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We, the 1958 students of the Americans Abroad Summer Program, dedicate this Volume to the staff of the American Field Service New York office. Through their unselfish efforts and work around the world, the American Field Service has developed into a positive and constructive organization promoting peace among nations. While constantly striving toward this primary goal of fostering better understanding among the peoples of the world, this international staff has also found time to solve our many problems ranging from lost passports to seasickness. Their counsel and leadership was directly responsible for making possible our unforgettable summer. We are grateful and proud to recognize this tireless group whose endeavors are so often overlooked and unheralded.

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ARGENTINA

Although many Americans associate Argentina with pampas and gauchos, those of us who spent our AFS summer in Argentina discovered that this vast land is more than just gauchos and pampas. And at the same time we sought to leave a true impression of our way of life in America with our friends and foster families. When the end of summer came, we knew that both Argentines and Americans had made a significant contribution to life in a better world.

We found Mendoza, situated at the foot of the Andes, to be truly "the land of sun and good wine." Although the surrounding area is largely desert-like pampas, we saw flowers and trees blooming in the middle of the city, thanks to a remarkable system of irrigation. With its warm and sunny climate, the old-world city reminded us of summer, though in reality it was winter below the equator. Mosaic sidewalks and pastel-colored homes served to give a bright hue to the city.

We also learned a great deal of South American history, since Mendoza was the gathering place for General Jose de San Martin and his troops before they crossed the Andes in 1823. "Cerro de la Gloria" near the city explains his triumphs and is famous throughout the country, and a central plaza in Mendoza also commemorates him.

Old Spanish forts and modern buildings combined to make Cordoba a city of beautiful contrasts. Thanks to the friendly and hospitable people, we felt at home immediately, and we were kept busy answering

hundreds of questions concerning America and the AFS. Many of us had an opportunity to travel with our families through Cordoba province with its lakes and rolling countryside. For some of us the high point of the trip was attending school with our foreign brothers and sisters.

Our final week in Argentina was spent in the capital, Buenos Aires. We saw and learned much about this modern and industrious city, and enjoyed meeting the other American students and comparing our experiences of the summer. Then, far too soon, it was time to leave. Yet we returned home knowing of a warm, friendly, and freedom-loving people who, we hoped, had a better understanding through us of the people and life of the United States.





Mr. Steven Rowan with Ann Van Beek's mother in Mendoza.

Below: A group of Argentine teen-agers with AFS returnees and summer students at a party.



Sally McDonald and Kathryn Randomanski join friends at an Argentine bar-b-que.



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Right:
Stations of the Cross lead to
a statue of Christ in the hills
near Cordoba.



Argentine and Uruguayan AFS students gather outside of the legislative chamber in Buenos Aires.

AUSTRIA

"Oh, Österreich, Oh Österreich," the proud Austrian sings, his chest swelling with national pride. He has many reasons for his pride. His homeland, reduced through war to one of the smallest countries of the world, is a land of contrasts. In a few hours one can travel from Vienna, the time-honored center of music and culture, across the gently rolling hills of middle Austria to the picturesque lakes of Salzburg and the majestic Alps which reign in Tirol and Vorarlberg. As the landscape changes, so do the people, but we nineteen AFS'ers in Austria discovered that whether we were in the mountains, were visiting a castle of the Hapsburg family, or were in a native village, the Austrians are the warmest people one could meet. They are affectionate, gay, anxious to please, and graciously take the visitor into their hearts. From the first time "Gruss gott" is spoken, a stranger feels at home.

It was these characteristics that helped these people live through the ten year occupation by the Four Powers after World War II. During the war they suffered untold hardships as the Allies successfully bombed out Vienna, the stronghold of the Nazis. But with stamina and courage typical of the Austrian people, they were able to withstand the occupation years. They finally achieved their independence in October, 1955, and are presently a neutral republic with an elected president.

The Austrians are proud of their musical heritage, too. In Austria one can hear everything from heavy opera and Viennese waltzes to rock and roll. Vienna itself is the birthplace

and home of many composers, including Strauss, Schubert, Haydn, and Beethoven. The city has two opera houses and two concert halls.

We, of course, thrived in this friendly, gay atmosphere. We loved the Wiener-schnitzel, different kinds of cheeses and sausages, and, naturally, the pastries and tortes. Eating four or five times a day was hard on the waistline, but then, we always had the boat ride home to help with that!

The way of life of the average Austrian family is quite different from what we had expected. Most households do not have the modern appliances we have in America; therefore, a great deal of time is spent marketing, cooking, and cleaning. The possessions they do have represent long hours of hard work.

At the end of the summer all the AFS'ers who had lived in Austria came together in Vienna where we went sightseeing for several days before our journey home. The summer had disappeared all too quickly, and it was with sad hearts that we said "Auf wiedersehen" to our Austrian families.





A typical street in Graz.



Remains of the Gostinger castle outside of Graz.



Barbara Holway and her Austrian parents, the Winklers.



These beautiful brown cows make up a part of the pastoral charm of the high green mountains of Tirol.



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Villagers dressed in their dancing costumes in a typical Austrian town.



The beautiful and picturesque Austrian Alps.



Patti Rew in her Austrian dirndl.

BELGIUM

Of the many experiences we have had in Belgium, The International Worlds Fair was probably the most exciting, new, and different. We would like to take this opportunity to tell you a little about it.

Belgium, in the summer of 1958, was the center of an international exchange of friendship and ideas. Many strange and different ideas, customs, and ways of life were brought together in order that millions might see the way other parts of the world live. One A.F.S.'er to Belgium gives some of his opinions: "I visited the United States pavillion several times and feel sure it was the most beautiful and relaxing . . . the Russians were clearly ahead in the showing of their industrial might . . . architecturally speaking, the French building was most outstanding . . . the

Thailand pavillion was most exotic . . . Holland best showed the actual industries of the country . . . Israel demonstrated the progress which they have made . . . Brazil had the most interesting item for sale —yerba mate."

We think that Brussels, as the capital of a nation very conscious of world affairs, was an excellent choice for the site of this convention. Belgium and her partners have set a precedent in forming Benelux, which unites three European countries. We feel, as would anyone who saw the great "Expo" in Brussels, that this international cooperative effort is a progressive step towards achieving the ultimate goal of the American Field Service: to promote world peace through global understanding.





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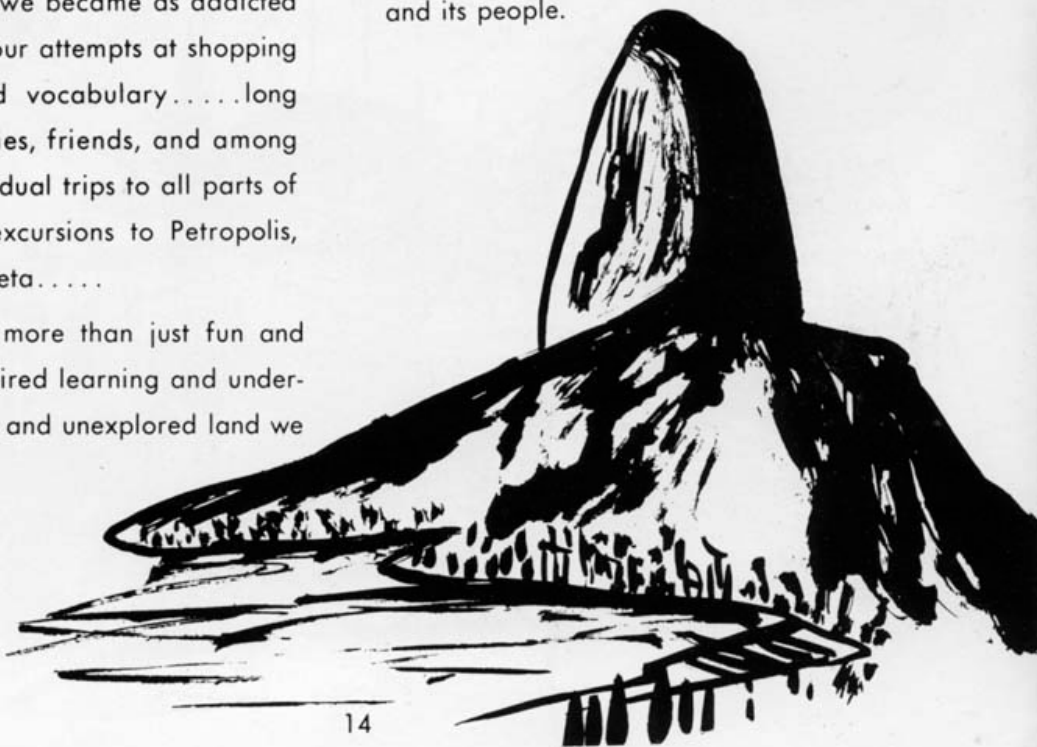
We remember our constant struggle with Portuguese and the new words we had to learn the riotous celebrations in Rio de Janeiro when Brazil defeated Sweden for the international soccer championship the miles of white beaches with swimming every day gay, glorious parties until the wee hours of the morning, and a search for a pizza place afterward in Copacabana the incredible natural beauty of "Cidade Marairbosa" and the harbor, seen from Sugar Loaf and Corcovado adventuresome, energetic, fun-loving people we came to know as our friends and families teeth-rattling rides around Rio in that famous Brazilian contrivance, the lotacao days of beautiful warm weather that lasted without raining during our entire stay endless cups of coffee until we became as addicted as the natives our attempts at shopping with a very limited vocabulary long talks with our families, friends, and among ourselves individual trips to all parts of Brazil, as well as excursions to Petropolis, Terezopolis, and Paketa

But there was more than just fun and memories. We acquired learning and understanding of this vast and unexplored land we

came to call home. With a naturally-rich and mysterious nation confronting them, the Brazilians are an ambitious, forward-looking people who have brought their country to industrial and political power in a few years. With its vast natural resources and unrivaled beauty, Brazil is a potential leader of the next century.

