

# This & That

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are very, very poor, some of the boys and girls of the "upper crust" managed to live in traditional grandiose style. (Such evidence, say historians, is a very major cause of internal revolutions.)

WHILE CERTAIN ASPECTS of Spain's economic life are less costly than in some other European countries, the total difference to the tourist is not a large item—unless one settles down for prolonged periods in areas that have not been subject to inflated prices. Taxi fares and the cost per room of hotels is very reasonable, yet the cost of meals in many hotels brings the average expense up within "hailing distance" of other places outside Spain and Portugal.

If you do visit Spain, I urge that you consider a seven-day guided bus trip through Andalusian Spain, which includes visits to Granada, Malaga, Gibraltar, Algeciras, Cadix, Seville and Cordoba. (It's lots of fun being with a crowd of amiable travelers.) All these cities bear strong evidence of Moorish architecture and customs. Each has its cathedral—some of them very large and very old, with sculpture and painting beauty that prove one of the chief tourist attractions. In each of these cities you will find good hotels. The food is good and you will find it possible often to select some native dishes that most always you will be able to select much food that is prepared in the United States. Perhaps the country has kitchen and dining room help that is any better than you find in Spain, Portugal, Italy and Greece.

MOTORING VIA BUS through Andalusia takes you over much picturesque country. In the places where vegetation may flourish you will find very large areas given over to grapes, olives and some citrus. Both Spain and Portugal, too, together provide the world with more than 80 per cent of its cork, taken from the cork oak trees.

Spain has not forgotten the value of education for its youth, and maintains several university communities, the largest of which is in Madrid. As in Italy and Greece, Spanish school children wear uniforms of uniform pattern, claiming it eliminates "class distinctions." In Granada the world-famous Alhambra, a combination palace-fortress is the chief tourist attraction. This Moorish edifice's interior courts and halls are beautifully decorated. Said to be the most beautiful Moorish building in Europe, one almost has to see it in order to describe its simple grandeur in the use of colorful tiles, intricately carved plaster designs and its lovely patios and gardens. From Malaga to Algeciras, our motor bus travelled along Spain's southwest coast alternately revealing the resorts where sandy seashores prevail, to the ruggedly beautiful rocky-shore coast of the Mediterranean touching this part of Spain.

ONCE THE CAPITAL of Spain, Toledo, 45 miles southwest of Madrid, holds the rapt attention of the tourist. Centuries ago it had 300,000 inhabitants, now its resident number about 40,000. Its great Alcazar or Moorish palace-fortress and the second-century great cathedral lure the tourists. The Alcazar, during Spain's post-World War II revolution was partially destroyed but now is being restored.

As in so many other countries, the peasants constitute the vast majority of the population. They are very poor; their methods of working the land have not changed much in hundreds of years. Generally speaking these countries are governed by a small segment of the whole populace and the wealth of each is in the hands of such groups—which largely accounts for the ease with which Communists can

win the poor's support. Unless between the extremes of the rich and the poor there is a dominantly political middle class the democratic processes cannot take root and flourish.

PORTUGAL, of course, possesses most of the good and the bad that exists in other lands—though its form of government is claimed to be more of a benign dictatorship than Spain's. Portugal is a small country though centuries ago, like Spain, its adventurous explorers lofted Portugal's flag on soil over many parts of the earth... only to lose most of them later at the hands of stronger nations.

However, Portugal is a beautiful land; its people are brave, hard-working and friendly. Portugal's long history, like its Spanish neighbor, was fraught with many enemy dangers. Its list of world explorers is long and today it supports numerous educational institutions for the development of the more cultural facets of living. Although dominantly Roman Catholic, Portugal does not exclude the existence of many protestant denominations within its borders.

Its rather long coast exposed to the Atlantic Ocean provides it with many seashore resorts. Very little unemployment exists in Portugal today and so many of its dwellers enjoy reasonably better standards of living.

## Peace Corps Exam Scheduled in Detroit

Another Peace Corps placement test will be administered at the Federal Building, Detroit, beginning at 8:30 a.m. July 20.

The non-competitive test must be taken by anyone interested in becoming a Peace Corps Volunteer. This will be the last testing opportunity for persons who hope to enter training for a Peace Corps assignment in September or October.

Those selected for training will spend 10 to 12 weeks on a college campus or at a Peace Corps camp in Puerto Rico, studying the language, history and culture of their host country, and American affairs.

VOLUNTEERS agree to serve two years in the Peace Corps, including training time. The minimum age for Volunteer service is 18.

There is no upper age limit, and a number of persons in their seventies are among the 5,000 Volunteers now serving in 45 nations.

Married couples may serve if both husband and wife qualify for the same project.

Language training is helpful for those interested in becoming Volunteers, but more than a fourth of the Peace Corps present Volunteers never had studied a language previously.



## ROTC Cadets Undergo Training

ROTC Cadets George M. Blackburn (left), 1960 graduate of Bloomfield Hills High School, is a member Alpha Phi Omega fraternity and presently vice prexy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Colburn, 945 Southdown, Bloomfield Hills.

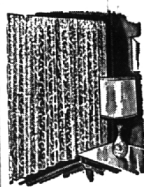
Purdue University, and John T. Colburn, Western Michigan University, sit at a switchboard while receiving instruction on Army field communications equipment and its use at Ft. Riley, Kan. Cadet Colburn, a

jet airplanes make distance almost "a hop, skip and jump"; most everywhere one goes he can find persons who can understand enough English and thus be given whatever one requires... and, to help you remember the most of your trip's experiences and sights, take along a camera, and use it!

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