

Couple Travels on Eight Airlines During Circle Tour of Caribbean

Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Phipps, who have returned to Medford after spending three months in Phoenix, Ariz., and in an air tour of the Caribbean area, flew over 7,500 air miles on eight different airlines during the tour. Mrs. Phipps' account of the air tour follows.

Our trip was a circle tour, all by air, of the entire Caribbean which includes the West Indies, South America and Central America. We left Phoenix, Ariz., January 12 at 12:45 a.m. and were in Havana, Cuba, by way of Miami, at 4:30 p.m., the same day. Following our visit there we flew to Jamaica, then on to Haiti, Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Barbados, Trinidad, Venezuela, Panama, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Yucatan and back to Phoenix by way of New Orleans. Our plane also landed in Colombia, Nicaragua, and El Salvador. Altogether we flew over 7,500 miles on eight different airlines, including the new English Viscount, the only turbine propelled airliner in the world.

Gone Five Weeks

We were traveling for five weeks, spending two or more days in each country. This gave us ample time to absorb general conditions because the islands are very small and most of the countries have only one city of any size. We toured morning and afternoon in some places, but had planned time to be on our own at every stop.

No trouble was experienced in going through customs anywhere, although we were greatly annoyed at times, especially in the police states of the Dominican Republic and Venezuela, where we were herded along by armed guards from the minute we stepped off the plane until we had passed through the five or six inspections. The "dictator countries" have guards on all roads and you are checked on continuously wherever you go. Passports are not necessary but we found ours to be very helpful in getting through customs. Visas are needed if you stay over 36 hours in Venezuela, Panama, and Costa Rica. A voters' card is supposed to be sufficient to get you a visitors permit, but we found it less expensive to have a passport.

Caracas Fabulous

Caracas, Venezuela, we found to be the most progressive city in the hemisphere. Venezuela claims it is the most progressive in the world. The Tamanao Hotel is by far the most elaborate we have ever seen or read about. The whole city is so fantastic, it is difficult to even try to tell about it. The government, backed with millions from oil resources, has completely razed the old city and is frantically building, all at once, thousands of new buildings,

many of them 10 to 30 stories high. The different styles of architecture are what make the whole effect so fabulous. Architects from all over the world (we toured with two from Chicago) are there studying the unusual designs. At the University, there are many models of complete cities that are to be built in the future, one that was particularly startling being built entirely of glass.

In direct contrast was the island of Barbados in the West Indies. Here, where the English alone have always ruled since it was discovered in 1605, you step back 100 years. Coming in from the airport when we asked our driver what was raised on the island, he said in a hopeless voice, "sugar cane, sugar cane, sugar cane." We later found out he was exactly right. The rolling green hills of sugar cane, interposed with groves of mahogany trees, plus the beautiful beaches and the gorgeous flowers, make it a tourist paradise — all helped along by the fact that your dollar is worth \$1.68 there. In spite of the antiquated plumbing, it would be easy to settle down for six months. At our hotel some 40 or more retired, very English Canadians were doing just that.

Join in Demands

Barbados will soon come alive as the people are joining with Jamaica and Trinidad in demanding self-government. The newspapers and every one we talked to, are very active in promoting a United West Indies. Delegates from these islands are now in England pressing their demands. In Jamaica we visited a large army barracks high in the mountains and were told that the trainees were for the West Indies Army. We commented on the youth of the recruits and were told they had to be 16, but our guide laughed when we doubted it. Many were limping and had bandaged feet — it seemed they had never had shoes on before.

Women do not have a vote in any of the foreign countries we visited. We read of the formation of a League of Women Voters in a Trinidad newspaper and the opinions pro and con by businessmen and government officials regarding the issue. It was most amusing. One gentleman said he wouldn't object — who knows, some women might have an idea some day that would be worth considering. Others stated they doubted that many women wanted the vote, that their household duties and their bridge completely filled their day.

All the Caribbean and Latin American countries were given a big boost and a desire for a better life through contacts with the United States Air Force when they established air bases during the last war. Millions of

U.S. dollars were spent for roads and more millions for sanitary improvements. They seem to fully realize all they gained and are anxious to continue to raise the standard of living. In Trinidad they sing a very sad calypso song called "Yankee Go Home" which fully explains their regrets.

