

Growing Population Still The Biggest Problem For Overcrowded Little Italy

By FRANK O'BRIEN
 ROME, June 30 (AP)—Italy is like a fond mother with a huge family she cannot support but dreads to see them leave home. Population is Italy's biggest problem. Italy's population is increasing a half million yearly. She has two million unemployed. A quarter million new workers are seeking jobs each year. That means 3,000,000 job hunters by the 1951-52 deadline for recovery under the European recovery program (ERP). The economic cooperation administration (ECA) hopes to open up 1,150,000 new jobs.

Without emigration, Italy would remain still crippled by almost two million workless. These, with their families, have to be fed, clothed and housed at the expense of the national economy. Italy can never be economically or politically healthy under such conditions. So large a population of the aimless idle is a standing invitation to political unrest.

Only the communists and their allies in Italy maintain that emigration is not the key to Italy's economic future. They say that in a thoroughly socialized state industry and agriculture could be enlightened enough to employ all Italians. ECA and non-communist Italian economists say this argument is killed by Italy's experience under fascism.

Modern Italy has never known a period without mass unemployment except during the days of mass emigration before World War I.

Italian diplomats abroad have standing instructions to investigate every possibility of emigration in every country of the world. ECA is building 200,000 tons of shipping to help overcome the shipping bottleneck that keeps would-be emigrants home. ECA also is financing a vocational training program in Italy to get around the obstacle that almost all countries taking emigrants want skilled laborers.

Talks with legislators and officials who have to do with emigration uncover a soft spot which is holding Italy back in her efforts to overcome her population problem.

Few Italian officials are willing to see their people go to live in a wilderness, make their home in a sod hut, face a future of unrelieved hardship. Emigrants who find themselves in these conditions write home, complaining bitterly.

Complaints have come particularly from Argentina, which is currently the largest taker of Italian emigrants.

Senator Luigi Carmagnola, an anti-communist socialist, who had helped negotiate the emigration treaty, said "Italians work under extreme difficulty in Argentina."

Senator Cino Bocchini, of the anti-communist republican party, said he had letters complaining of "brutal treatment."

Italian emigration office officials confirm there are many complaints. Their figures, however, did not bear out reports from Italian shipping quarters that "many" emigrants were returning from Argentina.

According to these records, 78,719 Italians went to Argentina as emigrants in 1948. During the year, 4329 Italians returned from Argentina as third class (emigrant) passengers, of whom all but 222 paid their own passage. In the same year, the world figures were 215,962 emigrants and 26,022 returnees.

ECA hopes that 1,400,000 emigrants can be moved abroad between 1948 and 1952. France took 38,710 emigrants in 1948, Belgium 46,344 and Switzerland 21,534. Much of the emigration to Switzerland and Belgium is seasonal. Australia may take 20,000 this year. Canada is taking 500-600 monthly.

Jail, Fines Levied For Phoney Meat

PORTLAND, June 30 (AP)—Two brothers were convicted here yesterday of mixing horse meat and beef and selling it to restaurants as hamburger.

They were sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$1000 each. The two, Ernest M. and Ivan R. Crystal, were proprietors of the Salem Meat company of Portland, raided by city officials last week. About 1500 pounds of horse meat was seized.

The two were convicted on two counts: Possessing unlabeled meat and selling ground meat containing horse meat.

The cases against four small restaurants, charged with sale of unlabeled horse meat, were given indefinite continuances. That means the city reserves the right to prosecute them later if it wishes. Cases against several other restaurants, also small, were postponed.

Railroad News

Louise Whitte, first relief operator for Southern Pacific, is in the San Francisco SP hospital. Reports are that she is doing well.

SP men on vacation include J. W. Teal, machinist, who's fishing in the north, and Walter F. Brown, roundhouse foreman.

Two diesel helpers, received this week by the Southern Pacific, have been put into service at Mt. Hebron.

C. U. Dakin, district agent for the Pacific Fruit Express, returned June 27 following a two-weeks' fishing tour in Northern Oregon.

Ruth Boettcher, FFE clerk, started an extended six-weeks' vacation June 27. She is visiting in Southern California. Mary Ellen Blair will relieve Ruth during her absence.

Great Northern Storekeeper A. VanDunrelen is back from Ogden, Utah, after attending his brother-in-law's funeral.

H. C. Raeburn, GN store section stockman, starts his vacation July 1.

Great Northern Roadmaster Virgil Winkelman and family spent last week-end visiting Winkelman's brother in Ashland.

Another roadmaster, J. J. Doyle, is doing well since his return from the SP hospital in San Francisco.

Ed Erhardt, new assistant signal supervisor for the Southern Pacific, assumed his duties June 16. He succeeds W. T. Withrow who retired from the service June 15.

Two Seattle SP railroad men are in Klamath Falls on business. They are W. R. Maloney, traveling station auditor, and A. W. Rottweiler, claim agent.

Conductor Arthur Wells, Southern Pacific, is vacationing in Montana.

