

# Around the World

with  
**Stan Delaplane**

On Nov. 11, 1944, American bombers wiped out the thousand-year-old heart of Freiburg, Germany, in 20 minutes flat. The outer medieval shell is left: the great tower gates of St. Martin and St. George — (the painted saints are shown performing their saintly tasks.) The spired Cathedral and bits and pieces of antique homes.

The Hotel Zum Baren — Inn of the Bear — dates back to 1120, the oldest in Germany. And, if you get one of the street front rooms as I have, surely the noisiest. The street car runs through the narrow street. The acoustics are remarkable. When the milkman unloaded bottles this early morning, it sounded like a load of dishes going down a flight of marble stairs.

**THE RIVER** Dreisam runs through, around and under the town on its way to the Rhine. In its real channel, it overflowed. And Freiburg for hundreds of years has learned to divert it. Streams run through the streets in two-foot ditches. Run through back yards. Dive under houses and come up again, cold and bubbling from the hills of the Black Forest.

Children sail boats down the street. "And when the University students drink too much," said the man from the tourist bureau, "they take off their shoes and walk in it to refresh themselves."

This is the edge of the Shwarzwald — the Black Forest. From the hilltop Restaurant Engel, 20 minutes from town, I had venison with cranberries looking across the valley into France.

**FREIBURG** people say, "One can have breakfast in France, lunch in Switzerland, tea in Austria, and be home for dinner."

The Black Forest is full of little cuckoo clock villages with paneled wood inns. For a fine room overlooking a pine tree hills, I was quoted \$10 a day including three meals — one picnic packed if you like.

"Could you suggest a winter resort in Europe for people who don't ski?"

This Black Forest area has some skiing. But it's not one of those places where everybody's shaking snow off

themselves or sitting around writing on plaster casts on their broken legs. I think you'd find daytime company, other villages to visit and a cheery, beery atmosphere. They've got colorful folders and I'd try a note to Badischer Fremdenverkehrsverband E. V., Freiburg in Breisgau, Germany. (Airmail is 20 cents. And if I read that right, it's the tourist bureau.)

A sleeper for winter is the Lake Country in northern England. Maybe enough snow for skiing in January and February but not guaranteed. You get good English inns and hearty country food at low, off-season prices.

Their bid for winter business is so new they haven't printed any folders yet. But I set it up for you to get prices and descriptions by writing E. H. Foster, Belsfield Hotel, Bowness-on-Windermere, Westmoreland, England. (He'll give you hotels at various prices.)

In the Black Forest, a topper is Hotel Parkwehre in Triberg. In the Lake County, the Belsfield for the grand hotel. Maybe the Wild Boar for a smaller palce.

The German tourist bureaus are so thorough they send you a listing that only a mathematician can understand. High season. Low season. Off season. With meals. Without meals. (For all I can read it, maybe without beds.) They said they'd try to simplify for you. But if not, you can get a room in Freiburg, rent a car and find what you want in one day's driving time. I saw half a dozen possibilities in a day.

"... Lisbon or any place in Portugal in the winter?"

Lisbon is too cold to go without a topcoat and not cold enough to feel like real winter. The Algrave, the southern coast, is usually warm. But for sure subtropical weather you'll have to fly over to the island of Madeira.

"We are not skiers but would like to spend some time in Europe around Christmas. What do you think of Ireland?"

I'd prefer bright London — there's a nice Dickens feeling about Christmas in England. Ireland's a little too misty, a little lacking in the plum pudding and Christmas goose feeling.

## Summer Theatre For Kids Slated

"Magic Theater" and "All About the King, the Wizard, the Prince, the Princess, the Thieves and a Couple of Guards" lend variety to the second in the series of theater for children productions by the El Camino summer theater arts production class instructed by Burnett Ferguson, theater arts instructor.

Two performances of the pair of productions will be given Saturday at 1 and 3 p.m. in the El Camino Campus Theater.

The summer children's theater workshop, although under the supervision of Ferguson, features students in both acting and directing capacities.

**STUDENT** directors for this series are Terry Collier for "Magic Theater" and Floyd Holt for "All About the King."

"Magic Theater" is an adaptation of Albert Camus' "Black Art Theater" of France and is a theater of affects, lights, sound, music and story which completely envelop the audience in a new and unusual way. The adaptation focuses on fascinating the younger as well as the adult audience. A cast features Carmen

Hull, Chris Ary, Jerry Young and Glenda McClung.

"ALL ABOUT THE KING" is an original children's play written by Holt which tells of a wicked king who ascends the throne by foul means, then plots to kill the prince who is the right heir. A wild fantasy involving a princess and a band of thieves brings about the surprise ending to this one-act children's comedy.

Featured in the cast are Frank Damiano as the King, Ken Miller as the Wizard, Sandy Durant and Kathy Damiano as the guards, Joe Rush as the Prince, Onita Holt as the Princess, and Mike Newell, Bill Emerson, Joe Bonanna and Kathie Cordischi as the thieves.

Tickets are available at the box office at the time of performance. All tickets are 50 cents and seats are not reserved.

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