

...Thumb 'round the world

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erners, I was mistaken for a southern Irish rebel — in the north." "The car I was in was surrounded and tommy guns trained on me."

"I'd never had a gun pointed at me in earnest before. It's something you see in the movies without getting excited, but when it actually happens to you, it sure gives you a funny feeling in your stomach," he recalled.

"In France I was riding with an extremely wild driver, who was stopped by police at what amounted to almost a barricade," he said. "They let him go though," he added. France was tense during his visit as it wavered to and fro on the De Gaulle issue.

In Turkey, revolt over Cyprus was about to break out at Istanbul when Jeff was there. "Because we were supporting Turkey, they told me 'America no good' in Greece, — 'the only place they ever did so,'" he added. "But the Greek people were still friendly, he declared.

"I just missed the revolt in Iraq too," he said. "I had just decided at the last moment that I wouldn't go, and after that the revolt broke out."

"I was really lucky all the way," he repeated.

While in Europe, Jeff joined tourists from all over the world at the Brussels Fair.

On the controversial subject of the American pavillon, he had this to say: "The American pavilion far exceeded the Russian. It did concentrate heavily on the cultural side of American life—it could have had more science for instance. But on the other hand the Russian pavilion was completely dominated by science."

He also commented on the unfriendliness of the Russian guides.

Russ guides silent

"I met a lady who spoke seven or eight languages fluently," he said, "and she tried to talk to them; but they were unwilling."

Discussing his own linguistic abilities (his only knowledge of a foreign language was a slight acquaintance with French), he remarked that there was always someone who spoke English no matter where he went. "And everyone was always eager to talk to an American," he added.

"The people were so hospitable and interested everywhere. Kids, dogs, and old folks would follow at my heels as I went through a town, and someone would usually beckon me over for something to eat or drink." It was nothing for fifty or sixty people to gather to see him, he recalled.

Jeff enjoyed the Orient more than Europe though. "In Europe they're so much like us," he explained. The East is more interesting."

He spent three weeks in India, the country he "would most like to return to."

"I crossed only the northern half of India though—was never in the south at all" he said.

He arrived in New Delhi just in time for the monsoon. "There were eight and a half inches of rain in ten hours," he grinned.

To the Taj Mahal

"From there I went to Agra to see the Taj Mahal; then to Benares, the city of the holy river Ganges, which I went down in a boat to Calcutta.

"America, even by those who like her, is called imperialistic everywhere," he said. "In India, though, I really ran into some Communist fanatics at first. I thought India was really communist until I'd been there a little while, and then I changed my mind."

He said that India seemed to be playing between the forces of East and West, giving as example the Soviet help they have used to build factories and the American loan accepted this year.

The peoples of the world appreciate American aid, he felt, but repeated a wry comment, which he heard often.

'All the money America gives us is nice — but who ever appreciated a creditor'

In India the people "were not fooled by Russia's attempt to pose as peacemaker during the Middle East 'crisis," Jeff said. They said that Russia had always been an aggressor before; why would she suddenly change now.

India was cited by the hiker as fascinating because of its differences, but one interesting similarity cropped up. Asked where he stayed, he replied, "at the YMCA." "Except in Calcutta," he added.

"Where'd you stay in Calcutta?"

"The Salvation Army."

By air to Saigon

Up to this time the Sig Ep's principal method of transportation was hitchhiking. But from Calcutta he flew to Saigon, Indo-China because of guerilla activities in those areas he flew over.

Before signing on a Norwegian freighter in Saigon, Jeff also visited Cambodia, Laos, and Viet Nam.

"I went into Viet Nam without a passport because it's one of the few countries that takes a long time to get one, but again I was lucky," he said.

"They gave me permission to stay for ten days — then extended the time later." "I stayed with the Canadian Army for a week, which meant free room, chow, etc.," he said.

On the freighter Jeff visited the Philippines, Hong Kong and Japan before returning home.

Japan 'polite'

Japan, his last port of call, Jeff characterized as "a land of bowing and smiling."

While there, he journeyed to Mt. Fujiyama. Climbing the mountain he was caught by darkness near the top and spent the night alone in a hiker's shelter.

"It wasn't really too pretty a mountain," he recalled, "the snow was all gone."

How many countries did he visit in all?

"About twenty," he figured.

Total cost? "About \$550."

"I wouldn't recommend doing it the way I did," he said seriously. "Without money or transportation, one is absolutely dependent on others, and, of course, a hitchhiker has to stay pretty much on the main routes."

But still he characterized the unconventional tour as "something to take so you know where not to go next time."

What especially was he interested in on his trip?

Big interest: "people"

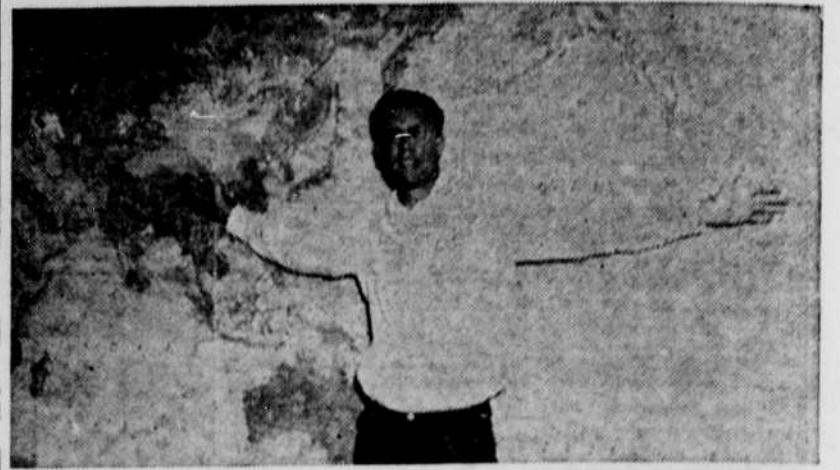
"The people. I wanted to see how the other people of the world lived."

