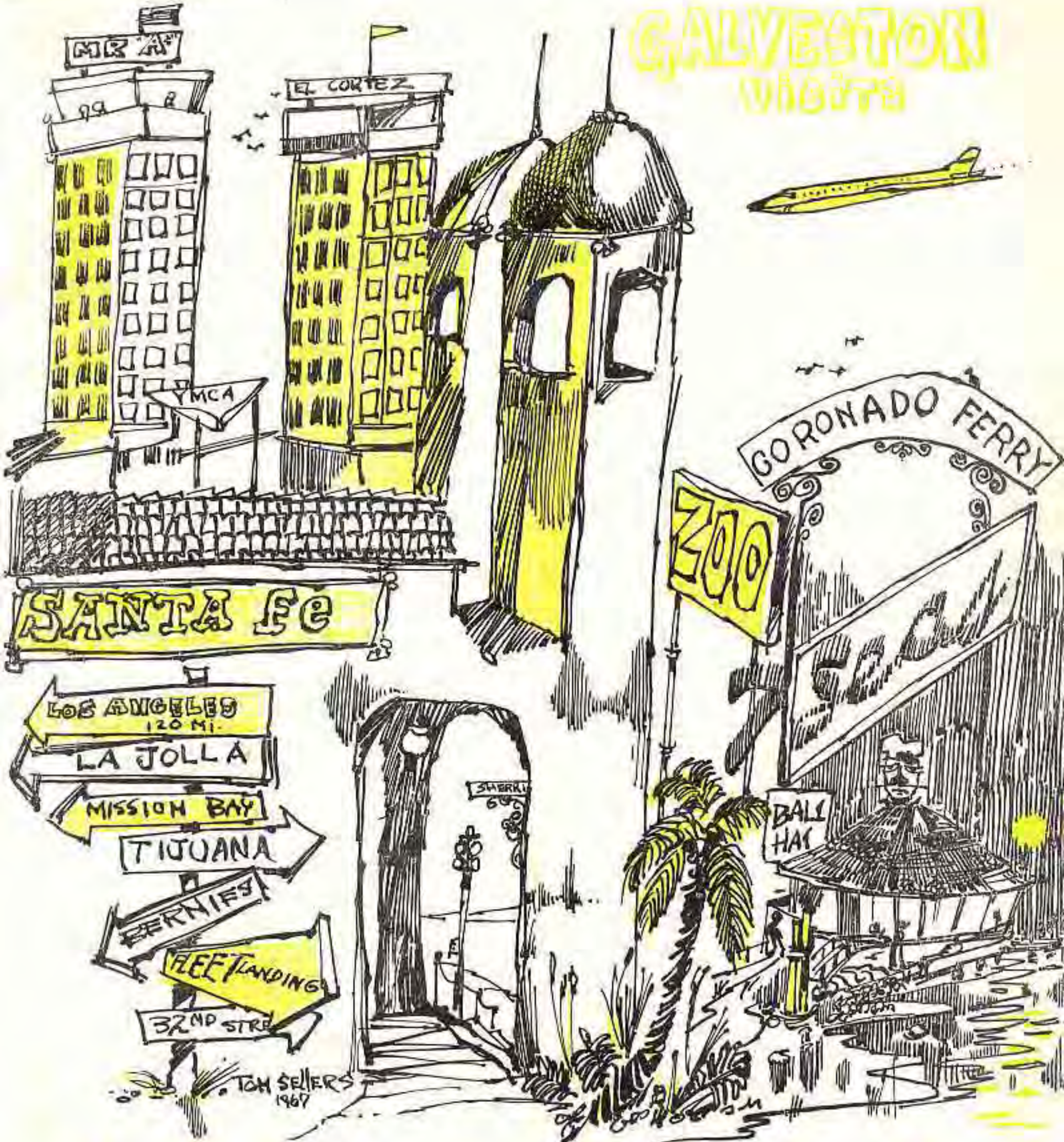


GALVESTON VISITS



SANDIEGO!

