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Tuesday - Aug 20, 1968

We took off from Bradley
on time (4:40 pm) & landed
in N.Y. at 5⁰⁰ - a delay of
1 hr. The captain informed
us at 4³⁰ that we were
circling off Long Island.

It was just announced that
the 7³⁰ flight to London is delayed
until 8⁰⁰ - We expect our
8⁰⁰ flight to take off at 8⁴⁵.
I'll let you know how it works out.

Well, here we are over "the great
salt lake". Our flight was not
delayed as we had thought, but
we did finally take off about
2 hours behind our departure
time. While we were at JFK,
we ate supper. - they also
served dinner on the plane,
it was fillet of beef (very good only
I didn't have very much
room in my tummy.)

We heard on the flight from
Ch. that it is cold in London -
I'll see in the morning if this
report is true. Good night

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Wednesday Aug 21

Well here we are 35 mins
from London. It's 8:38 N.Y.
time but we're already
had our breakfast (continental)
by 8:00 am and 20 mins
behind schedule. We didn't
get much sleep and we were
seated on the wrong side
of the plane, so we didn't
see the sun rise - oh well,
next time.

We're at the hotel now and
we've just learned the disturbing
news - Russia invades Czechoslovakia.

We were exploring the T.V. control
and there on the screen was
the news flash - Nothing more,
we had to wait about 15 mins
before the next "Newsflash" came on.

I can remember when they invaded
Hungary - Not a very good start
for our trip. - We've packed
up a bit and now we're off
to explore.

We really took an extensive
walking tour of our neighborhood.

The hotel is just across the street from the U.S. Embassy.

We wrote out postcards in a little park near the embassy. Looking forward to a good night's sleep.

Thursday - Aug 22, 1968 ^{8:22} 4

Our day started off early today. The tour to Stuckedge was supposed to leave at 8⁰⁰ A., but we got to the starting place on the bus - unfortunately it was the wrong bus (and you were right then, the man on the bus called out Ojdarski instead of Aller). That particular tour goes only on Mon + Wed. We've booked ourselves for Mon's Tour.

So we had the whole day free today. - We started by seeing the outside of Charles Dickens House - (it wasn't time for it to be open yet) Next we weren't going to spend ^{3 1/2} 90¢ for a taxi to get back to the hotel, so we ventured into the underground (5¢). After changing into city clothes, we set off for London Museum + the State Apartments - then to Gpsley House (Museum dedicate to the first Duke of Wellington).

By the time we got back to the hotel we think we must

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have walked at least 10 miles (at least)
I have blisters on each of my
littlest toes. After supper
tonight we went to the movies,
Julia Andrews in "Star".
Off to see the Queen tomorrow.

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Friday Aug 23, 1968

Another busy day today - first a tour of the city including Trafalgar Sq, Westminster Abbey, Houses of Parliament & Big Ben. It ended with a visit to Buckingham Palace to view the Changing of the Guard. The rest of the day free - We went back to Trafalgar Sq. for a better view, then to the Tower of London & saw the crown jewels. The Monument was next 331 steps to the top and no lift. On the way up I counted 333. Coming down was almost as bad as going up. Mme Tussaud's Wax Museum, back to the hotel for a quick shower. Then we were off to try & see "Fiddler on the Roof" but just as we arrived they were selling the last seats, so we wandered around a bit and wound up seeing "Men of La Mancha" at the Piccadilly Theater. Great is the only way to describe it.

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Saturday - Aug 24, 1968

Today we're on the tour to Shakespeare Country. We're on our lunch break now. This morning we went to Christ Church, College of Oxford University. Stop for lunch, then an extra attraction - the grave of Sir Winston Churchill.

Saw some houses with thatched roofs. Had tea with Mr. West (Chicago) then Sharon bought herself a tea set.

On to Stratford-on-Avon - We are housed in the "White Swan" an inn over 500 years old. Our guide is really terrific, he really knows his business.

This evening we dined with 4 other girls on the tour. We're in groups of 2. Then on to the Shakespearean Play "King Lear". It was really drawn out the last half and it was a long play (7:30 - 11:20) I guess I'm not a true Shakespeare fan at heart.

Sunday Aug. 25, 1968

The second day of our tour started with a visit to Anne Hathaway family cottage (she was W. Shakespeare's wife). Next to the birthplace of W. himself. Lunch and then on to Warwick Castle - saw a fine private collection of art owned by the Earl of Warwick. Then rode by Banbury Cross - not the original but this one was erected by Queen Victoria to commemorate the marriage of one of the daughters. The ancestral home of George Washington - the best preserved house I've seen.

cock & bull

bailed hay

New England

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Monday Aug 26, 1968

On tour to southern England today
Salford cathedral, built ~~as~~ from
Winchester ~~down~~. The altar of
Winchester cathedral was carried
by hand by 2 men, the bishop
of the priory. It was simply beautiful
Slashed next 3000 year old
spall stones weigh 27 tons, 12 stones 72 ton
Salford next the highest spire
in the country.

I did not like this town as well
as over the week-end. This guide
was too time consuming as
it was we arrived back in
London an hour ahead of
schedule.

We saw 'Runnymede' where
the Magna Carta was signed.

England.

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Country

The country side is really marvelous especially on the way to and about Stratford.

The villages are so quaint.

Quite a few thatched roofs and it seems everyone

has flowers growing in front of their homes.

Everyone seems to take pride in their land and keep it accordingly.

All along the road in the country we passed herds of sheep + cattle (dairy) and every where you look is dairy.

City

Some of the girls wear skirts that are so short it wouldn't take very much material to make them.

The post-office tower is a radar tower & a revolving restaurant (3 turns an hour)
Kings + Queens very interesting

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No wooden houses - all
either stone or brick or
stucco

After all England is really
lovely.

The girl we met on the Shakespeare
tour (Chris + Mary - Canada, Len + Pat + Dick)

Tuesday Aug 27, 1968 ✓

Well, we're on the best train
now and it's plush. Really
so much nicer than
riding in coaches. Whenever
the tour service has trans-
ferred us we've had private
cars - people will think
that we have "a lot of money."
(but we don't) It's been a
week since our arrival and
we are below our allotment
in spending. - That was rather while
the train was really rocking.