Perhaps one of the most exciting experiences of our entire summer was the ten-day bus trip to Sao Paulo, the leading industrial center of Brazil. We saw steel mills and coffee fazendas, textile mills and military academies, and scenes of natural beauty everywhere. Sao Paulo itself is a great and modern city, often called the "Chicago of South America."

And then we had to go. But we left with memories we shall always hold of a warm and sympathetic people who had opened their hearts to us and shown us so much of their nation. Never will we forget this land and its people.





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Rio de Janeiro — Bay of Botafogo and Sugar Loaf mountain.



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Left:
Brazilians and Americans
gather at Fort Copacabana
for a Fourth of July celebra-
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DENMARK

Denmark has come to mean more to us than good pastry, fine silver, and Royal Copenhagen porcelain. It is now a special country, inhabited by people dear to our hearts, and filled with exciting memories for each of us.

Denmark, smallest of the Scandinavian countries, is divided into three sections, the main peninsula, Jutland, two islands, Fyen and Zealand, and five hundred other islands. It is a farming country, covered with rolling fields of wheat, rye, and barley, and flat green plains dotted with tiny white farmhouses and little blue lakes. Everyone of us saw sights which looked as if they had come from the pages of a storybook.

One of the things we especially enjoyed about Denmark was the food. The open-faced sandwiches surprised us at first, but later we wondered why the Americans use two slices of bread to make a sandwich. We also loved the pastries which we had for afternoon tea and just before bed. All of us can remember entering a bakery, seeing the weighted shelves, and smelling the wonderful breads which we just can't seem to find here in America.

We found the Danish people friendly, hospitable, and very patient with our struggles with their language. The teen-agers were surprisingly like Americans, participating in sports, listening to jazz, and going to movies, just as we do. We quickly learned that our chief means of transportation would be our own two feet or our bicycle, and after the first few long walks, we began to enjoy our daily exercise.

In addition to living with a family and learning their customs and language, we also had a chance to get to know one of the most fascinating cities in the world, Copenhagen. We spent a week there, receiving a hearty welcome from the government, and visiting many castles and old buildings. Our favorite place, however, was Tivoli, the beautiful amusement park. We found it a dreamland with colored lights, ponds, and restaurants, such as we had never seen before.

As we said good-bye to Copenhagen and to all of Denmark at the end of a wonderful summer, we had a feeling of joy mixed with our sadness, for we had learned to love and admire another country and other people.





Frederiksberg Slot near Copenhagen.



A Danish chimney sweep.



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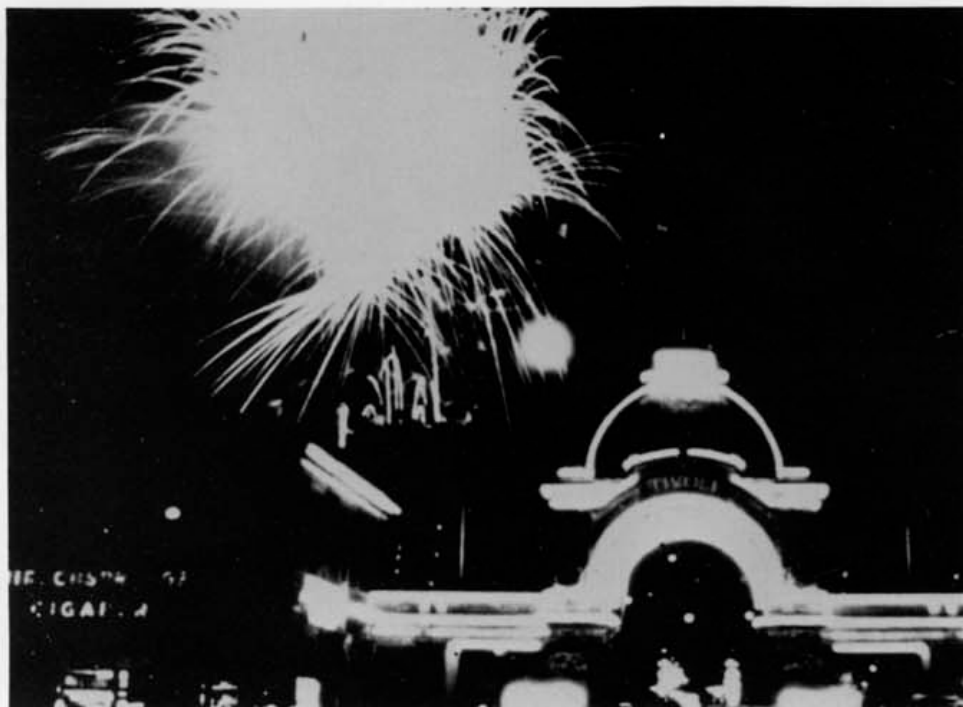
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Hans Christian Andersen's house.



Entrance to Tivoli in Copenhagen.



The Tuborg Brewery.



Stork's nest.



Old windmill at Fyen Village.

FINLAND

Finland, like every country dear to a person's heart, is made of poetry — the calm verse of lakes, invariably the same color as the sky, the stern epic of greenclad hills, the limerick of a wonderfully humorous people. Every birch is a sonnet of mottled white elegance, every sauna a poetic line so true that it makes one feel washed from the soul out. The rhythm and color of a folk song that comes from the heart of the people, the clear charm of the melodic line of Sibelius . . . this is Finland to one who knows her.

From the very first days to those of the very last, we found each day filled with all the projects and adventures which now make up the most pleasant memories and dreams e're to be remembered and dreamed! With the Finns, many of us regained or gained a love of simplicity—a love of nature, for this is something which is very close to every Finn. The summer brings nearly a mass migration of city folk to the forests and lakes of the country which is unbelievably beautiful. To those of us who spent most of our summer in the country, the days were quite similar — fishing, talking and eating. Calorie-wise, we girls soon found the worst offenders to be the coffee breaks at 3:00 in the afternoons and at 9:30 in the still very light evenings; it wasn't the coffee which ruined many a shape, either, but the sweetbreads (pulla) and pies of which we had at least two helpings! An active week in the country was invariably ended in the Saturday night sauna, where every trace of a week's grime was steamed, baked, scrubbed, and rinsed away. The "heat bath" left us completely relaxed and tranquillized! I doubt that anyone of us

has ever been in so cheerful frame of mind or has slept so soundly as after a round of sauna!

Many of us traveled and toured in parts of Finland other than where we lived. Some of these places might have been the romantically old and rustic Karelia, blue Lake Saimaa, Pori of West Finland, Hameelinna, Lappeenranta, Utari Beach, and of course Lapland. Each place brings a special picture to mind, a special memory to heart. We all remember Helsinki — the colorful, bustling market square, the clean white buildings, the streets lined with trees, the exciting ships, the parliament house, and the many many special places dear to each of us personally.

Lastly, we recall the people of Finland. Oh how we learned to love those shy, happy, wonderful Finns. The brothers, the sisters, our Aiti-s and isa-s are the people of Finland to us now; how our conceptions of people the world over have changed since last spring.

As we caught our last glimpse of Helsinki from the harbor fast fading into the distance, many whispered "nakemiin," for good-bye was too final. Though many of us know we will probably never physically return to Suomi, we have already returned over and over again through memories, dreams, and letters. May we keep the love of this country and its people, as dear as our own, in our hearts forever.





Nakemiin, Suomi!



The parliament building in Helsinki.



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Helsinki from the water is an impressive sight.





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Finnish washing machine?



We came home with the strangest souvenirs.



Finnish National Museum.



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FRANCE

France means Mélange. It is a haven for individualists, sheltering many separate and often conflicting ideals, traditions, and cultures. Yet France is not a melting pot; its components do not merge, for each one preserves its distinct identity. A Parisian speaks, eats, and thinks quite differently from a Burgundian, and both would contrast with a person from any one of the other provinces. A Frenchman, then, may be described as being born in France and speaking a variation of the French language.

Just as there is no typical Frenchman, so there is no general picture of France. It is a land which is neither flat nor hilly, fertile nor rocky, but is rather a combination of all of these. Each section has a specialty and flavor which have been developed to such an extent that they cannot be duplicated anywhere. Because of this high degree of development, many products of France, of both an agricultural and industrial nature, are world-famous for their high quality.

