

SCULPTOR



Prof. V. Renzo Baldi The Florentine sculptor of Columbus monument arrived unexpectedly in Syracuse yesterday to join in its dedication.

COLUMBUS DAY FEATURED BY STATUE RITES

2,500 to Parade Prior to Unveiling at St. Mary's Circle

The unveiling of a heroic bronze figure in St. Mary's circle will climax the observance of Columbus Day in Syracuse today.

The statue of Christopher Columbus on its lofty granite pedestal will be revealed at a ceremony in which representatives of the Italian government, the architect and the sculptor will join with the leaders of the official, patriotic, educational, religious, military and civic life of the city.

The memorial will be the goal of 2,500 who will parade immediately preceding the dedicatory ceremony under the Italian and American colors festooned over the line of march.

As the voice of trumpets announces the opening of the ceremony at 2:30 o'clock, St. Mary's circle will be filled with marchers. Hundreds of spectators will view the exercises from a grandstand in front of the courthouse, and a chorus of 500 school children will sing "America the Beautiful," "Glovinazza" and "La Leggenda del Piave" will be sung by a chorus of 500 Italian young women.

Anthems to Be Played

Then will come the long awaited moment of the unveiling of the monument sculptured in the native land of Columbus. Mrs. Rolland B. Marvin, wife of the mayor, will draw the cord uncovering the Genoese navigator as the national anthems of America and Italy are played by Company C band of the 108th Infantry.

The dedicatory address will be given by Most Rev. John A. Duffy.

The union of people of foreign lands in the new country discovered by Columbus will be symbolized by the singing of the Liederfranz chorus of 200.

Formal approval of the monument will be given jointly by Dwight James Baum, architect of the central figure of the ceremony, and Prof. V. Renzo Baldi of Florence, Italy, the sculptor, who unexpectedly arrived yesterday in Syracuse.

In behalf of the Columbus Monument association, local Italian-American organization thru which the memorial became a reality, Joseph J. Pietrafesa, chairman, will accept the memorial.

Will Present Memorial

Presentation of the memorial will be made to Mayor Marvin as the chief officer of the city by Pier Pasquale Spinelli of the Italian consulate as spokesman for the Italians of Syracuse.

The ceremonial will come to a musical close with the "Stars and Stripes Forever" by Manlius school cadet band, an Italian march by an Italian band and a farewell chorus by Onondaga Indians.

The celebration will begin at one o'clock with a parade starting from North Salina street at Kirkpatrick street with Col. Guido Verbeck of Manlius school as grand marshal. It will proceed south on North Salina street to East Onondaga street with picturesque floats in three divisions, city officials, officers of the Monument association and ceremonial leaders; military and patriotic groups; out of town and united Syracuse Italian societies.

From North Salina and East Onondaga streets the parade will swing east to St. Mary's circle. The dedicatory ceremony will be broadcast by WFBL on a national network of radio stations.

Banquet in Evening

The exercises of the day will be concluded when those who conceived the memorial and others who aided in bringing it to a realization will be the guests of Columbus Monument association at a banquet at 7:30 o'clock in Hotel Syracuse.

Following the invocation by Rev. Angelo Strizzoni of St. Peter's church and introductions by Frank Del Vecchio, toastmaster, addresses will be made by Mayor Marvin; Signor Spinelli of the Italian consulate; Corrado Armeri, Syracuse Italian consular agent; Mr. Pietrafesa; and Anthony P. Gira Russo, who will speak on Columbus.

Guests of honor will include the architect, the sculptor, and city officials and civic leaders who worked in behalf of the memorial project.

Veterans to Receive Flags This Morning

Asher Markson will present the Italian-American Veterans of the United States, Post No. 1, American and post flags at 11 o'clock this morning. The presentation exercises will be held at the Markson Brothers store at 229 North Salina street.

Anthony Senese, commander, will accept the flags in behalf of the post. Other speakers will be Col. Conrad H. Lanza of the 98th division; Fred H. Hlyatt, past county commander of the American Legion, and Charles M. O'Donnell, commander of Syracuse Post 41. The committee in charge of arrangements is Frank Martin and Fred Valentine.

Jewish Float to Show Roles Played in Voyage

Roles played by Jewish explorers in connection with Christopher Columbus' voyage across the sea, which led to the discovery of America, will be depicted on the Jewish Communal center float in the parade celebrating the dedication of the new Columbus monument today. Morris Mazell, of both Italian and Jewish descent, will portray Columbus, and Dorothy Lustig will play the part of Abraham Zacuto, famous mathematician who perfected the sextrolabe and navigation charts which enabled Columbus to sail unknown seas.

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