Right now we are crossing the
English Channel. The cliffs at
Dover are really white.

The French country side around
Boulogne is really beautiful - soft
rolling hills, you can see for miles.
Again I note the "hay" harvest.
In England hay was baled by
mechanical methods but here in
France - most of the work is
done manually - etc; stacks of
hay not bales.

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The trip across the Channel was really uneventful. France seems rather unkept after England. But that impression is formed from a moving train.

The traffic in Paris is really jammed. We almost had an accident on the way to the hotel. We have a room with a view of the "Louvre" which is right across the street, and if we step onto our little balcony we can see the Eiffel Tower. It looks as if it is close by, but according to the map it is quite a distance.

No BBC to tell us to sleep tonight.

The little balcony is about 1 yard long & 9" wide.

Wednesday - Aug. 28, 1968 825th

This morning when we got up the Eiffel Tower was gone (someone had taken it away in the darkness of night? no it was just obscured by fog - we didn't encounter any at all in London. We had a morning tour of the city which included the Eiffel Tower (not going up), the tomb of Napoleon I., a visit to Montmartre + Sacré Coeur Basilica - the altar is the most beautiful I've ever seen.

The holy eucharist is exposed every day - all day. (2 knees?)

The afternoon after lunch in the hotel (I cut my finger while cutting my ham sandwich on French bread) we were off on another tour of Paris, this time to see the Louvre for a very short stay - including "the coronation of Josephine"; Madame Tessa, (which I had seen in Boston) We plan to spend the day

Also saw where Ambassador
Sahlin lived - heard the news of
Bremington's nomination

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there tomorrow. We also
saw the same with its
magnificent stained glass windows.

The guide this morning was
really great (the best yet) she
spoke in English & Italian.

The port tour wasn't as
enjoyable, we had two guides -
one spoke French, while the
other spoke English & Italian.

We had our first bad weather
forecast - it rained as we ate our
dinner, as we were finishing we
met a guy from Los Angeles. We
ordered a tomato salad to go
along with our meal and the
dish was larger than a dinner
plate with at least 2 huge,
red, juicy, tomatoes sliced on it.

We met some very nice people today
that took both the tours we did,
they were the Odell's from Walsley,
Mass. They look like retired folks,
and they come to Europe for 3

Thursday Aug 29, 1968 ^{8:29} ✓

We slept late this morning (9 am) while I took a bath.

Sharon stole an extra half hour of shut eye. We started the day off at the Louvre. I got a good picture of "Venus de Milo" (Chop) you can take pictures as long as you don't use a flash.

We stayed there about 1 hour, after a while we lost ourselves in the guide book and couldn't seem to find the right way, so we ventured on a while longer, but finally gave up. Enough is enough. We stopped for lunch on the way back to the hotel.

When we got here we were very pleasantly pleased because we both received letters from home.

We're off to do some shopping now.

We "casual" on a free sample of perfume which the travel agent gave us. At the same store I got the charms. Then we were off to buy writing paper so we could keep in better touch with

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the people at home. While
we were waiting for the
dinner home to roll around we
stopped in a sidewalk cafe
for a long leisurely tea break.
The cafes are really Paris.
We really enjoy them & eat at
one every chance we get.
It seems that here in France
we spend most of our money
on food.

Note - when you hear about "breaking
bread" they aren't kidding. Here and
in England the crust of the bread
is so hard you really do have
a hard time "breaking" it.
But is so good.

One other thing "When something
is hot it is red hot" so instead
of have H₂O on the water
faucets they have a red color
for hot and blue is cold.

We're going to sleep late
again tomorrow morning.
I have terrible bags under
my eyes.

Let was good to hear from home.

- We've just about had enough of Paris. We really could have done without the extra day (the mistake).
- Oh, well just tomorrow. Ever since the letter from home came - I've kind of been anxious for the trip to hurry on.
- I think after Paris our days are really going to be full, because we do not spend any great length of time in any one place like we did here in Paris. I'm sure they'll pass quickly.

Some notes

Observations -

- In England they drive on the left side of the road - & the steering wheel is on the right - but here in France it's the same as in America.
- We're not having any difficulty at all with the language. Everyone seems to understand a little English - or we can

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make ourselves known
with our meagre French.

I've heard people say that
Paris is a dirty city. I have
not found this to be true.
The sections that we have
seen have been well kept - for
such a large city.

The driver here are really
reckless - you have to watch
your step when crossing the
street. We've seen about an
accident a day.

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Today we slept as late as we wanted to and we spent the morning just loitering around our rooms. Sarah took the collar of one of her dresses. She had put a hole in it in London. I brought the hem up of my full length slips - they bled. We went down for a combined breakfast and lunch of ham and eggs around 12:30. We had about an hour to spare after we had finished, that is before the tour to Versailles, so we walked a window shopped.

It has rained on & off all day today and it is really raw.

The tour to Versailles was not very good - I suppose the weather added to this opinion. To begin with I had a headache, and the bus ride didn't help it at all.

We were inside the palace and had started visiting the

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the different rooms when I
became very ill. I felt cold
inside but I was burning up.
I headed for the nearest bench.
It was very hot - people saw that
you are sick and they run
away like you had the plague.
Well, two very nice people came
over to inquire after me, one
was a young woman who was
conducting the tour and the other
was a member of our own group.

After I had rested a few
minutes the feeling of nausea
left me, and I was able to
continue - resting where benches
were provided.

The thing that impressed me
most about the palace was
its history and its magnificent
gardens.

Now its after dinner and
I feel much better, the writing
prior to this was when I had
just come back from the tour.
Oh well, all well that ends
well.

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Saturday Aug 31, 1968

Our last full day in Paris turned out to be sunny, but breezy. After breakfast we braved the "Metro" (Subway). It costs 20¢ (1 franc) and it seems you can go anywhere and change as many times as you like. Not so in London, it was 5¢ if you stayed on the same line, 9¢ if you changed. We noticed right off that some of the trains are run on rubber tires, some are the conventional rail type.

We first went back to Notre Dame - we really didn't have much time there when we went on the tour. We took our time. When Sharon was there before she wanted to take some pictures of the stained glass windows but fate was against her. That would be the exact moment when her batteries "died." In churches "flash" is permitted.

