

Switzerland, Italy Excite Romanticism

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is another in a series of dispatches to The Eccentric from Donald Dennis and his wife, Margaret, as they make a seven month trip around world. Dennis teaches art at Bloomfield Hills High School; his wife is a visiting teacher in the same school system. The following letter was written after a drive through Switzerland and a visit to Venice.

Retracing Byron's travels GENEVA WAS the first bit

through Switzerland to Venice, one can immediately see why this area of Europe was like a magnet to one of the greatest of the "Romanticists."

Driving through Switzerland is like driving through a picture postcard album with a new scene at every turn. The same feeling holds true for a walk or a boat ride through Venice, with a bit of animation thrown in to add color and interest to the scenery.

stop-over on our drive through Switzerland, and two days seemed sufficient for visiting the parks, "Peace Palace."

For the next three days we drove through the lake districts from Geneva to Lugano and then on through St. Moritz to Lake Como, using Swiss-styled inns for our stops along the way.

The weather was as varied as the scenery, and the abrupt changes from one language to another while still in the same country contributed to the effect.

ONE MINUTE we were threading our way through dense pine forests, then up steep mountain roads that gave beautiful panoramic views of mountain villages perched high on rocky crags.

Below us the inevitable ravine town peered over its shimmering reflection in a cool, mirror lake or stood watching the cascading torrents of a melting glacier passing by its doorsteps.

ON BOTH SIDES of the road and far into the fields, purple, yellow and white mountain flowers scattered themselves among the grey rocks and green grass.

Sometimes we would be driving in bright sunshine, sometimes dense clouds of misty air would surround our car and occasionally in the high passes, snow filled the air and within minutes reversed our season from spring to winter.

Above the timberline a blanket of snow covered the mountains while below quilted, wooden farmhouses mushroomed over the landscape.

STOPPING AT A Swiss Inn is as delightful as viewing the scenery.

Whether it advertised "zimmer," "chambre," or "cama" the effect was the same. The rooms were spotlessly clean and the down comforters on the soft feather beds made us feel as though we were really sleeping in the clouds.

Our alarm clock in the morning usually consisted of the tinkling sound of the bells on the cattle and the sheep as they were herded through the narrow streets on the way to pasture.

LEAVING THIS picturesque paradise, we descended to Lake Como and threaded our way along its rocky and very scenic shoreline to the resort town of Como. From there we reached the "autostrada" that quickly moved us down to Milan and then on to Venice.

Venice is truly the pearl of the Adriatic and is a city that holds no equal anywhere in the world. This was to be a return visit for both of us, and it was just as exciting to see the first time.

THE ONLY CHANGES that were apparent were the modernization of the interiors of some of the old buildings, the unionization of the gondoliers (no more bargaining) and a seeming increase in the pigeon population.

Establishing ourselves in the Rialto Hotel with our bedroom overlooking the Grand Canal and the Rialto Bridge was a stroke of luck, but then almost any view in Venice seems exceptional.

From our windows we were treated to the steady stream of strollers in the streets and an endless variety of boats and gondolas in the canal.

AT NIGHT, as a bonus, we were able to sit and listen to the ser-



Gondolas and canals are the trademark of Venice and have been for hundreds of years. The songs of the gondoliers lend a further romantic note to the already romantic city.

enades of the various groups of gondoliers as they passed by our windows. We, too, succumbed to the lure of the gondolas and went for a ride through the maze of canals.

One of the things that is most appealing about Venice is the ease with which one can expose himself to the atmosphere and culture that flourish in this city for over seven centuries. Just sitting in St. Mark Square can't help but absorb some of the beauty of the Venetian and Byzantine artists.

Venetian artisans and artists are the skillful trading of Venetian merchants; with doors from Turkey, pillars from Egypt and sculpture from Greece to aid in decorating her facade.

PROBABLY THE only obligatory visits for travelers to Venice are the trip to the glass factories of Murano Island and the visit to the "Accademia Gallerie."

Venetian artisans and artists are world famous for their ability and productivity and these two side trips will only increase your awareness of this fact.

I was impressed—and always will be—with the emotional impact of the Venetian painters and the immensity of many of their paintings. The artist was supreme in the independent city-state of Venice, and with an atmosphere that lends itself so well to painting,

Listener

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WHEN SHE WAS told they didn't possess a den or recreation room, she jumped into the game and answered herself this one.

"That's right. What living here we all do it right in here in this big room."

Instead of feeling inferior for lacking more space in which to live, she stated that everyone had to learn how to get along with everyone else in the family "right here each night."

Asking what she should do about the red chair it was sitting in, she was told that this color became her well. She answered she was relieved. "As a little girl, I loved red. Not too much, you understand. Just a splash here and there."

DISCUSSING THE draperies, she wondered out loud if they were right for the room.

"My sister had to get new ones for her house just built and since mine were getting ragged, I exchanged two end tables for them. Do they scream out that they are misplaced here?" Admiring her for such honesty, the answer couldn't be anything except no.

LETTING ANOTHER ten minutes fly by with both of us sort of looking around her room in order to listen to her furniture to see what it had to say, she brought us both back to the business at hand with:

"But, as I said to George just the week before last when our bankbook was getting healthy looking, I said, 'George, all that front room stuff is getting out of dated and it has to go.' Well, you knock on my door today with just the assistance I'm looking for!"

And she invited me to open up the brief case lying at our feet.

SUDDENLY, SITTING there in that most comfortable front room, having worked hard to get the customer prepared for the "sell," a horrible sensation crept over everything. I heard a voice, (I think it was mine) say:

"Madam, if I were you, and, if I had such an inviting living room, I don't think I'd listen to either what your furniture has to say or to any other salesperson who comes knocking on your door, especially on a busy wash-day!"

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After the New Hampshire victory, Sherman went on the road with his show, playing to enthusiastic crowds throughout the nation. When he returned from his NATO conference, his campaign for President was in full swing. Sherman Adams was asked to be his right-hand man.

THE PRODUCTION moved into full swing, and right in the middle of it, sharing every exciting detail, was Rachel Adams. Through the deftness of her pen we, her readers, became her interested audience.

The action moves swiftly: Life aboard a campaign train, victory, inauguration, state dinners, tea parties, visits to embassies, introductions to visiting dignitaries and final demise.

IN "FIRST Hand Report" Sherman Adams confided his story to an analysis of his six years with President Eisenhower. There was no bitterness in his report.

In "On The Other Hand" (the "heart" of the "his and her" story) Rachel Adams follows the same line. She devotes little space to her husband's resignation. However, she is too much his devoted admirer not to rise to his defense with such comments as:

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AND AGAIN: the very suggestion was utterly ridiculous that Sherman Adams granted favors. Everyone knew of his absolute integrity and dedication.

Even more striking than the intimate view of life in official Washington is the theme of Rachel's love and devotion for her husband. Billed as a strong-minded brusque man, the reader cannot help but carry away the thought that a man who could inspire such loyalty in as fine a woman as Rachel Adams must have had very winning qualities.

THOUGH NOT of such general interest as the Washington scenes, nature lovers will relish intermittent word pictures of skiing, fishing and camping which Adams thoroughly enjoyed as a respite from the pressures of Washington life.

As the curtain falls on the final act of the Adams story, the reader is left with a feeling of satisfaction. Here was a drama worth watching, a woman worth knowing, a philosophy worth sharing.

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