

Terry Brereton Tells Of Spending July 4th On Isle of Trinidad

(Editor's note: Terry Brereton of Medford is in Europe as a representative to the YMCA youth conference in Paris. En route he has been writing of his experiences. The last letter was from the Canal Zone. The following one is from England, reporting on Trinidad where he spent the 4th of July.)

By TERRY BRERETON
Trinidad! That little island of mystery and enchantment. We anchored off the shore of Port of Spain on July 4 at 7 a.m. After breakfast we boarded a launch which took us ashore.

While walking down the streets, one had a strange feeling, because it was so much different than what we had been used to at home. Cars travel on the left side of the road, instead of on the right, and drivers don't give a darn about pedestrians. They go as fast down the narrow streets as they can. A pedestrian cannot expect a driver to stop and let him across the street; instead the drivers just lean on the horn and the accelerator.

Few Modern Stores
There are few modern stores in Port of Spain, but most of them are just a hole in the wall. About the only kind of stores that a tourist sees are clothing and souvenir shops. The household food is bought mostly in open air markets.

The population of Trinidad is about 640,000, of which one-third are Indians. The majority of the other two-thirds are Hindus and Moslems, and the rest are Roman Catholics. The people of Trinidad are not classed mainly by race, but by their religion.

There is no segregation. If a white man wants to live in a black man's section, he may do so if he has the money to buy or rent a house. It is the same if a black wants to live in the white man's part of town.

School All Year
School, on the island of Trinidad, is all year round. They get a vacation of one month, three times a year. The children cannot leave school until they have reached a certain standard set by the government, or have reached the age of 16. Boys and girls go to the same school un-

til they are 10 years old, then they are put into different schools.

Petroleum is the main industry and source of revenue for the island. The exports of this industry are greater in value than all the others combined.

Sugar cane is the main crop of the island. From it is made sugar, molasses and rum, which is a big industry in itself. Other crops which are grown are bananas, coconuts, nutmegs, breadfruit, oranges, lemons, and corn.

Guided Tour
Our afternoon guided tour of Trinidad took us around the city of Port of Spain, then into the mountains to a small jungle, and then to Moracas Bay.

At the zoo there were all kinds of native monkeys. They were always hungry, and when you walked by a cage without feeding the monkey a peanut, he would start up the wildest noise you ever heard. There were some very beautiful birds beside the reptile cage which held some boa constrictors.

The roads to Moracas bay are considered good, but by our standards they are bad. They are very curved and narrow. I would compare them to the road from Cave Junction to the Oregon Caves.

Water Warm
At Moracas bay, we got something to eat and went down to the water. It was very warm. If it hadn't been so cloudy, we could have brought our suits, we could have gone in for a swim.

It is very interesting to travel to different countries and see for myself how other people live and enjoy themselves. So far as I can see, the inhabitants of other countries are no different than ourselves. The only difference is their standard of living, language, and customs.

TO AIR COFFEE CRISIS
Rio De Janeiro — (U.P.) — The Brazilian Foreign Ministry announced today that Finance Minister Jose Maria Whitaker will meet with Colombian Finance Minister Carlos Villaveces Aug. 4 to discuss the coffee crisis. An earlier meeting between the ministers of the world's two leading coffee producers was postponed because of the Eucharistic Congress now in Rio.



PICKING COLD CASH over oil well speculation, Vernon B. Fitzhugh family of Fayetteville, Ark., counts \$25,000 in silver dollars. Fitzhugh wrestled with selection of cash or oil well valued at \$100,000 after he was notified that he was top winner in national contest. (International)

Talent Street Paving Project Under Way

Talent — Paving of three principal Talent streets is under way by Rogue River Paving company crews.

Shoulders were completed after paving of Main st. between Old Pacific highway and Second st., and paving was completed yesterday on a new street to the new Talent high school and on Gibson st.

Paving of Main st. was financed from a \$15,000 grant from the state street fund which is allotted to towns with less than 1,000 population upon request for highly traveled streets. Paving of Gibson st. and the new high school street was financed from state tax refunds to the Talent street fund.

Springfield Plywood Plant To Open Soon

Springfield, Ore. — (U.P.) — Vancouver plywood corporation's new green veneer plant here should be ready for operation early in August, according to general manager Robert A. Kendall.

Kendall said new machinery will be tested this week. The veneer will be sold to contract customers including the Fort Vancouver plywood company, Astoria plywood, North Pacific plywood and Hub city plywood. The plant will open with 34 employees.

The Panama canal project cost \$375,000,000 to build.

No Diphtheria Cases Reported in Oregon

Portland — (U.P.) — Oregon has set a new record with no cases of diphtheria reported so far this year, Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, reported over the week end. But he added that polio cases had increased to 70-22 above average.

Four new polio cases were reported for the week ending July 9, the health officer said. The total at this time last year was 57.

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