As the country is varied, so are the inhabitants. Each has his own opinions and ideals, which, although they are respected, are rarely completely embraced by others. This is clearly shown in French politics where there has seldom been a majority. This variety of beliefs seems to be one of the keys to French happiness and contentment, which we found while living with these people. Besides speaking their language and learning their ideas, each of us had a sampling of the various regional atmospheres and cultures of France. As in the past France is still a world

leader in literature and philosophy, even though many wars have reduced her political power.

Like all AFS'ers, it will be many years before our impressions of France and this wonderful summer will be forgotten. But there is an old tradition that says that everyone visits France must someday return. And so sometime in the future we will all see France again, and our memories of that wonderful land will then remain with us for a thousand years.





Atop the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

A group of French students saying "au revoir" to one of their chaperones, Danièle, at Rotterdam.





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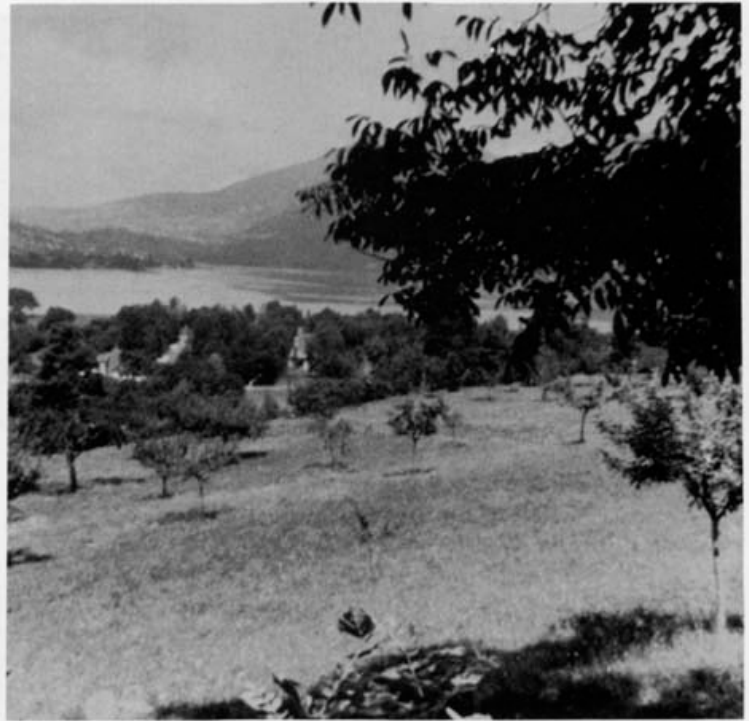
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Peter Hemenway pitching hay for a neighbor.



French countryside near Lyon.

Roy Kyndberg, Jean Farrand, and Bob Tinker in front of some bookstalls in Paris.



GERMANY

Germany is a land of contrast and variety. The differences are most noticeable in the architecture. All of us saw cities with churches in ancient gothic glory standing near modern buildings constructed since the war. As we traveled through Deutschland, we found that this contrast of old and new was not limited to the cities. On the whole, the northern plain seemed to be modern and industrial, while in the southern part, Bavaria, the valleys and forests were older and more picturesque.

We remember other things, too, besides the land and the architecture. All of us have certain things that will always remind us of Germany, no matter where we are. Bicycles, cuckoo clocks, lederhosen, Holstein cows, wine cellars, and, of course, the food. Who ever eats sauerkraut, kartofflen (potatoes), wurst (sausage), or has a glass of beer without thinking of his summer? Or the names - a Karl, Kurt, Gisela, or Heidi, a Schneider, Jacobsen, or Schroeder - all of these make us remember.

Best of all about our summer were the people. We met them with a vigorous handshake and were accepted at once by the hospitable and friendly Germans. We found them jovial and fun-loving and we had many happy and humorous experiences with them. We shared in their closely-knit family life with long discussions at dinner, and regular trips to church. We also adopted their pride in the heritage which had been passed down to them through many generations. We admired their industrious nature and marveled at their ability to "bounce back" from the war just thirteen years ago.

However, we gained more than a knowledge of the German people. Some of us saw

the well-guarded strip of bare earth which separates East and West Germany. Others of us, in the Berlin group, had a chance to go behind the Iron Curtain and see for ourselves the contrast between democratic and Communist rule. In East Berlin we noticed streets still uncleared of war debris and hopeless and dejected expressions on the faces of the people. When we went through West Berlin at night and saw the bright lights symbolizing the prosperity of the people, and when we contrasted them to the bleakness of the East Berlin side, we appreciated even more the ideals of democracy for which our country stands. Thus Germany and the Germans taught us not only to admire their country and understand her people, but also to respect and appreciate our own America.





Greg Delin, Eileen Bellezza, and Dale Coventry leaving Rotterdam for Germany.



The trip was long, but fun.



Dortmund AFS'ers.

Berlin'ers eating lunch on a boat trip.





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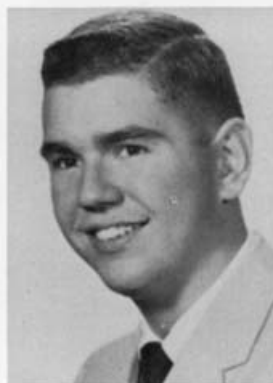
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Benediktbeuern, with its 1200 year old church and its 1800 meter mountain.



Überwasser church at Münster.



Roland statue in Bremen.



Bremen square (Roland statue on the right).



A former castle at Bilstein, now a youth hostel. Night's lodging - 12½ ₹ ; meals - 25 ₹ .



Frankfurt city hall.



A castle in Karlsruhe.



The walled city of Ravensburg.



Richard Young and Caesar in Saalburg.



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War ruins in Munich.



Boats at the fishing village of Büsum.



Many of us went on bike trips, traveling long distances inexpensively, and really seeing the country.



Vickie Dimoff in Landsburg, the oldest town in Germany.



Soccer fields in Stuttgart.



A thatched roof and crossing bean poles are typical of German farms.



Old buildings in Einbeck.



A typical German inn.



A house in Düsseldorf...



and one in Bavaria



Mary Lou Rice and one of "those little foreign jobs."



The plum festival in Bühl, a town in the Black Forest.



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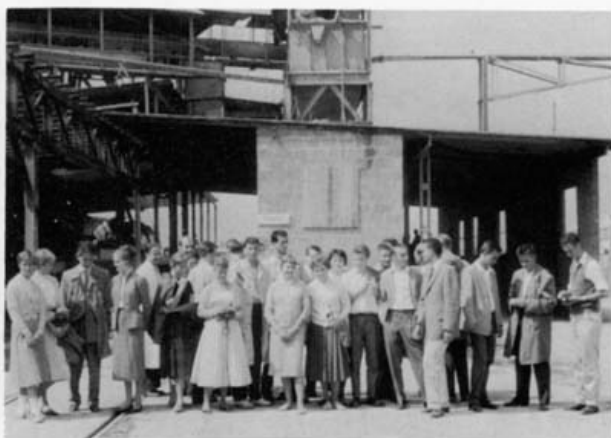
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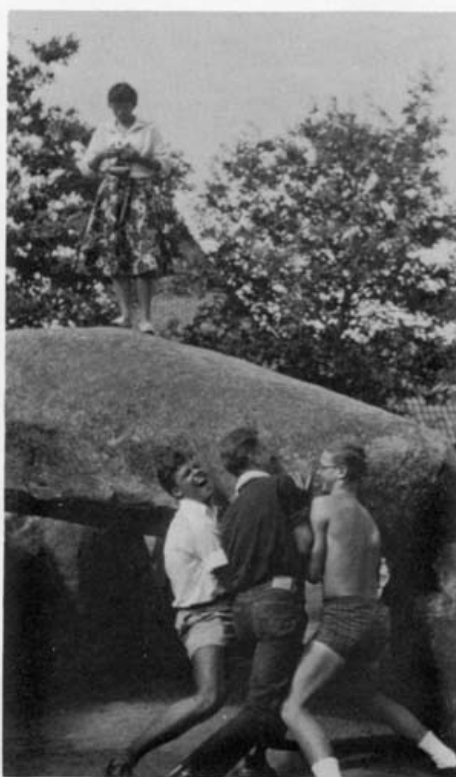
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Heidelberg AFS'ers touring a cement factory.



Four "lovely" Fraüleins - two Germans, Richard Miles, and Sam Turner.



Jon Chesney and two German friends trying to lift Louise Cleveland.



The Heidenheim market.



Charles Jennisch and his brother returning from a hike.



The Mayor of Bad Essen crowning Dorothy Schultz summer queen.



Carolyn Hough, Judy Hedekin, and Berlin brothers and sisters on a boat trip.



A farewell toast to Jeanne Thompson.



Dave Richardson and a glider he learned to fly in Germany.



Kay Quello celebrating her birthday German-style.



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Bonnie Thayer and her sister in Nürnberg.



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This windmill is a familiar sight to all the German AFS'ers, for it stood in a lovely park near the center of Bremen.



"How was your summer?" Meeting in Bremen at the end of our stay in Germany.



Reception in Bremen.



