

High Adventure Turns Up All Over the Map

Adventure is where you find it. Among the new books, it seems to be all over the place—the sea, the mountains, in space.

Kenichi Horie's fine account of his transpacific voyage in a 19-foot boat, "Kodoku: Sailing Alone Across the Pacific," remains my adventure candidate of the season.

Equally exhilarating for mountain enthusiasts might be "Four Against Everest" (Prentice-Hall; \$5.95). In it, Woodrow Wilson Sayre, a Tufts University philosophy professor, presents a refreshing, unusually graceful account of an American amateur group's assault on Everest two years ago.

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This is not, remember, an account of another American expedition's successful conquest of Everest last year. Sayre's group—three Americans and a Swiss—was amateur in every sense. They attempted their caper without official recognition, without bottled oxygen or the expensive frills of more formal expeditions. Hardships, disappointments, and inevitable accidents were very real.

They made it to a point within 3,000 feet of the summit, which, in the words of the British mountaineer Eric Shipton, was "a magnificent achievement." Dr. Sayre describes it all in this particularly literate record, which contains maps and photographs.

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And why does a Kenichi Horie sail alone across the Pacific, or these amateur climbers take on Everest? Dr. Sayre attempts to answer here: "Mere security is a barren ideal... mountain climbing is not the only way of dealing with an organized, over-protective society, but it is one way."

Later our Tufts philosopher quotes Socrates: "It is not

how long you live, but how well that is important." It is good to know that some members of the race still believe that and practice it as well.

"Marooned," by Martin Caidin (Dutton; \$4.95), is an altogether different kind of adventure. It probably falls within the category of science-fiction. But today the central idea Caidin works with is less science-fiction than it would have been a decade ago. This is a realistic

suspense story in which a Project Mercury astronaut is marooned in space when his retro-rockets fail to fire and he is unable to maneuver his capsule back to earth. He has 43 hours of oxygen left.

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What happens during those 43 hours is the hair-raising situation here, all quite technically correct. Martin Caidin is accepted as the most articulate writer on space and space programs. His technical

knowledge applied to this sheer entertainment makes it all the more believable. It's escape reading of course, but first rate, and a long way from the old science fables about little green men.

Problem: With his drama "The Deputy" one of the most widely read and discussed international documents of the century, what will young Rolf Hochhuth do for an encore? Word from Germany is that his new play,

"The Employee," will dissect the German post-war economy and the new trend there in labor-management relations... Novelist Margaret Shedd, director of Centro Mexicano de Escritores, writes that this season's summer conference will stress contemporary arts rather than anthropology and archaeology. This is because most visitors to Mexico do not have the opportunity to participate in present-day Mexi-

can cultural life. Program will include architecture, the motion picture, dance as well as writing. Information on the six-week session (or parts thereof) beginning June 29: Patricia de Fuentes, Centro Mexicano de Escritores, Valle-Arizepe 23, Mexico 12, D.F.

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Booksellers are betting on "Armageddon," a novel of postwar Berlin by Leon Uris ("Exodus") out June 5 from Doubleday... Yet another little magazine... a literary-critical quarterly called "dust" published quarterly at Box 123, El Cerrito, George

Katfman, teacher and writer, is a member of the editorial board (50 cents).

NOTES ON THE MARGIN
... In response to a continuing interest shown in the early work of novelist Vance Bourjaily, The Dial Press is issuing his second book, "The Hound of Earth" (1954) in a new hard-bound edition.

... Statistic: Erskine Caldwell's books will go over the 61 million-in-print mark when "The Last Night of Summer" appears as a Signet paperback this month. To date, Caldwell's work has been published in 27 languages.

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Fine art works by noted artist Jack L. Forney of the South Bay area will be on display Saturday and Sunday, June 27 and 28, in a one-man showing at the New Horizons South Bay, Recreation Director Gordon Gauley has announced. Hours are from 2 to 5 p.m.

Forney will display some 40 paintings, Gauley said, many of which will be returned to the West Coast for this one show from both private collections and gallery exhibitions in Boston and New York.

There is no charge for the exhibition, which will be held in the New Horizons Town Hall. The public is invited to join professional artists, exhibitors and connoisseurs in viewing this distinguished collection.

New Horizons-South Bay, an adult recreation community of garden homes, is located in Sepulveda between Crenshaw and Hawthorne boulevards in Torrance. Hours are from 9 a.m. 'til dark.

Brownie Troop 480

Members of Arlington Brownie Troop 480 recently visited the Coca Cola Bottling Plant in Downey. Following the tour, the troop was given samples of the firm's famous product and shown a movie on safety.

The Brownies held a picnic lunch and treasure hunt at El Nido Park after returning from the trip. Mrs. H. O. Spang, Mrs. Clayton Haigh, Mrs. Glen Grutsinger, and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Spurgeon chaperoned the girls for the trip and picnic.

The girls also participated in the World Friendship In-gathering of the North Torrance Neighborhood. Girls in Troop 480 presented the flag of Scotland and performed a Scottish dance for their part in the program. Charles Tennent, a Scotsman and choreographer, taught the girls the dance.

Brownies earning their In-gathering pin were: Kathy Anderson, Lisa Blue, Sharon Crutsinger, Jane Giglio, Erin Goodwin, Mary Jo Haigh, Suzanne Hamner, Kathi Helgeson, Janis Neill, Janine Nelson, Kathryn Nelson, Laura Shodall, Lori Smith, Sandri Spang, Carol Spurgeon, and Shellev Weeks.

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