

# CAMERA *Angles*

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AP Newsfeatures

My return from a trip abroad, on which a couple of cameras and a group of photographers were constant companions, left me with a great many photo experiences and impressions, some of which could not be captured on film.

But of one thing I'm certain: A camera and a friendly spirit form a bridge of understanding with people everywhere.

It explains that you're a tourist, starts friendships, opens doors and acts as a common bond or universal language.

It permits you to join children at play, men at work and people at leisure with a recognizable reason for your presence.

It paves the way, often, to a front row place at activities because people are apt to open a path for a camera which they wouldn't do for merely another spectator.

To be specific, there was the visit to the Rijk Art Museum in Amsterdam. Along with Ralph Miller, photo columnist for the New York World-Telegram and Sun, and in accordance with the rules, we checked our cameras at the entrance and started the tour.

We were impressed not only with the Rembrandts, Frans Hals and other famous Dutch painters but with the people who came to study them. It was Saturday morning and numerous groups of school children were present.

The urge to photograph the youngsters as they clustered around their teachers or lounged on the floor looking at the paintings, became too much. We were

directed to a young lady at the information desk. Fortunately she spoke perfect English and we asked how we could get permission to use a camera to show the children's interest in art.

She was very cooperative and made several calls until she found an official with the proper authority and a sympathetic ear. Finally he agreed it could be done under his supervision. However, by the time I retrieved my camera it was past noon and the classes were gone. But now the official seemed to have as much interest in the project as we.

He disappeared for a few moments, reappeared and motioned us to follow him. We soon saw why. He had found a trio of young boys studying a Rembrandt from a sitting position on the floor. When we shot the picture, he was as pleased as we were.

The following day we were in Volendam, a town where many of the inhabitants wear native Dutch costumes, lace caps and wooden shoes. As we took pictures, we wondered out loud why some of the girls wore costumes and others didn't. An English-speaking Hollander, standing nearby, explained that only girls from authentic fishermen's families could wear the costumes. Other questions and answers followed.

His interest in our cameras and our attention to his information cemented a mutual friendship and soon Ralph Miller and I had a volunteer guide, Henk Rijkers, at our service. He led us to some photogenic spots off the tourist track, introduced us

to townspeople, persuaded the children to continue their playing while we took pictures — then took pictures of us with the children.

Our newly-found friend had another treat in store for us and our cameras. On a boat, which he piloted himself, he ferried us to the nearby colorful island of Marken. There we paid a call on the island's first lady, Mrs. Sijtje Boes, who showed us her home, explained some of the island's traditions and expressed her warm regard for America.

These were rewarding days, enriched by friendship and the

feeling of international goodwill which makes tourists and ambassadors. And they were made possible by our photographers our ambassadors everywhere.



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## Stamps In The News

By SYD KRONISH

Latin America occupies the philatelic spotlight this week with the announcement of several new issues from this section of the world.

Ecuador has issued a new stamp honoring the 100th anniversary of the Red Cross. It shows the National Red Cross Building in Quito plus a portrait of Henry Dunant, founder of the Red Cross.



Venezuela has stated it will issue a new set of stamps early in 1961 to commemorate the 1960 National Census. There will be nine stamps for regular postage and 12 for airmail.

The World Wide Philatelic Agency, distributors for the United Nations World Refugee Year Organization, was notified by the United Nations Postal Administration about the issuance of a Pan-American set of first day covers. The set includes covers of Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Paraguay and the United States.

The cover design, a stylized pen and ink drawing of a refugee mother and child, is by Jean Cocteau. All of these covers were canceled on April 7 (except for Colombia which bears the postmark May 24).

The covers may be obtained from your local stamp dealer.

Norfolk Island, in the South Pacific near Australia, commemorates the 100th anniversary of local government with the issuance of a new 2-8 pence stamp. The stamp is of the large Australian commemorative size. The design features the Annigoni portrait of Queen Elizabeth II at the right and a map of the island with inscription at left.

Also to be issued by this same island (on Dec. 5) will be a Christmas stamp bearing the same design as the Australian stamp discussed and depicted in this column recently.

The United States Post Office Department reports that the pictorial first day cancellation to be applied to covers bearing the 4 cent and 8 cent Garibaldi "Champion of Liberty" stamps placed on sale Nov. 2 at Washington, D.C., feature an outline map of Italy as it was a century ago and the wording "Centenary Italian Unification."

The Swiss Philatelic Agency announced that a 5 franc United Nations stamp depicting the U.N. Building in Geneva (Palais des Nations) illustrates the Lake of Geneva and Mont Blanc in the background. The stamp is to be used to simplify payment of postage on large packets. At the same time the Swiss Postal Administration declared it is issuing three new service stamps.

## Decline Noted

The number of school districts has declined from 127,422 in 1931-32 to an estimated 49,605 in 1959-60. With the decrease in the number of school districts has come a drop in the number of citizens serving as school board members. In 1933, 424,000 persons served their communities as school board members or trustees. By 1958-59, their ranks had dwindled to 185,228. This year there are almost 12,000 fewer than last year.

The number of superintendents of schools is estimated at 13,008 for 1959-60. The superintendent of schools is a professional person in charge of the administration of activities of the local school district.

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