

Around the World

with **Stan Delaplane**

CANEEL BAY, VIRGIN ISLANDS — Since Lynda Bird chose this for her honeymoon, there'll probably be little spare room at this inn. Caneel Bay Plantation is one of Laurance Rockefeller's Caribbean resorts. It is on the quiet island of St. John—the whole island is a National Park.

It is strictly for swimming, fishing and the sunny life. Floating foam chairs with a well in the arm to hold your rum punch. Clear warm water. You see white sand bottom at 30 feet.

Always full in the winter. Special rates for honeymooners in the summer. There's a launch several times a day to swinging St. Thomas across the channel. Three magnificent (and fattening) meals a day are included in the price—\$55 to \$65 a day for two in a cottage room. In the summer it drops to \$34 to \$40.

"Is it usual for all Caribbean hotels to have winter and summer rates?"

Most of them are working a three-season rate these days. There's a high winter rate. A spring and fall rate that is a little lower. Lowest rates are in July-August.

The Caribbean is coming to a time when there will be no on and off season. Rates will be the same all year—as gradually happened in Hawaii. I've been all over here in the summer, and it isn't dreadfully hot. Runs about 85 degrees high. Summer is a buggy season however. A place away from the beach is better or you get bitten all night. Even a couple of hundred yards away is preferable.

"How do you determine tips in a resort hotel when you are paying a weekly rate? And whom do you tip and when?"

I ask right away. Do you get the same waitress every day? If so, tip at the end. If not, tip by the meal. In a \$50-a-day American plan resort, I think \$1 for breakfast for two and \$1.50 for dinner is sufficient. On a week's stay I generally give the maid \$3 to \$5 at the end.

I'd also ask if the tips are pooled—they often are. In which case you pass it along in a lump sum at the end. Envelope it and leave it at the desk. Bar waitresses are tipped at the end of the cocktail service—50 cents to \$1 for two.

In Hawaii beach hotels it's customary to send a tip at the end to the beach boy. I send \$5 for a week's stay to cover two people.

"Isn't there a season ticket on European trains?"

There's the Eurailpass, sold in various time and distance limits. Gives you all the travel you can use on trains and some ferries and boats. You must buy this here from any travel agent. It's not sold overseas. I've heard only one complaint about it: that the trains were so crowded it was hard to get on. But that really isn't a complaint against the Eurailpass.

Train travel is good in Europe. With the exception of Spain, where I've been on some dreadful clunkers, Switzerland, Germany, England and Italy have some exceptionally good trains.

"Since you wrote about it, we want to stay a week in Fiji. Where?"

Since I wrote about it, they have opened a first-class resort about an hour down the road from where you land at Nadi, Yanuca Island Resort, Fiji, will send you a folder. I saw it when it was half built, and it looked splendid. Good beach. Good fishing. Weather is very good on that part of the island.

"I'm a lady alone. Should I go to Europe on my own? Or take a tour?"

I'd take the tour. You can always split off during the day if it feels too crowded. I find traveling alone is a lonely way of going.

"We will pick up a car in England. How do we get it across the continent?"

You fly it across from Lydd Airport in the south of England. About a day's drive from London. They put you and the car in a Bristol air freighter and pop you over to France in 10 minutes. Just time enough to buy duty-free liquor from the stewardess.

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Usage of Libraries Increases

A steady increase in the use of Torrance libraries continued during November with an increase of some 2,800 in the number of books and periodicals circulated during the month.

The increase followed a countywide trend which produced a 13.5 per cent gain over the same month in 1966, according to a report just released by William S. Geller, county librarian.

Total circulation for the five branch libraries in Torrance during November was 58,302, compared to 55,554 during November, 1966.

TORRANCE libraries currently are operated under contract with the Los Angeles County Public Library, but will become independent of the county next July 1. At that time, a municipal system will be established, ending a 30-year association between the county library system and the city.

Most of the increase this year was reported at the main branch, 1345 Post Ave., where 21,343 books and periodicals were circulated. Circulation in November, 1966, was 18,396 at the downtown Torrance branch. The El Retiro branch also recorded a slight increase, up to 8,772 compared to 8,769 in November, 1966.

Other branch libraries (with figures for November, 1967, in parenthesis) are: Henderson, 11,726 (11,727); North Torrance, 8,840 (8,951); and Watteria, 7,621 (7,711).

Geller said the report did not reflect increased usage of reference materials and other items generally not checked out to patrons.

To San Francisco Mrs. Florence Needels, counselor for the Torrance Unified School District, will attend a meeting on "Problems in Language Learning" to be held at the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco Feb. 23 through 25.

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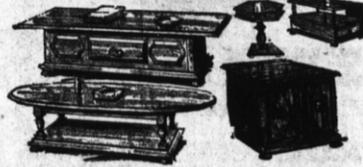
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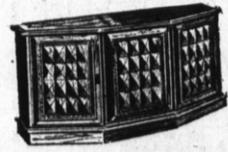
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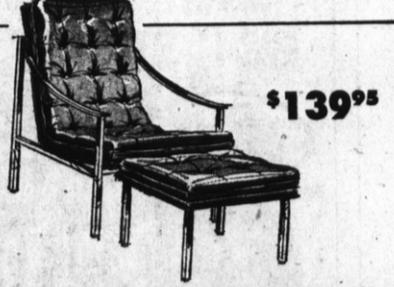
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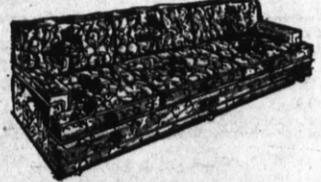
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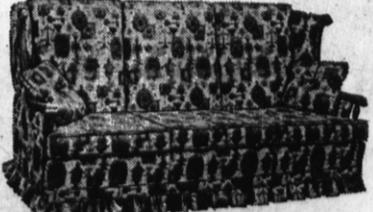
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Lawyers Choose Fredricks

The South Bay Bar Association's 1968 slate of officers will hold its first business meeting of the new year in the Redondo Beach offices of Fred Benson, a former president, at 6 p.m. Jan. 11, it was announced by Thomas W. Fredericks, Hermosa Beach attorney, incoming president.

Fredericks succeeds Thomas Foye, Manhattan Beach attorney, as leader of the 170-member group of lawyers practicing law or living in the South Bay area.

Other officers and directors scheduled to attend the meeting are attorneys Ralph E. Brogdon, Jeremy H. Evans, Don Finkelstein, Frank A. Hillsinger, Toshiro Hiraide, William MacCabe, Charlton A. Mewborn, Timothy M. O'Connor, Edward Sokolski, Mervin I. Tarlow, and Robert S. White.

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