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We walked around a bit
and we saw a dept. store.
We have been looking for some
playing cards, for the long
train rides home, as yet.
We had looked in another
store but not seeing any in
the stationary dept, we
called it a lost cause. But
we were desperate the time
because tomorrow we take
to the trains, I was the
brave one who tried to
ask a saleswoman where we
might find the playing cards.

This is after we had looked
up the word for cards in
a French-English dictionary
which they had in the store.
After making it known that
we did not want "cartes de
Paris" (post-cards) but
"cartes de jeu" we prodded
to the 2nd floor and found
the cards in the toy dept.

We then took the Metro to
the Eiffel Tower. We learned
from our tour that the structure

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Sunday Sept. 1, 1968

The day started with my going to Mass. at 9^{AM}. I even received communion. It was close to 9:45 when I got back to the hotel. Sharmy + I then went down to breakfast.

Before I go too far I should make mention of the fact that from the time I got out of bed until after breakfast I was plagued by "the back door trots". After my breakfast of a glass of juice and 2 bites of food I then proceeded to vomit. The fact that communion might still be in my tummy never occurred to me until well after the happening. We then proceeded to pack for our departure from Paris.

We were assisted to and onto the train & we proceeded to Orleans. There we made our first gross mistake.

There are two stations and

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we didn't get off at
the first one as we were
supposed to. Another
minute later brought us
to the 2nd station - We
took a taxi back to the
first station in hopes
that the representative
would still be there
waiting for us. Well, he
wasn't. We found out later
that he had gone to the
second station. - he did
however leave a message
for us to take a taxi to
our hotel which we did.

I rested then we got ready
for dinner - It was a half an
hour until the dining room
opened, so we took a very
short walk - then we came
back & waited in the lobby until
it was time. I wasn't very
hungry so I just had soup.
Before Sharon had finished I
came upstairs. I jumped
right into bed. When Sharon
came up, she told me that

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the head waiter had inquired
after me & that if I needed
anything he would be on all
night.

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Everyone had the hotel was
very good to me. They all seemed
to know that I was not
feeling well and inquired
about me, when they
saw me.

● Tuesday Sept 3, 1968 9341

● This is certainly our day for train rides. Our train from
● Clear was 20 min. later. But
● here we are on our way to
● New. It will be about 11 AM
● when we get there so I
● thought I'd better write
● now. I won't have time
● tonight.

● I'm feeling fine today;
● everything seems to have
● cleared up. - it's left me
● a little weak. It was
● much like the virus that
● landed ~~me~~ in the hospital
● 2 1/2 years ago. - only it seems a
● much milder case than
● that was -

● I am still of the opinion
● that the French Countryside
● is beautiful, as we proceed
● south the hills are more
● prominent but very picturesque.
● We just made a stop so
● I'll try to write as much as
● I can while the train is still

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The hotel we stayed at in
Greece was very peaceful and
I think that is what
helped me.

We've just had a very
funny thing happen -

Sharon is about to be
thrown out of her seat?
We're off again & Sharon's O.K.

Nice is just the greatest.
We have a sea-front room -
it has a band under the
window right now - I sure
hope it puts us to sleep,
it was a long tiresome
ride today - I can't wait
to see the Mediterranean
Sea in the morning.

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Wednesday Sept. 4, 1968

Karen started school today. I certainly hope she enjoys it and takes full advantage of what is offered right from the start.

Today we had a full day tour of the area of Nice. Just the view this morning was beautiful. The blue Med. is right at our doorstep.

The landscape around Nice reminds me a great deal of California. The sea, the foothills, the mountains. We stopped and walked through a few villages before we went to see how candied fruit were made - lunch - then a windy trip up a steep mt. but the view was worth it.

Then down the other side and a visit to a perfume factory. A short stop in Cannes. Then Nice.

The "high mt" was 2400 ft high (more than 2 x the height of the Eiffel tower)

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We enjoyed the warm weather so much today that we put our sweaters on the rack over our heads and then we forgot them. We tried retrieving them tonight, but the tour office was closed, we'll try again in the morning.

The view from the hotel is really something. We're in a crescent shaped bay with a light house beacon on the left left, and on the right is Francis's 2nd airport (also a beacon). In between the two beacons there are hundreds of lamp posts along the "boardwalk" which extends almost as far as each beacon.

Right in front of the hotel is a 6 lane highway (divided) and it seems that the traffic is always heavy.

Add to all this the sound of the water breaking against the stone beach, the airplanes; landing & taking off, plus the band (Clos les sons) every night.

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Well this is really an
active & soundful place.

The moon on the water
tonight is beautiful.

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Thursday Sept 5, 1968

This morning we slept late,
after breakfast we returned
to the tour office and they
in turn called the bus office
and located our sweaters.
We were then given a map
and we "found" our sweaters.

French food is terribly greasy.
My poor tummy can't take
much more - I'm kinda
glad we're leaving France
tomorrow.

I'm feeling better since I wrote
that last little part. - In fact
we're going all out tonight and
treat ourselves to a steak dinner.
"The condemned ate a hearty meal"

Friday Sept. 6, 1968

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Up right after the crack of dawn this morning (6^{AM}). We left Nice and are on our way to Geneva by way of Grenoble. We're on our lunch break now. The scenery is breathtaking. We're sitting right behind the bus driver and we're praying for him & us, the roads are full of bad curves. I've noted that we've been up around 1,000 meters (4,000 feet). It's another long traveling day - we are on the road over 12 hrs.

After numerous stops we finally made the Swiss border. Our hotel is "swank". On the bus we met a fellow from Syracuse N.Y. who lived with "Frank" "Woody" Woodward from Exeter, N.H. He is here getting field experience. He's going to teach French in another year.

We had a late supper when we

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arrived last night - for the
first time we had hamburgers.

Went through Lenoble. It's
quite a large city.

We ran into a mass of bugs (flies)
on the bus. - We were right
behind the driver and they
kept flowing in his window.

France

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- I still shake with my first impression that the French countryside is beautiful. I guess nature takes care of herself.
- The cities however are a different matter, the people don't seem to care about their surroundings. I suppose this could be a remnant of the war, but I'm sure it's not all like that. In Orleans our hotel was in a residential area and the newer homes we saw there were very pleasing to the sight.
- The drivers are abominable.

