

Fibreglass Houses Said Fast To Build

EDMONTON (CP)—Imagine deciding to build a house on a suitable site—and then begin moving the furniture in six hours later, the house erected.

All it takes, says an Edmonton equipment manufacturer, is eight men, the ready-made fibreglass units, and a chance in the building code.

Vienna-born F. G. W. Wagner says fibreglass is the superior building material. He knows. He is busy at present making fibreglass reinforced plastic buildings to house oilfield equipment. Five have already been installed.

Mr. Wagner started working with fibreglass as an insulating casing for metal shelters at oil wellheads. It proved superior to wood and steel casing materials.

He says the building code restrictions and a reluctance by architects to use fibreglass widely are delaying the era of the fibreglass house. He visualizes the typical home as being a bungalow 24 by 36-feet of interlocking rigid fibreglass panels.

The roof and frame would be of fibreglass, the windows clear plastic, and the foundations of rigid polyurethane foam.

Because fibreglass has excellent insulating properties the house would be cool in summer and warm in winter.

Mr. Wagner said that such a house could be erected by eight men in six hours.

British Take New Look At Army Costs

By HAROLD MORRISON
LONDON (CP)—Caught in an economic squeeze, Britain's Labour government is reported taking a close look at ways of curbing the costly 51,000-man British army on the Rhine.

A rash of Sunday newspaper reports along this line brought a quick explanation from government quarters. These sources said no immediate withdrawals are being planned and in any case the government would never take such a step without the closest consultation with Atlantic allies.

The government still would like to boost the Rhine army to the proposed full strength of 55,000, though this could not possibly be done at this stage without trimming government spending in other fields, the sources said.

The varied and conflicting weekend stories in London newspapers seemed to suggest the socialists are still uncertain how to chop overseas spending without alarming Britain's allies.

James Callaghan, chancellor of the exchequer, told Parliament last week the government must trim its spending overseas to make ends meet. Britain faces a huge imbalance in its foreign trade with the heavily-battered pound coasting under a huge credit underwriting from 11 countries including Canada.

Among the speculative reports is one Prime Minister Wilson hopes; talks with U. S. and the Soviet Union about the possibility of thinning out the forces on both sides in Central Europe as a major disarmament move. However with East-West tensions increasing because of the Congo flare-up and massacres, prospects of a major new disarmament operation are not bright.

French Star Happy To Stay

By BOB THOMAS
HOLLYWOOD (AP)—MGM hasn't seen anything like it in all its 40 years.

French star Alain Delon was enjoying his lunch in the studio cafeteria and pouring himself and his guests drinks from a bottle of champagne. Oidtimers at MGM, most conservative of the studios, blinked in disbelief. Studio workers are not even allowed to buy beer in the dining room.

"I am sorry," Delon said airily, "but I cannot drink Coca Cola with my meals."

The independent Frenchman is the latest of international film stars to come to Hollywood, and he is one of the most willing of immigrants. Many of them travel here to collect large salaries and the prestige of appearing in U.S. films, then hasten back to their tax shelters at home.

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"How long will I stay?" said Delon. "As long as they want me here. Wherever I work, I am happy to stay. I have no great longing for my home town; perhaps I am too young for that."

"Living in southern California is very pleasant—if you are a movie star and can afford a house in Beverly Hills. But not everyone is a movie star."

Delon now is finishing his first Hollywood film. Once a Thief, in which he co-stars with Ann-Margaret. He has found the filming technique no different from that in Europe.

The laid-back, handsome actor has fluttered many a heart, notably those of co-stars Romy Schneider and Jane Fonda. There was consternation among female members of the Jet set when he married Natalie Barthelmy earlier this year. He now appears to be a devoted husband and father. A son was born six weeks ago.



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