

## Europe Still Bids for American Tourists But Fondness Lacking

Editor's note: Criticism of America has mounted in Europe since last fall's Suez crisis. It isn't confined to newspaper accounts and living room conversations. Even the American tourist abroad this year may hear some of it. UP correspondent Claire Cox did as she motored with her husband through Britain and the continent.

By CLAUDE COX  
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London—A horde of more than 700,000 Americans are looking forward to trips to Europe this year—but is Europe looking forward to them?

The Italians and French both treat the American tourist as a child—the Italians as their own, the French as someone else's.

Both advertise widely for visits by Americans. Both say they are glad to see Americans. But while the Italians smile when they take your dollars, the French just take them.

The British don't drink tea so much any more. These days they down American-style coffee and criticize the United States.

British streets and highways are traveled by Britons in American-style automobiles. London shops feature styles fresh from Fifth Avenue. There is an American-style soda fountain at Shakespeare's birthplace at Stratford.

Dollars Welcomed  
But Britons make it quite clear that while they may buy American, they don't have to be pro-American.

The Swiss are pleased at the chance of a greater income from tourists than watches. The West Germans are glad Americans feel more free to visit their country and they hope for a revival of the friendly exchanges of post World War I days.

But some Swiss are angry at the U. S. for its higher tariffs on Swiss watch movements and its decision not to back the British-French invasion of Suez.

Some West Germans resent American "efficiency" and dislike Yankees because of the presence of the U. S. Army in Germany 12 years after the war.

These are impressions gained after two months' motoring through Britain and the continent. My husband and I came to Europe with no pre-conceived ideas of what we would find. We just packed our bags—and our money—and came.

One day a hotel waiter in Preston, England, tells you, "All the world radiates from America these days."

The next you hear a British woman declare, "No one in the world likes Americans any more."

"We don't care whether we get your dollars or not," said a shopkeeper when an American complained that he was not getting a fair exchange for his traveler's check.

Troops Derided  
Our visit to Britain began with a rocky voyage across the English channel from France. During that storm-tossed ride I sat fighting off seasickness and

was a captive audience for an English woman's attacks on Americans.

"Americans aren't liked anywhere," she said. "They are going to have to find a solution to the Middle East. . . . The Americans didn't do any real ground fighting in World War II. They sent planes to flatten everything and then moved troops in with little fighting. . . ."

We heard some French criticism of American policies and a Paris cab driver charged us \$8 for a \$1 ride without batting an eye. But a French government Travel Bureau official said, "I

## Rubbish Collector Uses Geiger Counter After Dumping Waste

Boston—George C. Perry is the only rubbish collector in America who carries a Geiger counter. His job is dumping radioactive waste material.

Perry operates from a 65-foot converted mine tender affectionately known as the "Irene Mae." The cargo she carries makes her hotter than Little Egypt.

The 50-year-old former deep sea diver dumps the world's most dangerous material in waters known only to military officials and the Atomic Energy Commission. His company, the Crossroads Marine Disposal Corp., is the only one licensed by the AEC to do the job. Its customers, atomic industrial plants and labs, are scattered across the country.

Dumped First Waste  
Perry was making a good living in the salvage business in 1946 when a government representative asked him to do a special job.

"I didn't know it then," Perry recalls, "but that was the first time radioactive material was ever dumped at sea. I didn't ask any questions but the next time I wanted to know what we were doing."

Perry was told and then asked if he wanted to keep the job despite the hazards involved.

"I thought it over," he said "and decided the atomic energy business was here to stay. From then on, I concentrated on learning everything I could about radiation."

Business has been so good that Perry is having a hard time keeping up with expansion. He has ordered more ships and men trained in handling radioactive substance.

"It isn't as hazardous as it sounds," Perry said. "The stuff comes here from points as far distant as Seattle and Houston under strict Interstate Commerce Commission regulations. Crews Tested

"The dumping is done under

precisely controlled conditions and the contaminated material is encased in steel barrels with a thick cement shield."