Napoleon's casket lies here.

● Marshall Toche

- Well we had too much free time in Paris and that's why we've come away from there with not a very favorable impression.

I enjoyed Orleans (Orléans) very

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much because it was so peaceful. In a way I'm sorry we didn't get to see anything, but I was so sick we were considered going home, so I'm glad I did rest & get better. Anyone had the hotel was very kind.

In Nice we arrived quite late at night and as we stepped out of the car at the hotel the band was in full swing (it was out of doors) and we walked inside to the beat of the music with everyone watching us.

It really picked us up after dull Paris & peaceful Orleans. The driver who picked us up at the station tried to convince us that on our free day we should take a train to Monte Carlo but he warned us that persons under 21 were not allowed in the casino. Have we found the "fountain of youth"?

The most difficult thing to get used to was the tipping - we're getting to be old hands at it now.

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● French bread - made whole
very good. "cherubs" we get
for our "continental breakfasts" are
of two varieties, one is a
crescent rolls which was the
best in France, and the
second a hard roll. It was
as the name implies.

● The food was very rich (greasy)
and they don't know how to
cook a steak.

● We're getting so that we look
forward to trawling day as day
drest. - but that can be tiring too.
We're very pleased by the way
the representative meets us and
see us off. I'm sure they
are adding to the pleasure
of the trip. (We don't have to worry)

● We're getting smart - we've decided
that if we are to trawl all day
we'll get cookies or something to
tide us over ("Cookie Break")

● No tide in ^{the} Med. Sea.
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● Saturday Sept. 7, 1968

When we started from Nice yesterday, we had about half a bus load of people.

● After 12 hours and numerous stops we were at the Swiss border and only 4 people ^(3 Americans) (driver excluded) crossed.

● On the French side the guard checked our passports. We were sitting so that he saw all of the U.S.A. passports first and he turned and asked the driver if he had all Americans.

● 2 minutes later we had to show the passports again to the Swiss guard. He only asked Sharon if she could speak French.

● We've learned pretty much to judge hotels and last night was "super plus"; we could tell because it not only had clean soft toilet tissue, not a pull chair, a shoe shiner, radio, but to top off everything stationary & face cloths.

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At the moment we are
crossing Lake Geneva on the
steamer. Breakfast was not
included at the hotel today
so we had it on the boat.
It's not a very good day
today as there is a lot of
fog on the water.

Geneva in the light of day was
not really very impressive. The
flowers are again a main
part of the beauty of this country.
It seems quaint.

The crops growing along the
lake are on high hillsides. I
imagine it would be very
hard to harvest.

Our hotel here in Montreux is
plush - we have a much larger
terrace (not even a balcony) yet big
in fact there is a table & chairs
on it (we hope to have breakfast
out here tomorrow (weather permitting)
And to top everything off we
have a sitting room with

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pink facilities
insect. And, too pink. (No
face cloths though.) I'm glad
our hotel are all paid for
because I'm sure we wouldn't
pay those prices (whatever they are)

We spent the afternoon shopping.
It's really difficult to buy for
any of my people because
Lad + Pat provided us with
things from these here parts.
I'm hoping to get them in
Italy. I did get Mary Anna a
watch though, I'm pretty
sure she could use one.
Mom + Pat are the stampers at
this point.

After dinner we were on our
way back to the hotel and
we were delayed and
taken for a walk along
the lake.

● Sunday Sept. 8, 1968 23

We slept late this morning.

● We had more evidence of the swaminess of our hotel this morning at breakfast.

● We had a variety of 4 kinds of jams for breakfast. It was foggy but we sat out on the balcony.

We then got another recasted tour of the village. Walking is really the only way to see things.

● We took the mid-afternoon bus to Interlaken. The scenery on the way was breath taking.

● At one point we were at 5,000 feet and we could see a mountain that was at 10,000

● feet and here on this mountain we saw our first snow (it's there all-year). The chalets

● are very picturesque and I'd give my eye teeth to have what they call a week-end chalet. The terrain is very hilly - not very many flat

holes - cheese - Italy
pillow cases

pieces of land.

All of the cows seem to
have cow bells.

The hotel is very nice, even
a flush toilet. We have
another large balcony
with a view of the Jungfrau.
We go up it tomorrow. We've
arranged to go on a tour
that way we'll know what
we're looking at. I just
hope I'll be warm enough.

Monday Sept. 9, 1968

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Radhaivank hotel alright, 4
varieties of pills again.

We had a marvelous excursion
up the Jungfrau. The "guided"
tour was good for only one
reason as far as I could see, and
that was no change trains.

We got in with a very nice
group of people. Especially
the West Coast from Geneva,
he works for T+T here in
Switzerland. They kind of looked
after us, and even treated us
to lunch & wine. At lunch

we also met a couple from
Cleveland, she was a nurse.
And the surprise of the day
came at lunch, also, when
we met Mr. Maxwell &
his wife from Melbourne, Fla.,
and here's the best part
he knew Pat & Ann when
they were in Fla.. It's
a small world.

We walked back to the hotel
from the train station and

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we accomplished a great deal of shopping.

I'm glad I wasn't hasty in getting Sally's hair stain because today I found the most beautiful stone (wide mouth) with edelweiss.

We decided on a gory for the Davis's - sure hope they haven't got the front door bell fixed yet.

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We were invited out for a drink last night and we went to a café that had piano music - we seemed to be just about the only ones requesting songs - very nice.

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Tuesday Sept. 10, 1968 (2000 feet)

We're at the top of the Grindel
Pass. This is a little side
trip on the way to Lucerne.

The mountains around here
are very rocky. We've seen
"broken" trees where an avalanche
came down last winter.

We learned today that the
Cinopabus is run by the
postal service and that
they have a special right
of way on the road - They
have special horns that
play the first few bars of
the *Wendell* overture.

As we left Interlaken we
passed through the woodcarving
town of Brienz. I was surprised
to learn that it's the farmers
that do the carving in the
winter & there is a school
to learn the craft. 4 years
of learning.

A very pleasant custom
is having fresh flowers in
the buses. "Resplie".

