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Brothels In Italy Are Closed As Merlin Act Becomes Law

Italy's 300 "houses of tolerance" closed their doors for good last night, with a new law making prostitution illegal becoming effective today.

Many Italian brothels already have been closed, for the handwriting has been on the walls for six months—ever since President Giovanni Gronchi signed the so-called Merlin Act into law.

It did not become effective immediately because Italian lawmakers figured the girls should have six months notice to get resettled.

But as the brothels reached the end of their legal lives, police did not say how many of Italy's estimated 7,000 prostitutes had enrolled in rehabilitation and re-education homes set up by the government.

The six-month waiting period also allowed authorities time to organize the proper vice squads—including a woman's police force.

It's one of the first women's police forces set up by a Latin nation.

Under the Merlin Act, the women's police are mainly intended to accompany male officers on vice raids and help in the questioning and searching of women prisoners. To give the women police a smart appearance, authorities have commissioned one of Rome's leading high fashion houses—Fontana—to design their uniforms.

U.S. Red-China Talks

To Continue On Sunday

WARSAW, Sept. 19 (UPI)—The United States and Communist Chinese ambassadors rested from their Formosa crisis talks today while the host Polish government called for a United Nations seat for Red China.

U.S. Ambassador Jacob Beam and Communist Chinese Ambassador Wang P'ing-nan talked for two hours behind locked doors yesterday and agreed to meet again on Sunday morning.

HEAD TESTIFIES—Chairman Edward N. Gadsby of the Critics and Exchange Commission denies before the House Selective Oversight Committee in Washington that the SEC favored treatment to Bernard Goldfine, Boston industrialist and friend of Sherman Adams. (AP photo)

Bertha Fools Men out Her Age, Is Fish, Dies

NEW YORK, Sept. 19 (AP)—A whale, flown here from the early this month by the Island Aquarium, is dead, died because, as females sometimes do, she fooled men about her

the few days of life here Bertha was the pride of the Aquarium. The only live whale to be exhibited in New York since 1897, aquarium experts estimated her at 14 months, chiefly because her size and eating habits. She 6 feet 7 inches long and weighed 60 pounds.

she was offered a fish diet appropriate for a whale youngster 4 months. Bertha gobbled the as if she were really that old. Unfortunately, she wasn't. She is as young as an infant whale, than a year old. The fish was much for her delicate digestive system because she wasn't out of milk diet stage. she died of gastritis. aquarium keepers said they were fed about her age because of her te the fish.

UAW Discusses Ford Accord, Reviews GM, Chrysler Talks

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 19 (AP)—The United Auto Workers Union called its executive board into special session today to review the Ford settlement and decide whether to set a strike deadline against General Motors or Chrysler.

Approval of the Ford pact was assured but there was no indication what the board's decision would be on the other auto companies.

The Union warned both General Motors and Chrysler Thursday that time was running out. Douglas Fraser, leader of the UAW team at

Chrysler said that "unless the pace picked up in the Chrysler negotiations we will ask the executive board for permission to set a strike date."

Leonard Woodcock UAW vice president and director of the GM department, showed similar impatience with the pace of the talks at General Motors.

Small Nuclear Shot Initiates Final Series Of U.S. N-Tests

ATOMIC TEST SITE, Nevada, Sept. 19 (UPI)—The U.S. fired the first of possibly its last series of nuclear tests today, a comparatively puny one-kiloton device dangling from a tethered balloon 500 feet over Yucca Flat.

The shot, estimated as less than the equivalent of 1,000 tons of TNT, shattered the daylight sky at 6:59 a.m., but because of its size apparently was not seen beyond Las Vegas, 75 miles southwest of the Nevada test site.

The Atomic Energy Commission called the shot "Eddy," for Eddy County, New Mexico, but newsmen who watched the blast quickly dubbed it "Operation Deadline" because the series must end by Oct. 30 when an international ban on nuclear weapons testing goes into effect.

"Eddy" was described as a development test designed by the Los Alamos scientific laboratory.

There will be 10 shots in all during the seventh and most concentrated series conducted within the continental United States since 1951. This one and four others were scheduled for detonation either from balloons or small towers.

Five others, according to the AEC, will be exploded underground deep inside a honeycomb-type tunnel, including one huge blast of 20 kilotons (nominal) later in month or in October when the final series ends.

Taipei Bans NBC Reporter Robinson for Alleged 'Unfriendly Attitude'

TAIPEI, Sept. 15 (UPI)—The Nationalist Chinese government is cancelling the visa of veteran radio reporter James Robinson of the National Broadcasting Company and prohibited his remaining here, NBC Far Eastern manager Cecil Brown said today. Robinson's visa was taken up when he flew to New York this week for a radio show from Formosa where he was reporting on the Quemoy crisis. Robinson is now in New York.

Painful Decision—Brown said he told the Nationalist Foreign Ministry "their decision must be considered a grave infringement of freedom of the press and likely to produce a vigorous State Department protest and unfortunate repercussions among the American public."

Brown quoted a Foreign Ministry official as saying, "We anticipated that, and this is a painful decision, but under the circumstances of his antagonism toward the government and his harsh blasphemy (of Chiang Kai-shek) in the epilogue of an interview we have no alternative."

