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Life-Term Convicts On Elba Ask Projector From SETAF

(Special to the Daily American)

VERONA, May 2 — It's a rare day when Southern European Task Force (SETAF) is stumped by a request for assistance, but a group of life-term convicts on the Island of Elba have done just that.

During its ten years in Italy, SETAF has received hundreds of requests for help—and has come to the rescue in almost every instance.

But a request for a 35 mm motion picture projector has the American military command temporarily stymied. As one official put it, "The only thing we have here that starts with '35' is a machine gun."

In their letter to SETAF, the life-termers admitted that "perhaps our fervid and respectful request will seem strange to you," and then went on to explain:

"We are lifers—men condemned to jail for the rest of our days. If our crimes are very serious for human justice, the punishment is dreadful and horrible.

"Under this light of sadness, the convict slowly loses sight of what is possible and what is excessive. Please forgive us, then, if we write this letter with expressions that may not be adequate . . . "

The letter explained that three times a month the convicts attend a movie—a few hours of "oblivion from our anguish, from the harshness of our life of the 'forever condemned'."

But the only projection equipment available is a small 16 mm machine, and the men have nearly exhausted the small supply of films available. With a 35 mm machine, new vistas would open up for them.

"We would take care of the purchase, scraping together the savings set aside from our work . . ." the men promised, if only SETAF could find a projector, even a broken one which could be repaired.

The fervent plea was addressed to SETAF's Verona headquarters, a subscriber to the inmates, publication, "The Great Promise."

OBITUARIES

Last Feudal Queen Dies In England

POOLE, England, May 2 (AP) — The widowed Queen of one of England's last feudal strongholds died Sunday only 24 hours after being taken from an island where she had lived alone in an 80-room castle for 34 years.

Mrs Mary Bonham Christie, 96, passed away in a mainland nursing home. A narrow stretch of the English Channel separated her from the haunts she banned to all prying eyes and ruled with severity.

The elderly recluse was famed in local lore as the uncrowned Queen of Brownsea Island. Standing in Poole Harbor, the island was once a treasure house for King Canute. In later years, Queen Elizabeth I gave it to a royal favorite and it passed through the centuries in private ownership or the royal gift until Mrs Christie bought it in 1927 for a reported 127,000 pounds (then $508,000).

Capt. Colpoys C. Walcott

CHRISTCHURCH, England, May 2 (AP)—Capt. Colpoys C. Walcott, 82, the British agent sent to America with the famed Casement diaries in World War I, died at his home here Saturday.

Irving (Miff) Mole

NEW YORK, May 2 (AP)—Irving (Miff) Mole, 63, a noted jazz musician who played with Benny Goodman, Paul Whiteman and other leading bands, died at his home in New York Saturday.

Laos Talks

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got together to talk about ending fighting and, eventually, the eight month old civil war.

Deputy Premier and strongman Phoumi said yesterday's initial contacts were made north of Ban Vang Khi, a virtual no-mans-land town about halfway between the rebel strong-point at Vang Vieng and the government command post south of the Nam Lik River. All these points are on the North-South road which runs between Vientiane and the royal capital of Luang Prabang.

Sposaisana said it was presumed that there will be continuing fighting on other fronts, especially in the south where the enemy has gained ground in recent days.

Meanwhile roving Ambassador W. Averell Harriman said yesterday "any delay in a Laotian ceasefire is squarely up to Mr Khrushchev, and he must bear responsibility for it."

Harriman ended two days of conferences with top Lao officials by telling a press conference the United States is doing everything to promote a ceasefire but the United States also pledges continued support for the present rightwing government in the Laotian civil war.

Salinger In Paris

PARIS, May 2 (UPI) — White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger and 21 presidential aides arrived here today to begin preparations for President Kennedy's official visit May 31.

Discuss Space Age Medicine In Beirut

(Special to the Daily American)

BEIRUT, May 2—Space age medicine will be a principal topic of the 11th Middle East Medical Assembly to be held at the American University of Beirut on May 5, 6 and 7.

Four physicians will deliver talks on space flying and medicine, and three others will speak of the problems of radiation, during the three-day discussions which will be attended by delegates from Canada, England, France, Germany, the United States, the United Arab Republic, Pakistan and Italy.

Other discussions will cover the fields of nutrition, obstetrics and gynecology.

Chairman of the assembly will be Dr. Raif Nassif, chairman of the Department of Clinical Pathology at American University. The U.S. delegate is Dr. Francis B. Moore, professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School, and chief surgeon of the famous Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston.

What's going on In Rome

MUSIC

TEATRO DELL'OPERA — Opera season: "Peter Grimes," by Britten; Gabriele Santini, conductor. Thursday at 9.

THEATER

TEATRO ELISEO, 183 Via Nazionale — Brecht's "Schweyk in World War II." Today at 9 p.m.

