

Room where Sig. Mennea & I work is
about 14' x 22'

people calling each other up. "Vai
sentiti hanno ucciduto Chessman".
Also Bigheadline Glenwood - 4 - 4426 or something

Tuesday May 3

Nice day at the start then cloudy.
decided to look for a cheaper
pensione, once & for all to decide

this matter. So too "Europe on 5 dollars
a day" & went to all the addresses he
gave. All are higher than stated
& all full and more than I
am paying. At the end of the list

is one he mentions as a 3rd rate
hotel on the piazza di Trevi. But
again no room - would have some-
thing in a few days but I'm afraid

it would be too noisy as people
come to the fountain until late
at night. To-morrow if it doesn't
rain will go to see one ^{near} the church
St. Peter's. Last try!

Rome is certainly for the young!
The work at the institute continues to be
interesting & I'm very glad I come. It
would be nice if I knew a few people.
Had meat to-day first in a week. Veal
a la Milanese.

a month ago I left S.F.

Wednesday May 4

Raining when I woke up this morning - it still is. At one o'clock I thought I go near St Peter's, where there are several convents to find a cheaper lodging but after walking thru the rain & couldn't see a thing, get all wet & went into a restaurant to get warmed up & some food. It was good but again too expensive 11.00 C. spaghetti & eggs, potatoes & insalada - wine. but I scratched a beer for my dinner to-night. I think all Italians are born actors, the girls all play at being coy & understanding & motherly if they are older. The boys are recounting their adventures with many gestures, using hands, feet, shoulders, eyebrows - everything. It's like being at a show just walking down the streets. If it doesn't rain to-morrow I'll try again at - near St Peter's for lodgings. Have had several dreams of when the boys were small children in A.M.

Thursday - May 5

It rained all day yesterday all night

got good & wet yesterday. Was raining this morning but stopped about noon as I walk to the institute - there is no car going there, I get very wet. It seemed to clear toward afternoon & I again went in search of lodgings but I'm convinced I'd better stay here. If it cheapens it's so far out that transportation will be needed. And bath or showers are extra, so that it comes to about the same thing. So no more looking. A family is the only thing I that is only by asking. I guess I'm a rising as I am glad to have my private bathroom I'm getting so I don't get lost any more & hardly time to look at the map. Cut down on the food to-day ate at the grocery store on Via Babuina where I can get a meal for 350 or 400L. Tonight, minestrone, wine, stuffed zucchini & salad verde. 350 bought dried apricots 125. Good food & no style! No mail to-day - will wait until Saturday. Hope it will be nice to-morrow. Another thing in this rental no one can give me a whole month as they are booked solid.

to day walking along the Bengtson
I hear the sound of a radio
approaching behind me. The owner
of the portable radio was a young
Dominican priest either Philippine
or Japanese. It was rather a
shock. Saw some official glass
liter measures. I want to bring
at least 6 home. To-morrow will
ask professor how long I can stay.
Frommer's book Europe on 5⁰⁰ a day
is rather a flop as far as I'm concerned.
Everything is higher than he quotes.
Friday

Overcast but no rain, much warmer
outside, still cold in buildings. It may
clear up. Mornings are wonderful
as I am busy working & afternoons
not bad if I can go walking but even-
ings are pretty long. Am studying
Italian - will never be good at it,
& finishing my black sweater, lost
the directions in mid-ocean & am
doing it by guess. But I think it
will be alright. Had my black shirt
cleaned as I wore it on the bus & it
~~was~~ needed it badly. I can wear it when

it get warmer.

Saw a very elegant member of the Old Royal Horse Guards, now Bandiera Guard, wearing white trousers, Black coat brass helmets from which hang a long black horse-hair tail down to his waist. Wish I could catch the change

of the guard. This is in front of the Quirinal Palace. Yesterday saw a elderly man at the corner of Via Veneto who had grey mustach - chops that extended fully 4 inches on each side of his face, full & wored at ends. Signorina Mennea

asked if I would not come to-morrow as she won't be there - has to go to doctor. So will go to the Villa Borghese Museum. I went to USIS for the first time & read the April issue of Atlantic Monthly.

Enjoyed it! Saw an announcement got tickets to hear Walter Stegner next Thursday evening. That will break the monotony for a bit.

Saturday.