Dancing at the reception.



Bill McDonald, Marcia Potter, Bertie Fry, and Fred Mattes in Bremen.



How different we looked at the end of our trip! Now we all had odd-shaped packages and bags, plus our already heavy suitcases.



GREAT BRITAIN

When we heard from A.F.S. that Britain was to be our summer home, most of the twenty-three of us thought, "England—what's different or foreign about it?" Well, it didn't take long after landing in Southampton to find out.

Because of the difference between American English and England's English along with the many dialects in England, we had to be on our toes so that we understood everything, especially at the beginning of the summer. Some of us even acquired an accent or at least learned how to speak with one by the end of our stay.

Language was not the only contrast. The customs, food, monetary system, and so many other things differed that every moment held something new.

The following poem by James Thomson best expresses our impression of England.

Heavens! What a goodly prospect spreads around,
Of hills, and dales, and woods, and lawns, and spires,
And glittering towns, and gilded streams, till all
The stretching landscape into smoke decays!
Happy Britannia! Where, the Queen of Arts
Inspiring vigour, Liberty abroad
Walks, unconfined, e'en to thy farthest cots,
And scatters plenty with unsparing hand.
Rich is the soil and merciful thy clime;
Thy streams unfailing in the Summer's drought;
Unmatch'd thy guardian oaks; thy valleys float
With golden waves: and on thy mountains flocks
Bleat numberless; while roving round their sides,
Bellow the blackening herds in lusty droves.
Beneath, thy meadows glow, and rise unquell'd
Against the mower's scythe. On every hand
Thy villas shine. Thy country teems with wealth;
And property assures it to the swain,
Pleased and unwearied, in his guarded toil.





Wanita Cooper and family at Stratford-on-Avon.



Rolling farm land in southern England.



Lord mayor of Southampton with John Rogers.



Main street of Chester.

The cathedral at Chichester which is famous for its five styles of architecture.





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This house in Winchester is 550 years old.

GREECE

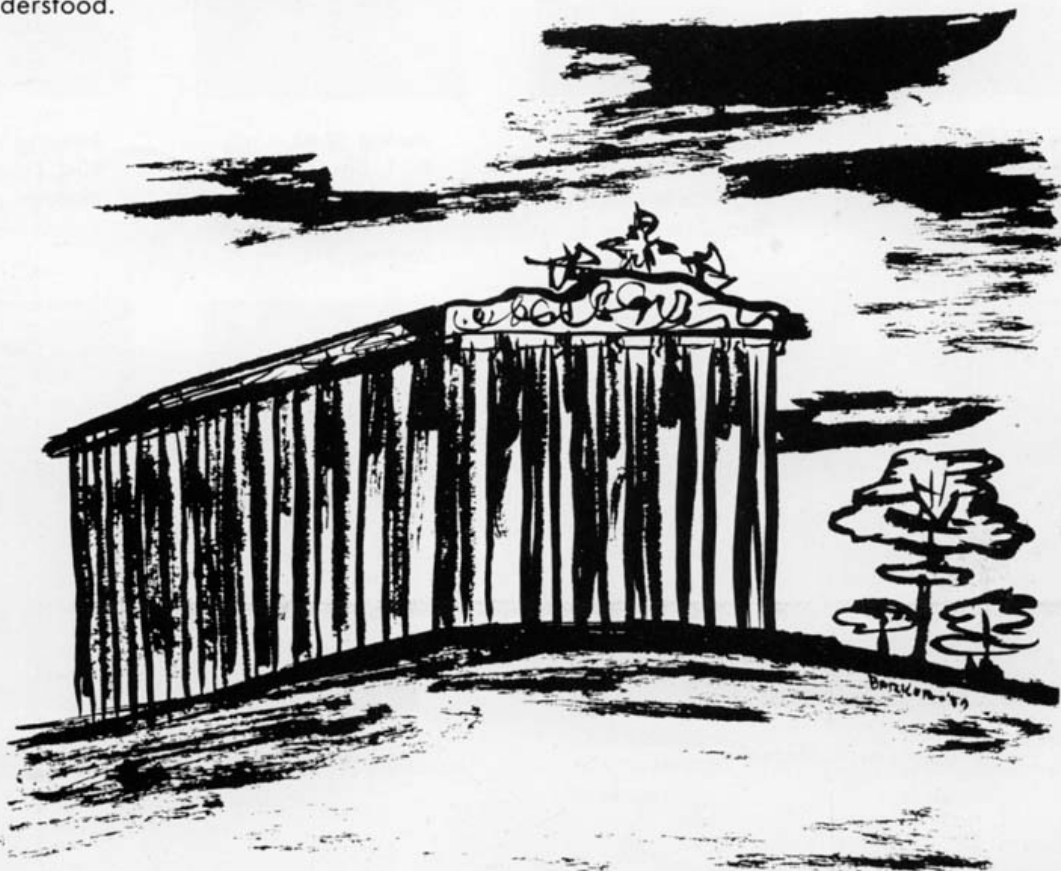
Thirty AFS'ers spent the summer in "the country of fairy-book charm" - Greece. The crystal-clear Mediterranean laps at the shores of Greece's many islands and its piece of the mainland, and above the sky is so clear that it almost sparkles.

Present throughout this country which has held one of the world's greatest cultures is an air of myths, legends, and religious feeling.

The way of life and the customs of Greece were strange to us, but underneath it all we found the people were really just the same. What a struggle we had trying to talk to them! We knew the Greek alphabet, but they never asked us to say it - they knew it, too, and weren't the least bit interested. We could also say "yes" and "no" in Greek, but it didn't take long to find out that both "yes" and "no" were dangerous when the question wasn't understood.

The things we ate - warm, boiled milk with sugar, fried eggs swimming in olive oil, and squid! The things we did - swimming at the beautiful beaches, meetings at USIS, the boat trip to Nafpaktos, bus trips to ancient Corinth, Mykinas, and Agamemnon's tomb - all these we remember.

As our eight weeks passed, the time flew by faster and faster, and suddenly we found ourselves reminiscing on a plane bound for Idlewild Airport. As we talked, we realized that the most important thing we had learned was that there was no more difference between a Greek and an American than between any two people, and we resolved to make this basic truth the theme of our talks "back home."





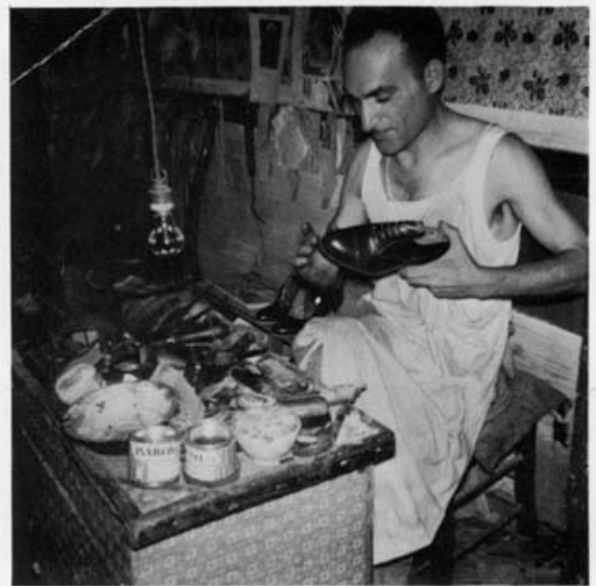
Vegetable vendor in Athens.

On the Greek island Corfu, an area which was badly bombed during the war.



Greek life guard??

The shoes in Greece were handmade by master craftsmen in tiny shops.





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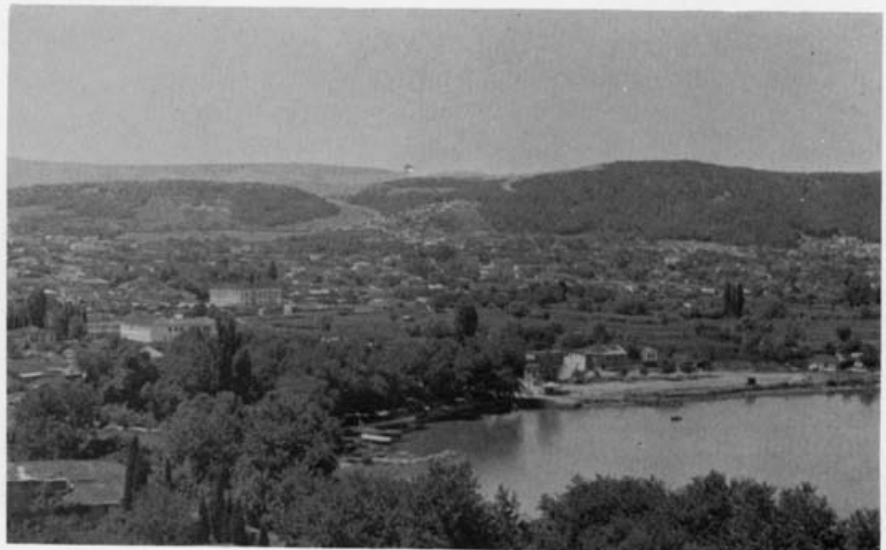
On a picnic at Vouliagmeni.



