



Tour directors Father Reinhart (left) and Father Rossi in St. Peter's Square during their visit to Rome in 1975 for the canonization of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Tour Headed for Germany and Italy

The gaiety of La Fiera Italiana and the gemütlichkeit of the German Oktoberfest will be relived on a tour leaving Rochester on Oct. 11 for a visit to those countries. Father John Rosse and Father Joseph Reinhart will lead a sixteen day Courier-Journal Fall Tour of Europe which will include visits to Holland and the Austrian Tyrol as well.

Father Rosse, chaplain at St. Mary's Hospital, and Father Reinhart, diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, have conducted European tours before. Last September they accompanied Bishop Joseph L. Hogan on the Courier-Journal Pilgrimage Tour to Mother Elizabeth Seton's canonization in Rome.

The first two days of the trip will be spent in Amsterdam. Then the tour will begin a motor coach journey up the Rhine River to the historic city of Heidelberg. Stops along the way will include Cologne with its historic cathedral, and Bonn, the capital of the German Federal Republic. A visit will be made to the famous Castle Hotel Reinhartshausen at Erbach, am Rhein.

The directors have planned a cruise along the most scenic stretch of the Rhine, past the Lorelei where the river valley narrows and winds through the towering hills of the Rheingau region near Mainz. The

tour will also visit the medieval walled city of Rothenburg on the famous Romantic Road of Bavaria enroute to Munich, Oberammergau and Garmisch. Innsbruck in the heart of the Austrian Alps, the scene of the 1976 Winter Olympics, will give those on the tour an opportunity to enjoy the folklore and entertainment of the Austrian Tyrol, homeland of Father Rosse's grandfather.

The final six days will be spent in Italy with visits to Venice, Padua, Florence, Assisi and Rome. Father Reinhart points out that the visit to Rome and St. Peter's will coincide with the special observance of the 50th Anniversary of World Mission Sunday Oct. 24. The Pope is expected to participate in the special observance.

Every effort has been made to make this trip one of carefree comfort as well as an outstanding travel value. Milford H. Voorhees of Wylder Travel Service has also included ample time for shopping and relaxation.

Although the tour group has been limited to the capacity of one motor coach, there are still some places left. Information on reservations can be obtained by contacting the Wylder Travel Service, 105 East Ave., (716) 546-2330, Father Rosse or Father Reinhart, or the Courier-Journal at 67 Chestnut St., Rochester, 14604.

AS I SEE IT



Pat Costa

The pollsters tell us that the majority of Americans depend on the TV set as their chief source of news. After a week of vacation in which I found myself dependent on said TV for information about various world happenings including the mysterious Philadelphia Legionnaire disease, all I can say is "Poor Americans!"

Unable to get a morning newspaper I did see two evening newspapers each day. The two, however, were in both cases early editions which meant that the news was pretty stale by the time the papers reached our abode.

So I tried TV. I never did get to see the 6:30 network news but on several evenings we did catch metropolitan local efforts at 11 p.m. which featured filmed reports from the networks. No one expects comprehensive coverage when a station obviously has to work in

sports, weather, financial information. But 30 seconds devoted to a mystery killer in Philadelphia and 1 minute to devastating floods in Colorado? It was frustrating, to say the least, to see valuable time given to feature material in order to lighten the half hour presentation. It would seem reasonable at times such as those indicated that the stations would voluntarily reorder their priorities.

Whether they do or not, it appears that newspapers have little to fear from television in the matter of their usefulness being electronically usurped.

Networks and sponsors are now attempting to get the FCC to okay an extra minute per half hour for commercials at a time when consumers are already yelling uncle. I say let them go ahead and do it, particularly in the screening of movies. The greedier the networks and stations behave, the sooner cable TV will get a permanent foothold on viewers' loyalty and the so-called "free" TV will begin assessing where it went wrong — hopefully to the advantage of all set owners.

A lady I know who's been watching soap operas for many years reports she recently saw Eileen Fulton on a talk show (she plays Lisa Shea Coleman on "As the World Turns") and noted that the suds star has permanent wrinkles around her mouth from playing the petulant character for too long. Ah, the hazards of stardom!

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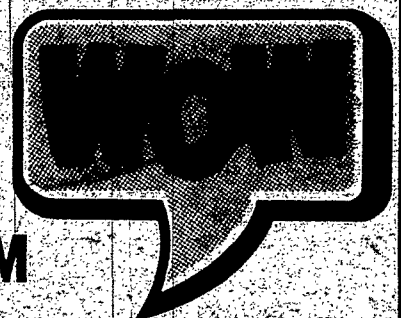
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