

Nelson Reed Recounts History Of Rhodes On Flying Visit To Ancient Greek Island

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thick, stone outer and inner walls. Rhodes, April 19 is a moat about 75 feet deep, now dry. Just an hour's flight from Crete brought us to Rhodes, an island which is some 70 miles long and 30 miles wide. It is very mountainous with a surprising amount of timber, pine, oak and cypress, for it has ample rainfall and some small streams. The first thing that impressed us was the magnificent colors of the ocean, which shades from a lovely dark Crater Lake blue to a pale aquamarine over the shallows. Every so often there is a fine beach of yellow sand. Off on the horizon to the west stretched a jagged skyline of mountains that is Turkey.

Like all of Greece the story of Rhodes has its beginning far back in antiquity with all its mythology of gods and men. No place in the world has been involved in more interesting history. The Greeks, the Persians, the Romans, the Italians, and the Crusaders all were here, and the Germans, of course, lately. All have left their mark in the ruined temples, the fine buildings that exist today, and an occasional bombed out house high on the hill.

Most impressive of all is the walled fortress of the ancient city. It was built by the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem, a Crusader organization, as a base of operations. It was said to be the best fortified city in the world, and we could well believe it as we walked around a how good looking the Greek men

There were endless parapets, some with openings for guns or chutes through which round stone balls—they still lie around in piles—could be dropped on scaling ladders of the invaders. High up are the archers towers. The fortress looks and was impregnable. Only by starving out the defenders in a very long siege was it ever captured, with the usual tale of being betrayed by a traitor. It must have taken years to build for it seemed to us we walked for several miles around it.

Inside the walled city is the Palace of the Grand Masters which was completely restored by the Italians when they occupied the island prior to the last war. The palace has over 100 rooms and today many of them are partially furnished with medieval European furniture, tapestries and pictures. The beautiful floors are made of a great variety of Greek marble surrounding fascinating mosaics made of colored small pebbles.

Around the harbour are many fine public buildings of modern Greek and Byzantine architecture. A very fine large Greek Orthodox Church that we wandered through has wonderful murals of the Bible stories, magnificent crystal chandeliers and a beautiful altar with many icons. One thing that has impressed us very much the last few days is how good looking the Greek men

Walking along the waterfront the other day we saw an old man sitting on the seawall. Beside him was a pole with a net on one end and a small spear on the other. He was dangling a small dead fish on a wire in and out of the crevices of the rocks and under the sea wall, down in the crystal clear water. Presently he teased a small crab about twice the size of a dollar out from under the wall. Picking up his spear he giggled it off and brought it up. Taking it wrapped it in a newspaper with some other small crabs and put it in his coat pocket. A poor man's dinner no doubt.

A couple of hundred feet offshore a fisherman was hanging over the stern of a rowboat, peering through a large water glass, searching the bottom for a crab, lobster or small fish he could spear. One evening as we ate supper at a small seaside restaurant, we watched a rowboat with four men in it fishing with

a flickering oil flare to attract the fish while they tried to maneuver a small net under them. Rhodes is a port of call for the many cruise ships that ply the Mediterranean. One day there were six large liners anchored in the harbor. Their passengers came ashore in lighters to be met by buses and tour the city, swarm through the shops, or sit outside the many restaurants in the sun, drinking beer or ouzo. We are getting accustomed to ouzo which is a rather sweet liquor that turns milky when watered and tastes of anise seed. However we would not recommend that the "Green Front Stores" stock it.

The hotels in Rhodes are a "tower of babel." Every European and some Asiatic languages are being spoken all around you. In fact, one night at dinner my wife and I were sure that we were the only Americans present, judging not only by the language spoken, but by the left handed eaters and the different features. No longer can you guess by their clothes, for more and more the world dresses alike in the large cities. Only in the country villages do you still see occasional native dress.

Mott Airport Ownership Handed To Two Cities

DUNSMUIR — The Skagit County Board of Supervisors through F. H. Christensen, airport coordinator, has informed the cities of Mount Shasta and Dunsmuir that the county is turning financial responsibilities for Mott Airport over to these two cities, but legal transfer of title to the airport will be delayed.

In a letter to the city council Monday night, Christensen said the supervisors are not budgeting any funds for Mott Airport for the coming fiscal year. The letter started the last bill the county will pay will be the electrical meter reading of June 30, 1963, and maintenance and utility costs must then be met by the two cities.

Mount Shasta and Dunsmuir agreed last year to accept ownership of the airport, which serves the two communities, upon completion of a \$82,275 project of surfacing and lengthening the airport runway.

Christensen explained in the letter the deeding of the airport to the cities must await a final audit and clearance by the FAA. Members of the council expressed doubt that the city can assume financial responsibility for an airport owned by the county. The cities had planned on partially meeting operation costs by qualifying for state and federal aid. These applications cannot be made until a two-city ownership is established.

City Clerk Elizabeth Cavin was authorized to get a breakdown of Mott Airport expenditures for the last three years from the county auditor's office.

Councilman Claude Slade, chairman of the airport committee, said he would arrange to meet with the Mount Shasta airport committee and then meet with the board of supervisors to clarify the matter.

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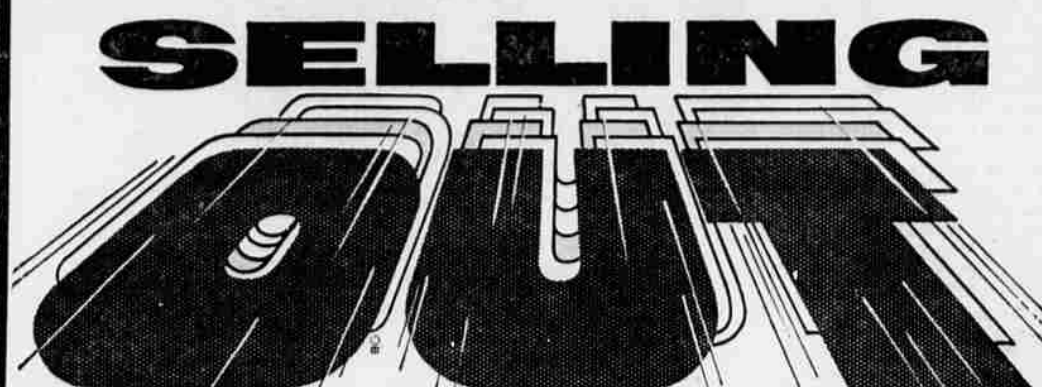
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