A.F.S.'ers on the Acropolis
in Athens.



Landing at Athens.



Soannina.



Thessaloniki on the Aegean.

ITALY

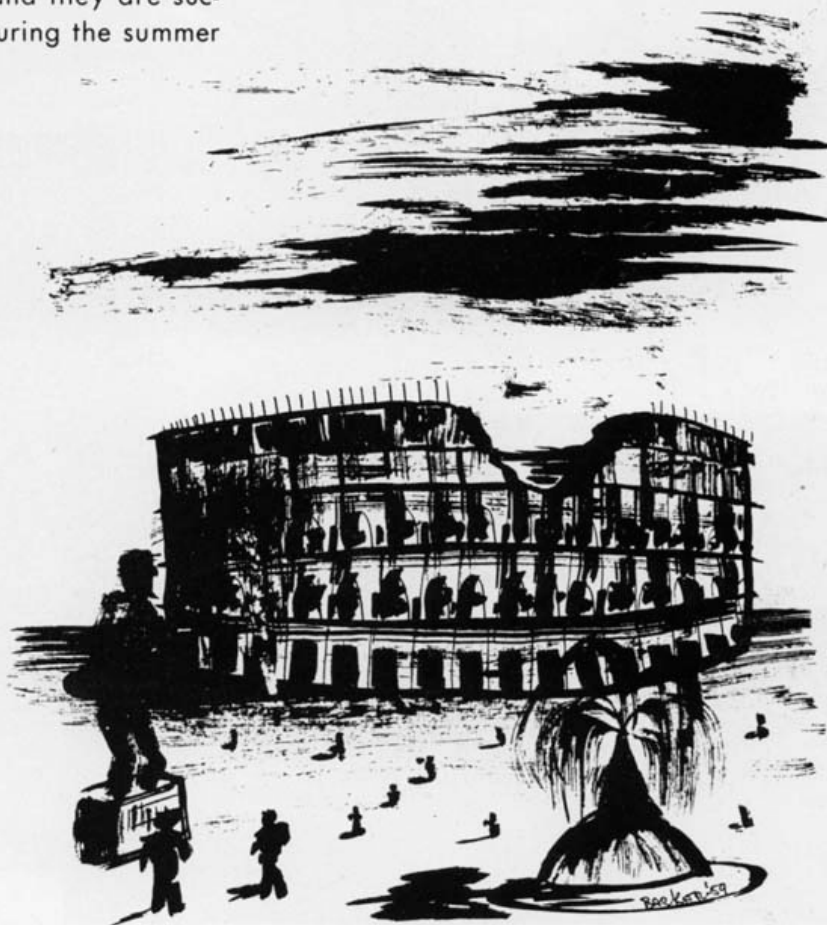
Italy—land of contrasts! Land of yesterdays and of tomorrows, of the ancient and the new . . . land of plains, and of mountains that dip down into the sea . . . land of opulence and of poverty.

Each A.F.S.'er has his own private memories of Italy—of family and friends, and special places filled with Italy's special beauty. And each remembers the fattening food, the insane drivers in their insane Fiats, the perfect weather, the richness of Italy's culture . . . and the gaiety, the enthusiasm, and the wonder of it all.

Beside the old Italy and the poor Italy there is a new Italy of industrial progress, land reform, and modern ideas. These brave people are striving for a more united and less poverty-stricken country, and they are succeeding! Each of us saw during the summer evidences of Italy's growth.

We all remember, too, our two week tour of the South in our accident-prone bus. At the slightest provocation memories fly back to us of an overloaded elevator, of a night in Crotone, of a hotel-top swimming pool in Naples, of meeting "il Presidente," and of a church in Bari.

Yet Italy is so much more than the land of delicious pizza and ancient cathedrals! More than anything, Italy is the land of a warm and eager people whose smiling faces and laughing voices extended a welcome fervid and sincere beyond belief to thirty-eight American A.F.S.'ers who will never forget "Italia".





Beauty queen and statue.



Advancing foreign relations.



Last day in Rome.



AFS'ers in the Eternal City.



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Venice! St. Mark's Square.



Lynn Merrill and family.



Castello and Betty Belden and her sister.



Il Duomo di Milano.



Rita Stucky and sister on the Riviera.



Bill Greer and family on the Riviera.



John Butzel, his Italian brother, and Lilli Rose.



Rita Stucky and her sisters in front of Rose Mountain.



Cadegolo in the Italian Alps.



Lake Como.



Island of the fishermen.

Hiking in the Italian Alps.



JAPAN

A mid-June moon cast a soft glow on the waters of Tokyo Bay as twenty-nine AFS'ers (five bound for the Philippines) stood on the deck of the Hikawa Maru watching the twinkling lights on the horizon. Like thousands of candles spread out in enchantingly uneven patterns, they seemed to bid us welcome to Japan. Japan! the realization at last of days and weeks of dreams!

The next day we docked at Yokohama -and what a welcome we received! Somehow we passed through customs and found ourselves on a train for Tokyo. Then words of farewell...and off we were to our respective families.

For eight weeks we lived with our wonderful Japanese families, who overwhelmed us with their kindness and generosity. How grateful we were for their patience and understanding as we adjusted to a new language and customs! Bowing in greeting, removing our shoes before entering the house, manipulating ohashi, eating unfamiliar food: raw fish, eel, octopus, seaweed (most of which we came to love!), sleeping on futons, wearing geta and yukatas, sharing the daily sizzling-hot family bath all soon became part of our lives.

In day-to-day living with our families there is much we learned about their ancient culture - their traditions and religion - and there is much we came to admire: their close family ties and their consideration for the elderly members of the family; their courtesy, which allows neither time nor inconvenience to interfere with its practice; their love of nature, which furnishes a dominant theme in their literature, art, and music, as well as in the decorating of their homes; the part religion plays in their lives, for every phase of their lives is bound into a religious ritual, and all important events are celebrated.

There is so much we did and saw! We visited innumerable temples, shrines, and castles. We visited schools; we participated in the centuries-old Tea Ceremony. Some of us learned flower arranging, Japanese dances and songs, or judo. Several climbed Mt. Fuji. All of us made many wonderful friends!

There were trips - trips with our families and friends, and those never-to-be-forgotten tours which took us, in two groups, across the length and breadth of the main island of Honshu!

Our final week was spent in Tokyo. Tokyo - modern, bawdy, bustling! - but also truly Oriental, truly Japanese! Just a few blocks from Ginza, the main street, are the little, open shops and young women carrying their babies on their backs.

Contrasts such as these between the old and the new, between the Oriental and the Western, are to be seen everywhere in Japan. They held a particular fascination for us. We came to realize that Japan is both East and West - and, paradoxically, it is neither. For the kindness, generosity, and friendliness of the Japanese people is a spirit of infinite good will which transcends all limits. It is our fondest memory of Japan.





Japanese dancing **looks** easy.....



A typical Japanese room.

The AFS'ers to Japan and the Philippines on the first day.





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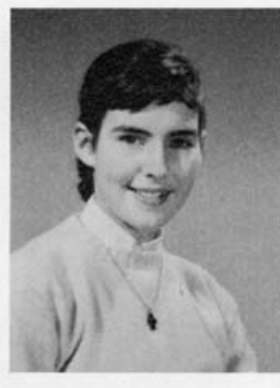
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John Raaf and some of his family in front of a festival float.



This peddler looks as if he stepped from medieval history.



A Buddhist priest.



A five-story pagoda.



Ginny Moffat in a kimono.

The last-night-of-the-tour party the Kansai AFS'ers threw for Yosuko and Eddie, our chaperons.





But we're telling you, we **are** AFS students!



Now this is the way you bow . . .



Kuhs shows he can lose like the best of them.



Osaka castle.



There must be some mistake . . .



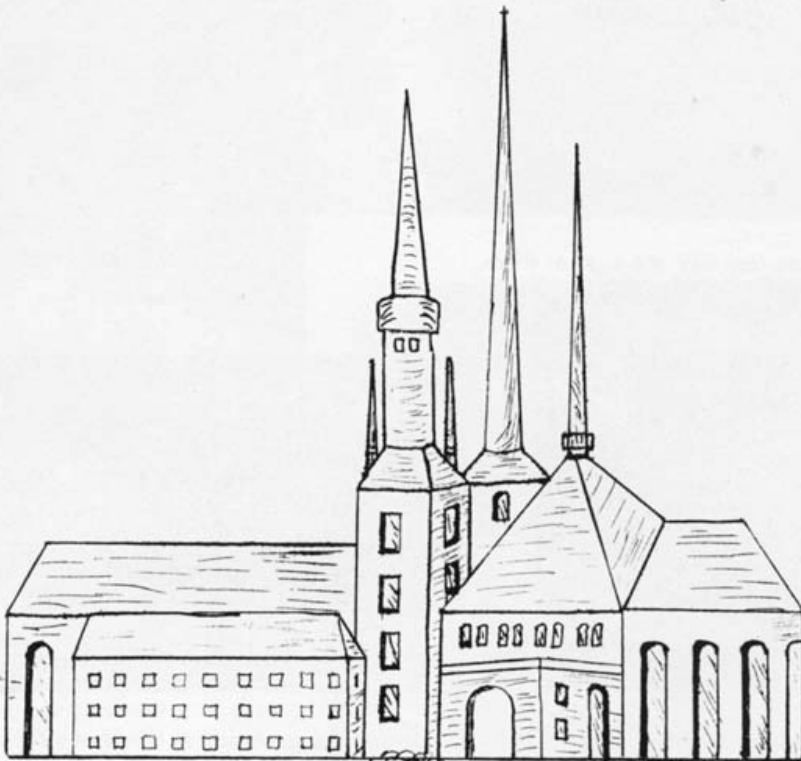
Meeting the governor of Hiroshima Prefecture.

