

Around the World

with
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MONTEGO BAY, JAMAICA—I bought a couple of print cotton blouses out at Ochos Rios. I wasn't impressed with price or design. You'll do as well in the U.S.

The woven straw work is OK. "Cut-rate Charlies" still operating at the open-air stand at hotel row. (His prices are double those in town, but what a salesman! "Mek you look hahne! Mek you happy, my boss!")

Somebody down here developed a spicy meat sauce called Pickapeppa: Mango, Tomatoes, Onions, raisins, tamarinds, vinegar, sugar and salt. This is wired with hot peppers. Particularly good for hamburgers.

If you're down this way, buy a half dozen small bottles at Kelly Wong's grocery store and take home for friends. (They don't advertise, but the word gets around. I've found Pickapeppa in gourmet shops. And occasionally on the shelves of supermarkets.)

"We plan to drive to Canada, seeing Expo 67 and as much as we can. Where do we get information on costs, hotels, etc.?"

The man you want is Commissioner John Fisher. Address him at Canadian Centennial, Ottawa, Canada. Canada is Class A when it comes to tourist information. They'll load you with handsome, practical folders. A little gold maple leaf pin goes free with the package.

"There's a hotel and restaurant guide for France..."

You're probably thinking of Guide Michelin. They list the best and use a starring system for the toppers. A three-star rating is so rare that there have never been more than 10 at one time in all France. You buy it here in foreign bookstores. Any bookstore in France.

You want the RED cover guide. Michelin has paperback green cover guides that are only descriptive and historical. Michelin now has guides for Italy, Germany, the Benelux countries and Spain, too.

"... suggest a guide book for Mexico?"

I carry Terry's Guide sometimes. John Wilhelm's Guide to Mexico City is tops. You shouldn't do the capital without it. And I have my own "Private File for Mexico." It's free. But do send a stamped and self-addressed envelope.

These "Private Files" are not complete guides. They are sheets of information items that I wrote for personal friends. They are available for England, Ireland, Spain, Italy, Japan, Hong Kong, the Pacific. (Hawaii is being updated for summer. Russia updated by next fall. Greece shortly.)

"Having a week before re-

Conference Set

Four speech therapists represented the Torrance Unified School District at a meeting held in Orange County last Saturday.

Attending the third annual speech and language conference sponsored by Orange County Speech and Hearing Specialists at the Orange Unified School District on Tuesday were: Mrs. Nelda Winter, Mrs. Marjorie Goodrich, Mrs. Dorothy Hood, and Mrs. Evelyn Wardell.

turning from Paris, we thought some place in the country would be pleasant..."

Aries in the Provence, in the south of France, is an old Roman town of shaded streets and pretty little squares. Hotel Jules Cesar might be your best bet. The wine is red and rich in this part of France and the food is garlicky. It's quiet—this is Van Gogh country. Be sure to have coffee some morning at the sidewalk tables in the Place du Forum. The world of Aries goes by. There is an old mill called

Moulin du Vey near the little town of Clecy in Normandy. It's on the Orne river. The bedrooms are in the stone mill and you can hear the river splashing by. Grandma runs the kitchen. Mama works the cash register. Daughter waits on the tables. The food is splendid.

coast." You eat at tables under apple trees in a Norman courtyard. And the cream is so thick you spread it on bread with the strawberry jam. The mussels in cream and shallot sauce simply cannot be described. Sensational. It's a one-star Michelin. None of these are inexpensive. France in the country or in Paris runs about U.S. prices. But it's the food and wine country of Europe and very pleasant living.

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