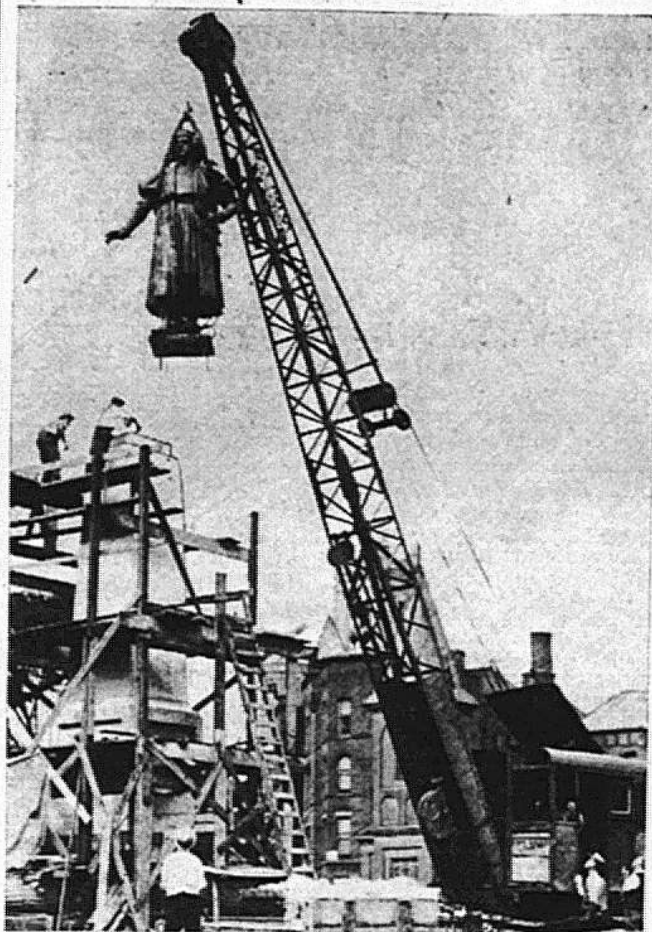


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Just before the statue of Christopher Columbus was placed in St. Mary's circle yesterday.

COLUMBUS UP ON PEDESTAL

Statue Veiled to Await Formal Celebration

Christopher Columbus, in bronze, landed at 3.15 o'clock yesterday afternoon on top of the granite shaft in St. Mary's circle, and there he is expected to stay for many a long year, at least for 58 years, when the 500th anniversary of the discovery of America may be celebrated around the monument on October 12, 1992.

Crowds watched the huge figure swung into air by a crane and then go up and up to the top of the pedestal, where it was dropped carefully into the place where it is to stay, Columbus in lasting bronze always facing the west, one hand reaching for what the future holds, the other holding the written history of the past.

It was the moment to which those of Syracuse who had planned the placing of the monument had looked to for years, the setting of the statue to the first Italian to set foot on American soil and in the center of Syracuse, named for a city in the country which gave Columbus to the old world, to discover a new one.

Workmen at once began covering the statue with cloth, and it will remain covered until a later date, when the work about the base of the monument is completed and when it will be unveiled. The work of finishing the base, including the pool about it, is being rushed.

It is expected a great Columbus day program will center at the monument on October 12.

NO ARRESTS MADE