

5,000 Watch Daughter of Mayor Unveil Columbus Statue After Colorful Parade

THROUGH TAKES PART IN RITES

Observance Culmination of Long Effort

As massed bands played "The Star Spangled Banner" and 5,000 persons stood in reverent attitude, little Irene Katherine Marvin, daughter of Mayor and Mrs. Roland B. Marvin, pulled the cord which released the flags and the monument to Christopher Columbus was unveiled in St. Mary's circle at 2:55 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

For years there had been an endeavor in Syracuse to raise a monument to the great discoverer of the New World, and two years ago yesterday, on Columbus day, 1922, ground was broken and St. Mary's circle was dedicated for the purpose in a greater celebration of Columbus day than had ever been seen here before, but, great as it was, it was eclipsed by yesterday's observance of the day and unveiling of the monument.

Hopes Many Realized

When Irene Marvin pulled the cord which released the flags that had covered the bronze figure of Columbus on top of the monument this act of the daughter of the mayor of Syracuse marked the culmination of long endeavor and the realization of the hopes of the thousands who had given to the cause of honoring the Italian whose vision and perseverance gave to the world another hemisphere on which to plant and nurture a greater civilization than was then known.

Three thousand men and women had marched in a parade preceding the ceremonies in St. Mary's circle, a parade as colorful as any seen in Syracuse in many years, which had started from the northern part of the city at 1:30 o'clock and which moved into St. Mary's circle at 2:10 o'clock.

Band after band passed the reviewing stand in front of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and the speakers' stand, draped with the colors of the United States and of Italy, which was on the south side of the monument.

Many from Other Cities

With each band was a company of uniformed or gaily clad marchers, floats or military units with equipment, flags of America and Italy, decorated cars and many delegations from other cities and villages, most of them societies made up of persons of Italian birth or ancestry.

Thousands of persons who could not get into St. Mary's circle for the unveiling ceremonies had lined North and South Salina streets and other thoroughfares thru which the parade passed, with Col. Guido Vorbeck at its head as grand marshal, these streets decorated with flags and banners strung across them and fluttering from buildings.

When Mayor Marvin and others who were to take part in the program drove into St. Mary's circle the cars stopped in front of the speakers' stand, and each of the distinguished personages was escorted to a seat upon it, though due to the low temperature and wind and to the press of the crowd, most of them stood thruout the ceremonies.

Others on Platform

Joseph J. Pietrafesa, president of the Columbus Monument association, which gave the monument to Syracuse, was chairman and introduced the speakers. Others on the platform were Bishop John A. Duffy, Rev. Angelo Stracuzzi, Mayor Marvin, Governor Pier Pasquale Spinelli of New York city, royal Italian consul, Corrado Armeri, Italian consular agent in Syracuse, James Dwight Baum of New York city and V. Renzo Baldi of Florence, Italy, designer of the monument.

After the various organizations which had marched were assembled, the flags were massed about the monument and the notes of trumpeters announced the beginning of the program, which was some time after 2:30 o'clock, the hour scheduled for it.

Massed bands played "America," and "America, the Beautiful" was sung by 500 school children, who had seats on a platform on the east side of the monument and "Giovinezza" and "In Leggendia del Pave" were sung by 20 girls whose ancestors came from Italy, this singing under the direction of Miss Mary A. Casale.

Figure is Revealed

Then, as the massed bands played "The Star Spangled Banner" and men bared their heads to the chill October breeze, Miss Marvin pulled the cord which released the American flag that had covered the statue, and the bronze figure was revealed on its pedestal of granite, with the flags fluttering just above and behind it. The bands played and the crowd cheered and applauded.

The 103rd Infantry band played the Italian national anthem, men again baring their heads in honor of the land of Columbus and the fatherland of thousands of those who stood in the crowd there.

Bishop Duffy was introduced. "It is with no ordinary sentiments of joy and gratitude that we are assembled here this afternoon," Bishop Duffy said. "A group of citizens of the city of Syracuse of Italian descent in co-operation with other citizens have chosen to erect a monument and to dedicate it on this the 42nd anniversary of the discovery of America to that great hero and discoverer, Christopher Columbus."

"Made Dreams Come True" — "The citizens of Syracuse have conferred an unending benefit upon themselves and upon their children by raising this monument to one whose achievements have not been



Andrew Lewis, Indian; V. Renzo Baldi, sculptor; William Farmer, Indian, and James Dwight Baum, architect.