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"Are You Sure
This is The Right Route?"

VISITORS FROM AFAR

Marie Garret, of Versailles, France, will be in Pittsburgh for the weekend of July 4 and 5 and hopes to see some of her friends. She will be enroute to the West Coast via New Orleans and the Grand Canyon.

M.B.

Kirsten Larsen, 21, of Denmark, visits Pittsburgh June 19-21 on the AYH Foreign Leadership-Scholarship Program tour of Eastern states. She will be prepared to speak on Hosteling in Denmark. A practice-teacher in a Danish private school in northern Germany, Miss Larsen is studying to become an art teacher. She has been an officer of the Danish Youth Hostels and organized a hostel group in her home town. She speaks Danish, English, Swedish, Norwegian, German and French. While in Pittsburgh she will be a guest of Margaret Bark.

M.B.

GOING TO EUROPE?

1. Youth Hostel International Handbook is available from National H. Q. at \$1.15.

2. For discounts in many European museums, restaurants, etc., send some evidence that you are a student and \$1.00 (with a stamped self-addressed envelope) to U.S. National Student Association, 265 Madison Ave., New York N.Y. 10016, and get an International Student Identity Card.

3. The publisher of the Paris Gazette offers free information to AYHers going to Europe. Write to Harvey Topper, Asst. to the Publisher, Paris Gazette, 7 rue Cadet, Paris 9, France.

4. Don't forget that AYH members will be welcome at The International Youth Hostel Rally in Tarragona, Spain, August 25-29. Further information available from National H.Q.

AN A.Y.H. CARD AT THE WORLD'S FAIR

An AYH card and 15¢ will get you a ride on the New York subway. An AYH card and \$3.13 will get you your first night's stay at the St. George Towers just 15 minutes by subway from Times Square. AYH has space here for 100 persons in this "World's Fair Hostel". There are separate floors for men and women and a limited number of family accommodations. Each night's stay after the first costs \$2.63. There is no limit to length of stay--as long as space is available. Staying at St. George Towers will not be exactly "roughing it". Features of this large hotel include--the glass-enclosed St. George Ballroom, moderately price restaurants with "excellent cuisine", and a million-dollar indoor salt water swimming pool. Advance reservations are desirable for everyone, but groups must make advance reservations and send a deposit of \$3.00. Write to: The AYH Houseparents, Hotel St. George, 51 Clark Street, Brooklyn, New York. (Continued on Page 4)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Last month, to be fair to all, we printed a letter from Tom Rodd. In my introduction I said that Tom's "idea of world peace is similar to that of the Hostel movement". I meant, not that we were all conscientious objectors, but any sane people, we wish for world peace and brotherhood. We received the following letter:

"East Liberty Chamber of Commerce

May 1, 1964

Pittsburgh Council, American Youth Hostels, Inc. etc.

OPEN LETTER

As a member of the Advisory Board for the Pittsburgh American Youth Hostels, I feel compelled to write a letter and ask that this be made a subject of discussion at your next regular meeting. In the May issue of the Golden Triangle, you had several very glaring inconsistencies. You ran an open letter to your readers from Tom Rodd, who is a conscientious objector, but does not act like a conscientious objector. Your editor, David Magram, points out that this is a part of the aims of the hostel movement. I am sorry to say that I cannot, in any good conscience, agree with any of your statements or young Rodd's statements. The A.Y.H. is very happy to take from our city government free rent and light for their quarters at Arts & Crafts Center. You are very happy to get non-profit organization mailing privilege, and then you, in turn, take the stand for non-violent action and claim it as the aim of hosteling all over the world not to back up your own government. If this be conscience and the way freedom was won for our country, I say that hosteling and the way it is now set up would go down in oblivion as a poor contribution to our American culture. I would be very happy to discuss this matter with your own Board or with any of your officers at your pleasure. Young Rodd is evidently happy that his own father is working for our government, but I personally am very ashamed to be on the Advisory Board when you are backing him in his silly actions. I'm proud of my heritage as an American citizen and would be happy to again defend our Constitution.

Sincerely yours, Joseph L. Schlosser."

OUR FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT

Veronica Anderson

"In Lisbon I became friends with a French girl. On the 14th of Aug. we started to hitchhike to Lisbon to our train to Bordeaux. We were picked up by a Portugese army officer who spoke both English and French. He took us to his fort & we had drinks in the officers club then dinner in the officers dining room. What luxury. We were even given a military escort to the train. We were on it for almost 24 hrs. back across Portugal, Spain and to Biarritz where we stayed at the hostel for the night. In the morning we hitchhiked to Boreaux. I stayed for a week with Felicit in a huge 15th century chateau belonging to her family-the famous de Montesquieu. It was just like a movie set-endless rooms, towers, antique furniture, fireplace in the kitchen still used for cooking, beds with canopies and reputedly even a ghost! From there we went by train to the South of France to Montpellier to her other home for a week. At the hostel in Nimes I met a Spanish boy from Madrid and I hitchhiked with him through Arles, Marseilles to Six Four la Plage hostel which is on the Riviera. Here I stayed for 5 days. There were lots of English & Germans there and every night we had songfests and wine parties. Since the doors were locked at 11:00 we came in through the 2nd story window with the help of the boys. We went dancing did a new dance called "The Blues" over here and the French threw money at us. This was the Bardot set. Most of the records were American and everyone twisted. The week was superb and the beach and water were perfect. I met 3 guys from London with an old

TRIPS AND TRAILS

Reserve for the cycle trips - Melvin Tobias, 362-5297. For more canoe trips, come on Thursday nights.

