

Around the World

with Stan Delaplane

Talking to a doctor the other night who thinks much of people's tensions (and illnesses) come from being too close to each other all the time. "The packed elevator. The lunch counter, where you are elbowed on each side. There isn't even privacy in the office men's room."

He thought everybody should try to get away on weekends. "Change the scenery and the crush and recharge your batteries."

Where to be alone for a while in a crowded world? There are great chunks of open land in Baja Califor-

nia—and there's a sleepy country yet to be found by many. Long lonely beaches. Fishing you wouldn't believe until you put a hook in the water. Not everybody's weekend. But worth considering for the next two weeks you have off.

"What do you say for a single man, an artist, who wants to go native in the South Seas?"

The days of the beach-comber are hard to find now. With jets and imported TV, the South Pacific islands are getting modern. And that means they don't want castaway types in the scenery. (They want nice, clean tourists with stuffed wallets.)

Not to say it's impossible. You have to have enough money to get there. And an onward ticket to somewhere. To prove you don't intend to go on the beach. Then catch a ride on a copra schooner, and, when you reach a remote island where things look friendly, get off.

Chances are the local authorities are native and won't report you. I've met a couple of men who did this in the French islands one in British islands in the Caribbean. They seemed odd types. I couldn't make it myself. But it could be just your cup of coconut milk.

"My wife and I would like to go to Hawaii this winter. We are not the night club or big hotel types but would like a small village. Or is this possible?"

The place I'd say is Hanalei at the end of the island of Kauai—the prettiest village in the islands. Only a few blocks long. A lovely old Mission church. Two Chinese general stores. A small cottage-type motel. (Can't say how good it is, but a friend of mine stayed there and said it was OK for him.)

The town is sleepy. A great crescent of white beach is backed by a valley full of taro and rice paddies. Above them are great gray-green mountains. It's on the rainy side, and during the winter you will get rains sometimes. Even a sweater evening occasionally.

If you want more plush accommodations the Hanalei Plantation House is one of the best in the islands. Three miles out of town on the hill overlooking the bay. Big cottages. Excellent dining room. Remote and not crowded.

"We like trips where we can be pretty much left alone and wonder about freighters. . ."

Most freighters are limited to 12 passengers. That lets you be alone if you like. Of course, you are stuck with those 12—you can't very well get off once you're on. I've been lucky on two freighter trips I've taken and liked it.

The loners should look into Idaho, Wyoming and Montana. Miles of trout streams and small papa-mama lodges with few people around. The British Virgin Islands—that is a sleeper. The American Virgins are jammed. But the British Virgins are untouched.

Some of the towns in the south of Spain never see a tourist. Ejica is one of them. Same is true of Portugal in the pine tree hill towns. Take a map and work down and off the road from La Guarda at the Spanish border to the coast.

Tourists don't go to the lovely lake country in England during the winter. There are cozy hotels with coal fires. Just enough snow to make it seem wintry. Beautiful Scottish border of trees and streams and lonely Roman forts.

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(Continued from Page C-1) teaching, specialist teacher and urban-migrant teacher programs, and the National Teacher Corps.

It was a knowledgeable man in the field of education that stepped onto the Torrance School Board of Trustees in 1965. His election to the Torrance City Council this year by the second voter plurality ever achieved reflected the citizens' confidence he won while on the school board.

A deeply religious man, Dr. Wilson feels he is "philosophically and morally free to make decisions concerning Torrance because I am at a private university and therefore have no conflict of interest either professionally or personally with the issues that come before the council."

He is concerned with the prospect of Torrance changing its makeup in the coming years. "I believe Torrance will soon lose its characteristic of being an all-white community. Though I welcome this change, I can see need for some serious evaluation of human relations here in making the transition."

The Torrance airport—somewhat of a touchy issue to citizens—also concerns Dr. Wilson.

"If we claim to be the headquarters of the Southwest area, let's start acting like it. Our airport has the potential to be a great one if we stop hiding our heads in the sand."

Along that line, Dr. Wilson urges community groups to push for better conduct of modern day youth. Special areas of concern for him are delinquency, drug-abuse, and moral awareness.

"Our youth is the pivotal point," he reports. "We will soon be lacking open spaces with high-rise becoming the vogue. If we don't face up to the problems this would cause for our youth, we're lost."

Dr. Wilson can take much of the credit for the innovation of council interviews for committee and commission members. When he advocated citizens submitting applications for these posts, it was feared that the quality of the turnout would be sparse; on the contrary, it was an extremely gratifying one.

The Wilsons have three children. Their eldest daughter Pamela is married and attended North High. She was a Torrance Princess in 1964. Number two daughter, Donna, is 18 years of age and is a freshman at El Camino. She was named Homecoming Queen at North High last year. Mike, 15, is a sophomore at North, and an avid horse fan.

Dr. Wilson has served on the board of directors for the California Council on Teacher Education, was president of the California Association for Student Teaching, a member of Phi Delta Kappa education fraternity, a member of the American Association of University Professors, and is listed in Who's Who in the West, in American Education, and on the Pacific Coast.

"The city council will have to weather critical times in Torrance in terms of major decisions," he predicts, "and these decisions won't always be easy or popular. However they will test the integrity of councilmen in light of what's best for the community as a whole."

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