

## Mysterious Casbah Giving Way To New, Modern Apartment Dwelling Buildings

In a few years, an invitation to the Casbah may evoke no more mystery than an offer of a Sunday stroll in a park.

The labyrinthine native quarter of Algiers is being demolished and replaced with modern apartment buildings, the National Geographic Society says. However, buildings with special historical or architectural interest will be preserved.

The district, immortalized in films by the fictional Pepe le Moko, teems with some 80,000 residents. Many of them will move to a new housing project in the Climat de France, a valley west of the Casbah. About 25,000 persons will remain in the renovated quarter.

The razing will be carried out gradually over a period of several years. In the meantime, romantic visitors will be able to absorb atmosphere — mostly unromantic — in the tangle of dark, winding steps and alleys that twist downhill from the old fortress which gave the Casbah its name.

Once the principal nest of Barbary pirates, the fortress has been converted into a museum. There, on April 30, 1827, the ruling Dey, Hussein supposedly struck the French consul with his fly whisk, setting off the French conquest of Algeria, and writing the end to Turkish rule.

The Casbah spreads in a wedge from the fort at its tip. The narrow passageways were built for walkers, not vehicles. In some places, three men cannot walk abreast. There are many blind alleys.

The cube-shaped, flat-roofed houses lean toward each other, leaving a thin strip of blue sky visible above the alleys. Some of the overhangs touch, converting lanes into dark tunnels. The doors are of heavy, carved wood, studded with nails. There are a few small, grated windows. Passers-by cannot see in.

The district bustles with life. Men drink mint tea in Moorish cafes; aged wood merchants splinter their wares with curved cleavers; open-air meat and fruit stands clutter the streets; veiled women in long white robes pick their way deftly through the jumble.

Here and there are surprising oases of calm. Three ancient fig trees bask quietly over tombs in the Cemetery of the Princesses. At

the end of an alley rises an 18th-century Moorish palace, housing the National Library and a collection of richly bound, illuminated Turkish and Arabian manuscripts.

In the past, French police seldom penetrated the Casbah unless a major crime occurred. Two years ago, French authorities cordoned off the district and searched for terrorists believed hiding there. Although many suspects were arrested, it is likely many more were missed. The Casbah has devious hiding places, below as well as above ground.

A casual visitor, however, should have little difficulty in finding his way through the maze. All one has to do is keep descending and eventually emerge into the European section of the city.

## Church Women Study Ancient Churches

Application of the conditions of the seven ancient churches of Asia Minor, addressed in the Book of Revelation, to Christian churches today were made by Women of the Church of Murphy Presbyterian church in the May meeting Monday night.

Each of those attending studied a particular church and took part in a survey of Revelation under the direction of Mrs. Harvey Wilson Jr. The study of the book is to continue at subsequent monthly meetings.

Presbyterian women are sending Mrs. Harvey Kincaid as their delegate to the Interdenominational Christian Conference of Appalachia Synod at Knoxville beginning June 8. Mrs. Kincaid is a elder in church activities at Texana Baptist.

Mrs. R. M. White has been named to attend the Women's Training School of the General Assembly of the Church at Montreat, July 15-22. It was reported at the meeting, Mrs. Evelyn Sneed, president, presided.

## TVA Pays \$14.8 Million In Local Taxes

Taxes or payments in lieu of taxes of about \$14.8 million will be paid to states, counties, and municipalities by TVA and distributors of TVA power during the fiscal year which ends on June 30.

This is an increase of a million dollars over such payments in the previous fiscal year.

Payments this year by TVA to 7 states and 137 counties will be \$5,900,391 and payments to states and local governments by the municipal and cooperative distributors (excluding the City of Memphis, whose long-term contract with TVA expired a year ago) are estimated at \$8.9 million.

Chairman Herbert D. Vogel and Director A. R. Jones of the TVA Board issued the following statement in connection with the announcement of the 1959 payment:

"We are gratified that the state and local governments are sharing in the fruits of TVA's dynamic power system through increased tax receipts as a result of the rising residential, commercial, and industrial power use.