Legend of Devil's Bridge

Original Pass as
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At the bottom of the St. Lawrence
Up the valley is the Rhine
glacier. This glacier was
down to the town 110 years
ago but is receding at a rate
of 15 feet per year. It goes for miles back.

When the farmers lead
their cattle down from the
mountains they decorate
them with flowers. We
learned that there was
snow here last week so
the herds have already
gone down to the midlands.

We explore Lucerne tomorrow.
We had the 2nd best meal of
our journey tonight.

Also today we saw the
"Angel Wings" (mountains) where
the mountain climbing classes
practice.

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Wednesday Sept. 11, 1968

Rain, rain etc., but it didn't.
We saw the sights and
stopped in the rain.

Switzerland has been the
country where we accomplished
most of our souvenir + gift
shopping. I have only Mark
+ Doll to get for as of today.

The things we saw today
were the "Lion Monument." Dedicated
to the Swiss Guard who lost their
lives while defending the Royal
family of France during the
Revolution (unbeknownst to them,
the family had already fled).

From the Lion we ran
between the raindrops to see a
"Panorama" of the passage
of the French army into
Switzerland after the Franco-
German War of 1871.

Next to the old wall + towers
which were used as fortifications,
we even climbed to the top
of one of the towers.

A walk across the mill bridge
where there is a chapel.

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Land was not so
that we could get warmed
and dry off a little.

The chapel bridge & water
tower were not.

4 kinds of pins again & 2 sinks.

Yesterday as we drove
through the country we
learned from the guide
that the army started
its 3 weeks annual manoeuvre
a few days ago. It seems all
the men go at one time &
they're everywhere; we even
saw some hidden & camouflaged
"things."

We got ready & went out for
dinner as usual but when we
returned what to our wondering
eyes had disappeared but
our shoes. - it seems the maid
must have put them out to
be cleaned. Will we get them
back O.K.

Switzerland

June 14
1891

A truly beautiful country; especially in the French section (from Geneva to Interlaken).

The rolling hills to the steeper ^{green} mountains. The section we saw on our tour from Interlaken to Lucerne was very rocky and not very colorful.

The chalets are very beautiful with either ~~carved~~ carved sayings or pictures on the outside walls.

The people seem to work the land very wholeheartedly.

The whole family takes part in the work.

The terrain is very hilly + rolling, yet it seems that every part of the land is utilized.

The bread improved greatly from France + England, along with the food in general.

The cows are brought up to the mountains to graze in the summer and each cow has his own bell, it's a

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beautiful sound. If all
the cattle survive the
summer the lead cow
gets decorated with flowers
as the herd is brought down
from the mountains for
the winter - but if any
get lost the lead cow
is draped in black.

Thursday Sept. 12, 1908

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We leave our beloved Switzerland today. We'll really miss it very much. It's such a warm & friendly country.

The sun came out for us today. We've arranged our money so that we'll have only a few cents in Swiss francs for souvenirs.

The train rides from Lucerne to Zürich and then to Salzburg were very scenic. Austria is very beautiful. Much like the French sector of Switzerland.

The hay harvest is still in process. There they have posts with a wire between where they hang the grass then it looks like they wrap the wire around the pole.

Our hotel is a stone's throw from the railway station.

Friday Sept. 13, 1948 ⁵⁴

We had a very full day today. Walked to the Old City, where we saw the Cathedral, statue of Mozart, St. Peter's, where we walked through the cemetery, then we climbed the hill to the fortress and walked around, then we decided we would take the funicular down.

Went window shopping along the Getreidegasse, I was tempted to buy a native dress but instead I got a pattern. I hope it comes out well.

They have horse drawn carts that you can take rides in and they have rubber wheels.

Please note the date: Poor Sharon - she almost fainted crossing a bridge, she got a run in her ^{new} stocking, and her camera stuck, also had apple strudel for lunch and some

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dropped in her shoe. - I only
got a rem in my stocking.

I cant wait to see "The
Sound of Music" again. I think
I would recognize some of
the places.

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Saturday Sept, 14, 1968

Happy Birthday, Karen + Chris. —

Now we are in the city of
congress. We arrived this afternoon,
and then set out to explore.

We are disappointed that we
didn't think of getting tickets
in advance for the Spanish
Kiddie School + the Vienna
Boys Choir. We are going to
try and get in to hear the
Choir even though we'll have
to stand - I certainly hope
everything works out!

We think a mistake
has been made concerning our
trip on the Danube but
nothing can be done until Monday.
Also the agent who met us
didn't have our tickets for
our tour tomorrow so it's
delayed one day.

The trip from Salzburg
was nice. We sat for a
while with a couple from
Long Island.

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The scenery changes
drastically from mountains
to farmlands in the
western part of the county.

Austria is the only
country that has its
fountains going all of the
time.

● Sunday Sept. 15, 1968

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We had the whole day free today.

● It got up bright and early (7^{AM}) the morning and went out and stood in the entry hall of the church & heard Mass and the Vienna Boys Choir.

● There was a closed circuit TV in the hall so I watched what was going on by it. The speaker was too loud with the music and it drowned out the sound of the voices.

● After Mass we were walking along & we found ourselves outside the Spanish Riding School (no tickets available) but we did see some of the horses as they came from the arena and passed the street.

● We then walked around seeing the different buildings from the outside & the lovely parks. The fountains are beautiful.

stout - blackens building

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One more added to
on. Some are green ones,
strong in flavor and
I got one where we
find a place that sells
them - Mmm good.

Right now we are in Belvedere
Gardens soaking in the sun &
resting our weary legs. The garden
is supposed to be lovely but
it's not compared to Versailles
and the parks in London.

Heard Mozart music in church
today.

Went into St. Stephen's yesterday.

The people of Vienna are very
helpful. They see us with our
map out and think we're
lost (we aren't) but they are
always willing to help.

"4711" soap comes from Europe.

Had a horrid meal tonight - but did
find a good candy - orange stick chocolate

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One more thing about our meal tonight. We had tomatoe salads and Sharon was almost finished with her's when a fly decided to land on her tomatoes - after a while he ventured into the dressing and when we looked again in a little while he was floating on his back - dead.