Beautiful day

Started out 9 am up Via Veneto to the

Through the Pinciana & walked to the
Galleria Borghese, an old palace turned
into a museum. It was just beautiful
green grass & trees, smelled so good, it's
upon a hill & if it weren't for the
mad Italian drivers who are allowed
there - at top speed it would be heavenly.
One can take the off centre paths &
loose them. So, enjoyed the early
start before 5 busloads of tourists
& guides arrived but by that time I
had seen it all, mostly paintings, statues,
marble table tops & painted ceilings.
Must have been very elegant in its day.
The gardens are laid out in geometric
designs which look interesting from
the third or fourth story gallery but
on the ground are rather sad &
shrimpy. All the nurse-maids were
out with their small charges - Mothers
too. It must be nice living in
the apartment houses that border this
park & overlook this beauty. Then
walked to the Museo de Giulia.
There is a wonderful Etruscan
collection. The grounds are a series
series of walled gardens then, stairs

curved & leading down to a fountain
& up again, the walls covered with
creepers, & rose bushes that reach
the heights of 15 or 20 feet. So quiet
birds calling - wonderfully soothing.
Ate my lunch there, bread cheese &
salame. To-morrow will start
early to do the Forum - before the crowds,
if it doesn't rain. As soon as I've
sent cords to everyone at the party
will stop - as postage is very high.
Got 33 cups of Nescafe out of can so
Thelma's 102 a cup & 2 cups for morning
& one orange make it about 13 not
bad. As against 56 at the hotel & it
means bread butter again - too fattening.
It's bad enough that I have to have
it at lunch. Wish I could wash my
hair, its so dirty but am afraid to
catch cold. To-night coming up the
Spanish steps I saw a kitty sitting
on the wide coping on the side & I
stopped & petted it & it let me & purred.
The first Roman kitty that let me pet it
& I thought of Mimi & a tear ran down
my nose. How many people have
gone up these steps: how many kitties!

If I were in San Anselmo I'd be
alone - except for Mimi - so what
the hell! Nat King Cole is playing
in Romo to - night. a country man
To - night I was able to direct
someone. Someone more a stranger
than I. Will do some washing, a shower
- to bed. To - morrow early to the
Forum. I will put the bags jackets
up on the glass shelf. Egg for break-
fast - Sunday!

Sunday

Overcast & threaten to rain any minute
So again - Churches & Palazzo Venezia
where there was a showing of the
founding of the Italian Republic
I went in mostly to see the building
& thinking it would rain. It was
well worth it just, if nothing else
to see the beautiful ceilings - wood
and floors of brick & ceramic tiles
very warm feeling. The building fills
a full block. with garden & fountain
in center. Tall Magnolia trees, palms
& a lovely black kitty with speckled
green eyes. 3 or four churches & it
was one o'clock so walked the

- Whole length of via del Corso to the piazza del Popolo then the Porta Flaminia to a restaurant recommended by "Europe on 5th a day"
- Menghi. Good Sunday dinner pasta, veal, peas, green salad, wine & wild strawberries & lemon. wonderful.
- 8.50 with tip. (2 added was extra).
- Then up Pincio Garden & sat near a large pool with fountain in center & read until it again looked like rain so I hid me back through Pinciana Porta down Via Veneto home. Had coffee and started to write letters - phone call from Leelis I met on the Augustus, Mrs Ruffle & Miss Kraft.
- They will walk over. But to joining Mrs Ruffle & Miss Kraft comes with a few cards for "Mother's Day" They said. Told my room an was very unhappy about this & will try to change to - tomorrow & come here.
- We sat in the lounge & Miss Kraft & I had a brandy to warm us up. They are very friendly & we had a nice half-hour.

Monday.

Walking home to-night spied a full moon. It's been wonderful to-day. In afternoon sat in Pincian Garden again & browsed & read. Until 5:30 then to Am. Express to get mail. Letter from Grandmère & 2 checks from Toto Pension. Cashed one also phoned for apt. which I saw advertised in Sunday's Daily American will go to see it to-morrow. Ad read "Distinguished English, French & American family rents for one or two ladies, bedroom with own bath & little living room in sunny panoramic apartment. Had to phone from Am. Express & could hardly hear. So tried Eng. then French. Went out to spot the place. Seen nice detached house 3 stories in Garden 1 block away from River & very near Villa Julia where the Etruscan Exhibit is. How I miss being in a garden. Dutch professor at institute to-day to be instructed. Also met one of the Italian professors who has been in Paris. Seen I can stay as long as I want!