LUXEMBOURG

Luxembourg is a small country surrounded by Belgium, Germany, and France—nations many times its size. In spite of her overpowering neighbors, Luxembourg has a unique culture. The people, proud of their little country, are strongly nationalistic. Perhaps this is a reason for Luxembourg's very high standard of living and for her rank as the world's fifth largest producer of steel. Last year it was a Luxembourger who won the famous Tour de France bicycle race.

In contrast to these wordly achievements, we remember Luxembourg the fairyland. The countryside, dotted with ancient castles, is filled with myth and legend. We recall the pleasant hours spent hiking through the beautiful and refreshing tranquility of the Ardenne Forest. Luxembourg has been called a "paradise in a nutshell," and — we know why!

After spending two months in this little country, we felt we had come to know not only a few people of an area or of a city, but the many people of a country. From the tanners in the North, to the farmers of Central Luxembourg, to the steel workers in the South, we had met, come to know, and learned to love the people of a whole country, and the country itself — Luxembourg.





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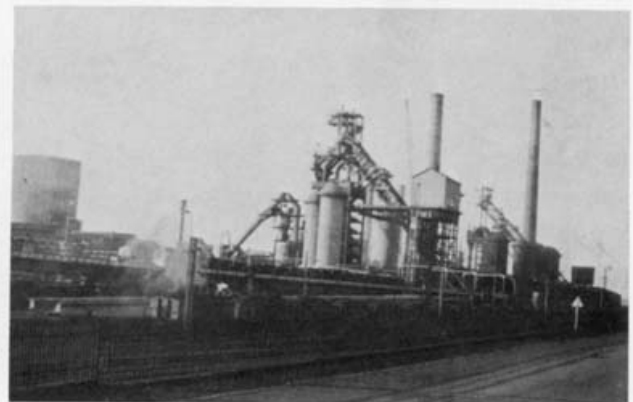
Point Adolphe of Luxembourg City



The ARBED building of Luxembourg City



A family of Luxembourgers!!!



One of the three steel mills of Esch-sur-Alzette.

NETHERLANDS

When we first rounded the Hoek of Holland and steamed into the muddy waters of the great sea canal of our foster homeland, we found the flat land and placid cattle pleasant and beautiful—they could not compare to the noble green slopes of England or the riotous cliffs of France, but they were ours and our people's, so we loved them. In the succeeding months we traveled often through the countryside, no longer strange, and marveled at its quaint and ordered beauty, its tranquil prosperity, and industrious cleanliness. Holland became to us a land not only of windmills and wooden shoes but also of bustling city life contrasted with rustic rural life. The land was flooded, not with water, but with bicycles and more than one of us had nightmarish experiences riding that supposedly harmless vehicle.

We loved the land, but most of all we loved the people. The friendship and hospitality of our new-found countrymen will endear Holland to us forever. We loved these industrious people whose lives were varied, busy, and productive, but still not hectic. We admired the courage of our new companions who live under the continuous threat of having their country flooded but nevertheless are still reclaiming land from the sea. When we sailed away we left behind not only dear friends but also families. We bade farewell to our land through a haze of tears and with a gnawing ache in our hearts. We could not—would not—say goodbye, only "tot zeins" "until we meet again." Perhaps we never shall return, but that does not matter as much as that we know our hearts shall never release their grasps on the memories and the love of the hearts we left behind.

Now we have returned home, but we are not the same as before our visit to Holland; we are not so much lacking the love in Holland which we left behind as we are nourishing the new love we carry with us to keep it alive and vibrant. And of course we are all anxious to get "in Dutch" again.





Above: A typical street in Leeuwarden, a typical town of Holland.



Right: A Dutch farmer at the famous cattle market in Leeuwarden.

The Netherlands' crowd on board the Waterman.





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What???? Dutch signs!!



Klompen, anyone?



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Sailing — a favorite pastime.

They passed their final exams!





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NORWAY

The geography of Norway has influenced the character of her people. The towering mountains have made them humble, and the long winters have taught them patience. The rocky soil has forced them to grow strong in body and persevering in mind. This land has not allowed them to become fat and lazy.

Even today, the average Norwegian's life is a simple one, as is reflected in his diet. He eats goat cheese and coarse brown bread, sausages, sardines, tomatoes, cucumbers and jams for breakfast. His main meal, which comes sometime in the afternoon, consists of potatoes, always boiled, cabbage or cauliflower, and fish or meat. After middag, as this dinner is called, come coffee and cakes or cookies.

Just as his diet lacks many of the fancy extras which we take for granted, so does his daily life. Cars, television sets, and automatic washing machines are not so common as in America. Yet Norwegians have other things which are more valuable than material goods. They have a love of the outdoors and of exercise. Many of us hiked farther than we ever had before and to our dismay found that long walks, which were tiring and painful to us, were easy and fun for our Norwegian brothers and sisters. They told us of spending long weekends out of doors, and we envied their national love of regularly participating in sports.

We found other things in Norway besides a love of the outdoors. Wherever we traveled or stayed we formed warm friend-

ships. We shall always remember the hospitality that was felt in Norwegian homes, especially around the coffee table. Being able to sit down and talk with the family every day was a rare privilege that the common traveler misses.

We gained more than an understanding of people in a foreign country, however. We all remember when our clothes started to get tight as our Norwegian mothers kept telling us we were too thin and kept feeding us. We were not only gaining weight ourselves, but also gradually overflowing our suitcases with things we wanted to take home to remind us of Norway.

Thus, when we came home, many of us were changed; yet, we had more than a few extra pounds and some souvenirs. We had a new outlook on life which we shall always retain and treasure with the memory of our wonderful summer.





Eva - our leader!



At Hovringen, where we met at the end of the summer, we hiked some.



rested . . .



a lot,



and had fun!



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Our talented quartet singing to Herbie, our "lover boy."



Part of our group in a small town in Gudbrandsdal Valley.



Ingrid, one of our chaperons, and Tuppen, Tina's sister.



The many boats at Halden are proof of the Norwegian love of the sea.



Beaches are few in Norway, so one swims off rocks like these in the Oslo fjord.

At Hövringen, this man played old instruments for us. Merete, who organized our stay at Hövringen, translated his explanations.





The Oslo harbor.



American embassy, where we had tea on our last day in Norway.



An old stave church in an Oslo museum.

An example of old Norwegian architecture from an outdoor museum in Oslo.



PAKISTAN

Pakistan — to most Americans this is not much more than the name of a far away country, about which they know absolutely nothing. To the eight of us who went there, however, Pakistan means something special.

We learned that the country is divided into two parts, two Moslem islands in the sea of Hindu India. We were in a young nation, just eleven years old, and we viewed the growing pains of a government searching for stability.

Not only were we interested in the geography and politics of this young country, but also in the customs and foods. We saw the brightly colored silk saris of the women and we could hardly believe that they were made of only six yards of silk. We were told, too, that it is against the Moslem religion for women to show their legs in public. We felt that even one of our most accepted customs was liberal when we learned that Pakistani parents arrange the marriages without the knowledge of the young people. The common foods like spicy curries were so different from ours that we found ourselves unable to describe American food to the Pakistanis.

If the customs were strange, however, we learned that people are the same all over the world. The president of the country reflected the generous Pakistani spirit when he sent our brothers and sisters and us on a complete tour of Western Pakistan, including such places as the foothills of the Himalayas and Khyber Pass.

It seemed that the more we learned about the country, the surer we became that the special something about Pakistan was not its many differences from our way of life, but its similarities. To us, they justified a hope for world peace.





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Tribal men of West Pakistan.

A bazaar in Karachi where almost anything can be bought.



Tanya Warner's surprise birthday party.

Barry Mendelsohn and Dexter Koehl trying on Pakistani "hats."



PHILIPPINES

As A.F.S. pioneers, the five of us who went to the Republic of the Philippines were celebrities. One of us even rated being cover girl for a national magazine, which carried a three page article about the A.F.S.

After spending an unforgettable two days in Tokyo en route to our new land, and a wonderful week in its capital city of Manila, we scattered to our families in widely separated parts of the islands. Despite having quite different experiences, one was common to us all: the warm-hearted friendliness and hospitality of our Filipino families. No matter where we lived, they were never too busy to take us somewhere, fix a native dish, or patiently explain our new language.

What memories we now have

Harvesting rice! Workers gather from all around - about seventy to a field - and while they work, a man walks around the field playing a guitar and singing.

