

Salem Youths in Europe Find World Small After All, Meet Home Town Acquaintance

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PARIS—"It's sure a small world," is an old saying I've heard all my life. While we were on our tour of Heidelberg, Germany, I think we proved it.

We spent the morning sight-seeing and the afternoon shopping. Julian Thruston and I took off on our own, and after our shopping we started home by street car. After about five minutes we noticed someone who looked familiar. After a second look we saw that it was Gus Moore, Salem YMCA secretary; after only a few minutes talking with him and his wife, they had to leave. But it only goes to show that you can travel 7,000 miles and still run into someone of your own home town.

We are now in Paris and are ready to start the centennial YMCA conference for the older boys and girls. Our hurried trip through Austria and Italy left us with many impressions.

Very Lovely

The section of Austria around Salzburg and Innsbruck is very lovely with rugged mountains and rushing rivers. The high Alps are very lovely with the setting sun on them. They are so rugged, much like our own Rockies. Salzburg is a beautiful city famous for its music festivals, lights and parks and fountains. Everywhere there are gardens and orchestra music fills the air.

Innsbruck is a city of about 100,000 situated in a tiny valley surrounded by rugged mountains. It's a very old city and many of the shops are located under old fortresses and walls. Many of the homes have barns connected to the houses and the smells inside the city are not always too nice. Most of the motive power on the farms is by oxen, and wooden carts are everywhere. There is very little farm machinery.

Brenner Pass

From Innsbruck we traveled by train to Venice through the beautiful Brenner Pass. Northern Italy has many dry barren hills with nothing but a few scattered trees on them. The small valleys though, have every available inch under cultivation. They grow mostly corn and grapes with a few orchards.

Venice was just as I had pictured it with narrow winding canals full of gondolas and little bridges everywhere. There are no cars or bicycles in Venice so



VOLENDAM, The Netherlands—Having happy times on a European tour preceding a YMCA international meeting at Paris are these three Salem, Ore., boys, photographed here in Dutch traditional dress. They are (left to right), Robert Wilder, Julian Thruston and Robert Carr.

there is not the rush and noise of other cities. We had a wonderful ride one evening through the canals. The lights on the buildings and the music floating across the water made it a really wonderful experience.

They have as big a traffic problem with their gondolas as we do with our street full of cars. Much of the time we were in Venice it rained and made picture taking hard.

From Venice we traveled to Rome by way of Florence. In Florence we visited a factory where they turned out beautiful hand tooled leather products.

We wanted to do a lot of shopping in Florence but the shops close from 1:30 to 4 o'clock because of the heat. We only had one half hour to shop before the train left.

63 Tunnels

On the trip to Rome we went through several ranges of mountains and passed through 63 tunnels. It got very monotonous having the lights go out on the train.

Rome is a city of contrasts, the huge modern railroad station is built behind an old Roman wall that dates back before Christ. All over the city can find ruins

beside modern buildings. We visited the Basilica of St. Peter and the Vatican museum. St. Peter was so huge you couldn't comprehend the size of it. Three or four of the average size American churches could be put inside it and not even make an impression. It is so huge it is all inspiring and the decorations are all beautiful mosaics. The Vatican museum had many wonderful articles but the most interesting were the paintings by Michelangelo in the Sistine chapel.

We made a side trip to Naples and to Pompeii while at Rome and saw the ruins of the ancient Roman city of Pompeii. It had been partially restored and you could see how the ancients had lived during the Roman Empire. Naples was a beautiful city from a distance but as you go into it the streets smelled and sanitary conditions were terrible.

Little Vegetation

Southern Italy is very poor and dry with little vegetation on the hillsides. In Naples and Pompeii there were peddlers everywhere selling trinkets and cameos. Some of the kids got beautiful cameos for a few cents and a package of cigarettes. It was great fun bargaining with them but you had to watch your wallets and valuables.

We stayed in Geneva for a day and a half. It is a beautiful modern city with lovely buildings and flowers and parks everywhere. The Atoms for Peace conference was going on and many of the kids sat in on a session or two.

These first few days in Paris have been spent getting acquainted with Paris and the conference grounds here at Cite Universitaires.

Sprague Leaves for Labor Meet in East

Charles A. Sprague, editor of The Statesman, left Monday night for Washington to attend a meeting of a committee studying labor relations in plants administered by the Atomic Energy Commission.

This will be the second meeting of the committee. He will return Friday.

By 1965 it is expected there will be about eight million men between the ages 20-25 in the United States.

\$51,000 Suit Claims Injury Due to Spray

A \$51,000 damage suit against American Cyanamid Company, Meeker-Hughes Company, Stayton Canning Company Cooperative and Delbert Sandner was filed late Monday afternoon in Marion County Circuit Court.

The action stems from use of Malathion, a material used in dusting snap beans owned by Sandner. George Nelson, who was employed as a farm laborer by Sandner, filed the suit. He alleges that use of the dust in July last year was responsible for making him violently ill and left him unable to work for nine months.

American Cyanamid manufactures the Malathion dust and it is distributed by the Meeker-Hughes firm. The complaint states the Stayton cooperative provided the dust to Sandner, one of its members.

The three businesses are charged with representing the dust as being harmless to the body and capable of being used without protective masks and clothing. Sandner was charged with negligence for not telling of its poisonous quality and is not supplying proper protective equipment.

In addition to the \$51,000 general damages, he asks \$3,180 special damages.

'Brass' Greet Reservists At Yakima

YAKIMA FIRING CENTER, Wash. (Special)—Salem area Army Reservists who arrived here Sunday were greeted by an array of "brass" including Assistant Secretary of the Army Hugh Milton and Maj. Gen. William Dean, commander of the Sixth Army.

Dean, highest ranking American officer held prisoner of war by the Chinese Communists, was honored Monday night at a retreat parade.

Milton and Dean spoke Sunday night to division officers on the new reserve act.

Units taking the two weeks' summer training include two batteries of the 929th Field Artillery Battalion, the 255th Engineer Battalion and Company K of the 413th Infantry Regiment.

One Independence Reservist, Pfc. Mack Brumley, failed to arrive in camp Sunday night. He was delayed by the birth of a son at Salem, Ore., General Hospital.

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