

Industrial Boom Reducing Strength of Italian Reds

(King Williams, co-publisher of the HERALD, has been visiting European nations with other publishers as a member of a National Editorial Assn. study mission, and writes today on his impressions of Italy and the Italian economy.)

By KING WILLIAMS

Italy today certainly is enjoying a boom in tourism, and there are many valid signs of a general industrial boom that is making it difficult for hard core communists to sell their political wares. Yet there are warning undertones that are not being ignored by astute Italian businessmen and economists engaged in a battle to reduce the gap between imports and exports.

Right now Italy's best customer is West Germany, United States is next and Russia and its Iron Curtain allies a strong third. During the first quarter of 1961, however, Italy's imports from America stepped up 64% over the similar period of 1960. Machine tools, raw products, and textiles accounted largely for the increase. Oil, timber, agricultural products, tungsten, oil, and raw silk figure prominently in the list of imports from Red dominated nations.

Dr. Guido Pruner, chief of the foreign markets de-

partment, Italian Institute of Foreign Trade, held an optimistic outlook.

"Italian businessmen," he said, "are flexible and among the most able in the world to meet the changing demands of the American markets. When an American businessman wants something he wants it tomorrow and cannot wait for something that may not be in popular demand a few weeks from tomorrow."

Dr. Pruner agreed Italy was benefiting through its membership in the European Common Market. He maintained that growing industrialization of Italy created a rapidly expanding market for American products and agreed American money—both direct aids and private capital investment—was playing an important role in Italy's current prosperity.

The Italian government's role in its drive to build up the economy was recounted in an hour-long meeting with Giuseppe Pella, director of the budget. Under a 10-year program, Italians are free to import as much as they wish with the government and private banking systems striving to attain needed development within the country while overcoming the unfavorable balance in trade that could bring about a recession.

Banks of the nation are currently investing 69% of their funds in the vast development program and may invest as much as 78% by law. A large part of the investments are being made in an effort to industrialize the south of Italy where there is widespread unemployment among a population trained only for agricultural work. To care for urgent needs of the southerners, the government has established a health and welfare system with a network of hospitals. All needed funds are provided by the government with administration of the projects under the control of the local communities.

Starvation no longer threatens a large segment of the population in the toe end of the Italian boot. School children daily receive a free lunch largely made possible by contributions from America. Military expenditures and installations in Italy bolster the general economy and American money and overtures of friendship have created a seemingly strong bond between the two nations and the rest of Western Europe.

Northern Italians represent the dynamic element in postwar Italy. There, the businessman and manufacturer is respected and sometimes feared as the pre-

vailing force in the new era. Romans will tell the visitor the "big shots" from Milan are so enthused about themselves and their abilities that they even think the capital of the country should be moved.

That isn't about to happen, however, for today Rome is still the Eternal City with everything the title implies. St. Peter's and the Vatican are towering monuments, goals of millions of Catholics from all over the world, and a respected port of call for every traveler irrespective of his faith. There are perhaps few travelers who would pass up a visit to the magnificent seats of Catholicism any more than they would the Circus Maximus or Hadrian's tomb.

Tourism, Italian bank officials told us, represents 50% of Rome's income and has led to the assertion that "if one sits long enough sipping wine or espresso on the Via Vittoria he will meet almost every tourist in Europe."

Holding their own very well against the competition of the tourist night spots and other more current sides of Roman life, are the ancient ruins and the citadels of the early Christian era. Most all are illuminated at night and an evening out in Rome for most

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A Penny for your Thoughts

The eyes and ears of America have been trained on our President during his recent parley with Soviet Premier Khrushchev and in keeping with this event, the following question was asked:

"Do you think President Kennedy's meeting with Premier Khrushchev will improve the relationship between the United States and Russia?"

Mrs. Mildred Aston, 16812 Falda, housewife: "It might help but I don't know if it actually will improve the situation, the way things have been shaping up. I think it was timed very well with them meeting as soon as possible after the election."

Charles Steele, 17114 Delia, TWA maintenance coordinator: "Yes, I believe it will. I think there should be many more meetings between top officials in government. It is the only possible way for them to reason things out and get an understanding on both sides."

Frances Stokes, 2016 Andree, clerk: "I feel that a meeting like that one can lead the way to peace in a cold war. Friendliness between countries and their leaders is very beneficial to all concerned. I think that many small problems are ironed out in discussions such as this one."

Mrs. George Curtis, 16908 Crenshaw Blvd., housewife: "Not knowing what was discussed, it is hard to say if any good can come from the meeting. After we hear Mr. Kennedy's broadcast, we may know more about the results of this meeting."

COUNCIL ON SPENDING SPREE

Board Selects Principals for North, West Hi

Appointment of Assistant Principal Richard Guengerich as principal of North High School and Dr. Robert R. Ford, Bellflower principal, as principal of West High School was approved by the Torrance Board of Education.

Guengerich replaces Dale Harter, who resigned to become superintendent of schools at Needles. Dr. Ford will make plans for the opening of West High School in 1962, while at the same time acting as North High assistant principal.

GUENGERICH, 34, a north Torrance resident, has been assistant principal at North for two years. He previously



RICHARD GUENGERICH Gets North High Post

served as principal of Rancho del Campo High School, San Diego; on the staff of the San Diego County Schools; and as teacher and director of welfare and guidance with Long Beach City Schools.

A native of Iowa, he attended Manual Arts High School, Los Angeles, and graduated from Pepperdine. He holds a master's degree from USC and is currently working on a doctorate. A Kiwanian, he is married and has three daughters.