Attending school! The Filipinos stand when the teacher enters the room, sit after she sits, rise when reciting, and speak only when spoken to. The students appreciate an education because they have to struggle for it.

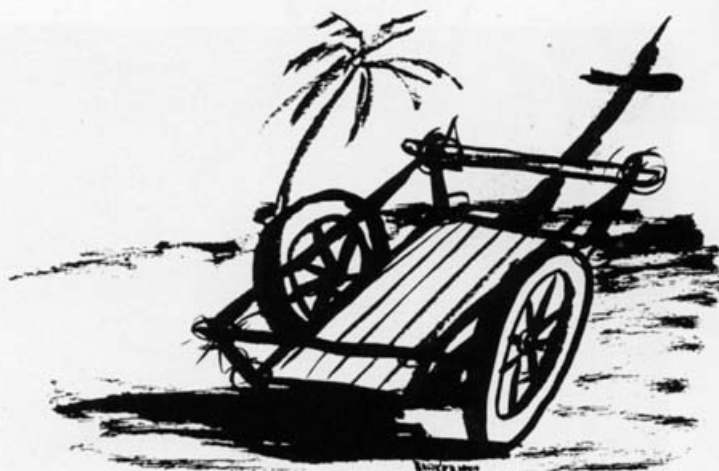
Being serenaded! One night, when one of us was in bed on the verge of going to sleep, she and her sister heard a noise outside. They jumped out from under their mosquito nets and ran to the window. For two hours they listened to fifteen boys with two guitars singing Tagalog and English love songs.

Learning about customs! Filipino teenagers operate under the chaperone system; a girl is seldom out of the sight of her chaperone. In spite of this, there are lots of parties and nobody seems to feel that this is a hindrance to having fun.

And dress! While, for the most part, clothing is similar to ours, the men do wear the "barong-tagalog" shirt, which is long-sleeved and heavily embroidered. Women wear the "balintawak", a dress with large butterfly-sleeves, for barrio fiestas.

There were other exciting experiences: eating nearly-hatched duck eggs, riding atop a carabao, attending cock fights, and dancing the "carinosa"!

This all added up to a glorious summer, and we are sure that in getting to know the wonderful people of the Philippines and their beautiful country, so rightly called the "Pearl of the Orient," we are more understanding individuals and better world citizens.





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Carol Precobb and Linda Shefler
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Linda Shefler meeting President Garcia.



Kathy Harding harvesting rice.



Karen Harris playing the uke.

SPAIN and PORTUGAL

Life smiles under the perennial sun in Spain and Portugal, those hospitable countries where every visitor is a friend, where the charm of the East meets the comforts of the West, where happy memories of a traditional past do not hamper the thriving dynamic present, where the traveler can go in a few hours from the regions of perpetual snow to lands where palm and orange trees grow. The diversity of the country can be noticed not only in the land but also in her customs, fiestas, typical costumes, dances, songs and popular crafts. These serve to make each region and province different from neighboring ones. Modern conveniences and such age-old attractions as botijos and fifteenth-century castles stand together in Spain. Because of these contrasts we found our visit to the Iberian Peninsula both interesting and enjoyable.

In past centuries Spain was invaded by Romans and Visigoths, but it was the Moslem invasions which left the strongest impressions. The Moorish influence is noticeable today not only in the appearance of the inhabitants, but also in the old landmarks and buildings left from the era of Moorish domination. When the Moors were finally expelled, Spain had acquired very marked physical characteristics, such as the Moorish palaces. The common unifying factor of the entire nation is the Catholic religion. In every tiny village no matter how small or poor the devout inhabitants pool their resources to build and maintain a large stone church. Now Spain is developing the beauty of her fields and

cities, and the treasure of many different cultures and civilizations which have left their mark through the centuries.

Portugal, one of the smallest of the European countries, is a beautiful land nestled on the mountains and plains of the western part of the Iberian Peninsula. Almost everything in the country varies in degrees of intensity. The various cultures of the Portuguese are exhibited in the cities, sports, economy, climate, and the people. Lisbon, its capital and largest city, is one of the finest ports in Europe, and each day freighters and passenger vessels from all over the world arrive in this bustling harbor. Portugal was a fascinating summer home, rich in the legends and customs of ancient times, yet progressive and industrious in modern times.





Bullfighting in a small town...



and in the Plaza de Toros, Madrid.



The only method of plowing in a small village.



A narrow "street" in Toledo.



A castle near Segovia.



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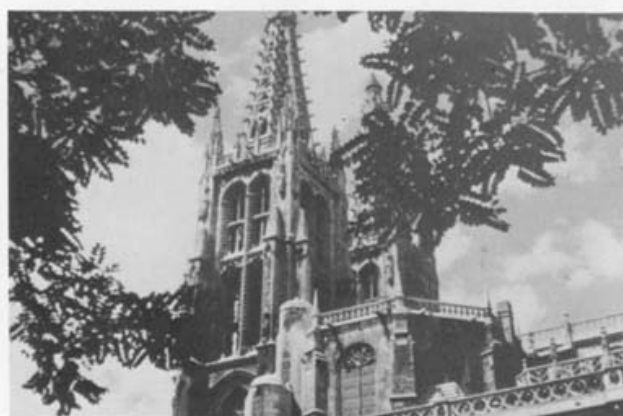
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Celebration in Gijón.



Washday in the Sierras.



Belltower in Villacastín.

SWEDEN

The very first thing we noticed about Sweden was its striking similarity to America and the American way of life. We soon learned that our new home is the largest of the Scandinavian countries and one of the most modern and advanced of the European nations. The reason for this lies in Sweden's foreign policy of neutrality which has kept her out of war for over one hundred years, thus enabling Sweden to spend time, money, and energy on development and modernization rather than on restoration. We found the living standards very high. Because cleanliness is of the most importance to the Swede, slums and filth are almost non-existent.

The people of Sweden are tall and well-built, with fair hair and blue eyes. At first they seemed somewhat cold and reserved, but as we became more acquainted with our families and friends, we found them as fun-loving, humorous, and warm as any Americans. The Swedes were always busy, for they had much to do and many places to go. However, we were always made part of their world, always were a part of the family life which is so very important in spite of their active existence.

We found our brothers and sisters, the teen-agers of Sweden, no different than the teen-agers of America. They were interested in the same sort of projects which drive our parents to distraction, laughed at the same jokes, and found most of their free time spent on homework. Our days were filled with adventures ranging from blueberry picking, boating, and swimming to shopping, walking,

eating, and just talking. Talking about food, and what food!! Coffee being their national drink wherever we went we were greeted by a fresh pot of it and loads of wonderful cookies and pastries. Needless to say, the girls found Swedish hospitality a little rough on the figures!!

Sweden as a country provides an exceptionally tangible definition of geographic beauty. We were never far from thick forests and colorful wild flowers. Thousands of lakes are scattered throughout Sweden, invigorating to swim in and always ready to supply plenty of winter sport enjoyment. Sweden as we know it is characterized by the Swede's personality which seems to be a reflection of the beauty and grandeur of his countryside.

Sweden has given us much, some of her beauty, her peace of mind, and her dignity of soul. We hope we have given something of America and ourselves to Sweden. And we have, for a good many corners of many American hearts were left behind in a far-off land called Sweden.





Goodbye, Copenhagen!



Swedish countryside.



A coastal harbor town.



Susan has a horn full!



A country food cellar.



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left: Our wonderful Swedish chaperone.



right: A Swede??



Hay harvest.



Why Dick, she's lovely!

Skol!



SWITZERLAND

As we forty-five Swiss kids followed the Rhine into Basel, we caught our first glimpse of our home-for-the-summer, Switzerland. After a fine breakfast and a morning of sight-seeing in that northern city, we said farewell to one another and proceeded to our individual areas and homes to seek our summer's adventures.

As would be expected in such a diversified country as Switzerland, the adventures we encountered were proportionately varied. For some it meant traveling to the Ticino to experience Swiss life with an Italian flavor, or to Geneva to observe the French influence. German Switzerland, embracing Zurich with its women's exhibition, SAFFA, the seat of Federal government at Berne, Luzern, home of the world famous International Music Festival, and Basel with its picturesque beauty were also on the itinerary of some of us.

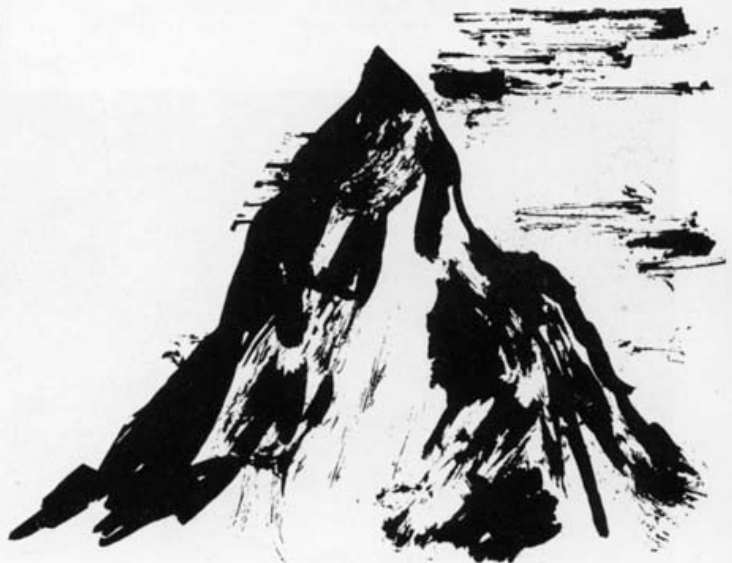
If our Swiss families were true Alpinists we no doubt attempted to conquer some of the renowned Swiss Alps. Our time was also enjoyably spent swimming, bicycling, and helping our farming families get the hay in from the fields.

