

Cape Town, South Africa, Among Most Beautiful Cities in World

(Editor's note: This is another in a series of dispatches by Luke Lange, former Medford resident, who is now on an around the world cruise aboard the freighter S. S. Friesland. Today's article deals with Cape Town, Union of South Africa.)

By LUKE LANGE
We are leaving Cape Town, Union of South Africa. It is without a doubt one of the most beautiful cities we have seen including any in the United States. The main part of the city lies on a flat plain next to the ocean and

directly behind the city is Table Mountain which rises some 3,500 feet. The climate is similar to San Francisco. This is the time of year just before winter which we know in Oregon as the fall and harvest time.

In going through the central market we saw all kinds of pears, peaches, apricots, apples, plums, corn on the cob, tomatoes and all similar produce of the Rogue valley, including gigantic watermelons.

Tropical Fruit Sale
In addition, all types of tropical fruits were on sale, such as pineapples, bananas, papaya, etc. First quality potatoes which were at least an equal to those grown in the Klamath river Lakeview area. Potatoes were one cent a pound (American), pears one cent each for all varieties, and this included what looked like Bosc and Bartlett. Large red tomatoes, worm free were three cents American.

This is the largest city in the South African Republic, and by republic it is governed by South Africans who are of the white race and sprang from the Portuguese, Dutch

and early English settlers. They do, however, claim no relationship to the mother countries and declare themselves as South Africans.

They have, as does all Africa, what is known to us as the colored problem and they handle it in their own way. The colored does not vote and are used strictly for labor.

Two Types Colored
By the colored here they have two types: (1) what is called the Cape colored, which is a race of molatto and high yellow who are descendants of the early Dutch, English, German and Boers who

(2) the blacks who are natives imported from the north for labor purposes.

The Europeans, which all whites are referred to and the colored, which all blacks are referred to, are governed under strict segregation laws. Their big headache now is the "Morality Law" which bans all co-mingling of the races. This law means strictly that white and colored have nothing in common with each other, cannot visit or have any social contacts. They can only speak to each other for business purposes.

On our short visit in Cape

Town of two days, there were three white suicides listed in the paper.

In shopping and looking around the city and in viewing these well-dressed attractive Cape colored women, some of them beautiful beyond words, I can only say that the law must have been dreamed up and put into effect through the jealousy of the so-called European women.

It seems that each area has its own colored problem, including our country, and from what I have seen so far the best way to handle any problem, colored or otherwise, is in its own backyard.

For an American to venture his idea on how to whip the colored problem in South Africa makes about as much sense as a group of Freedom Riders from Oregon trying to straighten out the colored problem in Georgia or Tennessee.

Good Retirement Town

This would be a wonderful town for retirement for anyone who had \$300 a month or more income. It has ideal climate, modern deluxe apartments with ocean view consisting of three bedrooms, kitchen, dining, completely

furnished for \$90 American money.

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On the Friday evening before arriving in Cape Town we had an indescribable thrill at sea just before 7 p.m. when we saw John Glenn whip over the coast of Africa. The fire ball could be seen plainly

from the bridge of the ship. Everyone cheered including the Dutchmen and Europeans in the crew.

After seeing the astronaut, we went to the captain's cabin to hear more about the flight on the radio. In a short

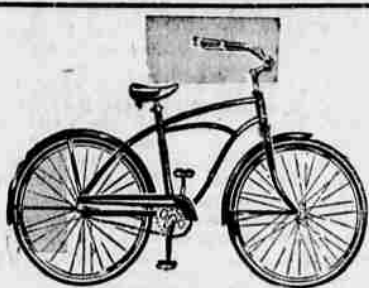
length of time Glenn passed over Guaymas, Mexico, the Gulf over the Florida Coast and set down.

There was a strange feeling to be sailing along the African coast and see this American fly by.

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Engineering Dean To Speak in City

G. W. Gleeson, dean of the school of engineering, Oregon State University, Corvallis, will speak to a joint meeting of the local chapter of the Professional Engineers of Oregon and the American Institute of Electrical Engineers in Medford.

Approximately 75 high school juniors interested in engineering have been invited to attend. They will come from Medford, Grants Pass, Myrtle Creek, Phoenix, Rogue River, Crater High school, Ashland and Klamath Falls.

Dean Gleeson will explain the changes in the engineering curriculum at OSU to take place this fall.

The dinner meeting will be held at the Ping's Garden on North Pacific highway beginning at 6 p.m., Monday, according to Farnk Ross, local president of PEO and D. D. Coble, chairman of AIEE.

Linda Wright Gets Science Fellowship

Ashland — Linda Wright, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Wright, 159 Alida st., Ashland, has won a National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship award, one of 22 students in Oregon to receive this type of graduate grant.

Miss Wright, who is a senior at Oregon State University majoring in chemistry, expects to go into the field of chemical research and this summer will be employed at the IBM plant in San Jose, Calif. She will return to OSU in the fall to begin her fellowship.

The National Science Foundation award gives the recipient \$1,350 for a nine-month period, plus tuition and travel allowance. The university receives \$500 cost-of-education allowance.

Miss Wright has consistently won scholarship recognition throughout her high school and university years and is presently on the OSU honor roll with straight A's. She was valedictorian of her class when she graduated from Ashland High school in 1958. She attended Southern Oregon college before enrolling at OSU.

Savings Bond Sales Decreased in County

Savings bond sales in Jackson county last month totaled \$68,750, compared to \$83,518 during March in 1961, the treasury department has announced.

Sales for the year through March 31 this year totaled \$287,882, compared to sales for the first three months last year of \$206,551.

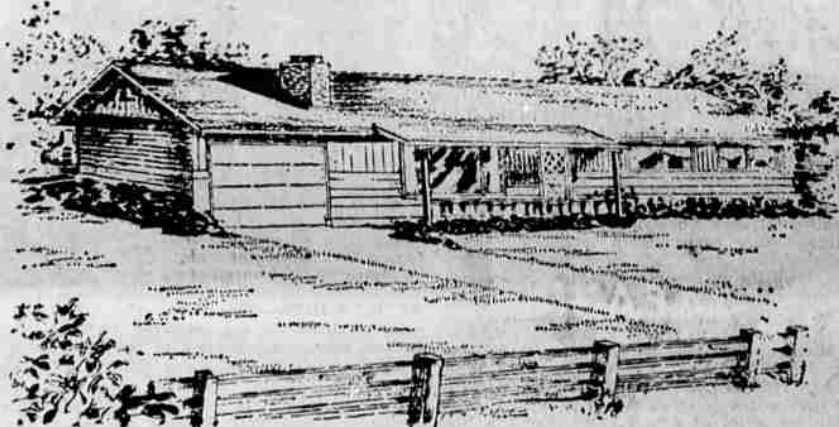
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