

## NEWSLETTER

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### SALZBURG SEMINAR IN AMERICAN CIVILIZATION

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At two meetings last week, the first on May 12 and the second four days later, members of the Seminar came together in Adams House at Harvard University to discuss in as much detail as possible every aspect of the Salzburg program. This is a report on those discussions.

#### TRANSPORTATION

Those planning to go by troopship will sail on June 21 from New York City on the "Marine Tiger", a ship now operated by US Lines. For men, there is a flat one-way rate of \$127, plus \$8.50 port tax, for passage in a room accommodating 112 persons. Women have a choice of living in a room with from 6 to 24 persons at \$190 one way, plus port tax, or in a room with from 24 to 30 persons at \$167 one way, plus port tax. The ship will arrive at Le Havre on July 1. Everyone must be in Salzburg by July 10. Blanks will be mailed out some time this week to all those who have indicated that they wish to go by troopship. Troopship passengers may take baggage not exceeding 20 cubic feet in dimension. Crated bicycles may be taken in addition to baggage by payment of a ten-dollar fee.

Those travelling by air will be allowed a maximum of 66 pounds of baggage on the airplane. American Express will take anything over this amount, including bicycles, but will not guarantee delivery in less than from 3 1/2 to 6 weeks. It is possible that arrangements with the troopship will be worked out so that passengers travelling by air will be able to send additional baggage on the ship, but such a possibility should not be counted on.

The best rail connection between western Europe and Salzburg is the Arlberg Express, which leaves Paris every day for Salzburg, via Switzerland. The trip takes 27 hours. Rail connections between Salzburg and air terminals in Germany (Frankfurt, et al.) are through Munich.

Return flights by air have still to be arranged, but are being worked on. For troopship passengers, passage has been tentatively scheduled on a ship leaving Le Havre on September 12, docking in New York on the 21st of September.

#### LIVING EXPENSES

Because of transportation difficulties and personal plans, most Americans going to Salzburg will be spending at least three weeks in Europe in addition to the six weeks of the seminar. Consequently, it is urged that all members plan to take a sufficient amount of money to cover such extra costs. The latest information from the Sorbonne is that living expenses in Paris now run about one hundred dollars per month. Information as to just what one should expect to pay in each country of Europe was described in a detailed chart in the NY Times of three Sundays ago. Additional information can be obtained from last month's

Harper's and from bulletins of the American Youth Hostel Association. Room and board at the seminar will be taken care of, but of course all side trips will be at individual expense. Knowledge of what constitutes a fair price is necessary for every American going to Salzburg. It was the unanimous opinion of those present at the two meetings that it was absolutely essential to the success of the seminar that no member should play the black market, wittingly or unwittingly. Knowing legal and recognized rates of exchange is half the battle.

#### PASSPORTS AND SHOTS

Permission for entry into Austria, since it is a military area, must come from the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Such permission has not been forthcoming as yet, simply because the Joint Chiefs have not been meeting. Consequently, action on the obtaining of passports has come to a temporary halt. As soon as the military permission is given, members of the seminar will be mailed instructions on how to obtain passports. While waiting, members should collect birth certificates and about ten passport photos together, so that when permission does come the passports may be obtained as quickly as possible. Photos should be about 2 1/2 by 2 1/2.

Shots are not required for travel in Europe, but they are strongly advised. Those shots which are considered necessary are: typhus, typhoid-paratyphoid, and smallpox. Typhus is a two-shot series, typhoid a three-shot series. A doctor's certificate should be obtained when the smallpox shot is received, since the US government requires it of all persons entering the United States.

It is suggested that members of the seminar will wish to apply for travelling visas to Switzerland. In hopes of attracting American dollars into the country, the Swiss government will take a twenty per cent loss on exchange. American traveller's cheques (nothing else) when converted into Swiss francs and then back into dollars brings a profit of twenty cents on the dollar.

#### BOOKS AND MAIL

In the absence of any address as yet at Salzburg, all mail should be sent to the International Student Service, 13 Rue Calvin, Geneva, Switzerland, for forwarding to Salzburg. Permission has been obtained for the use of APO privileges in mailing books. Although it is hoped that these privileges will be extended to other items, at the present time only books can be sent via the APO. They should be sent in packages approximately the size of a soup or beer carton and should not exceed seventy pounds in weight. They should be addressed to one's self, care of the Graphic Display Officer, US Information Center, ISB Hdq., USFA, Salzburg, Austria, APO #541, c/o PM, N. Y., N. Y.

It is also hoped that as many people as possible will bring books and magazines with them, or arrange for books and magazines to be sent to them during the summer for use in the seminar.

## SCHOOL

Because the American members of the seminar have access to an unlimited supply and variety of clothes, books, food and supplies, and in Austria will quite possibly receive Army PX privileges, the Committee hopes that at all times they will be on their guard against forgetting how destitute all of Europe is, how painfully short of even such essentials as soap, shaving and tooth brushes the European members of the seminar will be. In order to avoid misunderstanding, a misunderstanding which could conceivably wreck the entire work of the seminar, it is hoped that all Americans going to Salzburg will, when they are packing their soap and razor blades and food packages, pack with a view to sharing those items with Europeans at the seminar. There will be three Europeans for every American in Castle Leopoldskron. If the Americans will plan to share what they bring, will divide up their PX rations with European friends at the seminar, not only will everyone be enabled to live comfortably throughout the six weeks, but a solid basis of good will and understanding will be established on which the intellectual work of the seminar can rest.

In line with the policy of breaking down as many barriers as possible between Europeans and Americans, a joint committee will be set up after the seminar has begun which will have charge of all matters of policy and will hear all suggestions and complaints from members. The committee will probably be elected, with new elections every two weeks. It is expected that the committee will meet once a week.

At this time it is planned that each member of the faculty will teach three consecutive days and then be free for the rest of the week to do what he wishes--travel, participate in one of the music festivals, or just walk and talk. The tentative schedule calls for two lectures and one seminar per week. Each faculty member will act as adviser for a specific number of Europeans in order for them to discuss plans of study and other problems as they arise throughout the summer.

## ADDENDA

Since a lengthy report of the seminar will be prepared the end of the summer, each member will be requested to submit a paper describing the work he has done during the six weeks....These professors who have not already done so should submit outlines of their proposed lectures and seminars as soon as possible. (Enclosed copies of outlines prepared by Professor Wright and Professor Leontieff will perhaps serve as a guide.) Outlines should be mailed to Richard D. Campbell, Adams House C-4, Cambridge Mass....Blankets and linen will be provided at Salzburg, but towels and wash cloths should be brought by individual members.... Bills and statements for expenses incurred while doing administrative work for the seminar should be submitted to Levin H. Campbell, Adams House B-17, Cambridge, Mass....Passport information should be forthcoming within a week.

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