And now?

"Go back of course."

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WORLD TRAVELER Jeff Williams spreads his arms to indicate the scope of his journey. Williams' trip included travels through Ireland, India, Persia, and a number of other countries.

Nationalists could regain . . .

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their ideology, their disregard for international law and their ultimate plan for world conquest.

"However," Kuroda added, "the Communist cease-fire on Quemoy and Matsu present a hope for negotiation."

The initial shelling of the islands was believed to have been made possible by the completion of a railroad to Amoy, a city on the coast just opposite Matsu and Quemoy. That way the Communists could ship shells and artillery

rough terrain separating Hangchow and Canton, according to Pitts.

Internal pressure

Panelist Kuroda said that the shelling of the Nationalist-held Islands and the threat of imminent attack was planned to relieve internal pressure in Red China caused by a poor harvest year.

The threat of war was also a way to force the U.N. to seat Red China and perhaps to include her in The Big Four summit conferences as a power divorced from Russia.

"We are not only dealing with Communism but Nationalism in Southeast Asia."

World news

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But he offered to attend a later East-West conference if that "seems necessary and desirable."

In notes delivered in Moscow, the U.S. and British governments called on the Soviet Union to begin diplomatic negotiations on the test issue Oct. 31, as previously agreed.

White students register

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP)—After seven weeks of idleness, white high school students Monday registered for classes at three different schools, all of them segregated.

About 300 of an expected 500 registered at the newly created Little Rock Private High School, opened with funds donated from people throughout the nation who support segregation.

Yugoslavia eyes action

UNITED NATIONS NY (UPI)—Yugoslavia Monday called for a special session of the U.N. General Assembly to outlaw nuclear weapons tests if the forthcoming Geneva talks fail.

Yugoslavia's ambassador to the U.N. said he will introduce a formal resolution calling for such action of the talks bog down.

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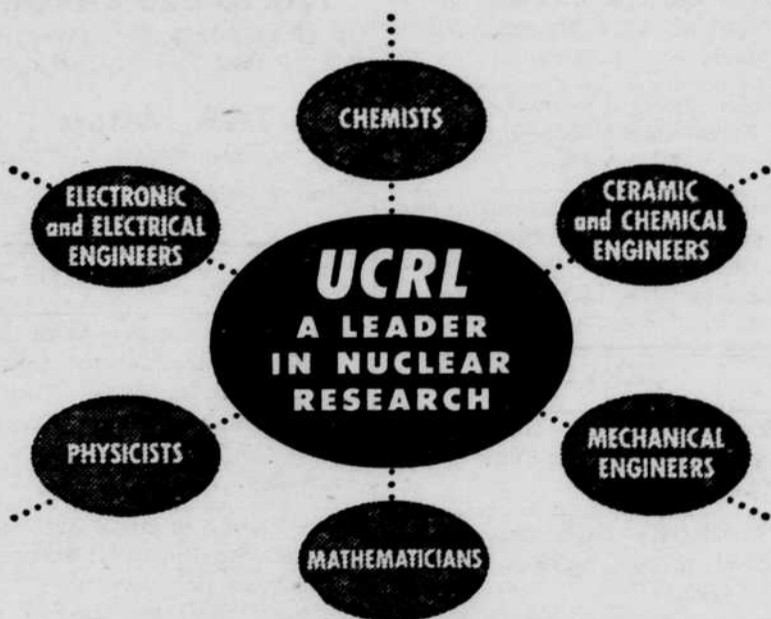
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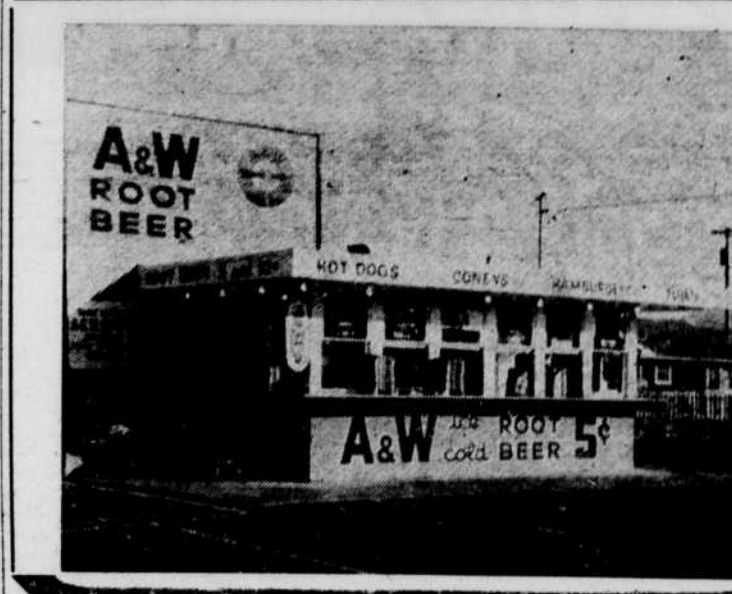
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