Mrs. E. J. Daly, clerk for SP, returned to work after a few days visiting in Portland.

B. H. Cavanaugh, SP timekeeper, returned this week after a two-week honeymoon.

A. A. Montgomery, Great Northern chief yard clerk, is in Seattle attending a board meeting of the Brotherhood of railroad clerks.

Conductor E. H. Crawford and his wife are leaving for Santa Rosa, Calif. Crawford is going for his health.

John O. Divens, SP dispatcher, is vacationing at Lake o' the Woods.



HIGH-RIDING Jack Sherman, judged one of the leading cowboys in the country, will show his saddle savvy in Klamath Falls during the July 2, 3 and 4 Klamath Basin Roundup. Sherman will enter the bull-dogging and saddle bronc events at the fairgrounds.

Fire Lookout Stations In Operation Early As Dry Weather Boosts Danger

Fire lookout stations on Klamath district of the Rogue River national forest were manned this week and inter-communication established between them—10 days ahead of last year's schedule.

Snow had to be cleared to the Pelican butte station before it could be operated, with a D-7 cat used to punch the roads through. Mr. and Mrs. Chet Randall will man this top of the world, 14 by 14-foot fire detection and communication point. In addition to keeping the automatic radio relay on frequency they will watch for smokes in their area.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Antley will operate the Lookout butte tower, northeast of Crater lake. Reservation territory can be seen from this vantage point and Antley has communication with the Indian agency.

Orange hall tower at Fort Klamath has been assigned to Mr. and Mrs. Brady Broxson. This station overlooks the east slope of Cascade range from Crater lake south to Pelican butte and the state-controlled Yawkey tract.

Harold Franz is at Pelican guard station this year. His duties include passing out road and recreation information to tourists, fire detection and fire patrol.

A seven-man suppression crew under Bob Tracy, foreman, works from Lake o' the Woods, summer headquarters of forest personnel, and can be dispatched to Butte Falls or Ashland as well as Klamath districts to fight fire. Headquarters Fireman Rex Morehouse has charge

of the warehouse and issues supplies.

Dick Henthorne is back at his old post as recreation guard, after completing his forestry course at Oregon State, where he graduated with honors.

Andy Pearce, assistant district ranger, is in charge of Lake headquarters and personnel. District Ranger Bob Cooper will divide his time this summer between the lake and Klamath Falls office operations in his administrative capacity for Klamath district.

Timber Sale Officer George Cleveland will be stationed in Klamath Falls with Charles "Chick" Sullaway, district clerk.

RECORD
 SALEM, June 30 (AP)—Gasoline sales in Oregon in the first five months of 1949 totaled 171,792,550 gallons, a new record.

This was 3,965,095 gallons more than in the similar period of last year.

Gasoline taxes paid during the period totaled \$8,589,627, a gain of \$183,000 over last year's similar period.

Want Ads phoned to 8111 before 11:30 a. m. appear the same day!

New Spray Tried On Caterpillars
 ASTORIA, June 30 (AP)—A new insecticide developed at Oregon State college was being tested out on Clatsop county's tent caterpillars today.

The insecticide—parathion—was tried on trees which are suffering from a heavy caterpillar infestation, reported County Agent Gordon Hood.

It was very effective, Hood said, but it has not yet been cleared by federal food and drug inspectors on crops processed for food.

DEAD
 TOKYO, June 30 (AP)—A toll of 42 dead was reported today from floods and landslides caused by heavy rains in Kagoshima and Kumamoto prefectures on Kyushu.

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Scientists To Study Aleuts

SEATTLE, June 30 (AP)—Two scientists flew north Wednesday to resume studies of the fast dying Aleut race in the Aleutians.

Dr. W. S. Laughlin, Eugene, Ore., newly appointed assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Oregon, and Dr. G. H. Marsh, Reno, Nev., left on a navy plane. Dr. Laughlin has made two previous such expeditions, while with the Peabody museum of Harvard university.

They said they would make their headquarters at Nikolai, on Unimak Island. Frederick A. Milan, University of Alaska student, will join them as an assistant.

Their summer's work will take them westward to Attu, on the extreme tip of the Aleutians, after visits to Aleut villages along the way.

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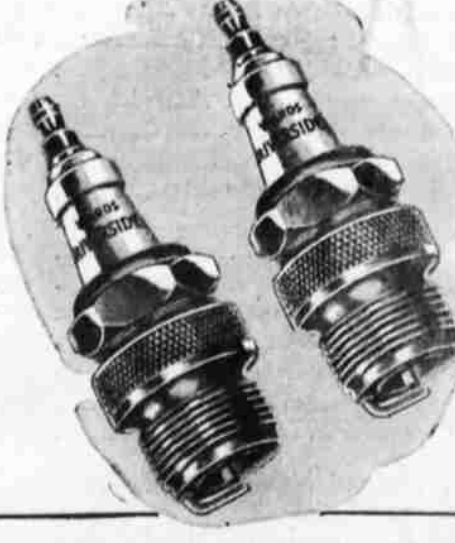
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