

Judges Start Work of Selecting Columbus Statue



Seated—Dr. Ralph V. Harlow, Dr. Irene Sargent, Mrs. Ethel B. Wise and Clarence E. Howard. Standing—Prof. Frederick W. Revels, Dean Harold L. Butler, Commissioner Frank M. Westcott, Prof. Charles B. Walker and John Barnell, chairman of monument association.

Final Choice on Monument To Columbus Is Due Today

Judges Unable to Choose from 14 Models Submitted
at First Examination

Because of the number and excellence of models submitted in the competition conducted by the Columbus Monument association, judges yesterday were unable to decide which of the 14 should be used for the statue of the discoverer to be erected at Round Top in Onondaga park.

After two hours of examination and discussion behind closed doors in the Onondaga roof garden, the committee of eight from Syracuse university who were invited to choose the winning model had not made a decision. Another meeting is planned at 4 o'clock this afternoon at which suggestions made yesterday will be considered.

Since the site in Onondaga park is one of the highest points in the city, it is believed that a different type of statue than would be used on level ground will be selected.

Fall to Follow Instructions

Another difficulty has arisen from the fact that many of the sculptors had not followed instructions of the association in building their models. It is not known whether those not conforming with the desired specifications will be ruled out, or considered on their merits from an artistic standpoint with the option of adjusting the specifications later.

About 125 Italian citizens of Syracuse attended a Columbus day dinner in the roof garden last night, at which the models were exhibited. Dancing followed the dinner.

The promise that a statue of Columbus will be unveiled October 12, 1931, was made by John G. Cicciarelli, president of the association, at the fourth annual Columbus day dinner-dance in the roof garden last night, at which about 125 Italian citizens of Syracuse viewed the display of models.

Securing the committee of authorities on art, and the vast amount of detail work which has been done thus far, proves the sincerity of the association's efforts to provide a statue which will be an honor to Syracuse Italians and the community at large,

according to John W. Barnell, chairman of the building committee.

Edward Corsi Speaker

Edward Corsi of New York city, former correspondent for The New York World and at present a welfare worker in the metropolis, spoke on "The Significance of Columbus Day."

"There is something of a similarity between the great adventure of Columbus on the high seas and the great adventure of millions of his countrymen who came here to work out for themselves and their children a decent economic opportunity in life," he said.

"During the past 40 years Italy has furnished the labor which has made possible the prosperity of this country. In that space of time the Italian immigrant has been distinctly successful. He has become reasonably independent; his children are attending America's colleges and universities; he has contributed to community life, and he is now ready to contribute to America in a spiritual manner.

"The fact that more than 30 sculptors of Italian ancestry and birth, living in this country, were of sufficiently high rank to be approached as entrants in this contest proves the strides which Italians have made in art here. The Italian people are part and parcel of the destiny of this country."

Dean Paul Shipman Andrews of the college of law, Syracuse university, spoke briefly. Nicholas Pirro acted as toastmaster, and vocal selections were given by Joseph Notarthomas.