

Thursday April 14, 1960

This will be a record of a trip to Italy. So far the sea is fairly smooth. Last night the only one when there was a bit of rolling. Left SF April 4, 7 AM. Boys, Bidden, Henderson, Champ. The trip by Greyhound was very tiring with all sorts of people. Californian is the last beautiful state until Pennsylvania is reached. Nevada, Wyoming^{all} to Chicago all very dry, flat except parts of Iowa. The main hwy. thru Iowa is hardly wide enough for two way traffic. Windy, dried corn stubble & corn cribs & silos. The Amana Society came to Iowa early in the 1800. They own 27000 acres, 7 villages, wool mills, Craftman Furniture Guild where walnut & cherry furniture is made, smoked hams & bacon, bakery etc. Built sturdy brick 2 storied homes with chimneys at both ends. Younger generation slowly breaking away & marrying outside society.

Stayed in Chicago - at YMCA
Hotel, was gyped on taxi fare to hotel 2⁵⁰!
only 10 blocks, no traffic. Will watch this &
plan to arrive in daytime after this.
Visited Art Institute in Chicago
Saw Mrs B.P. Anderson at a distance
but did not approach her. Wonderful
Museum. Left earlier than planned
so as to arrive in N.Y. in daylight.
Had no trouble with baggage & arrived
at Tatham house, 138 East 38th St.
found note from Ruth Lowenstein saying
she had room next to mine, also note
from Dori & letter from Hannah &
Peter. Talked Ruth until 11 P.M.
when she left for home. Had
breakfast with Dori at Schaff
near Village then shopped & took
U.N. tour. Dinner alone. Phoned
Ann Tompkins. Sunday walks
to Village & had breakfast at the
Country (?) Jewish restaurant. Met
Dori, went to Guggenheim Museum,
tea & saw Cranes and Moscow(?).
Walked all the way from 85 to 38th.
Sunny but cold wind blowing -
Dori very depressed. Repacked bags

Monday - Banks which opens 8:30 to
Cash transfer check, to Library to
see Spencer Collection but could not
see as it is being cleaned. Bought
brandy & back to Hotel by 10 am.

Called taxi & to SS Augustus^{Pier 8}.
Tourist class is full. 600 passing
many children, too many, Excitable
Italians to see their friends &
relatives off. Terrible mob.

Found my cabin & then back to
deck to watch the skyline &
Miss Liberty. assigned to 2nd
table sitting at 12:30 & 7:30.

Cabin companions two ladies from
Oregon on 2 mo tour & an Italian-
German woman who has apt. in Milano
where she lives for 6 mos of year &
works in N.Y. other 6 mos. is nurse.

Storm Thursday night. did not get
much sleep.

The days pass by uneventfully. Breakfast
a walk on deck, write or read return
to cabin, wash out stockings, knit or read
till 12:30 lunch, walk, nap, read,
dinner 7:45, movie, watch dancing &
to bed.

Books in Funchal book store.

Chesman - FACS DA JUSTICA, 2455 CEA DA MORTE

Melville - MOBY DICK

FARNS - HILLARY - TRAVISSIA DA ANTARTICA

SILANO - VINHO E PAO.

Sunday - Easter

About 10 o'clock we sighted the island of Madeira. Very nice to see land after so many days of water. Green hills, white houses & red tile roofs. We rood slowly along the coast line in a very dark blue sea, very calm. Then as we approached Funchal, where we shall go ashore, row boats suddenly were every where, boys diving for coins that were tossed into water by passengers. Then more row boats with merchants selling all sorts of Portuguese goods. After lunch we went ashore paying .75 for this ride, as the ship dropped anchor off shore. I did not take tour but walked & walked Charming town, very like an Italian city. The have all sorts of embrodres house or factories, in which they specialize. These were the only stores open, this being Sunday. The streets are stone paved & sidewalks have design in black & white marble(?) small chips. Funchal looks very much like

Sausalito, only level part is along the coast & then it starts going up. It is about 5 times as large as Sausalito. Beautiful gardens, tree lined streets, ~~bougainvillea~~ everywhere purple & red. Flowering trees, orange & purple. Banana trees. All very lush & parks full of flowers, all kinds. There are many cars, all small models & transportation is by bus. They also use sleds, mostly for tourists drawn by brown bullocks. Flowers are sold by women in full, hand-woven skirts. Orchids the small cream-brown kind. Bought a skirt for Mildred. If Tito doesn't like it will keep it for myself. I should have bargained for it instead of paying the first price asked.

My room mates are Mrs Gertrude Foley & Mrs Mildred Mc Lellan, both from Portland, Oregon. Sig. Alberti from Milano & N.Y. She works in N.Y. as a nurse for 6 mo. Then goes to Milano where she has an apartment. Foley & Mc Lellan leave ship to-morrow at Lisbon.