TEATRO QUIRINO, 1 Via Minghetti — Teatro Clubs presents Ramberti Ballet. Friday, Saturday, Sunday at 9:15 p.m.

EXHIBITS

SCHNEIDER GALLERY — Graphic works by Afro. Opening today at 6 p.m.

PALAZZO VENEZIA — Roman drawings from the royal collection at Windsor Castle. Through May 7.

IDYSSIA GALLERY, 16 Via Ludovisi — Works by Consagra, Dorazio, Perilli, Novelli, Turcato.

OBELISCO GALLERY, 146 Via Sistina — Works by Colombotto Rosso.

GALLERIA "88", 88 Via Margutta — Paintings by Mario Russo. Through Sunday.

LA FELUCA, 38 Via Frattina — Paintings by Giuseppe Fabbri.

TRASTEVERE GALLERY, 13 Piazza in Piscinula — Paintings by Lucio Pozzi.

IL SEGNO, 4 Via Capo le Case — Drawings by Hans Falk. Through May 10.

LA SALITA, 16/c Salita San Sebastianello — Works by Tano Festa.

VILLA AURELIA, Porta San Pancrazio — American Academy art show. Opens Wednesday.

L'ATTICO, 20 Piazza di Spagna — Works by Gentili, 1960.

LA MEDUSA, 124 Via del Babuino — Paintings by Danish artist Asger John.

FOREIGN PRESS CLUB, 55 Via della Mercede — Paintings by Irish artist Mathew Moss.

LA CASSAPANCA, 107/a Via del Babuino — Paintings by Roberto Freddi. Through May 6.

LA CAPPUCCINA, 17 Via dei Cappuccini — Paintings by Pino Reggiani.

LA BARCACCIA, 9 Piazza di Spagna — Paintings by Giovanni Omiccioli. Through Wednesday.

LA FONTANELLA, 194 Via del Babuino — Paintings by Maria Luisa Occhialini Onegri. Through May 5.

CIRCOLO SABINO, 38 Via Massacciuccoli — Works by Florenzo Spadoni. Through May 13.

ALIBERT GALLERY, 61/b Via Margutta — Works by Enrico Bordoni.

SAN MARCO, 61 Via del Babuino — Man and Beast: works by Livio Apolloni and Alberto Mastrojanni. Through May 12.

LA MARGUTTIANA, 83/a Via Margutta — Works by Alfredo Romagnoli. Through May 12.

LE JARDIN DES ARTS, 1/a Via del Vantaggio — Works by Antonio Vangelli. Through May 24.

L'ALBATRO, 169 Via del Babuino — Works by Lily Heilbronner Francisci. Through May 13.

IL CAMINO, 44-45 Via del Babuino — Paintings by Mario Tamburini. Through May 7.

FILMS

In English :

ARCHIMEDE, 71 Via Archimede — "Texas John Slaughter" with Robert Middleton, Norma Moore. Today at 5, 6:30, 8:15, 10.

FIAMMETTA, 3 Via San Nicolò da Tolentino — "Where the Boys Are," with Barbara Nichols, Paula Prentiss, Jim Hutton. Today at 4:30, 6:20, 8:10, 10 p.m.

METRO DRIVE-IN, Via Cristoforo Colombo — "All the Fine Young Cannibals." Today at 7:50, 10:30 p.m.

In Italian :

ADRIANO, Piazza Cavour — "Le Sette Sfide" (also at the Reale).

ARISTON, 15 Via Cicerone — "Fantasmi a Roma."

BARBERINI, Piazza Barberini — "La Ragazza in Vetrina."

CAPITOL, Via Pastrengo — "Al Di La Dell'Orrore."

CORSO, Piazza San Lorenzo in Lucina — "Gli Anni Folli."

FIAMMA, Via Bissolati — "Odissea Nuda."

GALLERIA, Galleria Colonna — "Ben-Hur" (also at the New York).

MAJESTIC, 20 Via Santi Apostoli — "L'Erba del Vicino è Sempre Più Verde."

METROPOLITAN, 7 Via del Corso — "L'Imprevisto."

QUATTRO FONTANE, Via Quattro Fontane — "Alles Kaputt."

RIVOLI, 23 Via Lombardia — "La Ragazza Supersprint."

SUPERCINEMA, 48 Via Depretis — "La Schiava di Roma."

SPORTS EVENTS

PIAZZA DI SIENA, Villa Borghese — International Horse Show.

CAPANNELLE RACE TRACK — Horse races; Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m.

AMF BOWLING ALLEY, 181 Viale Regina Margherita — Open daily from 10 a.m. till 12 midnight.

ZOO

GIARDINO ZOOLOGICO, Villa Borghese — Open 8 a.m. to sundown daily.

CLUB MEETINGS

ROTARY CLUB meets every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.; dinner at the Excelsior

COLOSSEUM LODGE No. 602, F. and A. M. meets on the first and third Mondays of each month in the Masonic Temple at 1 Via Giustiniani.

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