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## International News

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suggests this is due to language difficulties. However, the longer that Rapanui students live on the continent and attend mainland schools, the better their scores.

President of the Commission Social y Cultural, Romeo di Lertora, pointed out that continental institutions should take into account the special idiosyncrasies of the island and not try to change a living culture. CORE will study the formation of a special commission made up of politicians, ministers, and CORE members in order to systemize island necessities.

★ The World Monuments Fund will have a training program for the island's park guards, scheduled for December 1994. The program will focus on conservation and protection of the island's sites. WMF has provided a grant for the preparation of the course material.

★ While unloading supplies for the island, the lighter *Rano Kau* capsized in heavy seas some 800 meters offshore of Hanga Piko bay, spilling seven containers into the ocean. The *Rano Kau* was off-loading supplies from the Danish supply ship, *Elisabeth Boye*, which already had been anchored for some days off Hangaroa: the crew refused to unload because they had not been paid by the Intendencia of Valparaiso. They should have waited longer. The containers are now lying 40 meters (130 feet) down. Wind and high seas have hampered efforts to recover them. One container broke open when it struck bottom; it held desperately needed medical supplies for the island hospital. Consequently, various items have been washing ashore, from bandages to syringes, and the island Maritime Authority has issued a bulletin asking everyone to keep an eye out in order to recuperate these supplies. The other six containers held pisco, whisky and beer. Without doubt, salvage operations will be underway when calm weather returns.

Shortly after the lighter capsized, the supply ship's portside anchor chain broke and the crew had to lower the starboard anchor. But it dragged on the bottom and had to be cut as waves were forcing the ship against the rocks. The captain was able to get free by gunning his engine. The last we heard, the *Elisabeth Boye* was sailing around and around the island followed by the *Tokerau*, the rescue ship, and waiting for high seas to abate so the anchors can be recovered. If there has been no serious damage to the ship, they will set out for Valparaiso once the storm is over. Sounds like a Voyage from Hell.

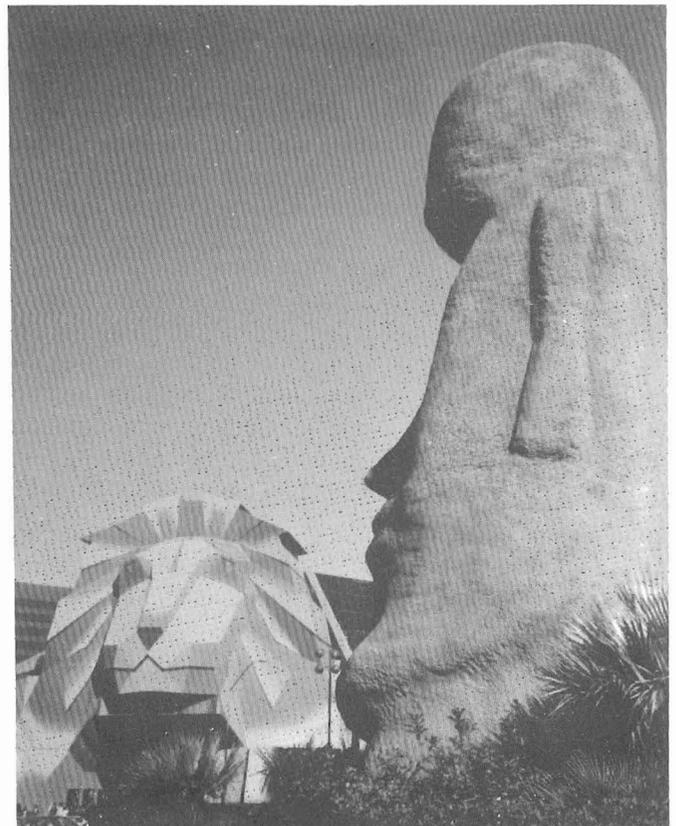
This latest misadventure dramatically highlights the problem of getting cargo to the island. Islanders trying to ship goods to the island, from foodstuffs to building materials, must guard it while it is still in Valparaiso to make certain that it actually gets on board the supply ship. From supply ship to the island poses more hazards, as the above story reveals. The worst: cargo coming to the island cannot be insured. Thus, what is lost, is lost. For example, a shipment of windows for a house arrives as a crate full of small splinters of glass—and this has actually happened—so all must be reordered and paid for, again.

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★ Dr. Marie Wormington, a renowned archaeologist, died recently in a fire in her home in Denver. Although her speciality was Early Man in the New World, she had an influence on the archaeology of Rapa Nui: it was she who recommended Bill Mulloy to Thor Heyerdahl as a member of the 1955-56 Norwegian Expedition. Following Bill's return from that expedition, Bill gave Marie and her husband "first choice" among a number of wood carvings from the island. When Bill became ill in 1977, their home became a base for the Mulloy's while he was having outpatient treatment at a Denver hospital. No one could have been more supportive after Bill's death, and Marie wrote a moving obituary in *American Antiquity* as well as contributing to the memorial issue of *Rapa Nui Notes*. In 1988 she finally had the opportunity to visit Rapa Nui.

Marie Wormington received her Ph.D. from Harvard University at a time when archaeology was a "man's field". When attending classes at Harvard she had to sit outside the lecture hall in at least one of her classes as the professor refused to allow females inside. A pioneering scholar in Paleo-Indian and early man archaeology, she was the first woman to head the Society for American Archaeology.

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Las Vegas' fake moai has been joined by the MGM-Grand lion and a pyramid. What might archaeologists in the future make of this combination? Photo credit: Helen Nielsen.