THE PLACE

SAN DIEGO (pronounced San-Dee-Ay-Go) is a friendly little fishing village in California located on the east shore of a large crescent-shaped bay bearing the same name. It has a population of 39,578.* Towering behind San Diego to the eastward are the Sierra Mountains, part of the Rocky Mountain chain of North America. To the northward lies the great movie making city of Hollywood, which has a rather large suburb named Los Angeles (pronounced L. A.). To the southward, only 11 miles away, is the country of Mexico.** San Diego has a sub-tropical climate, but has a sparse rainfall. The United States Navy has a small airstrip across from San Diego on a promontory called North Island. Also across from San Diego and just southeast of North Island is an even smaller and sleepier fishing village called Coronado. Very little is known about this village. The map on page 6 clearly gives all the details of the entire San Diego area.

THE PEOPLE

San Diego is inhabited by a true cross section of Americans. Like all people of the United States their basic origins rest in practically every country of the world. Consequently, they have a wide range of physical characteristics. They are short, tall, thin, plump and with their hair of various colors.

The inhabitants are inquisitive, excitable and, above all, friendly. You will notice on arrival that large numbers of them, principally female, will exhibit their inquisitiveness by being on the pier when we arrive. They will be raised to a high pitch of excitement by such a commonplace event as our arrival. They will scream, squeal and wave their arms wildly. An occasional, but restrained, return wave on our part is not only proper, but is expected by local custom. Their most evident characteristic will be their friendliness. This is particularly true of the females. After we have moored, large numbers of them will swarm aboard closely followed by their young. (They frequently call their young "thosedarnkids" -- a term which we are trying to find the meaning of). As if by prearranged plan, each of them will single out one of our ship's company, run up to him, and show great signs of affection. Their young will mimic their mothers and jump up and down and throw their arms around the same man. If you are one of those on whom a female and her young exhibit their friendliness, it is prudent to respond to the female and pick up one or more of the young, especially the small ones. We have some reports that they bite if not coddled.

THEIR CUSTOMS

We must realize that the United States is a young country and consequently their customs and traditions are very different from those to which we have become accustomed. To cover all the differences in this pamphlet is impossible. There are many books in the Ship's Library for those who want to study the States. The most important differences follow.

*This is based on the 1910 census (latest information available). It is probably somewhat larger by now. **Not to be confused with Barcelona, Spain.

One word of caution about the waitresses in restaurants and bars. The Americans are quite unthoughtful in not providing hostesses for your dining and dancing pleasure in public places. The waitresses are NOT for this purpose. Treat your waitress as you would your sister, at least during business hours. Arrangements for escorting them to plays, concerts and museums must be made privately, discreetly and individually.

TREATMENT OF WOMEN -- In America, it is customary to exhibit great deference to women -- especially before marriage. Etiquette after marriage is a little more -- but only a little -- like you are accustomed. So, if you are escorting an American girl, you will be expected to hold open doors for her, hold her chair, help her on and off with her coat, stand aside to let her pass through doors first, and assist her up and down stairs.

SOUVENIRS

The United States has very large numbers of souvenirs. They build yachts, automobiles, color television sets, airplanes and nuclear reactors. It is very easy to buy souvenirs in San Diego. The Executive Officer has a comprehensive list of all the places in San Diego where you can buy practically anything for no money down.

Among the more popular souvenirs are the following:

For Mademoiselle

Electric blankets
Instant coffee
Cake mixes
Fur coats

For Senioritas

Beatle records
Beatle records
Beatle records
Boys!

For Bambinos

Bingo games
Monopoly
Colt .45's
Poison darts

TRAFFIC -- When you go ashore the first thing you will notice is that the American motorist lacks the graceful agility displayed by your friend and mine "the Italian Taxi Driver". The Americans have not developed the unique style of the European motorist. Don't let the lack of the familiar "beep-beep, screech, crash" lull you into a false sense of security. Adhere strictly to the crosswalk rules, instead of the Mediterranean dance step "one, two, over that Fiat, cha-cha-cha."

EATING HABITS -- There are a good many restaurants in San Diego, but the customs are completely different. In the first place you will not notice the customary seven loaves of bread, and four bottles of local wine. Instead you will notice those almost forgotten bottles containing catsup, and A-1 sauce. You will no longer receive a complete set of plates and silver ware for your 100 Peseta eight course meal, you will have to make do with one set for your entire meal.

