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Life In Africa As A CUSO Volunteer

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and ceiling is of sticks and thatch. Inside there is a layer of whitewashed canvas to keep bugs out, and we sleep under mosquito nets.

This week we're visiting schools and being lectured by politicians, government and education experts. The food here is excellent—American style—and the pace is not too hectic. Also we have many large noisy crows to remind us of home.

MWANZA
From Mwanza, Marilyn wrote on August 14.

Milk is delivered here daily, but it must be boiled. Beef and pork are available occasionally (once or twice a month, when they slaughter); beans, cabbage, lettuce, pepper, cauliflower, carrots, cucumber, sometimes eggs are about half the price of downtown.

The price structure is

very different here. There are 100 cents in a shilling and a shilling is worth about 14c or 15c U.S.A. Beef is one shilling 50c per lb; pork is four shillings per lb; cheese and butter, four shillings per lb; milk, one shilling per pint; a small loaf of bread, 80c; vegetables range from 50c to one shilling per lb; oranges and bananas, 10c each; 1 air mail letter to Canada, including stamp, 54c; a large box of Kleenex, six shillings. Here one eats beef to save money on protein food. Eggs are four shillings, 80c per dozen.

Gasoline is very expensive here—five shillings 25c per gallon, since Bob has bought a 1960 Volkswagen for 3,500 shillings, (about \$500) we will have to try to keep jaunting to a minimum. Oil is four shillings, 4c per quart and must be changed every thousand miles because of

the dust.

There's a badminton court on the grounds of the Agricultural Training Institute, where we are located, and a tennis court half a mile away that we can use. The institute wants to build a swimming pool if the government will provide the money. Most of the fisheries students don't know how to swim and they can't swim in the lake—so maybe we'll get a pool.

I've spent a few half days at Rosary sewing and working on lesson preparation. I have two grade 9 English classes—36 students per class; eight classes a week with each. In home economics I teach sewing to grade 9 and cooking to grade 10. The classes are split in half and half have cooking while the other half have sewing. So I teach half of 9A, half of 9B, half of 10A,

half of 10B for six weeks, then switch to the other half of the four classes, repeating the same lessons. The second half of term should be easier, giving time to set exams.

We get six weeks off from the end of November to the middle of January. But each teacher must work two weeks of this holiday, teaching English only. Until now, there were eight grades in primary school, now, only seven. Education is in Swahili—English is taken as a subject in grades 6, 7 and 8. But in high school, all instruction is in English. So, now that there's no grade 8, the students have less English and need a crash course.

My dates are December 10-24, which break up the holiday "nicely".

The weather is great—hot and sunny, actually a little too hot (85 degrees) around noon. No rain until about November.

Canada's Reaction Czech Invasion

MacDUFF OTTAWA REPORT

The Canadian Government didn't exactly cover itself with glory in its handling of the crisis over the Soviet invasion of Czechoslovakia.

Despite some nimble footwork by Ambassador George Ignatieff in the United Nations Security Council, Ottawa was generally slow to react, and less than adequate in its response.

External Affairs Minister Mitchell Sharp was particularly inept in his initial choice of terms to describe the Soviet occupation move.

"Regrettable," he called it, but not a matter of such concern as to imperil the peace of the world.

Prime Minister Trudeau was holidaying in Majorca when the news reached Ottawa. Transport Minister Paul Hellyer was occupying the hot seat. But for all the good his presence did, he might just as well have gone away as well.

It wasn't until the following day, with the news wires burning all around the world, that anyone bothered to alert Mr. Trudeau at his holiday retreat. To his credit, the Prime Minister hopped the next flight back home.

But by the time he reached Ottawa, the damage had been done. By his political lieutenants.

There was nothing to do but issue a critical note to the occupying powers, and instruct the UN delegation to pour on the heat in the Security Council.

There is plenty of evidence to suggest that Western intelligence generally was caught off base by the sudden Russian move.

Washington and London appear to have received their first word of the invasion from Soviet diplomats who called personally on President Johnson and Prime Minister Wilson to inform them about Moscow's intentions.

In Ottawa, Soviet Ambassador Ivan Shpekedo didn't get around to calling on the East Block until the following day, when he received a formal dressing down from Mr. Sharp.

Canada's ambassador to Prague, former newsmen Malcolm Bow, wasn't at his post when the invasion took place.

Curiously, he was home in Canada, attending a conference on international affairs in Banff, where he spoke reassuringly about the Czech situation a day or two before Moscow moved to crush the country's liberalization drive.

Canadian news agencies likewise were caught flat-footed by the precipitate (but hardly unexpected) Soviet action.

The Canadian Press, which keeps a full time correspondent in Moscow, never did get to the scene of the action. It relied instead on second-hand reports from the wires of the Associated Press (American) and Reuters (British).

The Canadian Broadcasting

Corporation acted with commendable speed in dispatching both English and French language TV and radio correspondents to Vienna, the nearest point to Prague on the Western side of the Iron Curtain. Through no fault of their own, however, it took them several days to get into Czechoslovakia itself to report on conditions under the Soviet occupation.

The Toronto Daily Star, caught unprotected in London by a routine changeover of resident correspondents, had no one on the scene.

Southam newspapers were trapped in similar fashion with staff men in London and Paris on holiday simultaneously. By good fortune Paris correspondent Tim Creery heard the news at his vacation retreat and dashed into action. He and the Toronto Telegram's Peter Worthington, dispatched from home base, arrived in Prague by the weekend. Creery, however, came out to Austria again to file his copy and found himself unable to return.

