

Foreign Exchange Students To Leave for Home June 21

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As President Eisenhower said in 1957, "I don't know of anything more worth while today than for young people of our several countries to visit each other."

Doing just that for the last nine months have been Therese Inglin and Reinhart Kostlin, foreign exchange students from Switzerland and Germany under the auspices of the American Field service.

With the completion of school and local activities here, Therese and Reinhart will tour the United States with other such students and then leave for home, arriving early in August.

Live with Residents
During this school year, Therese has been staying with the Richard Finch family, Medford, and Reinhart has been living with the P. G. Humphreys, also of Medford.

At a recent interview, both foreign students freely expressed their school, church and social activities while in this country, and have told of their future school and vocational plans. Also outlined was their upcoming trip across the nation by bus, then by ship home.

The local visitors will leave Medford by car about June 21 en route to Portland where they will meet other foreign students under the same program. After a couple of days to board chartered buses and will begin their cross-country excursion. On the journey they will go through Washington, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and will finally arrive in Washington, D.C.

With Local Families
During the cross-country jaunt, the students will stop and spend the nights with local families along the way. In Washington, D.C., the area students will meet with nearly 1,500 other foreign exchange students from all over the world. At the national meet at the Capitol, students will exchange experiences so each will know more about the country as a whole.

Toward the end of July, the delegation will travel to New York for more sightseeing. Following that is a trip to Montreal, Canada, where the ship will embark. On July 27, the entire group will depart for Rotterdam, The Netherlands, with individual transit home to follow.

During this school year the students here have been busy with their school activities. Therese was enrolled in art, choir, U.S. history, English, American literature, typing and college algebra; Reinhart, art, English, literature, physical education, American problems, U.S. history and public speaking. Both students were

graduated at the recent Medford High school commencement.

Play Big Parts
According to the students, extra-curricular activities have also played a big part in their American lives. Therese (who is a genuine Swiss yodeler) has participated in many vocal music events. Besides traveling to Portland earlier this spring with the choir, she was involved in the high school production of "Oklahoma." She was also a member of the school pep club and boasts that she attended all three MHS championship playoff games.

On the other hand, Reinhart, declared an enthusiastic athlete, has centered his outside activities around sports—football, basketball, wrestling, track, and fishing. He was a member of the noted Medford Black Tornado athletic squad. Although a member of the local Young Men's Christian association, he admits that he didn't have time to do "too much."

International Affairs
Both teen-agers were attracted to international affairs and represented Medford High at a state International Relations league conference in Eugene earlier this spring.

Also attracting their attention was the local art program. Several pieces of their work have been displayed locally, and at the high school. In describing the art program in Medford, Reinhart replied "just fine."

Co-education, new to the visitors brought forth two different concepts when analyzed after the school year. Therese thought that it was "much better than just having only girls" and Reinhart testified that he "didn't like it." The German said he was used to separate schooling, and, secondly, he felt that one could study better without "distractions."

What Seems Strange
Asked about what seemed strange to them in America, Reinhart cited that the foods in the U.S. are different. In Germany, he continued, people eat directly from the garden and there are few canned goods. Refrigeration is also a luxury for most people due to the expense of such commodities.

Therese explained that everything seemed "natural" to her, since she has gotten used to it and has adjusted quite well.

Most surprising to the students was the quantity of material possessions that everyone owns, such as cars, boats, television sets, etc.

The Swiss girl noted the fact that a common European concept of American teenagers is that they are playboys and playgirls and are not really concerned about the

future. She felt this was a false impression.

Express Approval
In review, the foreigners expressed their approval and acceptance of Medford High school, and this community as "better than average" and "all right." Reinhart said he didn't realize that athletes were stressed so much in America; nevertheless, he admitted he liked it.

The teen-agers stressed that they had appreciated the courtesy and the hospitality shown them by the people of the community. Reinhart summed up their sentiments by saying that the "people were really interested in us" and were "so nice to us."

"Medford must be a community which is very interested in the American Field service aims," he concluded.

Asked about their plans after returning home, Reinhart volunteered that he will enter the German Army for 12 months, the country's requirement. Following that he plans a few years of college with no definite course of study as yet. When he returns, however, he must finish his own high school, at which he will be graduated this December. He will then have completed 13 years of schooling plus this year in Medford.

Additional Education
Therese has two more years of school to complete, which are comparable to the first and second years in American college. Upon graduation she intends to attend the University of Geneva for additional education.

With no special vocation in mind, she has looked into welfare work and is interested in work involving the use of several languages. Since she speaks English, French, Swiss-German, and Italian, she is interested in working with the United Nations branch in Geneva or similar activities.

Commencement being their most current activity, both foreign exchange students commented on their "home town" graduation services.

Receive Diplomas
Therese said that in Geneva students receive diplomas upon graduation from each grade individually. At the conclusion of their last year they receive a larger, more formal diploma. Therese also pointed out that the entire senior class in Swiss schools go on a several-days trip as a group. This senior trip is traditional, as perhaps, are the American proms, and baccalaureate and commencement ceremonies.

Reinhart mentioned that in Germany graduation consists of just one service, rather than both baccalaureate and commencement. He also remarked that there was no marching done during the ceremonies as there is here.

Both Reinhart Kostlin and Therese Inglin expressed their appreciation to the people of Medford for being "so interested and kind" to them.



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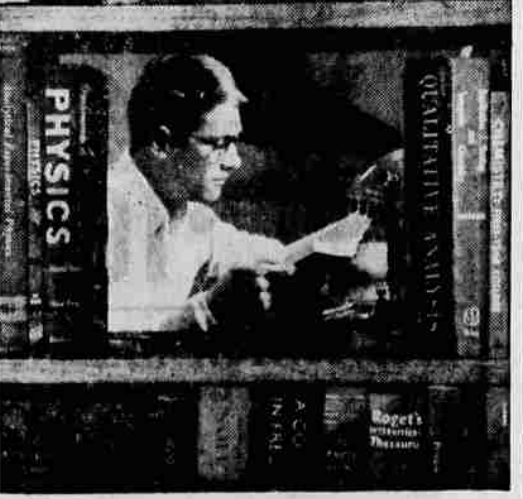
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This application can be made at the ASC office on the third floor of the county court house annex, Medford, in person or a request by mail that the application be sent to them.

Straus emphasized that request for a new wheat farm acreage allotment shall be honored unless it is made in writing on or before the deadline.

Two Honored at Company Event

Harold W. Wilson, Medford, and Ray Stringer, Ashland, both employees of the California-Pacific Utilities, received wrist watches symbolizing 25 years of service with the company at the 30th anniversary picnic of the company here June 5.

Making the presentation was Martin Sands, vice president and division manager of the company.

The picnic, held at Lithia park, Ashland, was for employees of both the Medford and Ashland districts of the organization. Approximately 90-100 people attended.

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