Monday Sept. 16, 1968

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Had a tour of Vienna this morning saw such sites as:
Opera House, President's offices,
largest fountain in the world,
statues of numerous emperors,
the Belvedere Gardens Palace
again (party for Marie Antoinette
before she left for France), also
saw the monument to the Black
Plague, and then visited Schoenbrunn
Castle which was a hunting lodge
and summer residence of the
rulers of Austria. Some of the
important names were Maria
Theresa (16 children), Franz Joseph,
{ Napoleon's golden eagles
{ Russian monument

Monument to Maria Theresa

The castle of Schoenbrunn was
bombed 35 times during WWII it
has been restored and was truly
beautiful to go through - they
had state function there
Kruschke + Kennedy 1961
Beautiful gardens - the whole
place was much nicer than Versailles

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Met the people we sat
with on the train and
also Mr. Lotwick's (Bochus)
sunday & her husband (we're
having dinner with them
tonight - heard Mrs. Markley
has quit)

We got everything straightened
out about getting to Garmisch.

Very pleasant dinner with
the Markley's. We'll meet
them again in Venice on
Monday

Tuesday Sept. 17, 1968 ^{a.m.}

Got up real early this morning (5 A.M.). A drom picked us up at the hotel at 6:15, and here we are on the Danube.

We had to carry our own bags down the gang plank and it was a little wet, and with all the grace of an ape Sharon slipped and made a 2 point landing on the gangplank. At least 4 men saw her fall and not one came over or even inquired after her. - only a patted elbow. We had a fit of laughing after we gotten in our cabin.

The current of the "blue" Danube is really swift.

Lunch was very good & we're hoping dinner will be same. we were playing "sumo" this afternoon and a bunch of school kids watched us from time to time along

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with some of the crew - One
even joined in a few hands.

While we were eating dinner
we passed through a lock
of the Canals - we were raised
to the water level ahead of us.
~~The~~ It provided some entertainment
with our descent. Quite an
experience - I had seen the
Cuseakower Lock of the Saint
Lawrence Seaway but this was
my first time through - It was
dark out and we didn't see
too much.

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Wednesday Sept. 18, 1968

Had a good night's sleep last night in spite of the movement and the odd noises. But this morning I opened the curtain and the window looked as if it was all steamed up so I opened the window and there was nothing but fog. We hope on the other side of the boat is the pier. It looks like something out of the "Twilight Zone."

Well, the pier wasn't there - we had stopped for the night because of fog. We were supposed to be in Lima at 1:20 AM, but now our CTA is 10 AM. Our train is supposed to leave at 10⁰⁰ so we're hoping to make good time or clock earlier.

We docked at 9⁰⁰ + had plenty of time.

I almost went through the window on the train from Munich.

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met John from Penn.
tonight had a nice
chat & walk.

Its cold & damp here.

We saw quite a few deer
from the train on our
way to Munich from Salzburg.

Austria

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We saw three different regions of Austria, the mountains, the farmlands, and the industry.

There seems to be a lot of building going on. The buildings and people seem to represent more of a working nation than Switzerland which is very similar in the mountain beauty.

We visited the village of Salzburg and then the city of Vienna and we enjoyed the quaint country style of Salzburg much more than the modern big city atmosphere of Vienna.

The Danube as you have probably guessed is not blue at all, it's just a dirty river with boats & barges going up & down. Some of the scenery is pretty but a lot of it is just trees on

rocks - Vienna

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the river bank.

5 pairs (olometaus) 2 socks - ~~socks~~
5 waiting for bed

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Thursday Sept. 19, 1968

Today was a very successful day - because I finally finished my shopping for other people. And now I can spend on myself - so glad. I got a pair of sneakers. I feel a little bad about it because Sharon kind of talked me into getting a pair with her - now she can't find any to fit herself. We'll look again to borrow before we leave.

We slept late and it was really raining hard this morning so we weren't in any hurry to get outside. After breakfast we put on all our rain wear and braved the elements. It stopped raining before we were too far from the hotel.

We spent the day shopping & we also visited a museum with had carved furniture and old items ~~etc~~ e.g. jewelry,

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how to make violins (work shop)
utensils, clothes, etc.

We were going to go to
a concert tonight but
by the time we found
a place to eat and
then get served - we
would have had
indigestion all through
the concert - so we
are going tomorrow
morning, before we leave.

While at dinner tonight
I saw & talked with
Lynda (nee) Coutu - from
Greenfield - she & her
in-laws (?) are here
visiting her husband, who
is stationed in Germany.

We both weren't sure of
knowing the other but
we looked familiar to
each other. It's a small
world.

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Friday Sept. 29, 1968

We had breakfast out on our balcony this morning because the sun is shining & its warm. Only one problem, bees - we left the orange marmalade out for them to eat, while we "ate in peace". Well, they thought what we had was better so they kept buzzing around. Near Sharn would suck them up by the wing & deposit them upside down in the marmalade. Their wings got so sticky they couldn't fly away.

We're on the train now and as it will be late when we arrive in Milan - I'll write now.

After breakfast we went out shopping for Sharn's knickers as there was no car out this morning. After a long search she found a pair

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that fit good but were
not the color & material
she wanted - she bought
them.

We also had lunch
- got "goodies" for our
supper. (We were too
cheap to eat the meal
served on the train -
it looked good though
mostly fish, meat, cheese &
fruit [smelled good too].)

The T.C. Train we're on
now is really funny looking
because there is only
the engine + 2 cars.

We've gained an hour
in time. - on the clock

Had a really expensive
supper at the Italian
Lodge (I think.)

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Saturday Sept. 21, 1968

When we arrived last night we learned that the time charges again tonight, so we'll lose another hour. — Our poor sleeping system have never had it so bad.

We missed the morning tour so we window shopped + ate lunch (A + W root beer) then took the afternoon tour. It started at the Cathedral which is called St. Dionio (House of God). Pope Paul VI was Archbishop here for 7 years before he was elected Pope. The entire building took 500 years to complete, it was finished just 3 years ago. It is built in the gothic style and is all marble with over 3,000 statues about 36% full size. The church can accommodate 30,000 people and is 3rd largest in the world next to St. Peter's in Rome + St. Paul's in London. On top of the 300 foot spire

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is a statue of the Blessed
Virgin Mary.