- ④ Mon. 1 Cycle Trip H.Q. at 6:30 P.M.
- ④ Wed. 3 Cycle Trip H.Q. at 6:30 P.M.
- ④ Fri. 5) Harry Rhule leads a weekend camping trip in Potter County
- ④ Sat. 6) near Coudersport, Pa. Easy hiking on rugged terrain. Leave
- ④ Sun. 7) H.Q. 8:30 P.M. Friday. Reserve with Harry, Em. 2-6395.
- ④ Mon. 8 Cycle Trip H.Q. at 6:30 P.M.
- ④ Wed. 10 Cycle Trip H.Q. at 6:30 P.M.
- ④ Sun. 14 Betty Brown leads a wildflower walk near Ohiopyle. Learn about nature. Meet H.Q., bring lunch, sturdy shoes at 8:30AM.
- ④ Mon. 15 Cycle Trip H.Q. at 6:30 P.M.
- ④ Wed. 17 Cycle Trip H.Q. at 6:30 P.M.
- ④ Sat. 20) Bob Fewkes leads a canoe camping weekend. Beaucoup swimming!
- ④ Sun. 21) West Virginia lake. Reserve with Bob at 828-7784.
- ④ Sun. 21 Sunday morning cycle trip, leave H.Q. 7:30 A.M.
- ④ Mon. 22 Cycle Trip H.Q. at 6:30 P.M.
- ④ Wed. 24 Cycle Trip H.Q. at 6:30 P.M.
- ④ Sun. 28 Cathy Lynch and Martha Montag lead hike and swim in Youghiogheny River near Ohiopyle, walk under Cucumber Falls. About \$2.00. Reserve with Cathy, 828-8303.
- ④ Sun. 28 Sunday morning cycle trip, leave H.Q. 7:30 A.M.
- ④ Mon. 29 Cycle Trip H.Q. at 6:30 P.M.

OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAYS AT 8:30 P.M.

- ④ June 4 Hugh Gilmour leads us in folk dancing. Clomp!
- ④ June 11 "Rendezvous in the Rees" movie on swimming. Splash!
- ④ June 18 Canoeing with Lloyd Geertz. Glub!
- ④ June 25 Open House -- Refreshments. Yum!

THE RIVER RIDGE FARM

Our chief explorer and trail blazer, His Majesty, H. Rhule, took a bunch of kinspirits to visit the newly discovered historical Sibley estate, known as the River Ridge Farm, near Franklin. This notorious oil baron "farmed" over 1,000 acres extending 3 miles along the south bank of the Allegheny River, where he built a castle for himself and several sturdy farmhouses for his employees. One of these buildings, we hope, may be our next hostel. There are several roads and trails for hiking through the woods and along the ridges overlooking French Creek and the Allegheny River which flow past the door. Both of these streams offer fine canoeing. We plan to revisit the River Ridge Farm several times this summer and next fall. With a thousand acres to roam in, there's room for more. Come along! W.R.

EXPEDITIONS THIS SUMMER

Cycle through a ghost town in Arizona or along picturesque roads in old Quebec... Backpack in the towering peaks of the Great Smokies or

WORLD'S FAIR Continued from Page 1.

For those wishing to stay closer to the fairgrounds, National H.Q. is now completing arranging for a 100 or 200 bed hostel just 22 minutes from the Fair. AYH hopes to open this one on June 1. For information and reservations write: Houseparent, Mitchel Gardens Youth Hostel, 14 West 8th Street, New York, N. Y.

C.L.

EXPEDITIONS THIS SUMMER Continued from Page 3.

in the remote beauty of the Pemigewasset Wilderness...Navigate an 18 foot sloop on Georgian Bay or a canoe on Sebago Lake...If these or similar trips interest you get the free AYH brochure "Hosteling Vacations 1964" available now at H.Q. There are 44 trips to choose from in scenic locale from Fisherman's Wharf to Antigonish (Nova Scotia). Lasting from 1 to 7 weeks, costs range from \$26.00 to \$620.00 (not including cost of transportation to point of departure). Trips are sponsored by individual AYH councils. Even if you don't think you will be able to cycle to Yosemite this summer, pick up the brochure to see what you could do "if"...

C.L.

Heard from reasonably reliable sources that Lloyd Geertz is planning to move to Evans City. As heard it went "he is going to be spelunking on company time--and being paid for it." If you have news, or where you are going this summer, write or tell us here at the Golden Triangle. Thanks.

C.L.

Deadline for July Golden Triangle - June 14

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