

# Dream of Returning To America Shattered by Presence of Reality

Editor's note: This is the last in a series by Robert E. Jackson, United Press correspondent just returned from a seven-year assignment in Europe, summarizing how America looks to him.

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New York — (U.P.) — In the dreams of coming home after seven years in Europe and the first flush of the magic world which opened to us, we somehow got the idea that nothing would ever go wrong.

We were shocked to see the windshield wipers on the new car go dead in the second rain. The wheels fell off the boy's toy truck in the first hour. We had to make our own beds in a midtown New York because all the maids had gone home for the day.

A New York laundry, with a bill of \$9.33 for a rush job, sent me back Joseph Morelli's socks and underwear tops.

Trains and planes run late here, too.

**Children are Children**

In the excitement of showing my London-born boys the Statue of Liberty and Mrs. Andrew Stewart's maple tree, which I climbed as a boy, I forgot that children are children everywhere.

In Connecticut, the neighborhood gang welcomed my strange boys from Europe with taunts of "Stay out of my yard" and a barrage of apples and rocks.

We expected too much. One real estate agent bluntly told me, "You want a three bedroom, two-bathroom house with a yard full of trees, a garage full of cars, next door to a school, but you don't want to pay for it. In that case, you can't get it."

I am so new on a once-familiar scene that I had to ask the barber how much to tip him and understand how much papers cost. One waiter broke off a conversation with me in mid-sentence when I tipped him 15 cents on a bill of \$1.05.

We have been floored to

spend \$15 on a morning trip to the drug store for "necessities" and \$3.50 apiece for a mediocre meal. But then my shirts cost me a third what they did abroad, the price of a 12-inch model in 1934. Food is expensive in Italy, too, and it took seven shops there to buy the food offered in one American supermarket.

The growth of America is staggering—glass places, multi-acre factories, six-laned turnpikes, bargain-rate motels, working men's boating clubs.

"A backyard swimming pool costs less than a Cadillac," a butcher told me.

Without abandoning its traditions and charms, small town America has kept up with the Joneses of the big cities. New

houses, new industries, new pleasures, television, for all its faults, has brought culture, entertainment and the nation's great debates to people once cut off.

Europeans charge that we either have no culture or try to "package" and "market" it like an industrial product.

Nonsense. We have found more support of symphony orchestras and interest in all of the world's affairs here than in a Europe parading its past.

We had a choice not open to all of you—to educate our children in Europe or America. We chose America, and I am glad.

This may not be the promised land, but it is surely the land of promise.



**NEW THUNDERBIRD**—The new 1937 Ford Thunderbird, with up to 20 per cent more horsepower, went on display today at Crater Lake Motors, Main and Fir sts. The Thunderbird has 15 per cent more luggage space, and five inches greater body length. Ride and handling are improved with a power center of gravity.

## In County Schools

**JACKSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL**

Attending the 30th annual Oregon High School Press conference at University of Oregon, Eugene, Oct. 12 and 13 were staff members of Jacksonville High school publications, The Arrow and The Tomahawk, newspaper and annual, respectively.

Students were Jean Smith, Romelle Fossen, Louella Snyder, Gypsy Beams, and Nancy Niedermeyer. Accompanying the students were Mrs. Clara Wendt, Arrow advisor, and Mrs. Jean Richardson.

Student interest in publications is heightened by the prospect of attending the conference and through exchange of ideas with other students and advice from authorities in the journalism field.

Recently purchased and received by Mrs. Clara Wendt, librarian at Jacksonville High

school, is a collection of books and pamphlets dealing with the United Nations. This is part of the school's effort to focus attention on United Nations Day, Oct. 24, and to establish a U.N. bookshelf.

The following books are examples of the type of material received: "The United Nations and How It Works," by David C. Coyle, a handbook which explains structure, functions and achievements of the U. N. and specialized agencies; "Favorite Recipes from the United Nations," by the United States Committee for the United Nations, 170 recipes from 76 member nations; and "You and the Atom," by Gerald Wendt, explanation in layman's language of atomic energy and peaceful uses.

The Minnesota Department of Conservation says there are anywhere from 20,000 to 40,000 different species of fishes.

## Area SOC Students On Newspaper Staff

Ashland—Nine Jackson county Southern Oregon college students are members of the staff of the college's newspaper, The Siskiyou.

Dick Simonson, a senior and son of Mrs. Bernice Simonson, 322 Haven st., Medford, is business manager for the paper this year.

Jim McDonald, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. McDonald, route 1, box 653, Eagle Point, is editorial writer, and Bob Bohrer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle H. Bohrer, Keene Way dr., Medford, is a cartoonist. McDonald is a sophomore and Bohrer is a freshman.

Reporting news for The Siskiyou from this area are Duane Daley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Daley, 122 Willamette ave., Medford; Miss Jan Gilhousen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gilhousen, route 1, box 442, Medford; Bob Mason, son of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Mason, 633 Ash st., Central Point; Don Floyd, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl L. Floyd, box 544, Phoenix;

Fifty years ago copper ores containing three per cent metal were not considered worth working; today, with improved extraction techniques, ores as low as one-half per cent are regularly used.

Miss Jennings also has been selected for a part in the fall play "My Three Angles," which will be produced Nov. 16.

**PAINTING SEASON** Schenectady, N. Y.—(U.P.)—Crushed peach or apricot seeds are used to clean huge steam turbines at the General Electric company. The seeds are mixed with aluminum oxide and the solution is used to remove rust and oxidized metal from turbine rotors. The aluminum oxide clings to the crushed seeds and acts as an abrasive, while the seeds serve to keep the dust down.

According to the American Medical association, some 20 million Americans are suffering from a cold on any given day.

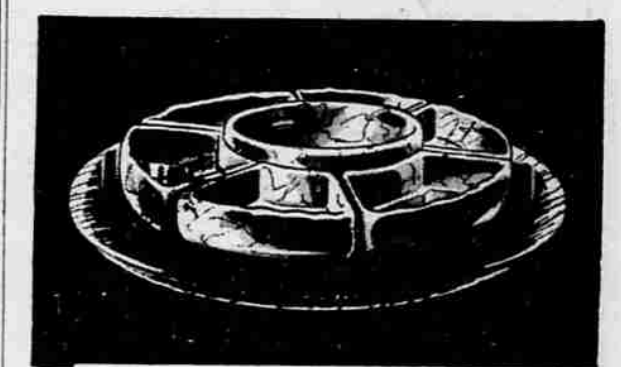
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