The church is built in
the shape of a Roman Cross (+)
and has 7 organs all
controlled by one keyboard
played by one person. The
building was started in
the 15th century and if
you stand on the oldest marble
you feel underfoot, where the
white marble has worn
down more than the
black & red marble which
make the design in the floor.

The stained glass windows
are scenes from the bible
and are fairly new ^{1800's} (the
colours are so vivid)

There is a statue in the
church of St Bartholomew
supposedly "skinned alive",

We also saw Leonardo Di Vinci's
"Last Supper". It took 2 years
to complete & is painted
on a wall in what used
to be a monk's dining hall.

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When Napoleon conquered Milan his soldiers turned the hall as a stable & completely white washed the room, & cut a door in the wall, destroying the feet of Jesus. He then painted a self-portrait in the face of St. Thaddeus.

The painting is supposed to be a continuation of the walls of the hall (one dark & one lighter)

We also visited a cemetery. (Minor character of man not his work - shined for 40 years)

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Sunday Sept. 22, 1968

Came to find out the
clocks were not supposed
to be turned ahead but
backward, so this morning
when we thought it was 7:15
we were on our way to
breakfast but the room was
all dark & we found out
our mistake (really the
travel agent misinformed us)
and it was only 5:15. We
took a little nap for
about an hour or so then
went to breakfast again.

Right now we are in Piazza
San Marco (the pigeon place)
We've just "paid through on teeth"
for a glass of soda (v4f) and
we're enjoying "live" music.
We had a big late lunch
and this is our afternoon
coffee break.

We had a motor launch
ride from the railroad
station to our hotel. Saw

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a wedding party. The bride & groom were in a gondola piloted by 2 men in white.

We scouted around & found the hotel the Markby's will be at tomorrow night. We're taking them out to dinner to pay them back for treating us in Vienna.

After a rest (after our walk) we had dinner & we were going to go over to the Piazza San Marco & have a cup of tea and listen to the music but we were invited for a walk instead. On this walk we saw a rat running down the street we happened to be on and it ran right past us.

Veneto

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Monday Sept. 23/1968

The morning we had a walking tour of San Marco Square. It started with a visit to the Basilica where St. Mark is buried in the main altar. This is the church where Pope John XXIII was when he was elected pope (5 years). It is an oriental style & has many mosaics on the outside.

The angle on the top of the "lighthouse" tower is really a weather vane.

The clock tower has the hours in Roman numerals and the minutes (every 5) in regular numbers. On the hour 2 men on the top strike out by turn the hour with their hammers.

Then through the "Dukes" palace, & the prison passing over the bridge of "Sighs".

The tides have been running high, and the square

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has been flooding over.
We then had a motor launch
ride to a glass factory
where we saw objects
created. It was truly the
most interesting "site" of
the day.

After lunch we walked
about a bit and took some
pictures of us feeding
the pigeons. We had
our "tea" break at another
one of the cafe's in S. Marco
Square.

We treated ourselves to
having our hair done & after
a bit we'll be getting ready
to go to dinner with the
Markley's.

Wednesday Sept. 25, 1968

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Had a tour this morning which included a visit to the galleries of the Pitti Palace. The family Pitti had the palace constructed 2x everything of the places of the family Medici. But they became bankrupt & the Medici family took over the building but kept the Pitti name.

A drive to Michelangelo Piazza where we had a panoramic view of the city of Florence.

As we drove down one street the guide pointed out the water level on the buildings where the flood waters of 1966 had been.

It covered the first story of the buildings.

Saw the 3rd Picta done by Michelangelo. (about for the cross)

And the bronze door gold leafed of the baptistry of the Cathedral 'The Gate of Paradise'.

After lunch we had a
little rest & then when the
shops opened again at 3pm
we went shopping.

We were perked up after
we had spent some money
so we decided to eat before
we went into debt.

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Thursday Sept. 26, 1968 81

We slept late this morning, but not too late because our room over looks a square where all the kids play (no school?) and the traffic is quite heavy. We off to Ligar this afternoon.

It's a sad tale but there is a strike on today & no tours are going to Pisa. We're disappointed so we went off & spent the money we would have spent on the tour.

It's only 3 months to Christmas and we've done quite a bit of Christmas shopping today. We're happy.

met the coach for Long Island with shopping.

Friday Sept. 27, 1968

Another long bus ride.

The most interesting ~~sight~~ site along the way was a visit to the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi.

There an American monk guided us. We saw the lower Basilica where Pope John ^{VIII} visited & under the altar we saw the tomb of St. Francis. There are beautiful frescos on the walls of the whole Basilica. The tour ended with a visit to the Upper Basilica. We were given the prayer of St. Francis as a remembrance of our visit.

Discus thrown

Saturday Sept. 28, 1968

Rome - today we have 2 tours. Last night after our arrival we took quick showers and then had dinner in the hotel grill room. A very good meal & music.

I've caught a cold somewhere between Venice + Florence + my nose is going to be the death of me. We're running out of Kleenex fast. It doesn't seem possible that a week from today we'll be home.

The tour this morning was to the Vatican museum + the Sistine Chapel. The ceiling + "Last Judgement" by Michelangelo are extraordinary.

Rome is a busy, busy city. Loads of cars + buses and narrow streets.

Today + in the past we have seen paintings + frescos by Raphael.

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This afternoon's tour included
more of the sites of Rome
including, Trevi Fountain,
Pantheon (roof-pollars), Spanish
Steps, a beautiful panorama
of the city. I feel the
most interesting visit of
the day was to the
Basilica of St. Peter.

While there saw the
tombs of Pope Pius XII +
Pope John XXIII. (Or lady altar?)

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Sunday Sept 29, 1968

Received the papal blessing
this morn in St. Peter's Sq. I think
this was the most wonderful
part of the trip. After
lunch we saw such
sites as Castel of Angels,
Pantheon, Monument to Victor
Emmanuel, Colosseum, some
Roman columns. After
all that walking our feet
are telling us.

Went up to the second story
of the Colosseum - took us
a time to find the stairs &
were they ~~every~~ steep.

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Monday Sept. 30, 1968

Where has the month flown?