Lisbon Tuesday April 19th

Last night was "Farnell" dinner with
"Asti Spumante" as an added goodie at dinner.
Then the costume Ball. It was fun to
watch. But I had an upset stomach
during the night & did not sleep so was
not up when we arrived in Lisbon.
We were only here 5 hrs. So strolled
along the shore. Lisbon is a large
city situated on low hills looked
very clean & gleaming in the sun.
I did not take the tour.

I have had only a bit of tea ^{so far} but think
I will eat a little to-night.

The "Conte Brandi" docked at the
same time we did and left a hour
before we did.

GIBRALTAR Wednesday April 20th

At 7 AM we dropped anchor at Gibraltar.
Passengers were brought to ship
in Tenders & some taken ashore.

Men in small boat again getting
scorps, cig lights, watches, awfully cut out
off again by 9 a.m.

Majorca, Palma Thursday April 21

Arrived at 9 am. by 10 am we were
ashore to spend the day. Took

The cave is about 40 ft. deep & the path
to the subterranean lake is $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles long.
Italians call it Mallonea.

- excursion which included a 45 mile drive across the island to Porto Cristo. The drive was thru green fields of alfalfa, oats, fig, orange & almond orchards. With here & there many small houses seemed mostly in ruins. With poorly dressed people in fields. It had been sunny but was now cloudy & a little rain. We arrived at Porto Cristo about 1:00 clock & visited the Caves of Drach fantastic stalagmite formations & a subterranean lake where we heard & saw three row boats festooned with small electric lights & a string orchestra playing music. Most unusual. Then taken back to Porto Cristo for lunch which was good, with wine & brandy. Then on the way back we stopped at second largest city to do some shopping. Bought a blouse of drawn threads for 2.05 & a hair ornament for .75. back to Palma about 5:00 clock. Met three charming women all from N.Y. Miss Kraft, Mrs. Phipple & Mrs. Wheland. The four of us dined at the Cathedral. very old with bright leaded glass windows. Coffee & back to tender which took us to ship.

Via Palermo 33

We sailed at 10 AM. To-morrow will pack my bags & get ready for Naples - at last.

Not feeling well. Did not eat much. I think the trip has been too long, too crowded, too many children & much too noisy. Will not return on Italian line.

Miss Kraft & Mrs Riffle will be in Rome Comercio Hotel, May 8th thru 20th. Will look them up

Naples - Saturday April 23 1960

The ship docked at 7 a.m. but the whole of the tourist class was up and ready to land by 5:30. Such commotion all passageways blocked. Had to fight my way to have breakfast of tea & toast. I have concluded that I have had so much privacy & been alone so much - which I need - that the last 20 days - I haven't been alone for more than 24 hrs. bet. Chicago & N.Y. And this is what upset me so not being alone - First bus then boat. So anyway - Naples was ashore by 9:30 checked my luggage at docks & went in

Albergo Nuovo Rebecchino
Corso Garibaldi
Napoli

search of RR Station & a Combio to cash
some money into lira & also to see
Naples - a fast. Found bath, bought
ticket for Rome 1390 L. leaving 8:30 am
Sunday. Walked back to docks picked
up luggage & taxi & took it to RR station.
Could have left it until Sunday but
they opened at 8 & the train leaves at
8:30 so felt it safer to hand it at RR station.
Located a hotel near station not too
pleasant but handy. Then off to see
the Museo Nazionale - the most
important archaeological in Europe.
Then had a time finding the hotel
as I had failed to note name &
address - very bright!

The lira is confusing - It is no
longer paper but metal for smaller
amounts up to 100 L. I'll have to
get used to it & either tip too much
or too little. I think I'll get a purse
& keep the days ration in it & that's all!
Left Naples without regrets!

Train crowded but I got there early
& got a window seat. Had a time
finding a room. First parked luggage
at deposito. Then to Albergo Duomo

Rome
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• freshed up a bit 130 L. Then to
"Ente Provinciali Turismo" a charming
• very patient young man phoned until
he located the "Albergo Legazioni" on
Via Bonbarini 11, it's on the 5th floor
• so nice & clean with my own
shower & toilet. Wish I could keep
it but it's far too much.

Will wait until I see the Prof. at
the Institute to-morrow & then find
a room in the neighborhood.

My clothes will be in a mess! 3 days
checked at stations.

I walked, map in hand, until I located
the institute. It's in a garden! Can
hardly wait until to-morrow to go call
on the professor & see how long
I can stay. Just found out that
Monday is a holiday & everything is
closed so will have to wait until
Tuesday. The swallows are
wonderful I can see & hear them
from my window. I was worried
at the added expense of staying
another day at this albergo, but
it can't be helped so won't worry
any more. So this morning