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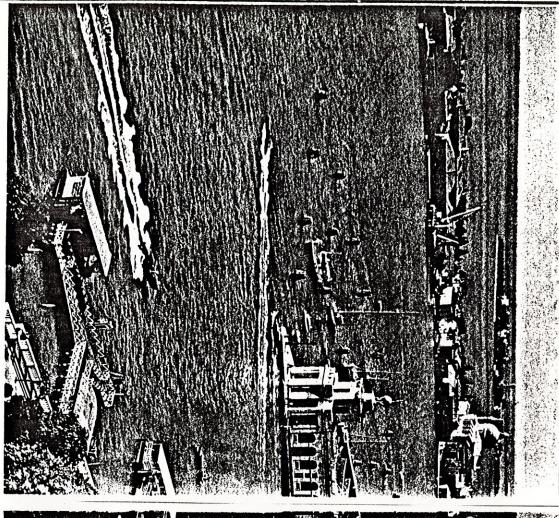
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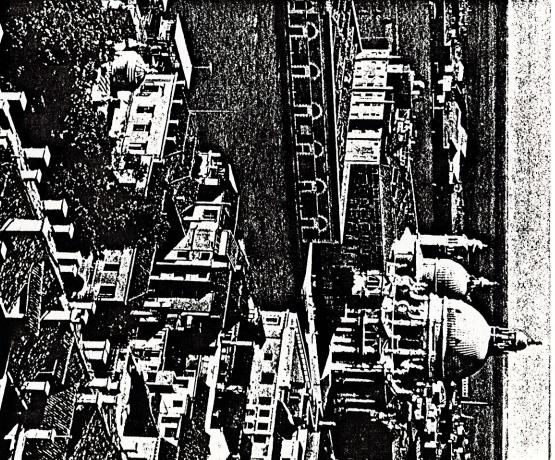
The Austrians finally carried out his plan in 1837, and Venice lost a treasure."

Caniato believes the Italian Government should declare Venice a national monument, so that exterior changes in any building, even for the addition of a bathroom, would have to be approved by the Department of Antiquities and Fine Arts.

Arturo Deana, who arrived in Venice in

1916 as a waiter and now owns the well-known Colomba restaurant, speaks for a more moderate viewpoint.

"The city missed a great opportunity a few years ago when it refused to permit Frank Lloyd Wright to design a new building in the Venetian spirit on the Grand Canal," Signor Deana told me. "But I don't want to see the character of the city changed. I'm opposed to



Marble Church of Santa Maria della Salute divides the Grand and Giudecca Canals

these plans for floodlighting the Piazza San Marco and for erecting modern office buildings. In Milan, it is okay. In Venice, no!"

To which Dr. Romeo Parisotto, vice-director of the central tourist office, added: "Visitors spend some \$33,000,000 here each year. If we become just another modern city, there will be no tourists."

The controversy over a minimum of mod-

to be a long one. When I went to say goodbye to Conte Valmarana, I asked him how he
stood on the question of the city's future.

"If modernization means automobiles and tall office buildings—no," Valmarana replied firmly. "But to be a museum is to die. We must always be a unique, living city in the modern world."