Hamburgers -- A flat round disc of meat one-eighth-inch thick encased in a round, flat, small loaf of bread. The meat is steer, not burro, and has been killed and the meat ground up; and

Hot dogs -- A red cylinder of chopped meat between six and twelve inches long and one inch in diameter saturated with mustard or catsup and encased in a long, round, small loaf of bread. It is not known what meat is used in "Hot Dog," but the name is suggestive. You might like them.

TRANSPORTATION AND TOURS

We will have a very extensive tour program in San Diego. Almost an infinite variety are available. The ones that have already been arranged and are expected to be the most popular are:

"Grand Canyon Tour" -- 5 days. Jet airline transportation. Includes stops at Las Vegas, Bryce Canyon, Albuquerque and Phoenix. Fare \$395.17, including hotels but no meals, tips or incidentals.

"Tijuana Tour" -- One afternoon and evening in Tijuana, Mexico. Bus transportation. No meals, no hotels, no incidentals, no tips. Fare \$2.00.

There are no horse drawn carriages in San Diego. There are many taxicabs, all the same size. They all charge the same price. Be sure you carry your excellent map of San Diego (page 6) with you whenever you are ashore so you can point out to the cab driver exactly where you want to go.

San Diego is also served by the Southern Pacific Railroad (a privately owned railroad), many airlines, and the Greydog Buslines.

RESTAURANTS AND HOTELS

Food is plentiful, usually of good quality but expensive in America (an ordinary five-course dinner with wine will cost more than 300 Pesetas).

Our information on specific restaurants is scanty, and is based on reports from several shipmates who have been to San Diego previously. Some suggested places:

HERNIE'S (foot of Broadway at Harbor Drive) -- Specializes in hamburgers (310 Lire), and coffee (1 Shilling 6 Pence). We have reports they sell cocktails and beer also.

EL CORTEZ HOTEL (you can see it from anywhere) -- Various hotel bars, restaurants. A wide price range. Take an outside glass elevator ride to the Sky Room for a fabulous view of the city.

MR. "A's" located at the top of the tallest building in San Diego, near Balboa Park, offers a beautiful sunset view around cocktail hour -- drinks are 60 Pesetas.

BALI HAI -- on Shelter Island, offers the best in Cantonese food, exotic drinks, and entertainment for the price. A suggested menu is: Prawns for appetizers, Chicken of the Gods, Beef and Pea-Pods, Bali Hai Chow Mein, Pork Fried Rice, Soup, Tea and Fortune Cookies. With cocktails, two can enjoy this delicious food for under \$10.00. (Sit by the window).

MEXICAN VILLAGE (Coronado near the ferry) -- Specializes in Mexican dinners, dark beer, and group folk singing. Tourists may be amused by the antics of local tribesmen called "aviators" (pronounced "brown shoes") who frequent the establishment.

POINTS OF INTEREST

As you wander through San Diego, do not fail to see the many colorful landmarks which abound. Among the more famous are:

THE PLAZA (or Horton's Plaza) -- A small plot of ground in downtown San Diego named in honor of an early settler. You can't miss it since all buses stop here. With 20,000 pigeons and 35,000 sailors, it is the most densely populated place on earth.

BALBOA PARK (a must) -- It is the site of a former World's Fair and great Zoo, with the most interesting specimens west of St. Louis. The specimens **OUTSIDE** the cages are rather interesting too.

LA JOLLA -- A suburb where only the very wealthiest people live. The visitor may enjoy seeing contemporary (not Mod) culture in the many quaint shops and stores there. Interesting methods of hanging houses on the sides of sheer cliffs are also much in evidence. The natives frolic in the surf for the amusement of tourists and, with luck, one may see a shark attack a helpless surfer.

PACIFIC HIGHWAY -- The new name for Highway U. S. 101 or, U. S. 101 is the old name of Pacific Highway. This is the road where daredevil car drivers test cars to see how well they withstand head-on collisions. One can be seen just about every half mile.

MISSION BAY -- Reclaimed marshland with extensive boating facilities and Ocean House (built and owned by the owner of the New York Yankees - we have not been able to find out why he built it).

SEA WORLD -- A fantastic version of Marineland (much better than Marineland because the fish are much newer). Sea World is located on Mission Bay and is a must for those of you who like fish.

