

Torrance Girl Visits Europe for One Month

A Monthful of touring European countries was begun April 24 for Arlene Whitman, who concluded her senior year in high school with such a trip supplied by her aunt.

"It's funny," the pretty young girl commented, "I wasn't a bit excited about going... in fact, I think my friends were more excited than I was."

But her calmness began to waver April 24 when she departed from the Los Angeles International Airport by SAS special DC8, a jet polar flight, at 10 a.m.

FIRST STOP

London, England, the first stop, where the tour she traveled with spent two days, appeared to Miss Whitman "almost like a wonderland." She was surprised at the storybook appearance. "My aunt had told me not to expect much because of the damage done during the war."

The miss was surprised to find evidence of war absent. In Paris for a three-day stay, Miss Whitman felt an atmosphere of disinterest towards touring Americans.

"The people just weren't friendly there," she mentioned.

OPEN EARLY

Opening his shop especially for the touring Americans, a watchmaker in Lucerne, Switzerland had to wait until midnight one Sunday to do business. "We were in Switzerland for only one day, Sun-

day, and had to wait until Monday before transactions could take place there, so we got the watchmaker out of bed at midnight," Miss Whitman chuckled.

During 10 days in Italy, the group made stops in Venice, Florence, and Rome.

Miss Whitman was a bit surprised to find "water right at your doorstep" in Venice. While at this city, she found the masculine population to be somewhat taken by American girls. "Boys from Venice were always tagging along," she complained with a smile on her face.

Three days in Florence were followed by five days in Rome. At Naples, Miss Whitman viewed the ruins of Pompeii, Sorrento and the Island of Capri ("Capri as spelled in Italy," she explained), came next.

CONCLUSION

Her trip was concluded with one night in Beirut, Lebanon; two days in Damascus, Syria; four days in Jerusalem, Jordan; and five days in Jerusalem, Israel.

During the trip home, Miss Whitman had a chance for brief views of Denmark and Greenland.

Summing up her experiences, she said "I had never before realized how much a trip could be so important to my education. Now, when I hear of events happening in European countries, I take an interest because I have been

Ballet Dancers Give 'Nutcracker'

The Golden Age of Russian Ballet is typified in the full-length presentation of Tchaikovsky's immortal "The Nutcracker," that the star-studded New York City Ballet Company will dance in the Greek Theater of Los Angeles at 8:30 Friday through Wednesday nights, Aug. 4 to 9, including Sunday night, Aug. 6.

"The 'Nutcracker' has been re-created by famed choreographer George Balanchine in all the opulence of its original staging before the Russian Imperial Court at the Maryinsky Theater in St. Petersburg in 1892. Its three acts combine the most lavish settings with the most sensational dancing in solos and ensembles.

Recreation Dept. Sponsors Puppet Making Classes

Puppet classes for youngsters who would like to make puppets representing American legends began on Monday and Tuesday, July 24 and 25, under the auspices of the Torrance Recreation Department.

Classes are at the Arts and Crafts Center, Sea-Aire Park, 22730 Lupine Drive. Designed for children 6 to 12 years old, cost is \$1.50 for eight lessons.

One group will meet Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 to 3 p.m., July 24 through August 23, while another meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., July 25 through August 24.

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Political Group Sponsors Discussion About Communism

First-hand experience in debating Communists in far corners of the world will be drawn upon by a speaker before the South Bay Advisory Board of Republican Associates at a luncheon Thursday, July 27, at the Palms Restaurant, 1925 W. Carson, Torrance, at noon.

Carl Terzian, Civic Relations Advisor, will address the organization's members and guests on the lethargic attitude of most Americans toward the spread of Communism, and what can be done to offset this menace.

Blayne Asher and Robert Merrill, co-chairmen of the South Bay Advisory Board, stated that this will be the initial meeting of the group, which is affiliated with Republican Associates of Los Angeles County, a 5000-member organization aimed at interesting business and professional people in good government and political action.

KEY TO SUCCESS

"Effective organization is the key to success in today's political world," Asher said. "RA has pioneered in recruiting the untapped political potential of individuals in business and the professions, and has gained national recognition for its outstanding program."

Asher explained that RA in no sense conflicts with existing Republican organizations and that most members are active in other clubs as well. "The RA program," he said, "is aimed at promoting the Republican Party to segments of the community which are not now being touched."

Tickets are \$2 per person. Individuals interested in attending or learning more about Republican Associates may call either Asher, SP 2-2678, or Merrill, SP 2-2511.

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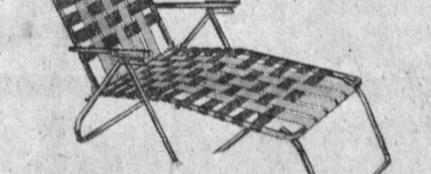


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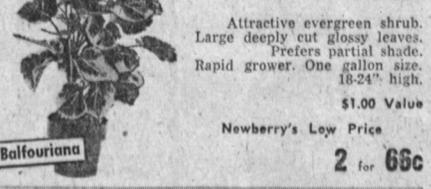
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