



PARTY ABOARD SHIP... Enroute to South America on the luxury ship "S.S. Brazil," many social functions were enjoyed by Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Koch (third and fourth from left above) and his brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Koch (couple on extreme right).

Report on South American Trip Given Rotarians by Jack Koch

Uruguay is the best example of democratic government in South America and for that matter, as good an example as any other in the world,—that's what the members of my family who have long lived in Montevideo had often written me. And I found during my recent visit there, that Uruguay lives up to its reputation,—commented Jack G. Koch, well known proprietor of the Star Furniture Company in Torrance, who recently made a talk at the Torrance Rotary Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Koch have just completed an extensive tour of South America, where they attended the wedding of his nephew in Montevideo and visited his sisters and a brother whom he had not seen in 36 years.

There is no more democracy, no more freedom of any sort in the United States than there is in Uruguay. The constitution is similar to ours. There are two major political parties, liberal and conservative. The liberals have been in power for as long as the Democratic or New Deal Party has in Washington, Koch states. The federal government provides for old age pensions, free medical attention for the poor, cheap dwellings for laborers which the government builds, minimum wage and so on. The Communist party, unlike that in some other South American countries, is very weak in Uruguay.

"The day after our ship docked at Sao Paulo, Brazil, the new labor law went into effect. It was the most widely discussed topic of conversation. If you think some of our proposed labor laws are liberal, listen to some of the provisions of the new Brazilian statute.—Workers will receive pay for seven days a week although they work but six. They get full pay for Sundays and holidays," Koch narrated.

"That isn't all in the new law! A worker who is discharged will receive one month's pay, for every year he has worked, and if he has worked for the same employer for ten years he can't be fired, unless or until the case taken to the labor court and satisfactorily negotiated. Brazil has had labor court for a long time. All disputes between employers and employees come before this court for settlement," he added.

"Profit sharing is compulsory under the new Brazil labor law. The owners are entitled to an eight per cent return on their

investment. The remainder must be distributed among the employees. Wages are low as compared with those in the United States. By way of comparison, the wages for British labor averages \$25.62 a week, in Brazil averages \$20 and \$25, and in the United States it is around \$53 a week. Right now this means a real hardship for the Brazilian worker, as my experience and observation while in the country indicate that living costs are higher in Brazil than in the United States. Rent in Brazil is higher; household goods, refrigerators, radios, automobiles, nylon stockings and other imported goods are higher; food is cheaper. You can buy beefsteak for 35 or 40 cents a pound."

"Living is easy, though, in Brazil. For instance, in the retail business which, of course interested me most, the stores open at 9 a.m. At 10 a.m., a short breather is taken for coffee. At noon comes the long two and one-half hour siesta when all business houses are compelled by law to close while both employers and employees rest. Around 3 p.m. work is resumed until 8 o'clock when tea and sandwiches are enjoyed. Dinner is served around 8:30 p.m., and even the restaurants do not open for dinner until 8 p.m. After a leisure dinner, comes dancing, which really doesn't get well underway until midnight," Koch says.

"Brazil is truly a country of manana, and the favorite expression of these easy living South Americans is 'manana, manana,—tomorrow morning,'" the Torrance merchant said smilingly.

"This city of Sao Paulo lives up to its fantastic reputation. One reliable Paulista (a citizen of Sao Paulo) says there is a new building finished every hour. Anyway, every city block I rode around had one or two new buildings under construction, with hundreds of others apparently recently constructed.

College Musical Opens Two-Night Stand Friday

"Hit the Deck," the well known musical comedy being presented tomorrow and Saturday evenings by El Camino College may well be the most outstanding stage production ever presented in the history of the college, according to Hamilton J. Odaford, college music director and Gordon Orme, drama director.

All local Chambers of Commerce in the area are cooperating with the college in making tickets available to people of the various communities, according to Jerry Van Ness, student advertising manager for the production. High school students will be admitted for 50 cents and adult tickets are \$1.00. The show is being staged in the Leuzinger High School auditorium at 8:30 p.m.

This well-known musical comedy which features such song

City Grants Water Use for Emergency

The City Water Board this week granted permission to the Belvedere Mutual Water Co., which serves the nearby community of El Nido, to use Torrance's water system in the event of an emergency. Use of the Torrance system would be of a fire or breakdown of the smaller system.

CLOTHES LINE TIP

To hang clothes properly, fold sheets from hem to hem and hang with one-third over the line. Hung in this manner, they will dry with the edges straight, ready for easy folding—and easy ironing!

hits as "Hallelujah" and "Sometimes I'm Happy"—presents an excellent opportunity for college musical and dramatic talent to reveal their abilities. Many of the college's outstanding student artists who appeared before service clubs, television, radio audiences, and high school groups will be featured in this two-and-a-half hour top entertainment bill. Tickets also will be available at the door.

Service Clubs Invite Public To 'Social' Talk

Under the joint sponsorship of the Torrance Rotary and Torrance Kiwanis Clubs, the public is invited to hear Dr. Glyn Davis of Edenburg, England speak at the Torrance High School Auditorium on Thursday evening, June 2nd.

His subject will be "Socialization of England" and its effect on the average man. Of particular interest will be his first hand observation of the results of socialization of medicine and what it has actually done to the health of the people of that country.

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