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Person-to-Person Approach Acquaints Foreign Newsmen

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Portland, Maine — (UPI) — Foreign correspondents covering the American scene for readers and listeners overseas are becoming aware that life in much of the United States is sharply distinct from the daily living in New York and Washington.

Through the state of Maine's program to entertain foreign journalists and broadcasters, those who have visited here in the past six months are discerning this difference and reporting it back to their home countries. America's often-tarnished image abroad has taken on a new, most favorable dimension.

This state, easternmost in the nation, is known for its social simplicity and the leisurely pace of its 970,000 citizens. Since last March, Maine has been cooperating with the federal government in helping present a picture of U.S. life that frequently is transmitted overseas.

Because much of the state is vast forest land and the total industrial output is not great, the way of life of Maine people is not reflected in the daily flow of major news events from the nation's businesses and political capitals.

Correspondents Hosted
In its biggest single effort to demonstrate how Maine people work and play, the state entertained 26 foreign correspondents for an entire week in mid-August. The newsmen and their wives were brought to Maine in a chartered bus.

They visited the Telstar earth station in the mountains of Western Maine; they saw huge pulp and paper mills in operation, and they were treated to a unique display of all products made in Maine.

But most important, they lived in the homes of warm-hearted families.

A number of foreign journalists had been entertained by Maine families previously, but the August outing was the biggest and longest visit by members of the foreign press to the "Down East" state. Another busload of reporters from around the world now are in the Bangor area.

Maine officials hope their example of good neighborliness to visiting newsmen will be followed by many other states. At least 10 states already have expressed serious interest in the program.

By coincidence, the week's visit began while President Kennedy was enjoying a brief vacation on a coastal island near Maine's seaside village of Boothbay harbor. A highlight of the foreigners' visit was an old-fashioned Maine lobster and clam bake on pine-studded Cabbage Island, a 20-minute boat trip from Boothbay.

For nearly seven hours, the foreign guests conversed on all manner of subjects with American newsmen covering the Kennedy party and with Maine people representing a wide variety of occupations and cultural backgrounds. The words were in many languages, but the smiles and nods of understanding had universal meaning.

Ocean Dinner
Late in the afternoon, the guests were served a delicious dinner of steaming lobsters and clams cooked in seaweed over an outdoor fire. Curious seagulls soared above the surf for their own seafood specialties. A mild breeze bore a salty scent from the ocean as the clouds parted to

reveal sunwashed views of Maine's rockbound coast.

To a man, the correspondents agreed that New York was never like this.

Aristide Moleon of Ultimas Noticias in Caracas, Venezuela, and his vivacious wife, Gloria, former editor of the women's magazine, *Paginas*, were among those impressed with this flavor of Maine. They have lived about three months in New York.

"I sense here, as in other places I've traveled in the United States, the goodwill and the desire of the people to help other countries solve their problems. I realize that most of the time the chief problem is lack of communication. To exchange ideas, to get to know each other as we are doing today, is the basic way to settle differences between nations. I think this is a fine way to have us learn about your people," Moleon said.

Mrs. Moleon said "it is lovely and peaceful here. The absence of noise around makes us feel more warmth from the people. This is the most important kind of thing Americans can do."

Henk Ohnesorge of the

Springer Foreign News Service in Germany, has been in the United States for about two years. He perceived the contrast with life in New York.

"I can't think of any instance when I've felt so much at home in America," Ohnesorge said. "I am amazed at the lack of noise, traffic and flashing neon lights."

Ohnesorge's charming wife, Margot, compared the setting with Baltic sea resorts in Europe. She was impressed "with your beautiful

seashore and the thick woods at the edge of the ocean."

Daniel Viklund of Dagens Nyheter in Stockholm recently arrived from London to spend two or three weeks in New York before moving on to Washington. He liked the old-fashioned houses and the slower pace in Maine.

"Many of your houses look like those built in Sweden 40 or 50 years ago. I like it here because everything is not so bright and shiny. There is a more settled culture... people seem more sure of things."

Bert Van Velzen, KRO radio, representing Belgium and The Netherlands, has been in New York for three years and was on his second trip to Maine. He said the person-to-person approach to mutual understanding "is a terrific idea."

"This is the only way to get to understand people in different parts of America and to find out what makes them tick," said Van Velzen, aptly summing up the meaning of the program.

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