

# Be Educated; Study Abroad Choice Of Countries Given

by Ione Bradsher

Jean rolled over on the bed, shoved her books on the floor, and groaned. She looked at her roommate who was sitting Turk-fashion with a book on her knees.

She shook her head and waved a hand. "Smith-Hughes Act of 1917 provides financial aid to states . . . "All right, what?"

"I think I'll study abroad."

Betty slammed her book shut and leaned back on the pillow. "Yeah, I can just see that! You better start here first."

"Well, you should read this brochure. It's put out by the Educational Travel Division of the American Express Company, and you can plan everything through them."

"Why do you want to go? After all we just had a war over there."

"Oh, I don't know. The best opportunity to learn another language is by actually living around it. And if you were interested in archaeology there's Egypt or Mexico; or interested in social organization you could go to India or South America."

"Yes, but you are definitely not the type."

"Course not, but I could see famous places; art works. "See what they're up to" it says here. Think of how I'll appreciate the USA when I return! There's nothing like coming in contact with another living culture."

"Living culture! Betty snorted as she set the alarm. "Just wait till you miss inner springs and sirloins."

"It says most of the French Universities have some dorm rooms. But few of the non-English speaking countries do. One can always work through the atache at the U. S. Embassy. There is a Rockefeller 'International House' in Paris. In Rio there is a section of town dominated by students . . . rather like the Latin Quarter in Paris."

There was silence. Betty looked over her glasses at her roommate. small matter, utterly useless, small matter, utterly useless, p

"Fine. O. K. There is just the small matter, useless, money!"

"Oh, those countries are always having monetary fluctuations. The University of Nanking says the tui-

Betty cracked. "I can see you now greeting the academic dean, with a ton of rice slung over your shoulder!"

"That's just China. In Australia, Canada, Erie, Norway, South Africa it's about \$75 a month or less. It is never definite."

"How do you think you will get in. All that red tape to go through. What sort of school would you attend . . . Soil Conservation 101?"

"Outside the Commonwealth of Nations and American Missions there are no liberal arts colleges. Foreign universities like to have juniors, and some prefer graduates. It won't be long before I'll be qualified."

" . . . you hope."

"Yes, but the hard thing is this: you have to watch your credits. Over there a degree is based on exams . . . not hours. However, they respect the quaint American custom and send your credits back."

Betty moaned, "What about me? I can only speak English. "Could I go to a summer school and have language orientation?"

"Sure. We could get about a dozen passports, warm clothes, coffee, odds and ends and go!"

"Where?"

"Well." . . . Jean flipped a page and sat straight up on the bed. "If you want a cosmopolitan University, there is the University of Hawaii at

Honolulu. There are four Universities in Belgium. Louvain and Brussels have dorms, too. They run mid October to mid June."

"What else?"

In Canada there are loads . . . U of Ottawa . . . Toronto. At the University of Montreal they speak French in class!"

"That lets me out. Can you speak English anywhere?"

"Well, it sounds like fun, and I'll think about it. Really! The Smith-Hughes Act . . ."

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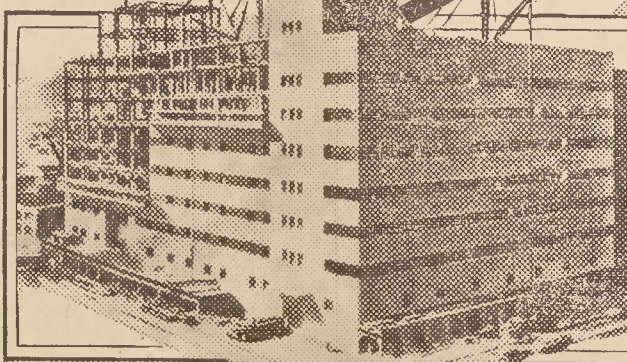
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