At the same time others of us went on vacations with our families into the mountains, to the World's Fair, or into the countries surrounding Switzerland. Some of us had the thrill of camping with the Scouts.

The time came when the stay with our families was at an end. All forty-five of us

then met in Berne for five days during which we toured a cheese factory and visited a chocolate manufacturer. We also spent a day at Grindelwald, a famous mountain and resort area.

Of course these recollections bring back many moments of pleasure, but after all, the people and families are the foundations of an unforgettable summer. Switzerland is a country of strong-willed, nature-loving people. Nothing will stop the Swiss from taking a hike, riding a bicycle for miles, crossing a glacier, or climbing a mountain. We never saw people who enjoyed the beauty of their country so energetically, so joyously, so completely. The Swiss give of themselves and of their country generously and unselfishly and thus are a happy and thoroughly contented people. The predominant laws of Switzerland are freedom and peace. These words prevail throughout: outwardly in foreign affairs and inwardly in the very souls of the people. In all its diversities, richness, culture, and freedom Switzerland is a little world unto itself.





The Finsteraarhorn - 14023 feet.



Swiss A.F.S. returnees who were our chaperones.



Center of the wine market in Luzern.



The typical Swiss farm house outside of Berne where Jan Hillman lived.



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The National Capitol
building in Berne.

One of Switzerland's world famous
trademarks, the Alpenhorn.





above: Rural house in the Engadine Valley, Graubünden.



A picturesque castle.



Monument to Wilhelm Tell in Altdorf.

below: Man-made island at SAFFA, an exhibition in Zurich designed and operated entirely by women.

A.F.S.'ers meeting in Berne after a wonderful summer.





Bob Wingate mountain-climbing
with the Scouts.



Street scene in a typical Swiss town.



The point on the Rhine near Basel where
Switzerland, France, and Germany meet.



Pam Wilson's Swiss parents.



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TURKEY

It has been said that "If one had but a single glance to give the world, one should gaze at Istanbul." It is a unique city, not only as a great metropolis full of history and culture, but also because it joins the East with the West. Standing on the Galata Bridge, one is on the European side of the city and can see Asia just a half-mile across the Bosphorus, the twenty-four mile strait which separates these two continents.

Istanbul is a city of paradoxes. The old Byzantine walls, built over a thousand years ago, stand in silence as the government tears down old buildings to make way for new construction. In the summer streets, old women in black linen coats and veils pass young girls in chemise dresses and pointed-toed shoes. The old vegetable vendors shout their cries at the young soldiers of one of the strongest armies in the world.

The Turks, being mostly Moslems, have built many mosques throughout the country. Often they are named after the sultan who built them, and many are works of art. The Blue Mosque, for example, is about a block square and has one main room with a ceiling and dome about three stories high. The walls and dome are covered with exquisite hand-made blue tiles. Men stand on minarets, the high towers beside the mosques, and call the people to prayer five times daily, but a few still take time to visit the mosques during the prescribed prayer hours.

Turkey has always been inhabited by fiery, quick-tempered people with an eye for beauty and a love of fun. Most of them have the wonderful ability to leave their work at the office, so they really can relax and enjoy life at home.

Turks also love the sea in the summer-time, and we AFS'ers enjoyed this, too. We had numerous opportunities to spend time fishing, boating, swimming, and playing waterball in the Marmara Sea and the Straits of the Bosphorus.

The food in Turkey is delicious. Practically everything is cooked in olive oil. Some AFS'ers had fruit trees in their back yard so that plums, apricots, and figs were available all the time. Fresh food must be bought every day as there is no canned food. The milk is not pasteurized and all water is bottled. We came to realize how truly fortunate we are to have so many luxuries in America.

The life in Turkey is quite different from ours. No Turkish girl is allowed on the street after dark unless accompanied by an older man. There is no unchaperoned dating. The men in the family seldom wear street clothes in the house, but change to lounging attire and spend the dinner hour and the remainder of the evening dressed in this manner.

We found Turkey a wonderful country with even more wonderful people. We will always have a special place in our hearts for Turkey and the Turkish people.





The Blue or Sultan Ahmet mosque, known as "the joy and splendor of Istanbul."



The Rumeli Hissar fortress in Istanbul.



A horse wagon in the streets of Istanbul.



Gravestones from the 17th century at the Sultan Ahmet mosque.



An AFS sailboat party.



A gypsy and a dancing bear in Istanbul.



Turkish AFS'ers and their brothers and sisters on an all-day excursion to the Black Sea.



The Adrianopolis gate and the remains of the wall which surrounded Constantinople.



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URUGUAY

Although we were the smallest group of AFS students to go to a foreign country this summer, nevertheless we learned a great deal about the people who have made progressive little Uruguay "the social laboratory of the Americas."

Social and political experiments that have been carried on for more than fifty years have developed a great national pride. Uruguay was a leader among nations in broadening educational opportunity and in establishing an eight-hour working day and universal suffrage.

We gloried in the magnificent natural beauty and temperate sunny climate of this Latin American resort center. Our home, Montevideo, is a city which boasts of bright

streets, prosperous shops, and a modern harbor area. Yet the colonial atmosphere is preserved in the old section of the city which juts into Rio de la Plata.

We came to know our friends and families as people proud of their hard-won independence and with a great love of personal freedom. Their political and material progress demonstrated to us the success of Uruguay in its struggles to remain free and prosperous though surrounded by larger and more powerful neighbors.

At the end of our summer we joined the Argentine students in Buenos Aires, and then returned home to tell America about this vital and forward-looking South American neighbor.



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Left:
Argentine and Uruguayan
students toast each other
in the Pan-American Union
at Santiago, Chile.

TRAVEL



Johann von Oldenbarnevelt.



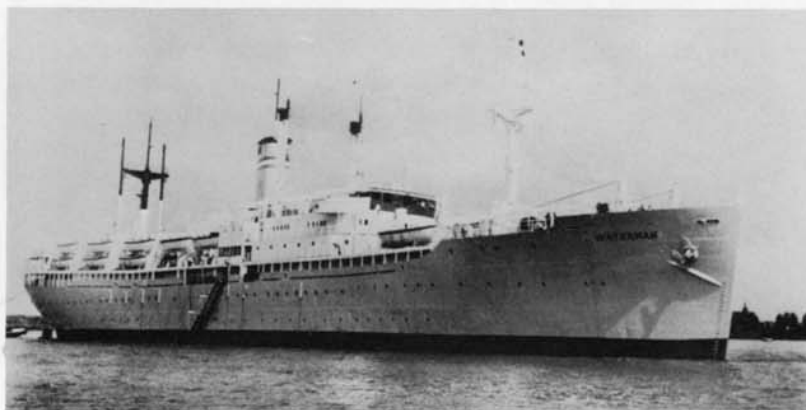
Plane to South America.



A.F.S.'ers boarding plane from Madrid.



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Waterman.



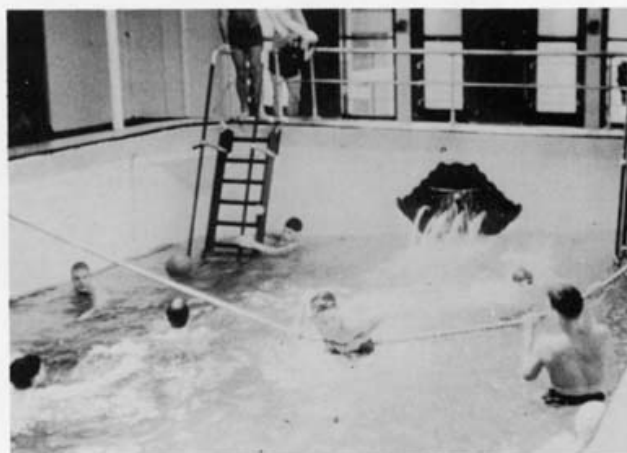
Leaving for a wonderful summer.



Overweight???



We quickly got settled in our private rooms.



Our pool...



Wish mom were here!



Brunotes at Amsterdam.



Singing after dinner.



Waterman's bouncing beauties.



Industrious cabin boy.



Gruesome group.

Crowded sundeck
on the Waterman.



Cool day on the sundeck.



The ship's barber couldn't handle the
American haircuts.



Smiling quartet.



"We're the Brunotes."



Feeding the fish.



A wave came in.



We're home!



Decoration at the farewell dinner.



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