

All Syracuse To Join Rites At Unveiling Of Columbus

Tomorrow's Dedication to
Climax 25 Years' Efforts
by Italian Citizens

2,000 Will Parade
Italian Consul to Present
Monument; Mayor Mar-
vin Heads Speakers

As the climax to a quarter-century of earnest effort by the Italian-American population of Syracuse, the long-awaited dedication of an heroic statue of Christopher Columbus will be fittingly celebrated on the day set apart tomorrow by the American people to his name.

The exercises, which have attracted so much public interest that they will embrace, in one aspect or another, the multifold elements of all the city's life, and other interests from the upstate area centering here, are set to begin promptly at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

St. Marys Circle, the repository of the Columbus memorial, which will be known in future as Columbus Circle, will be the focal point of the exercises. Here where the strikingly impressive figure of the discoverer of America, chiseled and cast in heroic mold will be unveiled, there will converge parades, bands, civic, fraternal and military organizations, and groups from high officialdom, to mark Columbus Day an occasion peculiarly the city's own.

The descendants in Syracuse of the early Italian emigrants to upstate New York, and who have formed an increasing segment in the city's life ever since, are to have in the holiday a gala occasion peculiarly theirs. Columbus Day here likewise, in honor of the occasion, is a school holiday.

While set at 2 o'clock, so great will be their character and extent that ceremonies will be broadcast by WFLB starting at 2:30 o'clock.

Preceding the exercises at the base of the great memorial, there will be a parade exemplifying not alone the progress of the Italian element in Central New York's population, but a cross-section of the whole city's communal life as well.

Benno V. Baldi, who was the sculptor of the statue at Florence, Italy, surprised the committee in charge when he arrived in Syracuse late this morning to participate in the unveiling ceremonies. Mr. Baldi crossed the Atlantic on the Italian liner Rex, which docked at New York City last night.

Reaching Syracuse, he registered at Hotel Syracuse and then went directly to the office of John W. Barnell, chairman of the monument building committee, with whom he conferred in Italian for more than an hour. Mr. Barnell said that he will entertain for the sculptor during the latter's anticipated four-day stay in this city.

For many weeks preparations for the occasion have been under way. To chance visitors as well as to the city itself the dawn of this greatest of the city's Columbus Days is heralded today. By the decorations in Salina Street, by display of the flag by countless families and business houses, and by the advent into the city of non-residents interested in the memorial dedication, this holiday is marked.

When Col. Guido P. Verbeck, president of Manlius School, riding at its head, marshals the parade to its march to the statue, the celebration really will have begun a full hour before the time set for the dedication. More than a dozen decorative floats and 2,000 Italian-Americans welded in various organizations, will march in it. Some of the floats, it has been planned, will depict scenes from the great discoverer's career. Nine bands and other musical groups will be heard. There will be military formations; and that first scene on the island of San Salvador, 443 years ago, when American Indians waving palm branches in greeting to the strange white men met the discoverer, will be recalled by the participation tomorrow of a group of Onondagas from the nearby reservation.

Two hundred young women and girls will form a chorus to sing in Italian at the statue's base. A band composed of Italian-American musicians will play, as well as the Manlius School Band, the band of Company C, 108th Infantry, and other musical organizations.

The parade will progress downtown from Kirtpatrick Street into North Salina Street, over a two-mile route to South Salina and East Onondaga Streets, thence into the circle.

The formal program at the monument will begin at the conclusion of the parade. Mrs. Roland B. Marzari will unveil the monument while "The Star Spangled Banner" and the Italian national anthem are played by the 108th Infantry Band.

The monument will be presented formally to the city by Pier Pasquale Spinelli, Italian consul, in a formal address, directed to Mayor Marzari, who will reply.

Addresses of the occasion will be made by Joseph J. Pietrafesa, president of the Syracuse Columbus Monument Association, and the Most Rev. John A. Duffy, bishop of Syracuse. Dwight James Baum, consulting architect in the designing and placement of the monument will express formal approval of the work.

Colonel Verbeck, grand marshal, and Col. Harry M. Farmer will head the military division of the parade, in which John Falcone will lead the Italian-American division.

The military division will include Company D band, the 104th Field Artillery of Madison Barracks, Manlius School cadets and representation from Mooney Post 548 and San Juan Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Daughters of the American Revolution.

Knight of St. John of Assumption Church and Holy Trinity Church parades will march.

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