DR. FORD, 42, currently is principal of Washington Junior High, Bellflower. He previously served as administrative assistant to the superintendent and as counselor and vice principal. He also taught in Long Beach.

A graduate of Wooster, Ohio, College, he has masters and doctors degrees from USC. A Long Beach resident, he is married and has four children.

Harter Goes To New Job

Dale M. Harter, principal of Torrance's North High School for the past six years, will leave on July 1 to become superintendent of the Needles Public Schools.

The first and only principal of North High since it opened in 1955, Harter has been with the Torrance Unified School District since 1952. He also served as assistant principal of Torrance High and as a teacher at Casimir School and in Cushing, Ia. He also taught at Morningside, Ia., College.

Harter is currently vice president of the Torrance Lions Club and is active in the First Methodist Church, as well as various educational organizations.

Harter expressed "deep



DALE M. HARTER Leaving School Post

regret" at leaving, but said he felt that the Needles post offered an "opportunity for advancement which I cannot turn down."

in which to travel." He spoke of a "Program of Work" which he is attempting to set up for the local Chamber under a committee chairman, and to stake out and



BIG BROTHERS . . . Scott and Nik Hanlon grin as they hold their new baby sister Kim L. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hanlon, of 16616 Ermanita, have adopted the tiny Korean orphan, who was one of 97 babies flown from Pusan to Portland, Ore., Saturday. (Herald Photo)

Tiny Korean Finds New Family Here

By BOB WILTON Herald Staff Writer

Doc Stork made a stateside flight and delivered 97 babies to their new parents waiting at the Portland International Airport last Saturday and one of them was destined to live in Torrance. His jet flight began in the Far East and ended in the Oregon city.

"This little miss, who is just one year old, is Kim Li Hanlon and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Hanlon of 16616 Ermanita. Not only did Kim acquire a brand new mother and father, but the tiny Korean orphan now has two husky big brothers.

Kim's oldest brother is Nik, 18, and is a North High senior. Her second brother is Scott, 12, who is in the seventh grade at Evelyn Carr elementary school. When the boys met their sister Sunday, Nik grinned at Scott and said, "Man, we sure hit the jackpot when we got Kim."

MRS. HANLON'S plan to adopt a Korean baby began when she met a woman shopper in a local market who carried a little Oriental girl. After a short talk she decided she too wanted to adopt one of these little dolls.

It took the Hanlons six

months to complete their adoption and is was made possible through the Korean Gospel Mission of Palos Verdes who had a photograph of Kim sent from the Isabel Orphanage in Pusan, Korea. The picture of Kim left no doubt in their minds that she was the one they wanted.

WHEN ASKED about Kim's future Mrs. Hanlon said, "Our plans for little Kim are to take her along with the gang." Jerry Hanlon added that he is going to learn Korean so "I will be able to talk with Kim when she is older."

Traffic Aids, Equipment in Latest Order

The city council, in a rush to allocate unused portions of the 1960-61 budget before it expires June 30, authorized purchases totaling more than \$115,000 Tuesday evening, and ordered plans for an additional \$50,000 worth of traffic signal work.

Acting on the recommendations of John Bramhall, acting city manager, the council quickly agreed to purchases which include vehicles for the police department, a new fire engine, a self-propelled traffic striper, and equipment for the street and park departments.

FINANCE OFFICER Jerome Scharfman said the council could encumber other money surplus in this year's budget by designating it for specific projects such as the traffic control signals.

Specifically designated were signals at Carson and Arlington, Arlington and Plaza Del Amo, Torrance and Cota, Arlington and 182nd St., Carson and Cabrillo, and Torrance and Border. Councilmen also asked that the engineering department consider the signals at Torrance Blvd. and Arlington in an effort to eliminate all of

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Special Sales To Inaugurate Night Shopping

Special bargains and other attractions will be the order of the evening with major downtown Torrance retail stores inaugurate a policy of staying open Monday evenings beginning next Monday, according to Abe Robinson, president of the Downtown Retail Merchants.

An advertisement is published today on page 28 of today's HERALD, drawing attention to the new policy for downtown merchants, and special bargain advertisements are scheduled for publication in the HERALD on Sunday.

For detailed information on the new shopping opportunities, turn now to page 28, and watch for the bargains in your Torrance HERALD on Sunday.

SIXTH GRADER TOPS CARRIERS

Frankie Tripp, complete with red hair and freckles, turned in the top performance for May to be named the Carrier of the Month by Herald Circulation Manager Darrel Westcott, it was reported yesterday.

Frankie, who resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tripp at 24315 Eshelman Ave., is a sixth grader at the Lomita Elementary School, and delivers the HERALD to his customers on Route No. 20 near his home.

"Frankie has learned quickly and thoroughly the value of selling his product," Westcott said when making the announcement.

"His coordination of sales and customer service on his HERALD Route has developed it into the highest percentage of paying customers attained by any carrier on this route," he added.

Frankie, who wants to be a reporter for a newspaper, plans to attend summer school, he said. He has three brothers, all younger, and four sisters—two of them younger than he.



FRANKIE TRIPP Tops Herald Carriers

Rotary Told About Plans For Chamber

The Chamber of Commerce, like any business or industry, should have the specific functions of planning, organizing, controlling the production and distribution of a product, Manager Don Reining told

members of the Torrance Rotary Club yesterday.

Outlining his philosophies on the functions and goals of a Chamber of Commerce, Reining said one of the first principals is to "have a direction

in which to travel." He spoke of a "Program of Work" which he is attempting to set up for the local Chamber under a committee chairman, and to stake out and

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