

Peruvian Coed Relates American Impressions

By SALLY ROBERTS

"Those wooden shoes of Oregon fascinated me," revealed Tri-Delt Lila Nevin, formerly of Peru, when questioned about differences between this country and Peru. Lila lived in Lima for nine years, coming to the United every two or three years.

"We would come by boat and sail at the coast of South America, through the Panama canal, and up into New York harbor," she explained. "I'll never forget the first time I saw New York with its Statue of Liberty plainly visible from the deck."

Sensationalism

Lila described her interest in the screaming headlines of the newspapers sold on each corner, commensurate with the Peruvian method of placing all the advertisements on the front page, with the following page containing news. There are few comic strips.

"As I traveled across the beautiful countryside of the northern states, I was awed by the vast rich lands of green vegetation and woodlands," she said. "Peru lacks much of this natural beauty of scenery, since its land must be artificially irrigated continually. However, that nation has a picturesque beauty all its own."

Conservatism

"Peruvian youth are quite conservative in comparison to North American youth. They keep much to their dignity in public, because of the still-present customs characteristic of the Latin people," she declared. "Many of the families still provide chaperons on dates, and all the schools are separated, boys from girls."

"Young people there aren't as 'orchestra-crazy' as North Americans," said Lila, adding that she herself would take any Glenn Miller recording offered her. "Many Peruvians jitterbug."

Lila is a brunette with eyes of blue, green, or gray, depending on what she wears. Her major is liberal arts, but she's been interested in diplomatic affairs since working in the embassy in Lima.

Fiesta Fun

Lila described the Carnivals occurring in February. "There are three weeks of celebration. Nightly parties remind an American of New Year's eve, because the people throw confetti and blow horns. A tube, containing ether and perfume, called a chisquette, is blown into the air, making it heavy with a sweet odor."

In former years pranksters used to get out on the Spanish balconies overlooking the street to sprinkle actual buckets of flour and water down amidst those few who dared to come out on the streets," she recalled.

"Men are all alike." "Yeah, men are all I like too."

Sailors Recognize Need

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and learn to appreciate being able to get an education. If we had had the right kind of technical books on navigation, trigonometry, astronomy and so on, we could have advanced our ratings and been a bunch of much happier fellows.

"Even seamen who weren't college men wanted better books than the stuff we had on board. We could only turn our radios on at certain prescribed times and after we'd done the necessary things like our washing the only alternative was reading. The right kind of books can keep your mind on the track; if you don't have them you can get awfully stale. Most of the seamen were kids my age just trying to decide what we wanted to do and we needed good material to help us," Davis said.

Sub Scare

After the lay-over in the Marshalls, the convoy plowed to Guam where the cargo of military supplies was unloaded on invasion barges and brought to the marines on the island. The supplies were landed six days after the marines claimed Guam. "The place was all shot up; Agana, the town where we anchored, was blown to bits," Davis remembered. "Our convoy had its first sub scare as we were nearing the Marshalls but our destroyer escorts chased off the Jap U-boats."

From Guam the white wake of the Liberty led to Saipan, Tinian island, back to Eniwetok and then down to Kwajalein, loaded with air corps equipment. With ten planes bolted to the deck, Davis' ship took a deep swing south to avoid Jap infested waters, to Guam, Pearl Harbor, and reached San Francisco on Thanksgiving day, 1944.

"I might ship out again this summer if shipping is good," the tall, blond, crop-headed seaman stated speculatively. And if he does it would be gratifying to find on the ship he is assigned to, a complete and adequate library of the much-needed books. Contributions from University of Oregon students will make this possible.

Colleges in the state of Washington are participating in the "unit" purchasing of B-29 Superfortresses. A unit is figured at the rate of \$6,000, equivalent to 1 per cent of the total cost.

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CAMPUS CALENDAR

All dormitory house presidents must send two representatives to the Interdorm Bulletin meeting at 5 p.m. today at Susan Campbell recreation room. Men's houses are especially urged to cooperate.

Pre-nursing student application pictures will be taken at 10 a.m. Thursday in room 2, Johnson hall. This is the only time set for these pictures.

Hendricks hall will hold open house tonight after the game.

Wesley house will be open for dancing after the game tonight.

The art museum library will not be open Saturday and Sunday afternoon this week since work is being done on the floor.

He: If you keep looking at me like that much longer, I'm going to kiss you. She: Well hurry up—I can't hold this expression much longer.

Onthank Urges Help For Veterans

Karl W. Onthank, dean of personnel, spoke on "Postwar Guidance" at the meeting of the Northwest Guidance association in Portland Wednesday, February 14, at the Multnomah hotel.

He emphasized the guidance of servicemen returning to high school and college after the war and referred to his experience with veterans on the University campus. Dean Onthank stated that they have an excellent record and do good work after becoming readjusted to civilian life.

Guidance officers from high schools and colleges in Oregon, California, Washington, and Montana, were at the meeting.

Mrs. Wiltse to Leave

Mrs. Margaret Dee Wiltse, secretary of the department of psychology and anthropology, has resigned to accept a position as teacher in the Monroe (Oregon) high school. Mrs. Wiltse who has been the department secretary since September, is a graduate of the University and a member of Phi Beta Kappa, national scholastic honorary.

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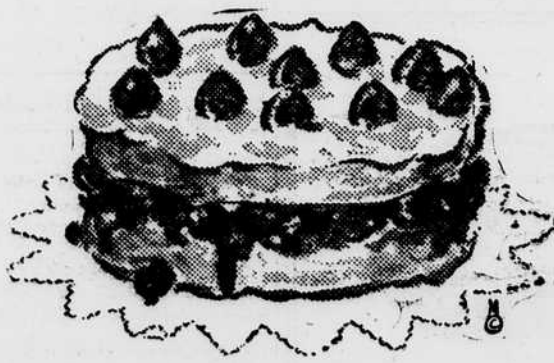
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