

Weather May Be Ordered Special For Olympics

DENVER (UPI)—Final preparations for the 1960 Winter Olympics at California's Squaw Valley may include a weather modification program to insure enough snow throughout the games. Whether the U.S. Olympic Committee will take this step has not been decided. But weather modification is definitely under consideration.

Top prospect for receiving such weather control contract is Irving P. Krick and Associates, famed Denver rain-making firm which operates throughout the world.

Krick can point to successful elimination of a snowmaking contract at the Aspen, Colo., ski resort during January and to a similar project still underway at Sun

Valley, Idaho. Both areas had suffered from insufficient snowfall early in the season until the cloud-seeders came along.

For the past five years, the Denver firm has also had a contract with the French government for increasing the snowpack in the French Alps near Valle De-Isere, noted European ski area.

A Krick spokesman, Paul Caubin, confirmed that the Denver firm has been investigating the possibility of a snowmaking contract at Squaw Valley during the Olympic games.

He warned that long-range forecasts compiled by the firm show the possibility of less-than-normal snow amounts in the California valley at the time the games are scheduled.

Danes Provide Artists With Special Gallery

By JEANNE LESEM
COPENHAGEN (UPI) — You don't need a fortune to become patron of the arts here. Seven-and-a-half cents will do it.

This sum—about half a Danish crown—buys the least expensive

item, a tiny ceramic souvenir, at a unique non-profit establishment founded 27 years ago to assist struggling Danish artists who had no gallery in which to display their work regularly.

Today, the exhibitors' roster at Den Permanente has grown from an original 190 to 350. It includes such distinguished names as Sigvard Bernadotte, the Queen of Denmark's brother, who designs for a leading silversmith; furniture designers Hans Wegner and Finn Juhl; ceramist Bjorn Wiinblad; and Kay Bojesen, the late silversmith and toymaker, whose widow, Erna, now operates his workshop.

Most of the artists and craftsmen, however, are virtual unknowns, in keeping with the founders' aims for The Permanent Exhibition of Danish Arts and Crafts.

Some of them had to borrow from the exhibition's loan fund to equip their workrooms and buy raw materials, according to general manager Asger Fischer.

Another emergency fund is maintained, he added, to buy outright from promising artists. These items are stored by the exhibition until a large enough collection of the artist's work is on hand to make a full display.

The collection is dazzling in quality, quantity and variety. If contemporary design is your dish, you'll be tempted to redecorate your entire home, bank account permitting.

A few years ago, one American couple did just that, with their five-room New York apartment, Fischer said. The \$6,000 sale was the biggest in the history of the exhibition, although a single item—such as painting or a tapestry—sometimes brings between \$1,000 and \$1,600. Most of the sale price goes directly to the artist, whose work is held on consignment, and who pays annual membership dues of 25 crowns (less than \$4).

The three-member committee that selects items for display rejects up to 80 per cent of those submitted because they don't measure up to the high artistic and quality standards.

Regular customers at Den Permanente include Queen Ingrid of Denmark, who is its patroness; her father, King Gustav VI of Sweden; and Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

The exhibition's best sellers include a small Kay Bojesen monkey, an impish-looking fellow with movable legs. But if you're buying the monkey for a child, mum's the word—or you may be told sternly, as I was, that it is a grown-up's toy.

NO DEPLETION OF BEAUTY

WASHINGTON (UPI)—A thing of beauty is a joy forever, according to the Internal Revenue Service. The tax men have ruled that the charms and therefore the earning power of models, showgirls and even strippers do not diminish with the passage of time and consequently they cannot spread out their income over a long period of time for tax purposes.

Land Bridge Fossils Found

DIJAKARTA (UPI)—Newly discovered fossils on the remote island of Flores in East Indonesia offer further proof that a land-bridge linked the Malayan Peninsula, Sumatra, Java and some of the Indonesian islands thousands of years ago, according to a Dutch geologist and archaeologist.

Dr. J. Verhoeven, a Catholic missionary here for many years, said the fossils were skeletons belonging to the "stegodon" family, a primitive and now extinct member of the elephant species.

Verhoeven said these fossils date back much farther than any previously found in this area. Earlier excavations had merely turned up the stone implements of the palaeolithic and mesolithic periods.

The new findings were said to be 500,000 years old.

Verhoeven said the stegodon lived primarily in southeast Asia and ranged as far as India, China and the northern reaches of Asia.

He said discovery of the fossils on Flores is proof that the stegodon roamed through Java and Sumatra. This is the farthest south that the remains of the stegodons have ever been found.

In the past, he explained, it was believed that a land-bridge had once linked the Malayan Peninsula with islands as far away as Bali. But this new discovery means it must have extended to Flores and perhaps even further, he said.

Underground Heat Used

CHICAGO (UPI)—You can't slip away from the toll booths here at the new \$101,000,000 Calumet Skyway bridge.

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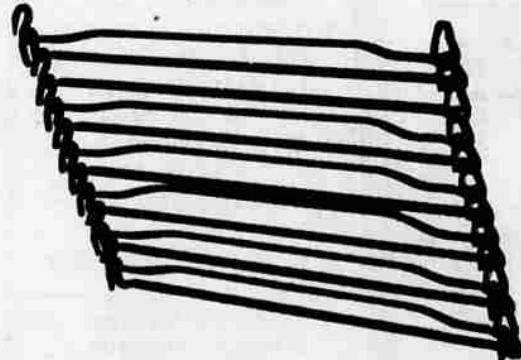
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