

SAM DALE TOURS EUROPE

From the moment he boarded Lufthansa Air Lines' big European-bound Boeing 707 jetliner at Kennedy Airport on August 1, until he set down there again eighteen days later, every minute was an exciting one for Sam Dale, supervisor of the Greige Goods Department of Plant 1. Even the four-hour hold on the runway at congested Kennedy Field failed to dampen his spirits as he started the first leg of his journey that was to take him and his wife, Edith, to visit the family of their son, who makes his home in Germany, and to tour much of Western Europe.

Seven hours after take-off, Sam's plane set down at Frankfurt, Germany where he was met by his son, Tom; his daughter-in-law, Mathein; and his three granddaughters--Sharon, age 9; Chris, age 8; and Pamela, age 4. Upon arrival at Tom's home in the small German town of Bottenback, a big welcome awaited them. Tom's German neighbors were on hand--many of them with flowers--to greet the visitors from the United States.

After resting and just enjoying visiting with each other for four or five days, the Dales set out in Tom's station wagon for a five-day tour through Germany, northwestward into The Netherlands, then down into Belgium and Luxembourg, through the northeastern section of France and back to Bottenback. Highlights of this trip included visiting the Daimler-Benz Museum in Stuttgart, riding on a sight-seeing boat through the canals of Amsterdam, visiting The Hague and, perhaps best of all, just viewing the scenic beauty of the countryside.

Two days later saw the start of a second journey--this time, south. Sam and the family traveled from Germany into Switzerland, where they visited Basel, Zurich and Lucerne. Here,



again, they were awed by the beauty of the country, particularly by the snow-covered Alps, dotted with chalets.

Next on their itinerary was Italy, reached by way of St. Gotthard's Pass where they crossed the Alps at an altitude of 8,250 feet. In Italy, they stopped in the towns of Milano, Trento and Bergamo; then, they traveled through the famed Brenner Pass into Austria and visited Innsbruck before returning to their home base in Germany.

The Dales' final tour before returning to the States was through Germany's Black Forests, the one-hundred mile long mountainous district in Southwestern Germany. Here they saw beautiful valleys winding through wooded hills--hills so densely wooded with conifers that they have a black appearance. This is one of the favorite summer resorts of the German people. Here, too, live the woodcutters, lumbermen and the makers of wooden clocks and music boxes for which the Black Forest is noted.

It's no wonder it was with sadness that Sam and Mrs. Dale said goodbye to Tom and his family--and to their German friends who took them to their