

World Traveler Discusses Trip Which Cost Only \$80

The "man in the street" is friendly the world around, according to a young American who spoke for Rogue Valley Knife and Fork club last night.

Robert Christopher, who traveled around the world on \$80, spending about a dollar a day, said he visited in 17 countries and learned that when he extended friendship, it was invariably returned.

Young Christopher, still in his 20's, was given \$80 and 50 rolls of film by Collier's magazine to use for the round-the-world adventure. When he returned to New York 84 days later he had 60 cents left; the taxi fare proved to be only 45 cents, so he tipped the driver the remaining 15 cents.

Works Way
Christopher said he earned part of his passage on airlines by supplying pictures, and the rest of the way he rode trains, hitchhiked rides in automobiles



BROUGHT in to Long Island City, N. Y., District Attorney's office for questioning on possibility of having two wives, Joseph Sutherland, 25, a graveyard gardener, admits he has been to altar three times since February, 1950, without bothering about formalities of divorce.

(International Soundphoto)

Indianapolis, Ind.—(U.P.)—Milt Campbell, Indiana University track and field star who expects to represent the armed forces in the Olympic Games at Melbourne this year was sworn into the Navy for a two-year hitch Monday.

and on trucks, and working on a freighter. He said that next to money, his most useful medium of exchange was four cartons of American cigarettes which he had purchased on his first stop in Ireland—for 11 cents a package.

In western Europe he stayed in youth hostels, where nightly rent is about 25 cents. In other countries he slept out in a sleeping bag or from time to time was taken in as a guest.

One of the rides he "hitched" was in a caravan of cars which made up the entourage of a prince of Iraq, another was in a truck which was being used to smuggle dope from Persia through Afghanistan into Pakistan.

The demonstrations of friendship which he related included one about a young Turkish soldier whom Christopher distrusted but who later left the American a friendly note and all the spare coins he had.

Unpleasant Incident
Young Christopher said he had been told no visas were necessary in Jordan but this proved to be untrue and he was arrested three times as a result. He displayed a book of 65 visas and travel permits which had been required in the 65 countries.

Another unpleasant incident resulted when he traveled to the Persian-Russian border at one point planning to take pictures only to find upon his arrival that the Russians, across the border, already knew of his approach and had warned Persian officials that he must be turned back.

Christopher spoke particularly of his deep pleasure in being able to visit such places as Damascus, oldest city in the world, and to see such sights as the Taj Mahal in India. This latter country and the Himalaya mountains provide the most beautiful scenery anywhere, he declared. He also spoke at length of the "Old Silk Road" in Persia, one of the oldest thoroughfares in the world and said to be most dangerous because of banditry.

The speaker said he found Italians to be the friendliest of all in their attitudes toward Americans, and that the Greeks were the most grateful for American aid in post-war rehabilitation. The young man displayed robes, headaddresses and arms which he brought home with him.

Christopher was introduced by Eric Allen Jr., president of the club.



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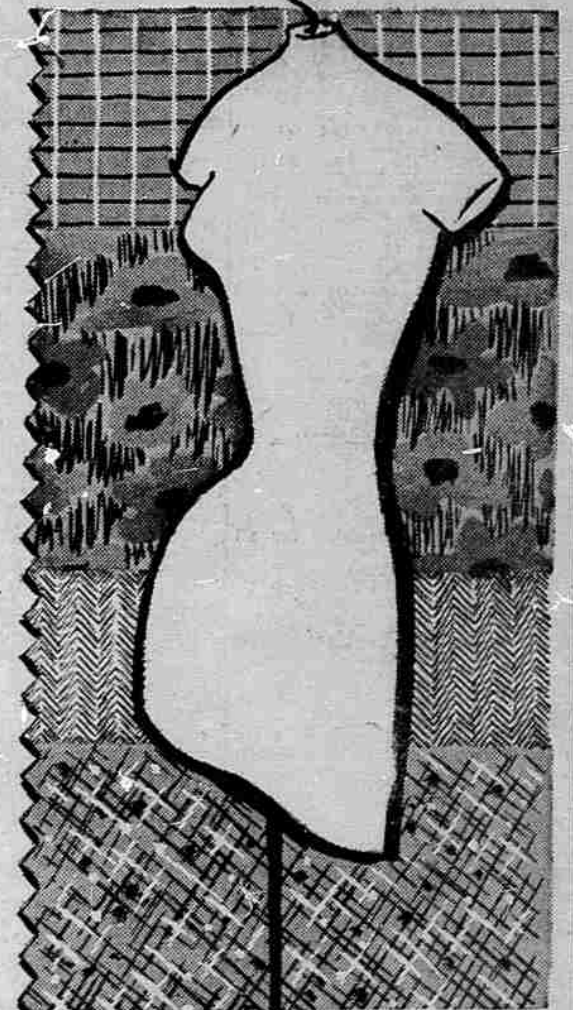


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