

Three Foreign Exchange Students Give Impressions of Life in U.S.

Three foreign exchange students completing the current school year under the auspices of the American Field Service, related their complex impressions of American life at a regional AFS dinner held Saturday evening at the Jackson hotel.

The speakers included Eva Maria Trimmel, an Austrian student residing in Grants Pass; Therese Inglin, Geneva, Switzerland, who is staying with the Richard Finch family, Medford; and Reinhart Kostlin, a student from Ludwigsburg, Germany, currently staying with the P. G. Humphreys family, also of Medford.

In reviewing her school year, Eva Maria selected American history and social economics as her two favorite subjects.

"In social economics," she pointed out, "I have enjoyed studying about racial problems, and I have learned a great deal about Americans."

Dating Customs

To an amused audience, the Austrian told of the dating customs in her own country. She explained, when attending a ball, the girl is always accompanied by her mother . . . and never is allowed to go alone. Once at the dance the mother-daughter combination anxiously, but shyly, await an invitation for dancing from one of the boys. Climaxing the incident, the boy asks the mother if he may dance with the girl.

Even though her native customs were "all right," she added, "I like your ways of dating."

In reviewing her American visit Therese Inglin, referred to an American Field Service publication given her entitled "Through the Year" by Stephen Galatti, AFS director-general, New York.

Background Information

The book presents a general background of information for the foreign students. Such information as the purpose of the AFS program,

how to "fit in" in America, some American customs, and "United States schools and YOU" are included.

She described her American family as the "most wonderful" and admitted that she hated to leave her "sisters," Carolyn and Chrisy Finch.

In school, Therese acknowledged U. S. History and English as her two favorite classes. She explained that European history was merely a series of battles and wars; however, American history was the development of a country. She said she preferred the latter.

Her interest in music and art was also disclosed. As an active member of the Medford High school choir, Therese expressed her enjoyment in participating in the group contests and tours as well as playing in the three-night choir production of "Oklahoma!" last month.

In summary, Therese praised the art program at the local high school.

The exchange student confessed that she had met so many people, and remembered so few names, except that they were all American.

Typical American

The European characterized the "typical" American as a boy wearing nothing but blue jeans and tee-shirts, and the average girl "wearing too, too much lip stick."

The speaker indicated that she enjoyed the "true" impression of the American better than the "false impressions."

Reinhart Kostlin, German student expressed his ideas on an entirely different American scene—athletics.

As a member of the Medford Black Tornado football team, and through participation in the local physical education program, Reinhart volunteered his appraisal of the United States.

He first told of his own country's ideas of American sports. Chiefly, his neighbors question the sanity of "those crazy Americans who kick, throw, and hit footballs, basketballs, and baseballs only to have to chase after them."

After the German's eight-month visit he described his own conception of American sports as the only true evaluation and picture of America. He noted that he has learned "so much" about America, just through athletics.

Outside of school Reinhart did quite a bit of fishing and skiing.

Also an artist, the teenager maintained that "basic American philosophy" could be and is contained in art.

Compares Schools

Turning to a comparison of German-American schools, Reinhart said that only about 20 per cent of his age group go to high school. After completion of the tenth grade, he added, most students begin work or education in vocational or technological fields.

He mentioned he went to school eleven months a year, rather than the American nine-month system. However, he continued, they have more vacations during the school year.

Speaking before an audience which included high school and school district officials, Reinhart said that at his school, if the principal feels that the temperature is quite warm, he will dismiss school for that day. He charged that it was warmer in this area than in his home town. In brief, he confirmed that

there were more cars and school activities here than in Germany, but went on to say that he enjoyed participating in a discussion group and scouting activities in his school and city.

Mrs. H. D. Christensen, regional chairman, also asked Medford High school student, Carolyn Mencke, to comment on her trip to Finland last summer for the AFS.

Without detailing her trip, Miss Mencke upheld that the most important part of her experiences was to share these events with local residents. In all she has spoken approximately 40 times to schools, clubs, and organizations since her return home in September.

Reading a letter from an acquaintance in Finland, Carolyn mentioned the fact that she had sent him a subscription to "United States News and World Report."

The friend had written about his interest in American politics and economics as reported in the news magazine. He had, the letter indicated, learned a new American word: "payola."

News of Finland

Other remarks by the Finn were keyed around his country's pro-western relationship next to the Soviet Union, and the fact that Finland has a 99 per cent literacy rate—the highest in the world.

Carolyn also reported that her "Finish sister" is to visit the Mencke family here in Medford sometime this spring. It is hoped that she will be here for the high school graduation exercises.

Mrs. Paul Stubbles and Mrs. Walter Holm introduced the AFS delegates from Crescent City, Calif., and Grants Pass, Ore., respectively.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mrs. Christensen suggested that the exchange students, as well as the old and new "foster families" join in groups following the dinner meeting in order to learn more about the AFS programs.

American Mother Of Year Selected

New York—Mrs. Emerald Lucey Barman Arbogast, of Los Angeles, was named today the 1960 American mother of the year.

Mrs. Arbogast is the mother of six, grandmother of 10 and great grandmother of four.

