

Statue Group Seeks Italian Aid for Fete

Hope to Have Columbus Monument Ready by Oct. 12 Day

The Columbus Monument Association of Syracuse is seeking to arrange with the Italian government for free transportation of the Columbus monument from Italy to the United States.

The monument, which it was planned to unveil Oct. 12 in St. Marys Circle, is unlikely to be completed in time, it is said.

Assembly of the base and stone work and mounting of the heroic bronze statue of Columbus will require about two months, according to the committee.

The idea of a program at the monument site Columbus Day this year has not been abandoned, however, as it is believed the base will be in place by that time.

The committee here has been working through Italian consular agencies to arrange for the transportation. The stone for the monument and the bronze for the figure to surmount the pedestal have been prepared in Italy.

Ground for the monument was broken Oct. 12, last year, and it was hoped at that time to have a celebration Columbus Day this year on the occasion of the unveiling of the statue.

Funds for the project were raised in Syracuse by committee workers. Italian governmental interest in the completion of the undertaking would assure shipment of the stone and bronze on a fast boat, it is said.

Definite information concerning the arrangements was not obtainable today but it was said it is expected the monument materials will be shipped soon.