

TRAVEL TIPS

EDUCATIONAL TOUR OF THE USSR

An Educational Group Tour of the USSR, of particular interest to the academic staff at the universities, has been arranged by Dr. Fred Ustina of the Department of Mathematics at the University of Alberta, Edmonton. The tour will depart from Montreal on May 5, and return on May 31. It will visit Moscow (7 days), Kiev (6 days), Leningrad (6 days), Volgograd (3 days), and the resort of Sochi on the Black Sea coast (3 days).

Following a meeting with the Ministry of Education in Moscow, the group will visit a kindergarten, an elementary school, a secondary school, two universities, a special languages school, a technical institute, a pedagogical institute, and educational television facilities. The group will also visit the Educational Pavilion at the Exhibition of Economic Achievements in Moscow, and a Pioneers' Palace and the Centre for Young Naturalists in Kiev.

CONTACT CANADA

The Secretary of State has announced a youth exchange program for the summer of 1972 called Contact Canada. Its aims are to enable young Canadians to become "aware of their role as citizens of the world" and gain insights which will help them play a better role at home.

The program also involves young people from other countries as a counterpart to programs in their own countries involving young Canadians.

It consists of three week "communication sessions to be held at Halifax, Trois-Rivieres, London, St. Boniface, Calgary and Victoria. All sessions begin in Ottawa.

The sessions then move to the aforementioned home bases for 1) homestays with local families, 2) group study projects in the region, and 3) camping sessions.

The program is open to all young men and women, ages 18-21 (as of Jan. 1, 1972). Anyone interested should contact Bob Gray, External Vice-President, at the Student Union offices for more information.

Sight-seeing will include the Dremelin, the Exhibition of Economic Achievements, and the museums and art galleries in Moscow; the fabulous art treasures of the Hermitage, Petrodvorets, pavlovsk and Pushkino in Leningrad; the numerous museums and historical sights of Kiev; and the impressive war memorials in Volgograd. The stop-over in Kiev will include a cruise by hydrofoil boat on the Knieper River to Kanev, the burial place of the Ukrainian bard Shevchenko about two hundred kilometers south of Kiev.

The tour will conclude with a three day rest in the resort town of Sochi on the Black Sea coast.

The return fare, inclusive of all excursions, hotel accommodations, meals and five theatre tickets is \$1021 from Montreal; \$1039 from Toronto; \$1066 from Winnipeg; \$1090 from Calgary; Edmonton, Regina and Saskatoon; and \$1130 from Vancouver.

Further information may be obtained from Dr. Ustina, or directly from the booking agent, Sun Travel Centre, c/o The Bay, Southgate Shopping Centre, Edmonton, telephone (403) 435-8901. Inquiries may also be made at any Air Canada reservations office.

GOING TO EUROPE THIS SUMMER?

There are over 4,200 Youth Hostels in Europe with an average overnight fee of 75¢. Youth Hostels range from ancient castles to modern structures with swimming pools to old farm houses. Each Youth Hostel is fully equipped with sleeping, washing and cooking facilities and a standard sheet sleeping bag is necessary.

If you are interested in becoming a Youth Hostel member, buying a Student Rail Pass, going on a guided tour or just general information on European travel, call or write the following address. Membership fees are \$10.00 senior \$ 5.00 junior (under 18)

Canadian Youth Hostels
Association
Maritime Region
6405 Quinpool Road
Halifax, N.S.
423-5736

Anyone interested in cheap travel

rates for this summer? I have information and application forms for Swing-air, European flights, etc. Check with me in the Student Union offices.

Bob Gray,
Ext. V.P.

P.S. I have a Canadian-USSR scholarship for anyone who speaks Russian and wishes to study in the USSR. 200 rubles per month.

A YOUTH'S PRAYER

O Lord, give me what it takes to be a holy youth

Give me courage to do what is hard; courage to say no to sin; courage to hold off the quitter in me.

Give me a clean mind and clean speech; clean eyes and clean hands. Let me cherish cleanness, and recognize that it brings happiness. Let me appreciate that is purity all good things grow.

Give me a gift for kindness, so I may never hurt another youth. Teach me to control my temper and my tongue, so they do not become the instruments of cruelty. I know my own importance, Lord; but let me never fail to see that others have importance, too.

Give me strength of spirit to defeat self-pity. If I am lonesome, lead me to knowledge that to be loved I must be loveable; that I will have no real friends until I earn them.

Give me the bigness I will need to be cheerfully obedient. Remove from my personality a sullen spirit. Teach me to take orders, so that some day I will know how to give them reasonably.

Give me zest and drive to conquer laziness. Never let me feel that I can be served without serving, or get without giving. Instruct my heart in love of work, so I may know the joy of rest.

Give me the peace of mind which comes from knowing that I will never lead another to sin. By Your grace, may no one be cheapened because he kept my company. Let all who love me, learn to love You more.

Give me, finally, such brightness, laughter, and grace, that You will find in me a temple which will please You as Mary pleased You. AMEN.

Francis Gallant

P.S. Give me strength to look beyond people's faults so that I may attend to their needs.