Meanwhile at the United Nations, Canada acted belatedly to condemn the violation of Czechoslovakia's sovereignty. And by speaking forthrightly and bluntly to the Soviet representative, Ambassador Jacob Malik, Canada's Mr. Ignatieff found himself singled out for special abuse.

"Second-rate imperialism" was the charge hurled at the Canadian diplomat by the angry Russian. He accused Mr. Ignatieff of fronting for the United States and Britain in pressing a resolution calling on Secretary-General U Thant to send a fact-finding representative to Prague to assure the safety of Czechoslovakia's liberal leaders.

The epithet didn't upset Ambassador Ignatieff, a Russian-born Canadian who left his motherland as a child. He can speak Russian fluently, but didn't need to resort to it to make his disapproval of the Soviet action clear.

The Canadian resolution was never pressed to a vote because the Czechs themselves sorted things out in a face-to-face confrontation with Russian leaders in the Kremlin.

But it remains on the Security Council agenda for immediate attention should conditions warrant it.

Having been caught napping on this occasion, it is to be hoped that Canadian diplomacy will be more alert to a similar happening in future.

It seems unlikely that it would have occurred in such fashion under the regime of internationally-minded Lester Pearson. Nor would the veteran Paul Martin have let it slip through his fingers.

But Mitchell Sharp, having dropped a considerable clanger in his first East Block crisis, can perhaps be counted on to act with more sureness and dispatch the next time an international conflagration occurs.

Rambling Around

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The house was once owned by a retired farmer named Elsten in the early 1900's. It was bought in 1929 by Mrs. John Baxter and her two daughters, Miss Sidney Baxter and the late Mrs. George H. D. Lee. Mrs. Lee's daughter Edith Godfrey and Miss Sidney Baxter live together. They love the relative seclusion and appreciate the green spots provided by Thornhill Park on one side and by the Thornhill Golf and Country Club on the other.

Miss Baxter has always taken a great pride in the grounds. It has become a select little woodland. The trees are about forty years old and were planted there by the late Nelson Smellie of Thornhill.

There's variety in the contrast of green and blue spruce, cedars and an interesting basswood. Makes you think of basswood honey. Hearsay tells me that there were some local bees who took advantage of that very tree. The honey they produced won first prize at the CNE one year.

On the north side is a caregana hedge. This is a good looking shrub with dense foliage. It produces yellow flowers resembling the sweet pea. Miss Baxter said that the caregana was a shrub which proved to be very useful on the prairies. It grew fast and served as an effective windbreak.

The pink hollyhocks at the back of the house offer a startling contrast to the wealth of green.

Inside the house is a fine collection of antique furniture and family portraits. Edith Godfrey chatted about the interesting family connections.

One of the portraits on the wall was that of John Baxter, father of Miss Sidney and grandfather to Mrs. Godfrey. Mr. Baxter had a long and distinguished political life in the City of Toronto. He was a member of Toronto Council in 1860-62 and 63. He was made an alderman in 1864 and remained in that office until 1890. He was then appointed assistant-police magistrate, a position which he held until his death in 1895.

John Baxter was one of the founders of the industrial exhibition now known as the CNE. His wife was Mary Bales, a member of the well known Bales family which has played important roles in the community and farm life of York County. The paternal homestead still stands on the property of the York Downs Golf Club.

John Baxter was also grandfather to Sir Beverley Baxter, a well known British journalist whose London Letter was in Maclean's Magazine for so many years.

Other close relatives are Dalton Bales QC, Ontario Minister of Labor and the internationally honored portrait painter and illustrator, the late Dorothy Stevens. Her work was exhibited in London, Paris and the U.S., the Toronto, National and Edmonton Art Galleries. She is famous for her portraits of Canadian women. She was a fine illustrator and her work can be appreciated in Katherine Hale's books, "Canadian Cities of Romance" and "Historic Houses of Canada."

She is also remembered for her six etchings of the Canadian War Memorial. She won many medals and awards for her excellence as a Canadian artist.

In The Spotlight

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tainment, but the Littles were less enthusiastic about Peter Ustinov's "Halfway up the Tree", and felt that Robert Morley in the lead was getting stale in the long-running play.

Bob and Dorothy Little returned to Richmond Hill on August 25, and the diary has already been well used.

Joseph Rabinowitch, lawyer-actor-sculptor, appeared in the final production at the Red Barn Theatre, Jackson's Point. He played the part of Mr. Martin in the melodrama "Murder in the Red Barn". Directed by Peter Boretski, the play was a great success with the audience hissing and booing the villain in the required manner. Helping to swell the audiences throughout the season were members of the National Ballet School who spent the summer at Lakeview House in Jackson's Point.

Mr. Rabinowitch's sculpturing talent was recently on display at the Canadian National Exhibition, where ten of his pieces were used as focal points of the decor in the mezzanine of the automotive building, which this year was used to house psychedelic art, theatre and music, all with the main theme "Time Being".

Joe and Ruth Rabinowitch's sons, David and Royden, both established sculptors who had shows in Toronto art galleries last winter, have added another feather to their caps. When Waterloo University held a competition to select a sculptor to conduct a "sculpt-in" in October for two weeks, David and Royden submitted a joint project. Their work was chosen, and they will be working with about sixty students, inspiring them with a fresh approach to sculpturing.

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