She was chosen by a national jury of the American Mother Committee, Inc., who selected her from those who previously had been named state mothers of the year.

Mrs. Arbogast's youngest child was retarded and she spent years helping him develop. She organized the Exceptional Children's Foundation and established the York Boulevard School for Retarded Boys, Inc.

She will be honored with the 1960 mothers from the states at a luncheon on Friday at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

The United States purchased Florida from Spain in 1819 for \$5 million.

Wall Street Sees Spending as Biggest Issue in Campaign

New York—To Wall Street the biggest issue in the Presidential campaign is spending—whether the market place or congress will determine how Americans are going to spend their money.

No matter how the election goes, (this question won't be answered in black and white terms) it cuts across both parties. However, the manner in which some of the Democratic party hopefuls have shown growing interest in supporting proposals to provide government health insurance for the aged puts the Democrats a bit more on record than the Republicans.

Must Save More

Chairman William McC. Martin of the federal reserve board warned recently that we must save more and invest more if we are to meet the great challenge now being posed to our rank as the world's most productive nation.

The position of those who distrust leaving to the market place the determination of how Americans shall spend all their money is precisely that this would not lead to more saving and investment.

They contend that there are at least as many fools and scoundrels in the market place as in government. They say the market place entices us as a nation to fritter away too much money on consumer goods, often produced with "planned obsolescence" to increase the profits of their makers and the consequent drain on the economy. This, they claim, destroys savings and prevents investment in basic industry and necessary services.

The National Association of Manufacturers (NAM), which is wholeheartedly in favor of letting the market place shape the progress and dimensions of the economy, recently produced a booklet analyzing the 1961 federal budget and vigorously condemning many proposed federal expenditures.

More Benefit Seen

Here is what the N.A.M. booklet has to say about this issue of congress vs. the market place:

"There are some who hold that increased public spending of the people's income would be more beneficial than the spending of that money by the people themselves. The idea appears to be that the government would spend only on worthwhile things, while the people, if left on their own would spend too much foolishly. This would amount to substituting bureaucratic judgement regarding worthwhile or foolish things for that of the market place.

"The free market is marvelously selective," the N.A.M. study continued.

"It constantly establishes and changes priorities where resources are channeled into the most productive uses. No business can last long if its owner or manager ignores this sensitive selectivity . . . the most consistent and ample economic progress will be made by leaving the market free to set those priorities which will mean the most efficient use of resources."

Undoubtedly that is good economic doctrine as far as it goes. But it leaves some questions unanswered. For example, how did the Soviet Union, which has no free market place, manage to survive its first 40 years, much less to expand and seriously challenge the economic supremacy of the United States?

Interested for Spending Sake

And why has the marvelous selectivity of the market place permitted panics, recessions, depressions and such phenomena as under-education and inadequate health facilities to continue to exist in the Western world?

The N.A.M. then proceeds,

as do many economists, bankers, businessmen and politicians, to contend that those who want to use the taxing power to "beef up the public sector of the money" are simply interested in spending for its own sake—in "the inflationary aggrandizement of the state."

This is the seventh Presidential campaign in which this question of government spending vs. the market place has been an issue.

This year it assumes a new dimension because a nation that rejects the market place utterly and is growing rapidly is challenging us as an economic as well as a political and social rival.

Brother-in-Law Held in Stabbing

San Diego, Calif.—Percy J. Catalon, 23, of Lafayette, La., was arraigned Monday on charges of stabbing his brother-in-law to death following a quarrel.

Catalon, a Marine acting sergeant stationed at Camp Pendleton, was arraigned before U.S. Commissioner Betty Marshall Graydon. He was ordered held in county jail pending a grand jury probe.

The FBI said Catalon stabbed Gary Baum of Jefferson, Ore., when the victim visited Catalon at his trailer-home Saturday.

The FBI said Baum suffered a knife wound in the lower left side below the rib cage. He was dead on arrival at the Camp Pendleton base hospital.

Rowley Regis, England—Six schoolboys brought to court for playing football on the highway were freed Monday when they insisted they were playing "passball," a game not covered by the law.

Validity Doubted Obscene Law

Portland—The Municipal Judge J. J. Quinn said Monday he has doubts about the validity of Portland's new obscene literature law, passed in March.

The law was put into effect three weeks ago for the first time with the defendant in the "in rem" case, Adam Magazine, a national publication aimed at men.

Judge Quinn asked that briefs be filed by attorneys for both sides.

The city was given until May 16 to present some legal authority for asking the court to rule the magazine obscene. The publication was picked from a newsstand shelf and "arrested" by a vice officer.

Bruce Avrit, attorney for the All-State News Co., of Chicago, distributor of the magazine, took the witness stand to introduce 25 different magazines and books which can be purchased on Portland newsstands and which he said contain material similar to Adam Magazine.

ARREST HOOD JUMPER
Minneapolis, Minn.—(AP) John V. Dvorsky, 20, was arrested Monday and charged with getting into a car "without the owner's permission." When Mrs. Arlene Breffle supplied a crosswalk to let three pedestrians cross, Dvorsky jumped on its hood, police said.

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