

Dreams of Travel Can Come True With Some Time, Money

By MURRAY J. BROWN
NEW YORK (UPI) — Have you ever dreamed of sailing the Mediterranean aboard your very own yacht, living in a honest-to-goodness castle, or matching skills with world-famed bridge and chess masters?

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That Mediterranean dream cruise can become a reality if you can spare at least two weeks and can afford to shell out from \$56 to \$1,000 a day to rent the yacht of your choice. Alitalia Airlines will help make the arrangements for you with an Italian boat firm.

Chess and bridge enthusiasts who want to pit their skills against the best, the Greek line has scheduled special dream cruises to the Caribbean for January aboard its flagship Olympia.

Sam Reshevsky, world-renowned chess champion, will provide demonstrations of his skills and will take on challengers singly and en masse during the 11-day cruise departing New York on January 6.

Minimum rate for the cruise which will include calls at Martinique, St. Croix, St. Thomas and San Juan, is \$275.

The third annual "travel-with-Goren Caribbean bridge cruise" will sail from New York January 17 for a 12-day trip to San Juan, St. Thomas, Trinidad, Barbados and Martinique. Minimum rate is \$310.

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ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY — Rep. Robert A. Taft Jr. of Ohio followed his father's footsteps Friday as he announced his candidacy for the U.S. Senate. Taft is looking at his grandfather's portrait, William Howard Taft, 27th President in 1909-1913. (UPI)

Daily Bridge Events

Charles H. Goren, former world champion, has arranged for a full schedule of daily bridge events, Greek line reports. Lectures will be given by Goren as well as such other famed bridge experts as Helen Sobel, Harold Omst, "Mitch" Barnes and Lee Hazen.

Passengers can participate in a full sectional masterpoint tournament sponsored by the Greater New York Bridge Association. Sanctioned by the American Contract Bridge League, the tournament will be conducted by A.M. Sobel, dean of ACBL directors. Masterpoint games will be held every night at sea. Bridge clinics and games will be arranged for beginners, intermediates and experts.

Castle-in-the-sky dreams can come true in Germany. The German tourist office reports there are about 40 Castle-hotels already in operation and the list is growing. In the state of Hesse alone, more than \$1 mil-

18 States File for Sugar Beet Acreage

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Representatives from 18 states have filed requests for enough sugar beet acreage to support 23 new sugar mills.

The requests were made during an Agriculture Department hearing on expanded sugar beet acreage. The hearings were scheduled to last at least three days. In addition to the new-facility requests, several pleas also were made for expansion of existing refining capacity.

A.J. Roof, president of the Paulding Sugar Co., Paulding, Ohio, was the first formal witness. He asked that growers in northwestern Ohio and northeastern Indiana be permitted to produce 34,000 additional tons of beets on 19,000 more acres.

Even the Wind Once Was Taxed, Records Reveal

By MICHAEL T. MALLOY
NEW DELHI (UPI) — If you think you pay a lot of taxes, you might find some balm in the story of the village of Luktara, where authorities once tried to tax the wind.

Some 330-year-old records discovered near the village show the peasants had to leave two copper coins and a piece of betel nut at the door of Avasthi Nirand Shah, the moneylender, if they wanted to use the wind.

Everybody in Luktara needed the use of the wind because they threshed their grain by throwing it into the air and letting the breeze carry away the chaff.

The wind was particularly necessary to Jagirdar Sadashiv, the land tax collector, because every autumn his granary was stuffed with tons of unthreshed grain collected from the farmers.

It was to irritate the Jagirdar that Avasthi Nirand Shah had purchased the wind-tax rights from the Raja of Ajmer for 14 camel loads of gold.

The money lender was fed up with leaving his two copper coins at Sadashiv's door as part of his land tax.

To add insult to injury, Avasthi Nirand Shah announced he would expect his tax payments on his doorstep during the Hindu holiday of Dussehra, the same day when the Jagirdar awaited his own two copper coins. All the world would then be aware that the moneylender had outtaxed the Jagirdar to the extent of one piece of betel nut.

Jagirdar Sadashiv was furious. To evade his own tax, he destroyed all the grain in his barn.

But the Jagirdar still faced the prospect of seeing the moneylender gloat on his doorstep over everybody else's coins and betel nuts on Dussehra morning. To prevent this, he sent hired ruffians to Avasthi's house to kill him.

Nobody came to Avasthi's aid except a cowherd from the Ahir tribe. The moneylender and the cowherd both died before Avasthi had collected a penny of his wind tax.

Since then, nobody has tried to put a tax on wind in Luktara, and the descendants of the Ahir and the descendants of Avasthi Nirand Shah are still pledged to protect one another. The newly discovered old records explain why.

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Duncan Confirms Belief Concerning Federal Contracts

Congressman Robert B. Duncan, D-Ore., said today that he had recently received material confirming his belief that Southern Oregon businessmen were not receiving Federal contracts because of the lack of communication between local businessmen and the Federal government.

"As part of my campaign to help Fourth District businessmen compete for these contracts, I wrote several Federal agencies asking why our area was not awarded a number of contracts comparable to those received by neighboring states," Duncan said.

The Congressman said that, in many cases, the Agencies indicated the fault lay with local businessmen rather than government contractors.

He referred particularly to a recent letter from Craig Raup, a staff member of the Agency for International Development. "Mr. Raup said a major factor in Oregon's lack of Federal contracts lay with the lack of effort made by local manufacturers and suppliers to pursue this type of trade," Duncan noted.

"I think one reason why local businessmen have failed to enter this field is because they are not aware of the potential here," Duncan added.

He said his recent proposal to a group of Southern Oregon Chambers of Commerce to establish a series of meetings between businessmen and representatives of the major Federal agencies, "has been received enthusiastically."

"I am working on the details for these conferences now," he said. "I presented the idea to a 'pilot group' of Chambers of Commerce, and the response was so enthusiastic I am now contacting similar organizations in Southwest Oregon."

The Congressman said his staff is continuing to send out material explaining how businessmen may apply for Federal contracts and be included on procurement lists.

Peace Corps Money Receives Approval

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee has given unanimous approval today to a bill authorizing \$102 million for another year of the Peace Corps program.

The House-passed measure now goes to the Senate, where approval without change would send it to the White House for President Johnson's signature. Passage of the authorization bill must precede the actual voting of funds for the Peace Corps.

The Peace Corps originally asked Congress for \$108 million for the current fiscal year but then reduced its request by \$6 million. Last year Congress authorized \$63 million for the program but appropriated \$59 million.

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