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CULTURE FOR LAS VEGAS

Las Vegas has become noted as center of America's finest scenic areas and a place for amusement and entertainment. We have rather stressed our "wild west" and "last frontier" and "tough hombre" character for the purpose of rousing the spirit of adventure in our visitors.

This is perfectly right and proper and is attracting thousands of travelers to this region for recreation. Nevertheless, we should remember that the amusement side is by no means all there is to life.

Just as important in the development of the city is the cultural side of life. The fine things of religion, art, literature and culture must be developed in any city if it is to become worth while.

Las Vegas made a fine start in this direction by building churches of all denominations. It gave particular attention to its schools and has provided buildings and equipment equal to those of any city of equal size. It has established a public library and Boy Scout cabins, a beautiful city park and public playgrounds, all for the healthy development of our people.

Now we are to entertain two conventions, both of a cultural nature. April 22 and 23 a thousand or fifteen hundred young people from all the schools of the state will meet in Las Vegas for the State Musical Festival. Music of a quantity and quality which is rarely our privilege to enjoy will fill the air.

May 10, 11 and 12 the Episcopal Synod, Western Division, will bring several hundred men of scholarly characters who will present programs of outstanding intellectual and religious value.

The presence of such cultural groups will, we hope, go a long way toward freeing Las Vegas of the charge of being entirely mercenary and frivolous, and will encourage many to believe, what we ourselves have long known, that Las Vegas is one of the finest places in the world in which to live and bring up children.

NATIONAL PRESERVATION

The policy of the administration in asking for the greatest navy in the world is a wise one. We should, if we expect to survive as an independent nation, have an army on a par with the proposed navy.

Pacifists fear that America cannot be trusted to use its power wisely—that great power will lead us as a nation into aggression. Possibly they are right. We are not wise enough to see far into the future.

But this we know beyond any doubt. Unless America, the richest prize on earth, is able to develop an army and navy superior to any combination of nations which might be covetous, she will be plundered just as Ethiopia and

OBSERVATIONS

By C. P. SQUIRES

OUR LITTLE OCEAN—

Lake Mead, the special ocean of this intermountain region, may not be as large as the Pacific or some other oceans, but, when the wind blows it may become quite as angry and dangerous.

Last Sunday Las Vegas and Boulder City experienced a wind and dust storm which did slight damage. But on the lake it became a boisterous and raging monster, piling up waters in waves a dozen feet high in exposed places.

Fishermen and others on the lake Sunday experienced regular ocean weather and while, fortunately, nobody was lost or injured, there was some suffering from exposure and delayed meals, and some worried friends and families.

The moral, if there is one, is either to keep off the lake in stormy weather, or make sure your boat is just as seaworthy as if you were going out on the Pacific Ocean.

FISHING IMPROVES—

To the surprise of all of us fishing in Lake Mead is rapidly improving and becoming one of our major attractions. It seems only a short time ago that we were trying to visualize a time in the future when sportsmen would be catching fine, big black bass in the lake. Now, we find that five or six pound bass are being caught regularly and in considerable number and fishing fans are becoming quite nutty about it.

In a short time, after the Bureau of Fisheries really gets interested in the work of stocking the lake with bass and the stream below Boulder Dam with trout, we will find ninerods flocking here from every part of the world.

Twenty years ago when we were trying to arouse public interest in the Boulder Dam project, fishing never seem important. Now we find it is likely to become one of our greatest assets as a lure to tourists.

Battlers Will Fight Tonight

Tonight at the War Memorial Auditorium a group of fighters from the Boulder City Camps will again meet the fistic experts of Las Vegas in a program which bids fair to equal in interest that of two weeks ago.

The big doings will begin promptly at 8:30 and will include nine well matched contests of four rounds.

Admission charges are reduced to 75 cents for ringside; 60cents for reserved seats and 40 cents general admission.

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All this talk of brotherly love among nations is pure bunk. We will be respected just so long as we are stronger than other nations. Governments are organized for the protection and advancement of their own people along material lines. And a nation, no more than an individual, is going to sit calmly and starve.

Moreover, if we cannot trust our own government to act wisely with power, how can we trust those nations which already have shown themselves to be conscienceless and selfish aggressors? Most of us would prefer to trust America.

Weds Star of 'Tobacco Road'

Pauline Drake Ratay, the actress who starred in "Tobacco Road" was married to Christian Manthe in Las Vegas last Saturday in the Methodist parsonage with Rev. Ford Gilbert officiating.

The attractive bride was divorced in 1937. The bridegroom is vice-president and secretary of the General Pictures Corporation and gave his residence as Beverly Hills.

To Make Nevada One Sound State

Dr. B. H. Caples, director for Nevada of the venereal disease control, has issued the following call:

To the People of Nevada:

At the present time legislation is pending in Congress relative to an appropriation for the investigation and control of venereal diseases.

Two companion bills have been introduced—one in the Senate by Senator La Follette and one in the House by Congressman Bulwinkle. The April issue of the "Ladies Home Journal" carries a splendid editorial in regard to this legislation and a copy of the bill itself. Do not fail to read them.

This bill proposes to provide Federal subsidies to all of the states for combatting syphilis and gonorrhea. The sub-committee of the senate committee on commerce has already unanimously approved it and it now goes to the full committee of commerce for action. Senator Royal S. Copeland is the Chairman of this committee, whose approval will send it to the floor of the Senate for a vote.

In the House this bill is in the hands of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce whose Chairman is Congressman Clarence F. Lea.

If this proposed legislation meets with your approval, will you not lend your help to stamp out venereal disease in your community and throughout the nation?

Write to Senator Pittman, Senator McCarran, Congressman Scrugham, and the Chairmen of the two committees mentioned above, approving the principles and general purpose of the bill. Do it now. If you feel that you can't write five letters, at least write one, preferably to Senator Copeland.

Here is a fight that vitally concerns everyone of us, especially our youth. Let's help to make Nevada, in the fullest sense of the word, "One Sound State".