

Around the World with Stan Delaplane

RABAT, MOROCCO—The air lines and travel people have made attractive price packages of Portugal-Spain-Morocco. Rob-in Kinkead flew Pan American's New York-Rabat direct flight for us to report.

"The Bogard and Boyer moves led us astray on Casablanca. It's a modern high-rise commercial port city. The Morocco you want is in the four Imperial Cities: Rabat and Marrakech, Fez and Meknes."

"Rabat is a white city on the Atlantic just beyond the Straits of Gibraltar. New Rabat Hilton, \$18-a-day double for marble lobbies, Moroccan rugs, swimming pool and French cooking."

"Climate is dry and sunny. Streets so narrow taxis wait while you shop — but cost only \$2.40 an hour. Shopping is cheap. Leather goods, Arab guns (like in the movies), Rugs from the Atlas mountain Berbers. Bargaining brings prices down about 50 per cent."

"Since not all of us can afford Europe, do you have suggestions for the American States?"

The Delta Queen is running on the Mississippi, the Ohio, and the Missouri again this year. I was on this last-of-the-paddle wheel steamers a few years ago. Quarters were good. Food was good. And much fun to nudge into the bank at small river towns. A most attractive folder explains it if you write to Greene Line Steamers, Public Landing, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The smaller river trips are better than the run down the Mississippi to New Orleans. When you get on the big river, it's so big and the levees so high, you really don't see much.

Mexico is still cheap. There are three trailer caravans going down — if you like that. Greyhound takes a very good, all-expense tour of 21 days. There are some rail tours — your pullman is parked and used like a hotel.

I still like to drive in Mexico. Despite rent cars that clunk out on me. Even though highways marked "open" are full of road repair equipment. Motel bathrooms with handles stuck on with scotch tape. "In Mexico, one runs into the unexpected," said a travel brochure. And you can say that again, Pedro. That's the fun of it. Friends of mine trawling in

Mexico write me: "Our daily costs for two this month have averaged \$8.30 a day. Add to this the hidden cost of \$2.50 a day insurance."

"Our mileage was 1,876. We bought in supermarkets. Canned goods are high, but other food is cheap. Beef is a little on the tough side. Ham, veal and chicken are excellent. Bacardi Ron Palmas (rum) at \$3.12 a half gallon is the best buy, and beer is 10 cents a bottle."

"We have read about some untouched islands off Honduras . . ."

That's the Bay of Islands, and you fly it from San Pedro Sula. (There are flights to San Pedro Sula from New Orleans and Miami.) A letter to me says: Coxen's Hole on the island of Roatan was a disappointment — two couples returned to San Pedro Sula on the earliest flight.

"Finally, four of us got rooms at Merlee's Island Inn (a two-hour boat ride). It was no Hilton but a pleasant place to enjoy a tropical island vacation without crowds of tourists. Rate was reasonable."

I have an idea that it's like Tahiti before the jet strip. And Tahiti at that time was a Paradise if you don't mind your Paradise with rather buggy rooms, one restaurant, truck transportation.

"Do you think Tahiti is 'spoiled'? Or is there a better island?"

I counted 15 traffic lights between the airport and the end of Papeete. (There were none 10 years ago.) But no, I don't think it's spoiled. It's in the inbetween stage. Getting more comfortable, but the outer districts are old Tahiti.

If Papeete gets too much, it's a short boat ride over to Moorea. That's a rural Polynesian island and one of the most beautiful in the South Pacific. Two good hotels and the Club Mediterranee.

"How old is Sal Mineo? Is he still making movies?"

No. After a long dry spell he went to Europe hoping to find work. Recently he has returned to Hollywood where he is directing a little theater play "Fortune And Men's Eyes." He will soon be 30.

Take-Out Restaurant Chain Files Law Suit

A \$1.1 million damage suit has been filed in Los Angeles County Superior Court by Taco Bell of Torrance, charging that the unique design of the Mexican take-out restaurants had been copied.

Named as defendant in the action was Commercial Leasehold Corp. Taco Bell is seeking \$100,000 in special damages and \$1 million in punitive damages.

The suit charges that the defendant is constructing a Mexican take-out restaurant at 19360 Ventura Blvd., Tarzana, which is similar in design to Taco Bell

restaurants. The suit specified eight distinctive characteristics of Taco Bell establishments which had been incorporated in the defendant's building and asks that the defendant be enjoined from building and operating a restaurant with these features.

Robert McKay, president of Taco Bell, said all Taco Bell restaurants are constructed to identical specifications. He added that his firm had spent considerable sums of money in advertising and promotion featuring photographs or drawings of the design of the building, and that the defendant's use of the design features in question may tend to mislead the public into thinking the defendant's restaurant is a part of or related to the Taco Bell organization.

Taco Bell, founded in 1962, operates more than 300 franchised restaurants throughout the United States.

Motorcycle Hits Truck; Youth Hurt

An 18-year-old Redondo Beach youth is in serious condition at South Bay Hospital following a collision Monday evening which knocked him unconscious.

Injured was James T. Cook, 2405 Inglewood Ave., whose motorcycle collided with a flat bed truck at the corner of 190th Street and Anza Avenue.

The truck's driver was listed as Christopher S. Read, 18, of Covina.

At Conference

Mrs. Florence Needels, special education assistant for the Torrance Unified School District, attended a special study institute on "School Children Who Stutter: Therapy Techniques and Procedures" last weekend at Pacific Grove.

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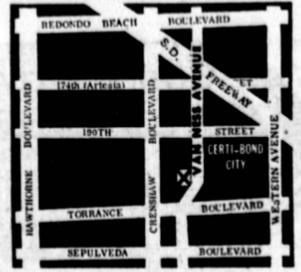
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