"The combined distributor-TVA payment of \$14.8 million is double the payment of only seven years ago, and a million dollars above evidences that the electricity users of the region are bearing their share of taxes to these governments."

The TVA payments are \$4,581,504 more than the minimum payments required by the property tax replacement provision of the TVA Act. They are \$628,484 more than they were for the 1958 fiscal year and \$1,155,990 more than for the 1957 fiscal year.

State governments will receive \$4,795,052 of the 1959 TVA payments of \$5,900,391; county governments will receive \$1,105,339. The county payments represent the amount equal to the average annual ad valorem county and district property taxes paid for the two tax years immediately preceding acquisition on power property purchased and operated by TVA as of the end of fiscal year 1958 and on that portion of land acquired for reservoir purposes and allocated or estimated to be allocable to power.

Payments to 100 counties are the same as they were last year. Five counties have small increases. Payments to 32 counties are smaller as they were last year. Five counties have small increases. Payments to 32 counties are smaller this year but the decrease amounts to as much as \$100 in only 4 counties. The payment to Shelby County, Tennessee, is reduced by \$6,101 as a result of sale of power property to the City of Memphis.

Sales of surplus reservoir land by TVA account for the other county payment reductions; however, land sold to private owners is subject to assessment for property tax purposes.

Rising TVA revenues from non-Federal customers account for the over-all larger payment this year. These state governments will receive increased payments from TVA this year over last year: Alabama, up \$113,718; Kentucky, up \$25,753; Mississippi, up \$19,709; North Carolina, up \$7,444; Tennessee, up \$466,036; and Virginia, up \$2,549. Georgia's payment remains substantially the same as last year.

Payments to state governments, with the exception of Georgia, represent 5 per cent of TVA's gross power revenues apportioned to each state, less the replacement of former ad valorem taxes which are paid directly to the counties. Because Georgia's share of the percentage payments is less than the property tax minimum provided for in the TVA Act, the payment to Georgia is equivalent to former



The "magic" of macaroons lies in the fact that they call for only two basic ingredients: flaked coconut and sweetened condensed milk. And — they're EASY to make . . . wonderful to eat . . . and are the perfect accompaniment for ice cream, puddings or a mug of milk.

Try these delicious variations, starting with the basic recipe, which, by the way, is excellent "as is". With chocolate: omit almond extract and combine 1/3 cup cocoa with condensed milk before mixing. With wonderful almonds: add 2 squares of unsweetened chocolate, melted, and 1 cup chopped almonds. Increase almond extract to 1 teaspoon. With peppermint: add 2/3 cup crushed hard peppermint candies.

### Coconut Nuggets

- 2-2/3 cups flaked coconut
- 1 cup sweetened condensed milk
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract

Combine all ingredients and mix well. Drop from teaspoon 1 inch apart on greased baking sheet. Bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 10 to 12 minutes, or until golden brown. Remove from sheet at once. Makes about 3 dozen macaroons.

state and municipal property taxes levied on the property acquired by TVA and allocated to power purposes.

The state government of Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Tennessee redistribute a part of TVA's payment among local units of government. As for a number of years past, TVA continues to rank as the largest single taxpayer to the State Government of Tennessee, according to the State Department of Revenue.

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## GARDEN TIME

By M. E. GARDNER

When the hot summer weather reaches your neighborhood, spring greens will lose quality. There is one leafy vegetable that you can have through the summer. If you like spinach, plant seed of the New Zealand variety. In the mountains leafy vegetables should still be available. Keep them side dressed with nitrogen to promote rapid growth and quality.

Potted amaryllis plants that have finished blooming should be placed outside in partial shade and kept growing during the summer. Occasional light applications of complete fertilizer will assist in storing food reserves in the bulb. Sinking the pot in the ground will help prevent water loss, but water if needed to keep the plant growing. Do not dry out until time for frost.

