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GLOBETROTTER . . . Stanley F. Wilson, El Camino College English instructor and counselor, will lead a travel tour to South America next summer in continuance of his favorite hobby. Above, he advises Raymond Hamel, a freshman liberal arts major from Inglewood, in the counseling office.

## Travel is Life of EC Teacher

Making his way to Europe on a tramp freighter in 1938, Stanley F. Wilson, counselor and English instructor at El Camino College, initiated a life of travel which will take him to South America as a travel guide next summer. In succeeding summers, he anticipates leading agency tours to the South Pacific and around the world.

The instructor's tours began shortly after he received his bachelor of arts degree from the University of California at Berkeley, the freighter trip being a five-month excursion of Europe. After a grueling sea voyage on a tramp freighter, Youth Hostels served as his stepping-stones for European travel. The hostels, he indicates, are similar to American YMCA's.

Since this first venture, Wilson has extended his education at Claremont, earning his master of arts degree there. He served as president of the El Camino College Faculty Club in 1950-51. Several local publications have printed his travel articles, and he has given numerous lectures about his extensive travels for service clubs, church groups, and other organizations.

"Insatiably Curious" "I suppose I like to travel because I'm insatiably curious," Wilson says. "It's like getting out of the library, where curious people go, into the laboratory of life."

"International problems take on new meaning as I talk to a dispossessed Czech on the ship, an Englishman on the train, or a Frenchman in a cafe. I gain understanding of other people's views, values, and ways of life."

To date, Wilson has made five other major trips to various parts of the world. Each of the five are recorded on color film, which comprises one of his most prized possessions.

Wilson spent last summer on a second trip to Europe, this time accompanied by his wife, Kay. Their travels included France, Italy, Austria, Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Scotland, England, and Ireland. They traveled with another couple in a small French Citroen car.

"French Like Leisure" "France impressed me as being a country with emphasis on the value of leisure," Wilson commented. "Frenchmen take two hours off in the middle of the day for relaxation with their families. A father considers the raising of a son as his major responsibility—not his wife's," he continued.

"I was amazed at the economic recovery of Germany,"

the El Camino instructor recalled. "As World War II ended, many cities were 80 per cent bombed out. Today they are often 70 per cent rebuilt. Economically, Germany is perhaps the strongest country in Europe today."

"England," Wilson said, "is fascinating because we see so much of our own history there. England thrives on tradition." To illustrate this, he pointed out that the English believe that when the ravens leave the Tower of London, the crown of England will fall. The ravens are now pensioned with meat, as the British endeavor to retain them.

Traveled to Mexico In 1946 the Wilsons made a six-week jaunt to Mexico. In 1947 they journeyed through the Canadian Rockies in the Pacific Northwest.

An extensive tour of Central America in 1949 included Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia, Jamaica, Haiti, and Cuba.

In 1950, through the National Education Association, the Wilsons took a group of 47 teachers to Hawaii. In 1952 he again made a group tour, taking a group of 22 to the Yukon territory and Alaska by ship via the inland water passage.

"I wish every young person could finish his education with a trip to Europe—as young Englishmen and New Englanders finished their years ago with the Grand Tour of the Continent," Wilson said.

"One writer has said that if young people could release their adventurous urge in travel and become acquainted with young people of other nationalities and their problems, war might cease, for war often grows from misunderstanding and prejudice."

"Travel takes us out of the rut of routine and gives us a perspective for re-examining our attitudes and ways of living," the English instructor concluded.

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