After each trip, Perry and his crews test their clothes and equipment with a Geiger counter to determine whether they have been exposed to radiation. So far, there has been only an insignificant amount.

Oceanographers believe that atomic waste dropped in ocean waters is reasonably safe. They estimate about 1,000 years for water at deep levels to rise to the surface.

## Kerby Machine Shop Destroyed by Fire

Cave Junction—Dodd's Machine shop at Kerby, was destroyed by fire of undetermined causes Wednesday afternoon while owners Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Dodd were away from the building.

Estimated loss is set at between \$20,000 and \$25,000, according to Dodd, who said he carried no insurance on the 70-year-old structure or any of its equipment. It is believed some of the heavy machinery can be salvaged.

Surrounding homes were saved by Illinois Valley Rural Fire Protection district trucks and volunteers. One telephone pole was damaged, causing overnight phone outage in several houses.

HIDDEN ASSETS  
Jackson, Miss.—Bernice Hampton, 18, and Clara Beard, 20, were taken into custody Thursday and searched by police-women. In their bras and girdles the policewomen found the following: Thirteen pairs of women's panties, 10 pairs of hose, six pairs of boy's pants, two boy's shirts, two girl's dresses and one pair of pajamas. They were charged with shoplifting.

## EAGLE POINT Hendersons Have Visitors

BY PEARL L. HENDERSON  
Eagle Point—Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Grotholdt of Long Beach Calif. left for home after a weeks visit with Mr. and Mrs.

Orvil Henderson; Saturday. Mrs. Grotholdt is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Henderson.

Other visitors at the Henderson's the weekend of April 27 were Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Davis of Fortuna Calif., Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Smith of Crescent City, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Savery of Grants Pass and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ferren of Ashland.

On Sunday April 28 they attended a family reunion barbecue steak dinner at the Henderson's.

Mrs. Roy Ashpole fractured her right arm, a few days ago, when she fell.

Mrs. Burse Cathey is improving, since her recent illness.

The two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Luin Hickman are recovering from the measles Larry, their son, recently recovered from them.

Mrs. Augusta Perry attended the family reunion Mothers day picnic of Mr. and Mrs. John Walch, Lake creek, at Tou Velle park on the Rogue river Sunday, May 12.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Beebe, Medford, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Hender-

## Better Conditions Planned in Iran

Tehran—The Shah of Iran today announced a campaign to improve living conditions in Iran in a drive to wipe out Communism.

He disclosed his intentions in an exclusive interview with United Press.

The better-living program will include the setting up of an opposition political party to give the Moslem nation's 20-million inhabitants a bigger voice in the government.

Shah Mohammed Riza Pahlavi said a more effective system of collecting taxes and the "proper" use of oil revenues and technical aid from the United States would help to achieve this goal.

The U. S. auto industry uses 75 per cent of the total U. S. plate glass output.

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—NINE

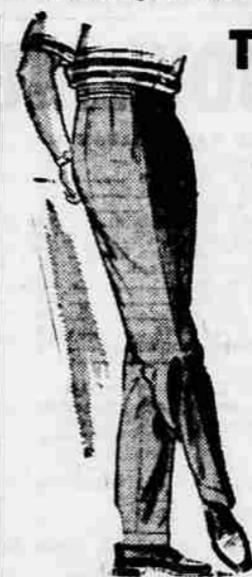
son, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Swan and Mrs. Gertrude Stanley Eagle Point were guests Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Logan at their home Acorn Acres on the Rogue, at a Buffet supper in honor of their house guests Mr. and Mrs. Bert

Anderson of Mountain View, Calif., Wednesday, May 15.

Mrs. Gertrude Stanley returned home early last week from a few days with friends in Woodland and Sacramento, Calif. She accompanied Mrs. J. L. David-

son of Lake Creek road on her way to San Francisco as far as Sacramento and returned with her. The day following their return Mrs. Stanley went to Eugene where she attended the Catleman's Convention.

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