It seems just like yesterday, st that I was writing the

We didn't even really open our eyes and start talking to each other until 10:00. We had breakfast in our rooms and then set off on foot again. First to the Pincio gardens where we had a good view of the city, then it started to rain a bit but the funny thing was that the sky was bright blue in places. By the time we reached the Spanish Steps it was raining harder so we walked down over the steps (pauses their work) and found a place to have a light lunch. As we ate the little room we were in, filled up with people from the states, all from Calif. except us.

After lunch we went to
the fountain of Trevi again
and threw our coins
in.

Had our farewell dinner
in the hotel tonight. We
were going to request a
song of the piano player
but someone sat in
the way. We did
however get invited to
see the sites of Rome
by night. The Colosseum
was especially beautiful.

We started off late and
didn't get back until
much later so therefore
not much sleep this
night.

We were given an Italian
coin to throw in the
Trevi fountain last
night - a sure sign
of a return to Rome.

Tuesday, October 1, 1968

Something happened to the clock last night (this morning) and it was lucky I awoke when I did. It was 8⁴⁵ and we were to leave the hotel at 9³⁰. We rushed around & finished our packing & had breakfast in our room.

Beautiful Italian scenery from the train. — out one window you see flat land & out the opposite side a mountain.

The city of Naples is very (interesting) dirty & the people (mostly) Ugh.
We have a beautiful view from our room of part of the bay.

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Wednesday October 2, 1968

Met some wonderful people
on the tour to Capri today.
Victor - Yolanda La Vigna
from Jamaica, N.Y. We
think we're on the same
tour to Pompeii tomorrow.

We met the couple
from Long Island that
we had lunch with on
the train from Venice
to Florence. They have
invited us to have dinner
with them tomorrow
night.

The boat ride to Capri was
beautiful - we passed by
the American fleet in
the harbor. When we
first loaded we went
directly to the "Blue
Grotto" there were
a "mess" of boats waiting,
so we got an extra
added hour to see a

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smaller grotto + we
toured around in
a cove of a private villa.

We transferred to
a smaller boat with
the La Reina's + they
proceeded to sit ~~on~~ the
bottom of the boat so we
wouldn't bump our heads
on the rocks - when inside
(and in the bay) the water
was an azure blue - outside
a deep navy blue. Beautiful.

We even heard "Delelala" sung
in the grotto plus 2 other times today.

After another ride in a
funicular + lunch we
boarded a small coach
+ went to Anacapri +
small town where
"San Michele" is located.

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Thursday Oct 3, 1948

On tour to Pompeii, Amalfi,
Sorrento.

Pompeii was really not
what I had expected, but
I don't really know what
I thought I'd see. There
were 25,000 inhabitants
when Vesuvius' poured forth. ^(61 A.D.)
There are a few houses &
the bath house that were
restored to give the idea of
the dwellings at that time,
but most of what you see
are the walls of many
houses on many streets.

Amalfi Drive was beautiful,
but too much beauty can be
a downfall - the road
was very curvy and our
tummys didn't like it.

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Had dinner with the
Schneitzers (Mary & Larry) last
night. We didn't get in
till late. We've met them

the greatest number of
times of any of the
people we've come
in contact with.

The architecture is
influenced by the Arab countries.

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Friday Oct. 4, 1968

It really doesn't seem possible that we're on our way home.

Someone made a mistake somewhere along the line and instead of the 10³⁰A flight from Naples we had to take to 7⁰⁰AM which meant we had to get up at 4⁴⁵AM. Instead of waiting in Rome until our scheduled 1⁰⁰PM departure we are on the 9³⁰A flight which has a stop in London. We'll reach New York around 3³⁰PM.

We never thought we'd be back in England so soon. We have a 40 min wait & we had to leave the plane.

Sharon was able to get an earlier flight to Boston but not out. It's good because

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if there had been any
delay she might have
missed her flight to
Bangor.

to
my
I'm here waiting in
the Eastern Terminal for
my 805 flight. I tried to
get a earlier flight
too but no luck.

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Italy

On the whole Italy was
very pleasing. Of course
there were certain things
which I did not like, such
as the Cities of Milan + Naples.
Milan probably gave us
a bad impression because
the weather was bad.
Naples was just plain
dirty + unsafe.

The people use every bit
of land to grow either fruit
veg. or flowers. There is
not very much machinery,
the land is worked manually.

The food has been good, I've
enjoyed the "pasta" too much.

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is over 1000 feet high. We were both a bit wary of going to the top - but we'll probably never pass this way again so up we went. The "left" goes as far as the the 2nd floor, then we had to get into a line for the left that would take us to the 3rd floor. It was quite a long line and it was really windy, I only had my sweater on so I'm afraid I got another chill. Fortunately the 3rd floor was enclosed but we braved the next deck which was up a flight of stairs. We walked around there very quickly because it was open. Then down we came. I was feeling very weak by this time so when we got to the bottom I sat down as soon as I could. I was thirsty for a cola so we had a little lunch in the shadow of the tower. I felt better after

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resting a while, so we
went, by Metro, to the
Arch of Triumph, we had
a time of it trying to find
the under-the-road walk
which would take us to
the "Arch", but we won and
we did not have to
cross at street level where
the traffic is continuous.

We could have gone to the
top of this too - but I'm
sure I couldn't have taken it.

We then returned to the
hotel where I've been resting.
I seem to be very cold & hot
at the same time and I ache
all over. We'll be going out
soon for a light supper, then
its back here to rest.

After eating I feel much better
I certainly hope I'm all better
tomorrow. I've soaked in a
hot tub & the aches are gone.

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"Iggy tubes" - Albert Champion

Trip Song - Delilah

Personalities - Sebastians - Montreux

Salvo - Venice

Italians - Inlet taken

Peter + ? - Rome

Waiter - Orleans

Clavato Man - Paris

Bus Driver - Nice - Geneva

Boat Crew - Rome

Alex (Guide) - Rome

Ball Porter - Florence (breakfast)

John - Garmisch

"Cherio" - Salzburg

Mr. West - London (taxi)

Schetzmyer - N.Y. (Lakonia - N.Y.)

Favorite Country - Switzerland

Favorite City - Roma