

VENICE GOES DRY TO CLEAN CANALS

The millions of tourists who know Venice in its unique glory never imagined what it would be like without water. Today the Ducal Canal is dry. The bridge of Sighs crosses a revolting ~~manure~~ ditch, from which the water has been drained. The foundations of the Ducal Palace need repair, so advantage of the draining was taken to do a little cleaning up.

The odour of Venice, at the best of times, takes ^{it} natives to appreciate, ^{to} Just now even they think it's a bit much. The ^{wash} ~~introduction~~ of motorboats has damaged many buildings; ~~of Venice;~~ thorough restoration may have to be undertaken - not in the tourist season.