This is to remind you about jonquils and similar bulbs. It is not necessary to move or divide them every year, but it is highly desirable to do this every third year. They may be lifted, divided and replanted at once, or they may be carefully dried out and stored in a cool place until fall. Do not lift them until the leaves have begun to turn yellow.

Now is a good time to plant dahlias in the Raleigh area. Some prefer to plant earlier but the profusion and quality of bloom seem to be better when planted in May.

You still have from two to three weeks to do this in the mountains, depending upon elevation. Be sure to have one good bud on each root. There are many good varieties so take your choice. Use the larger flowered types for show in your garden and the smaller types for cutting and house arrangements.

Keep your vegetable and ornamental plants free from weeds. A good mulch will help control moisture, soil temperature and weeds. Spray or dust as needed to control insect and disease pests.

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## Tiny Maine Sardine Hailed As Health Food As Well As Boost To Industry

The Maine sardine has come into its own. The fish is a healthful food, and industry uses it to produce many things ranging from artificial pearls to flour.

The Maine sardine actually is a three- to five-inch Atlantic herring. "Sardine" as a name applied to several species of small fish that have soft bones, a rich flavor, and can be preserved in oil.

The fisheries were cheered recently when Harvard University scientists reported that fatty acids in canned sardines apparently decrease the amount of cholesterol in the blood, considered a factor in heart failure. Meanwhile, scientists at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology have determined that the sardine is a biologically complete protein food, with all the essential amino acids. It is easily digested. Thus sardines may help build strong muscles.

Industrially, sardines are prized for their scales. A coating washed from the silvery scales, called pearl essence, turns glass beads into artificial gems. To untrained eyes, a \$10 "sardine" necklace rivals the luxurious luster of a \$10,000 choker that came from oysters.

Iridescent fingernail polish is now made from guanine, a waste product found in the sardine's air bladder. Sardines are also used to make protein flour, cat food, and rust inhibitors.

The Atlantic herring is strictly a sea fish. Unlike the shad, alewife, and some other members of the herring family, it does not enter fresh water. But it ranges the American coast from Cape Hatteras northward to Labrador and Greenland, and the European coast from the Strait of Gibraltar to Norway. In America incredibly large schools swim north of Cape Cod. Maine is the center of the sardine industry.

Sardine factories stand mostly on points jutting out into the sea. Men catch the fish, and their womenfolk work in the canneries. Lubec, a center of the Maine sardine industry, is the most easterly town and

post office in the United States. Visitors report there is no more picturesque sight in New England than a Lubec sardine factory at low tide, standing on stilts and caught in clouds of swirling gulls.

The comings and goings of sardines are of vital importance to Maine since more than 10,000 down-Easters depend on the creatures. Most years, the fish appear in huge schools up and down the coast. At times they play hooky, and the industry comes to a standstill.

From seaplanes and boats, fishermen spot the schools by the iridescent flash they create on the water in moonlight. Some modern craft also hunt by sonar. Fish are encircled in a seine and held entrapped until a carrier boat arrives from the cannery. The carrier pumps the sardine into its hold with a hose-like device.

Newly hatched herring measure only a quarter-inch. They grow rapidly and may reach sardine-size at the end of a year. Eventually, if neither caught nor eaten, adults reach a length of 18 inches. Numerous animals, including the cod, haddock, halibut, squid and whale, prey upon herring. They are consumed fresh, salted or smoked by humans.

## FARM QUESTIONS

QUESTION: Should sweet potato growers use a weed killer on their crop?

ANSWER: No. Not until further research is conducted. Some off-flavors have been detected in sweet potatoes treated with weed killers.

QUESTION: What happens to cotton allotments when they are released for reappportionment and are then not planted by other farmers?

ANSWER: The allotments are lost to the county and to the state.

QUESTION: What is the 1959 support rate on North Carolina grain sorghums?

ANSWER: \$1.64 per cwt. This is 31 cents less than the 1958 rate.



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