



HAVEN IN MEXICO—Joe Burstein, his wife and daughter find a good life.

GOT TIRED OF SERVANTS

GI Student Finds Money Goes Further in Mexico

By LAWRENCE F. STUNTZ

AP Newsfeatures
Mexico City—Take it from Joe Burstein, that veteran's student allowance goes a whole lot farther in Mexico than it does in the U. S.

Burstein, studying Spanish literature at the Mexico City college, is only one of about a thousand veterans now enrolled in school in Mexico. The U. S. government pays their tuition and gives Burstein his wife, Geraldine, and young daughter, Delilah, \$120 a month to live on.

Burstein won his right to the grant by 31 months of overseas duty in North Africa and Europe with the 591st Engineer regiment.

Contact with Spanish-speaking people in North Africa gave him the idea for his intended career—teaching Spanish in U. S. schools. He had had three years of Spanish in high school "but I really learned to speak it in Africa."

He was born in Shanghai 26 years ago, the son of a refugee White Russian furniture auctioneer.

His father brought him to the U. S. when he was 10, stopping two years along the way in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico. But he had forgotten all the Spanish he learned there. He grew up in Marin City, Calif., near San Francisco.

After the war he went back to Marin City, married his wife, Geraldine Percy.

Burstein's allowance amounts to 1038 pesos a month. Of this, 300 pesos—about \$35—goes for a penthouse apartment and another 300 goes for food. Other household expenses take up 150 pesos more and the rest goes for books, clothing and incidentals.

The penthouse apartment has a big terrace where Delilah plays and there is a good view of the snowcapped Ixtaccihuatl, and Popocatepetl mountains.

The couple had a series of servants, but couldn't find one they liked. They finally gave up, and Geraldine does her own housework now. It's harder than it would be in the U. S., since she washes vegetables in a germicide, and water has to be boiled for drinking. They shop in a super market, but buy Mexican products to make the food money go farther.

Burstein's day goes something like this:

Up at 6:30; breakfast on orange juice, oatmeal, toast and cocoa or tea. Walk a mile to school and classes until 1 p. m.

Then home for a heavy lunch—the Bursteins find that in Mexico City's 7,500-foot altitude their main meal should be in the middle of the day. Lunch is usually meat and two vegetables and dessert. Also on account of the altitude, a siesta is necessary.

After that, Joe either studies or goes to a sports club nearby for basketball, swimming, tennis or the Spanish game of "from-

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OPTIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE

Babson, Saw '29 Crash, Believes Slump Is Over

(Editor's Note: Economist Roger W. Babson, who predicted the 1929 stock market crash, sees hope of prosperity lasting five or 10 more years. In the following dispatch, Babson sees encouraging signs in current steel industry labor negotiations).

By ROGER W. BABSON
Written for the United Press

Wellesley, Mass., Sept. 16 (U.P.)—If labor in general is not to ask for fourth-round wage increases during 1949, it is the most hopeful event thus far this year, or in fact since 1946.

Of course, a further increase in wages may now be justified in certain industries or localities, but the major industries which set the pattern should be content with present scales.

The three things which caused the recent depression were: (1) Threatened higher taxes (2) and excess of manufactured goods and (3) demand for a fourth-round, meaning still higher wages.

President Truman removed the first fear of higher taxes; consumers have gradually been using up the excess inventories; and now labor has come out in a manly way by eliminating the fear of a fourth-round of wage increases.

Most students of the business cycle do not object to pensions. Unlike higher wages, they do not immediately result in higher prices and perhaps not at all. Like unemployment insurance, however, they tend to flatten out the business cycle making the booms less reckless and the depressions less severe.

Pensions can become a great factor in helping the working classes and thereby enabling them to buy more goods in their later years. This not only will help the retail trade, but also cause retailers to buy more goods and factories to give greater employment.

A fourth-round of wages would surely make the present re-adjustment more dangerous and the next real depression more vicious; but pensions are much in the form of insurance for retailers, manufacturers and business in general.

In a way, they are largely a form of compulsory insurance and can be classified with savings bank accounts and with life insurance. The idea that they are making people "soft" is all nonsense. Those who naturally are savers will continue to be such, while those who instinctively cannot save will not save under any conditions except through a pension system.

A year ago I gave the United Press a pessimistic interview believing that prices would

tumble, business would decline and unemployment would increase. This has taken place. Commodity prices have gone off 20 per cent, the stock market has declined 20 points and the federal reserve business index has fallen from 195 to 165.

Therefore, I have made good on my forecast. I, however, now feel better about the entire situation. The declines which I had in mind a year ago have taken place and have, at least temporarily, been checked.

I now believe that most commodities and good securities are again a purchase. This also may apply to some real estate.

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Money last year received from this project was used in purchasing a polio pack heater. This was presented to the Marion county chapter of the organization and this year has been to the Silverton area for use there.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Sure You Haven't A "Blind Spot"?

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Buck's really one of the nicest fellows I've ever known. But, sometimes he gets to day-dreaming on the road. He sort of gets a "blind spot" to what's going on about him!

Now, lots of normally considerate folks have their "blind spots."

It could be anything from day-dreaming while driving a car to humming out loud at the movies.

From where I sit, it's mighty important to be on guard against your own "blind spots." The other fellow has a right to his "share of the road," too—whether it's having a taste for a temperate glass of sparkling beer or a desire to listen to some classical music if he wants to.

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