NATIVE DANCES

San Diego is one of America's foremost centers of folk dancing. In such folk-culture centers as the Quad Room, Freckles, Red Coat Inn, and the Hideaway one can observe the natives demonstrating some of these dances for the benefit of tourists.

THE SKATE -- Can be performed by a man, woman, or both. Often it is difficult to tell. In any case, the dance is performed by getting a dumfounded look in your eyes, then without going anywhere start skating! This dance may be on the way out by now, but if you observe the dance area from the bar for an hour or so you will be able to pick up necessary points so you will be confident to fall right into the latest step.

THE WATUSI, THE FRUG, THE SWIM, THE HITCH-HIKER, THE BIRD, THE PHILLY DOG -- Same as the Skate, only more so.

THE FOXTROT -- Ancient American tribal dance of the San Franciscan Tribe. Last recorded performance of this rare dance was observed at President Eisenhower's second inaugural ball. Believed to be extinct.

THE AZTEC TWO-STEP (also called "Montezuma's Revenge") -- A dance brought back from Mexico by American tourists there. Little is known about the dance. San Diego natives meet all inquiries concerning it with polite snickers.

ATHLETICS

In addition to European sports which have become popular in the United States (such as baseball, bowling, golf, basketball and football), San Diego offers the visitor several unique opportunities for keeping in top physical condition.

ISOMETRICS -- Great for developing strength while sitting down, particularly on bar stools. Place both hands under your stool and pull up smartly. If you sink, be prepared to reimburse the management. (On the other hand, if you rise up, call the newspapers immediately).

BUS-WAITING -- Perfect for correcting certain types of curvature of the spine. Lean against any bus stop, arms folded together, for at least three hours. Do NOT move.

BOATING -- Take a water taxi ride for complete body exercise. Jostle in the line (good for shoulders and hips), slide down the wet ramp (ideal for calf muscles and ankles), jump into the boat (excellent for thigh, finger and head muscles) and walk from bow to stern (best for biceps and solar plexus).

SWIMMING -- Optional with Boating if the water taxi is crowded.

SURFING -- A sport only enjoyed by a select group. If you plan to try this exciting sport you must first: Hide all evidence of your uniform, get a tan, bleach your hair, read two surfer magazines, rent a surfboard and head for a beach loaded with girls. Remember, don't go near the water, just carry your board around until you see the girl of your choice, then introduce yourself. From here on I am sure you are well trained. Good Luck!

HARBOR CRUISING -- Superb for general muscle tone. Take a boat trip around the bay. No watches. Nor General Quarters! Loll around on deck and see the fleet at its moorings. The Tour Guide will tell you all about them. Be sure to use your handy map on page 6.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

The San Diego area abounds in many fine places of worship. Go to the shrine, temple or church of your choice. BUT BY ALL MEANS GO TO YOUR CHURCH, TEMPLE OR SHRINE.

USEFUL PHRASES

Your visit to America will be all the more enjoyable if you master some of the more useful phrases of the language. Americans are known to be very friendly to foreigners who make an attempt to speak their native tongue. The following is a list of words and phrases which will make your liberties far

brighter. Attempt to work these daily used words and phrases into your conversation and watch the results.

1. O.K. -- A direct translation from Latin: means O.K.
2. YEAH -- American equivalent of "Oui-Oui" or "Si-Si" or "Ah-Huh."
3. THANK YOU -- Same as a big tip in Europe.
4. NO -- A curt American expression which means "yes, I cannot," or, "yes, I do not, I am not," or "Yes, I will not."
5. CHICKEN -- A coward; a young girl; a fowl.
6. TURKEY -- A failure; an ugly girl; a fowl.
7. HELLO -- This term is always good for openers, try it.
8. I CAN LICK ANY MAN IN THE HOUSE -- Means "Let's really get this party going." Often used late at night in crowded bars as a signal to ask the police to join the friendly crowd.
9. HIYA BABE -- A form of self introduction used when you see a young lady you wish to meet and impress.
10. FIRE -- Said in a crowd to indicate you need a match.
11. BATHROOM -- A term you will find handy when visiting your friends house.

HANDY MAP