Brown said the Nationalists revoked Robinson's visa on grounds of his "unfriendly attitude toward the Chinese Republic as demonstrated in a public speech made in San Francisco a year ago" and by remarks made before and during a broadcast interview with Chiang. (In that interview Chiang de-

clined to answer eight of 15 questions all of which were submitted in advance. NBC News in New York pointed out this fact at the conclusion of the broadcast interview).

NBC vice president William R. McAndrew issued a statement saying, "Robinson's work has been fair and objective and we believe his conduct and that of his editors has been highly responsible. The cancellation of his visa on the grounds given by the Nationalist government is an affront to all honest reporters. We are protesting in the strongest possible terms to the Nationalist government and to the State Department."

U.S. INVESTIGATES—WASHINGTON, Sept. 19 (AP)—The U.S. State Department said today it is investigating Nationalist China's ouster of U.S. correspondent for the National Broadcasting Co. James Robinson.

State Department Press Chief Lincoln White told his news conference, "we are looking into the facts."

White said the department has asked the U.S. Embassy at Taipei, the Nationalist capital, for information about the case.

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TEATRO ELISEO, 183 Via Nazionale — Fall opera season: "Rigoletto," by Verdi; tonight at 9. "La Bohème," by Puccini; tomorrow afternoon at 3. "La Traviata," by Verdi; tomorrow night at 9.

EXHIBITS

SCHNEIDER GALLERY, 10 Rampa Mingonelli — Sculpture by American artist Dimitri Hadzi. Hours: 10-1, 4-8; closed Sundays. Through Sept. 29.

ODYSSEA GALLERY, 36/c/d Via Liguria — Young Italian Painters. Hours: 11-1, 4-8; closed Sundays.

OBELISCO GALLERY, 146 Via Sistina — Group show of young Italian artists. Hours: 11-8:30; closed Sundays.

ROME-NEW YORK ART FOUNDATION, 20 Piazza S. Bartolomeo, Isola Tiberina — Painting and sculpture illustrating "New Trends In Italian Art."

ZANINI GALLERY, 52 Via del Babuino — Flower paintings by Joseph Leomucino and Jack Bodi.

GALLERIA L'INCONTRO, 25/c Via Angelo Brunetti — Group show of Italian artists.

LA SALITA, 16/c Salita San Sebastiano — Abstract Italian paintings and sculpture; graphic works and art editions. Hours: 10-1, 4-8; closed Sundays.

GALLERIA APPIA ANTICA, 20 Via Appia Antica — Selected works by Italian contemporary artists.

GALLERIA 88, 88 Via Margutta — Collection of works by contemporary artists, mostly abstract. Daily 9-1 and 4-8. Closed Sundays.

FILMS

In English:
FIAMMETTA, 2 Via S. Nicolò da Tolentino — "The Sad Sack," with Jerry Lewis. Today at 5:30, 7:45, 10 p.m. Tel. 470.464.

ARCOBALENO, Palazzo di Vetro, Via XX Settembre — "No Time for Sergeants," with Andy Griffith, Myron McCormick. Today at 6, 8, 10 p.m. Tel. 479.470.

METRO DRIVE-IN, Via Cristoforo Colombo — "Underwater Warrior" with Dan Dailey, and Claire Kelly. Today at 8, 10:50 p.m.

In Italian:
ADRIANO, Piazza Cavour — "I Prepotenti" (also at the America, Galleria, New York).
ARISTON, 15 Via Cicerone — "La

sfida" (also at the Parla, Moderno Arena Esedra).

BARBERINI, Piazza Barberini — "Ascensore per il Patibolo."

CORSO, 41 Piazza S. Lorenzo in Lucina — "Gli Zittelloni."

FIAMMA, Via Bassoliati — "Bonjour Tristesse."

METROPOLITAN, 7 Via del Corso — "24 Ore a Scotland Yard" (also at the Capitol).

QUATTRO FONTANE, Via Quattro Fontane — "Tentazione."

SPORTS EVENTS

CAPANNELLE RACE TRACK — Horse races; Sundays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.

CINODROMO DELLA RONDINELLA — Dog races; Wednesday and Friday at 9 p.m.

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.

NIGHT CLUBS

BIBLIOTECA VALLE, 9 Via Teatr Valle — Dancing restaurant. Tel. phone 651.292.

BRICKTOP, 8, 153 Via Veneto — Nightly entertainment. Tel. 470.098.

CASINA DELLE ROSE, Villa Borghese — Dancing, restaurant, floor show. Tel. 847.778.

KIT KAT, 28 Via Liguria — Dancing, restaurant, floor show. Tel. 470.098.

RANCIO GRANDE, Via Cristoforo Colombo 313.

TOR FIORENTINA, 2 Via Monte del Giote — Dancing, American bar. Tel. 880.982.

In Other Cities

In Milan:
CASTELLO SFORZESCO — "Son Lumiere" spectacle; twice nightly 9:15 and 10:30. Through Sept. 30.

In Spoleto:
TEATRO NUOVO — Twelfth season of Experimental Opera Theatre. Closes tomorrow.

In Venice:
BIENNIAL GARDENS — 29th Biennial of Modern Art. Through Oct. 19.

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