Spanish Helpful

A few simple Spanish sentences are nice to know when making such a trip, as it pleases the Latin Americans when you can at least say "thank you" and "good day," in their language. They really appreciate your effort. We found that the Castilian Spanish as spoken in the Dominican, is somewhat different from the Latin Spanish, and that we couldn't even understand the English as spoken by the natives of the United West Indies — it is pure "cockney."

Our longest stop was in Guatemala, and as everyone else has said, it is a perfect vacation land. Pan-American Airways has recently started a direct flight — no stops — from San Francisco to Guatemala City, an all night flight taking 10 hours. Yucatan is quite a different Mexico from other parts we have seen. The Mayan ruins are well worth the trip.

Part of the pleasure of any trip, is making new friends. We were traveling alone but we always seem to find another couple to share the fun of our experiences. The biggest thrill comes in chance meetings with hometown folks — such as our meeting with the Martin Luthers and George Roberts in the Hotel National in Havana, Cuba and again when on the top of a mountain in Guatemala at a Sunday market among some 2000 Indians, the Steve Nyes appeared. That was as fantastic as the architecture in Caracas.

Dancers Provide Program at Camp

Entertainment at Camp White Friday, was provided by the Jackie Locke School of Dance. Authentic Hawaiian hula, jitterbug, Charleston and fast tap dances were on the program.

Students participating were Faye Adams, Krista Baker, Marlene Davis, Sandra Hamilton, Pamela Hertager, Ronda Martin, Eugene Pence, Barbara Tyler and Patty Wright.

To Meet at Drews

The next meeting of Roxy Gardeners will be held Tuesday, March 20 at the home of Mrs. H. Chandler Drew, 3528 Delta Waters road. Mrs. Robert Stokes will assist Mrs. Drew.

Mrs. William Lowery will discuss "Cacti and Succulents." Mrs. A. O. Floyd, Medford Siskiyou district director, will be present.



J. M. Lynch (at left) 2148 Woodlawn drive, Medford, and his brother, D. C. Lynch of Denver, Colo., recently were at Sun Valley, Idaho, for several days of skiing. The two sportsmen spent much of their time making the challenging runs on 9200-foot Baldy mountain.



Miss Heinzelman

4-H Girls To Model For Show

A new wardrobe for the 4-H club "Modern Miss" for travel or just for staying at home will be shown in Jackson county's Simplicity pattern "Fashions On The Go" show at 8 p.m. Wednesday in Central Point Junior High school. Miss Charlotte Ruth Heinzelman, Simplicity's 4-H club stylist, will be commentator.

Jumpers, separates and classic clothes for daytime will be displayed in the category "Suited To Travel." The final category, "Flight Into Fancy," points up the clothes that are suitable for dating or special occasions. Miss Heinzelman, former assistant county home demonstration agent in New York, travels throughout the United States presenting fashion shows to 4-H clubs and at 4-H club camps. She gives demonstrations on modeling and good grooming. Miss Heinzelman received her bachelor of science degree from the College of Home Economics at Cornell university, New York, with a major in textiles and clothing.

Arrangements to have Miss Heinzelman in Jackson county were made by Miss Marjorie Hattan, Jackson county 4-H club agent.

Models for the style show will include the following junior and senior high school 4-H club members: Flying Stitches club, Phoenix, the Misses Laura Griffith, Gail Glidden, Dolores Meyer, Nedra Harris and Karen Golding; Antelope club, Eagle Point, Miss Karen Jossy and Miss Diana Gardner; Central Point, the Misses Julie Ashton, Margaret Taylor, Phyllis Taylor, Dana Smith, Marilyn Hixson, Bonnie Grubbs and Glenda Branch; Applegate, the Misses Donna Brown, Jean Rowden and Dixie Wood; Upper Applegate, Miss Nancy Redhead and Miss Shirley Dunlap; Medford, the Misses Susan Wright, Colleen Franek, Jeanette Nougier and Ursula Bates; and Eagle Point, Miss Lois Farlow.

Tips on modeling and grooming will be presented an hour before the show begins. Mothers, friends and the general public are invited.

Contemporary Book club members will meet at the home of Mrs. E. P. Vilas Wednesday, March 21 at 1:45 p.m.

Eight and Forty Plans Meeting for Tuesday

The March meeting of Jackson County Salon of 8 and 40 will be held Tuesday, March 20, at 8 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Merle Jarmin, 821 Minnesota avenue. Partners are reminded to bring soap and a washcloth to make toy animals to send to the National Jewish hospital for Easter.

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