

Bathing Suit Is Problem In Europe

LONDON (UPI)—If you're coming to Europe this year, think twice before you buy a bathing suit.

In some parts of the continent you can get away with two strips of ribbon, but you might find yourself being escorted off the beach by the local police.

To save possible embarrassment, here are the views some European countries take on bathing costumes.

France, of course, is famous for her Riviera belles, and you cannot have a bikini that is too small. In fact, you are likely to get more attention in a one-piece suit.

In Sweden the situation is about the same.

Although there is no law against two-piece costumes showing a bare midriff in Spain, Spaniards prefer modesty in public. Even men generally comply, wearing generous-sized bathing trunks rather than short shorts on the beach. The Spaniards like feminine women and prefer dresses to slacks at all times.

In Portugal, two-piece beach costumes are forbidden by law, and police will escort offenders off the beach.

In Italy, you can wear a bikini on the beach if you want to, although the two-piece suit was technically banned in 1954. Today the only thing to stop you is the excitement it causes among Italian men who will go to any lengths to view a girl in a bikini.

But it is advisable not to wear shorts in Italian towns unless you have an iron will and plenty of courage.

In all Roman Catholic churches around the Mediterranean it is an offense to have bare arms, just as it is to have an uncovered head.

In Holland, Belgium, Germany, Greece, Austria and Yugoslavia you can wear a bikini. Austria insists that they are "only for beaches and lakesides." In conservative Switzerland, only in the low lake country you can wear a bikini without being greeted with an unfriendly eye.

If you're visiting England, you are welcome to wear a bikini—if you're lucky enough to find the sun during your stay.

Clock Loses Time Slowly

BOULDER, Colo. (UPI)—The common office variety of clock watcher is a rank amateur compared with the "boys" at the National Bureau of Standards laboratories at Boulder.

Scientists in the Radio Standards Division report they detected a difference of three ten-billionths of a second between two atomic clocks separated by half a continent.

Section chief A. H. Morgan said had the error remained undetected, the clocks would have registered a time difference of three seconds at the end of 300 years.

At any rate, the trouble is all cleared up now—scientists found a bad tube in the clock located at radio station WWV at Beltsville, Md. The other clock is at the Boulder labs.

CLASSICIST
LAWRENCE, Kansas (UPI)—Latin isn't a dead language for Dr. L. R. Lind, of Kansas University. In answer to a request from a woman in California, he recently translated 160 pages on chickens from Aldrovandus' book on animals to help her in her work.

Red Hungary Fighting Widespread Corruption

BUDAPEST (UPI)—The Hungarian Communist government has taken rigorous measures in a new effort to curb mounting corruption in the country.

Hungarian deputy premier Antal Apró announced recently that local administrative authorities would assume some police functions to organize more efficiently the fight against "profiteers and corrupt elements."

At the same time, the Hungarian supreme public prosecutor, Geza Szenasi, complained that judges were being "too lenient" with their sentences in corruption cases. He demanded they get tough.

Accordingly, life sentences were recently imposed in two cases involving the embezzlement of nearly one million Forints each in

state funds (about \$43,000 at the tourist rate of exchange). One defendant was the leader of a gang, the other the head of a textile cooperative.

In its fight against corruption last year, the Communist government had put great hope in the so-called "People's Control Committees," which were set up all over Hungary to deal with corruption and thefts of public property.

The committees employed more than 24,000 "People's Inspectors"—reliable Communists—who investigated nearly 9,000 cases in a year.

In Budapest alone last year, the city's Control Committee reported, losses were discovered which came to 130 million Forints (\$5-

600,000). In public rebuilding work, it was revealed that 18.5 million Forints (\$300,000) had been "erroneously" charged.

Even more astonishing to the Communists was the statement by the supreme public prosecutor that, in spite of the vigorous work of the Control Committees, the number of corruption cases had gone up 100 per cent in 1957 and crimes against public property had increased 11 per cent.

Communist newspapers have devoted recent editorials to this alarming rise in corruption, calling it a "remnant of the bourgeois state." They said most of

the corrupt were "either declassed elements or people surrounded by former capitalists."

But they also admitted that "some" of the crimes were committed by members of the working class.

Once The Playground Of Society, Newport Now Only Old Museum Piece

NEWPORT, R.I. (UPI)—Only vestiges remain of the splendor that once marked Newport as the exclusive summer hangout of the "400"—the select group which held forth in an era that knew no income tax problems.

Many of Newport's palatial mansions have been converted into schools and apartments, and some of the million-dollar estates have been sold for as little as \$10,000 because of the expense of upkeep.

Perhaps most famous of the "convertibles" is the late Cornelius Vanderbilt's The Breakers, a summer palace whose original cost was estimated at \$2,500,000. The 70-room mansion, built in 1895 by artisans from Italy, has been open since 1948 as a public showplace.

In 1948, Countess Laszlo Szechenyi, last survivor of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Vanderbilt, released the fabulous mansion to the Preservation Society of Newport as a museum. It is rented to the society for a dollar a year, the proceeds being used to pay running expenses and cost of restoring many of the city's historic homes.

More than 400,000 people from every part of the world have visited The Breakers since it was first opened to visitors.

The house measures approximately 250 feet by 150 feet and the plan is the compact one common to the Italian Renaissance.

The rooms are arranged symmetrically around the central hall and are distributed on four floors.

The first or main floor and part of the second floor are open to visitors. In addition, there is the children's "Cottage" and rare trees and shrubbery. At the foot of the sloping lawn are the cliffs offering an unobstructed sweep of the Atlantic Ocean.

The Breakers' stable, located nearby, has been maintained almost as it was 50 years ago when driving or pleasure was fashionable.

A common reaction of visitors to The Breakers is that they can't imagine anyone living in such a grandiose structure.

And things like bathrooms with hot and cold fresh and salt water amaze all who enter this monument to a bygone era.

Plastic Film Aids Lawns

AMHERST, Mass. (UPI)—Want to protect and speed the growth of seeded lawns?

Harold E. Mosher, Extension Horticulturist at the University of Massachusetts, says a clear polyethylene film placed over a new seeded acts as a temporary greenhouse, helping to retain moisture and trap the heat.

The simplest way to fix the plastic to the soil is to nail it down around the edges with four-inch-long, large-headed nails. Mosher also advises folding the material double along the margins to make sure it holds.

TEST PILOT

TOPEKA, Kansas (UPI)—A sixth-grade class at McCarter Grade School in Topeka was discussing the problem of sending a man into outer space when the question arose of how long a man could stay alone in a small place and be comfortable.

One of the pupils, Merle Armstrong Jr., decided to find the answer for himself. He locked himself up in his bedroom closet for 12 hours. He emerged a little dizzy but otherwise okay.

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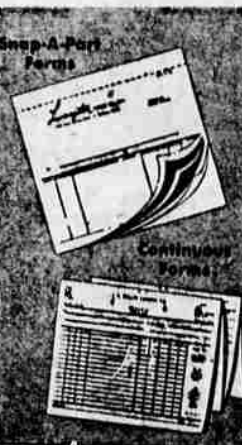
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