

Veni-Vidi

By MARGARET SCHULER

Rome—Apparently a "new" American is emerging—among young people. Elizabeth Blum, 17-year-old valedictorian of the Overseas School of Rome, sums it up succinctly in her address to the graduating class. I quote it, in part, as it seems quite significant.

"Some still follow the old pattern, becoming chauvinistic, super-Americanized, forming clans of exiles who try to recreate America abroad, while despising, or at least avoiding, things European. But many, and more each year, react quite differently. They welcome the opportunity to grow up in contact with other cultures. They learn to be as much at home in Europe as they might have been in the States. They remain inevitably American, but become also, in some measure 'International'. They are the new Americans.

"The new American is a Europeanized American, and he has some advantages that other Americans do not have. He has a variety of experiences with newspapers, books, radio, television, and he speaks more languages than one. Because of this he can look at America in a rather special way, fondly and lovingly, but free from the prejudices and clichés that have marked Americans in the past.

"We measure up in different degrees, but the new American, the European American, can be broadminded, cosmopolitan, discriminating, tasteful and mature.

"Because his closest friends are European, the new American is less likely to be prejudiced, less given to sweeping generalizations, less prone to feel that he is superior to others because he is an American. He is less ready to make fun of things unfamiliar to him. He is sophisticated in the best sense of the word.

"We aren't ugly, and so America isn't ugly. Dods-worth is dead."

"The principal of the school told me that it is the policy of the school to encourage this attitude expressed by Elizabeth Blum. The students travel, visit in homes of young people their ages, and entertain in return.

I attended the graduation, by invitation, of another school in Rome—the Notre Dame International School for boys. That was an experience for me. I saw boys of all nationalities, all faiths, and from many countries. Several of them gave little talks, and I heard the Cardinal from Armenia give the graduating address. Our ambassador gave the diplomas. The parents, many of them, were at the graduation exercises, and they represented an international group of young people themselves. At the reception following there seemed a particularly gay and friendly atmosphere.

Woman Attends Family Reunion

Eagle Point—Mrs. William Brown, 223 North C street, Eagle Point, returned Tuesday from Portland where she was the guest of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Taylor. All members of the Taylor family gathered for a week together and a reunion dinner.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Taylor, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. William Pium, Santa Barbara, Calif.; Mr. and Mrs. Clark Rippey, Lake, Ore.; Mrs. Rippey, Mrs. Pium and Mr. Taylor were all raised in the Eagle Point area.

Besides the usual gatherings and dances, the group met at the Lakeside Country club for dinner with other relatives. They saw the Rose Festival parade and were entertained at the river home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Boyles at Bonneville. Mrs. Boyles lived for many years in Medford. They also made a special trip to the Portland zoo to see Packy, the baby elephant.

Army Man Ends Duty in Germany

Gold Hill—David Parker, former Gold Hill man, arrived in New York June 25 from Germany where he completed a tour of duty with the U.S. Army.

Prior to joining his wife Judi and their daughter Laurie at Anaheim, Calif., he is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Parker, and sister Miss Linda Parker at the family home on Lampman Road.

Mrs. Parker and Miss Linda will accompany Mr. Parker to Anaheim where they will also visit Mr. and Mrs. Howard Davis, parents of Mrs. David Parker. During the two weeks they plan to be in southern California the two travelers will also be guests of another son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Parker and son Cary at Chula Vista.

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