

### Palms, Voodoo and \$26 Million Party Little Haiti Goes All Out for Its 22-Nation Show



ON LA GONAVE BAY near Port-au-Prince, these are some of the buildings being readied for Haiti's international exposition this winter—the biggest celebration ever held in the Caribbean. The tiny republic is spending \$26,000,000, almost twice as much as its annual budget, for the show.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (NEA) Haiti's gigantic international exposition, which will cost almost twice as much as the little republic's annual budget, is about ready to be unveiled.

For a year and a half, more than 2000 men have been working on the grounds and buildings, and the opening date has now been set for December 9. With the participation of 22 nations, including the United States, a 60-acre site on La Gonave bay has been transformed into a display of elaborate palaces and carefully-landscaped gardens.

Built around a theme of world peace and friendship, the exposition will feature a chapel built by Vatican City and a display of the United Nations. Other foreign pavilions will be those of the United States, the Pan-American Union, Mexico, Argentina, France, Italy, Displays and entertainment are coming from Panama, Guatemala, Uruguay, Belgium, Honduras, the

French Antilles, Curacao and Jamaica.

"Greatest" "The exposition," said President Dumarsais Estime, "will be the greatest celebration ever held in the Caribbean countries to spread the ideals of peace, friendship and peaceful progress throughout the world. It will also, I think, strike a new note in the exotic beauty of its architecture and its tropical marine setting."

The most elaborate structure on the grounds will be the Tourist Palace, built at a cost of \$500,000. Another showplace of the exposition, which will run until June, 1950, is the Presidential Palace, which will be ornamented by a luminous fountain.

Showplaces Along the palm-shaded boulevards are the palaces and pavilions of the foreign countries—the Cuban Palace, faced with Cuban marble; the \$0,000,000 franc French Pavil-

ion; the Italian Pavilion; and the \$170,000 pavilion of the United States of America, highlighted by displays of the department of agriculture and the cultural section of the department of state.

One of the chief attractions of Haiti's big party will be the folklore and amusement section. Set in a grove of lofty palms will be many buildings, the majority of them with characteristic thatched roofs. Entertainment will be presented in an

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open-air auditorium and stage, shaped like a huge piano and surrounded by water fringed with lilies.

Voodoo Haiti's native voodoo dances will be one of the main presentations in the folklore department. In addition, other native customs, sports and dances will be shown.

The exposition will occupy the greater part of the sea front of Port-au-Prince and will comprise four principal sections — national, international, heavy industry and machines.

"Here we are at one of the most important crossroads of the great maritime and aerial routes of the Atlantic," said Haiti's chief executive, President Estime, "and it is our hope that the exposition will contribute to freer world trade by displaying and stimulating the works of the industries and arts in this important location."

### Vet's Mail Bag

As a service to veterans in the community, this newspaper will publish an occasional column of news briefs from the veterans administration. For further information veterans should contact or write their nearest VA office.

World War II veterans with service-incurred disabilities were reminded by veterans administration today of an important deadline in connection with their entitlement to National Service Life Insurance.

Prior to Jan. 1, 1950, such disabilities actually incurred in service between October 8, 1940, and Sept. 2, 1945, if less than total in degree, are disregarded in determining eligibility under the health requirements for NSLI purposes.

This means that veterans who might not otherwise qualify for life insurance for health reasons may

reinstated lapsed NSLI or buy new or additional insurance up to the \$10,000 maximum if they apply before the end of the year.

A physical examination is required, however, for all insurance applied for under this special provision. Such examinations are made by the VA without cost to the veteran.

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### Crippled Ship Under Tow

VANCOUVER, B. C., Oct. 17 (AP) The week-long fight of the propellerless freighter Navigator against the North Pacific seas was near an end today.

The 10,000-ton vessel is expected to reach here tonight in tow of the tug Salvage King. The tug took over the freighter Saturday night after it had been towed earlier by the coast guard cutter Chautauqua. The Navigator lost its propeller last Monday some 900 miles off the Washington coast.

### Two DP's Coming To Oregon

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17 (AP)—Nine of the 835 displaced persons arriving in New York Tuesday aboard

the General Black are headed for the Pacific Northwest, the International Refugee organization said yesterday.

Seven of the group, all from Europe, are to settle in Washington. Two will make their home in Oregon.

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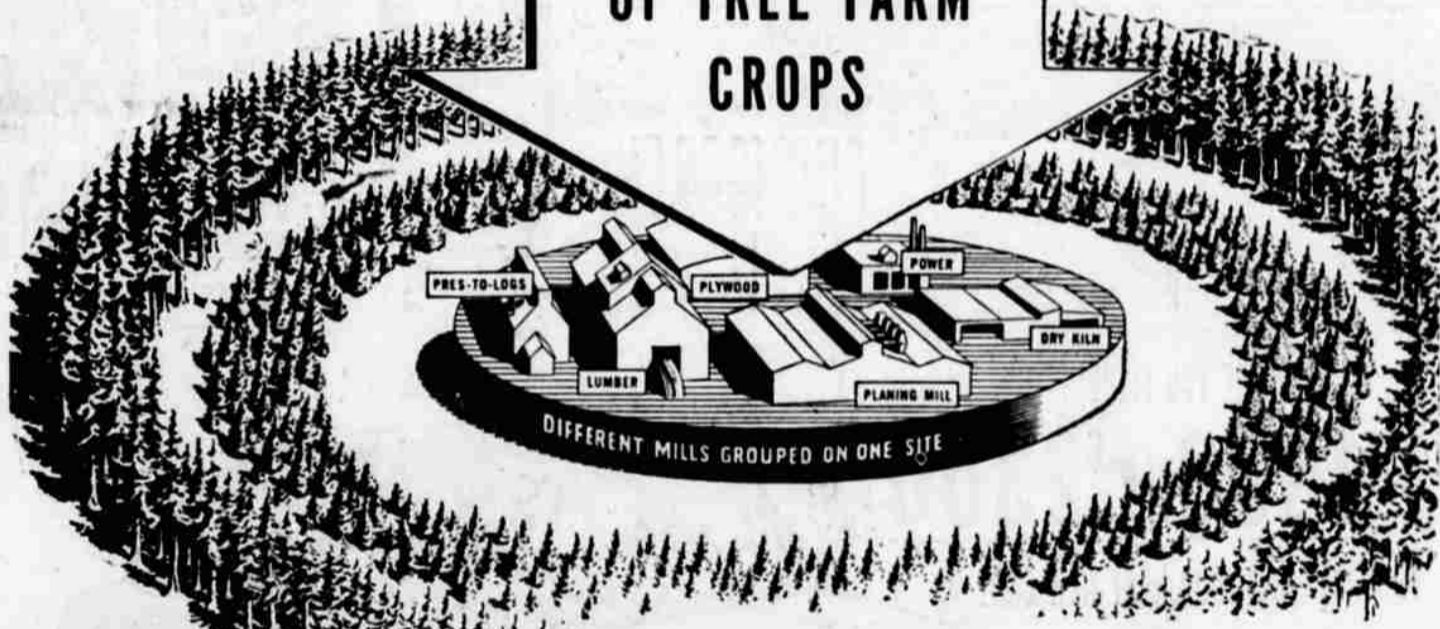
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