vermouth factory, a paper factory, a silk factory, weaving and dyeing mills, vineyards and wineries.

Alba chocolates are famous all over Europe, Milnes said, and he saw boxes of these chocolates as far north as Copenhagen, Denmark, and as far south as Rome.

Truffles are one of the most important products of Alba, he said. Milnes noted that they look like large deformed potatoes and are sliced paper thin for use as a garnish in many different kinds of foods, he said. Truffles are popular throughout Europe and the eastern U. S. and are considered to be a delicacy.

No Stations
Although there are no radio stations in Alba, he said people can receive five stations from surrounding cities. They can also receive two television stations. This is more than can be received in Rome itself, he noted.

At the end of their stay in Alba, Milnes said he and his traveling companion were invited to a picnic held just outside of Alba.

Many of the prominent people in town were at the picnic, he said, including the Mayor of Cuneo, capital of the province in which Alba is located.

Milnes described the area around Alba as being similar to that in the Rogue valley. "Every square inch" seems to be taken up by agriculture, he said. The Tanoro river that flows near Alba, looks much like the Rogue river, he added.

Need for Educating
Both Milnes and others at the meeting stressed the need for educating the people of

Medford in the customs and traditions of the people of Alba.

The idea of a continued exchange of all kinds of things between the two cities was stressed and a suggestion was made that Medford send Alba

a Christmas card bearing "hundreds" of signatures. It was also suggested that Medford use an Italian theme as the theme for one of its Pear festivals.

The Medford Chapter of the United Nations association was represented at the meeting and its representatives said they are sending both a letter of friendship and a sequoia tree to Alba.

Mayor Snider and City Councilman Robert Baccus, who is also chairman of the

Affiliation committee, stressed the need for as many people to participate in the sister-city program as possible.

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Plans Mapped for Massive Rally by College Students

Ashland-Barry Pitts, Southern Oregon college student body president, attended a "summit council" of college and university student leaders at Portland State college last week to map plans for a massive inter-campus "Rally for Measure 6" to be staged in Portland Nov. 6.

"Doorbells will be rung all over Portland on the Sunday before election and students from the various campuses, including a contingent from SOC, will explain Ballot Measure No. 6," Pitts stated.

"Students on all campuses are concerned over passage of Measure 6, which would provide much-needed, self-liquidating dormitories and other student facilities around the state at no cost to the taxpayer as they are paid for out of student rentals and fees," he added.

First Kind of Rally
Dale Ward, Portland State college student body president and chairman of the planning session, said that this was the first time, to his knowledge, that students from all the state campuses had staged a rally of this nature.

In a prepared statement, the student leaders pointed out that the "Students for Six" rally would accomplish two major things:

"First, it will bring information on this measure to the

doors of the people who will be voting on it and who may not as yet understand it."

"The second thing it will accomplish is even more important. By assembling thousands of students in Portland to give their time and effort to Ballot Measure 6, we will show the people of the state that we, as students, feel a responsibility for the future of higher education in the state."

Share Obligation
"We know, so far as the costs of instruction are concerned, that the people of the state supply two-thirds. We, ourselves, pay only one-third. We have an obligation to the people because of this, and our work on Ballot Measure 6 is one way of repaying our debt."

In addition to Ward and SOC student body president Pitts, others attending the meeting included Steve Schell, student body president, University of Oregon; Jerry Cook, Measure No. 6 campaign manager, UO; Dick Seidman, student body president, Oregon State college; Mike Wendt, student body president, Oregon College of Education; Bruce Bear, PSC campaign manager for Measure 6; and Roy Sampsel, PSC, who will lead the inter-campus doorbell ringing rally Nov. 6.

District Rangers Holding Meeting

A district ranger meeting was held last week by the Rogue River National forest, according to C. E. Brown, forest supervisor.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss work plans, progress on this year's activities, and methods to meet the increased demands for multiple-use on the forests.


Discussions were led by Brown, H. Langdon, H. G. Hopkins, R. H. Torheim, R. A. Weiss, M. C. Shipley, D. F. O'Leary and W. T. Harlan of the supervisor's office; District Rangers N. G. Suttell, Applegate; D. H. Baker, Prospect; A. D. Twombly, Union Creek; and R. F. Perkins, Butte Falls.

Others attending were D. K. Frewing, D. B. Shaw and R. C. McQuown, Klamath; R. S. Snodell, Applegate; H. A. Thomas and R. E. Taylor, Ashland; T. C. Puchbauer, Butte Falls; R. K. Krell, Prospect; and S. S. Poirier, D. B. Finch, D. L. Farley, L. N. Anderson, and D. K. Johnson of the supervisor's office.

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