



THE TRAVEL LOG

By Ian H. Corbin

"I'LL NEVER LEAVE PARADISE"



The view from the window was of the gentle curve of endless beach, white sand, bending palm trees, and the shallow surf now blue, now aquamarine. Local craftsmen were collecting along the shore selling their very good primitive paintings and sculptures at ridiculously low prices. The view during the flight the afternoon before was a landscape dotted with rice paddies looking like roofs of iridescent greenhouses. This was Bali, and a glorious morning had dawned very much like most mornings on this island paradise... beautiful and serene. We went down to breakfast.

Down meant taking a modern elevator from the eighth floor of Inter-Continental's brand new Hotel Bali Beach to the coffee shop. Here in an atmosphere filled with Balinese artifacts and a menu featuring fresh fruits of the island along with

credible ham and eggs, we were served by the cream of the island's crop—the girls of Bali. Charming, shy, smiling, and learning their new trade with the grace of great ladies, they made breakfast an occasion.

Wanting to talk and to learn more, a halting, stumbling conversation was begun. "Is it always like this in Bali?" we asked looking out of the window. "Yes, Sir. Everything is lush and green. Everywhere the eye looks, there is attractiveness. Even poor homes seem cozy. "Bali is beautiful."

And then, the inevitable question, "Do you like Americans, will you be happy to see many of us here?" "Yes, Americans are friendly." Still pursuing the conversation, "Supposing some young American were to come along and you fell in love

and he asked to marry you, would you consider it?" "Yes," came the soft reply. Then to break what might have become too personal a discussion, "And do you think you would like living in America?" "Oh, I'd never leave Paradise," came the quick answer.

And that about sums up Paradise as it is known and experienced by those who live in that beautiful land. Never leave Paradise.

How long will it remain so? The drive from the airport at Denpasar to the hotel is one of the prettiest in the world and the local inhabitants often wave at passing visitors. With a new hotel, and work well advanced on the new jet airport, it won't be long before a great wave of tourists will invade the island. It is inevitable. Yet, how much will change on this most verdant island of the Indonesian archipelago? Here for thousands of years the people have lived their lives, experiencing changes of fortune from freedom to being conquered, through the great period of temple building to the recent squashing of the communists. Here, almost every day is a feast or holiday of some sort and flowers and fruit decorate the people, their homes, their temples, their streets.

Now back home one recalls many things: the balmy Bali evenings with dancing and the singing of strange songs in the background, the sound of slippers on the hotel corridors, the pretty smiles, the lack of haste, and the girl who said, "I'll never leave Paradise."

All an outsider can say is that now is the time to visit Paradise—Bali, the Isle of the Gods.



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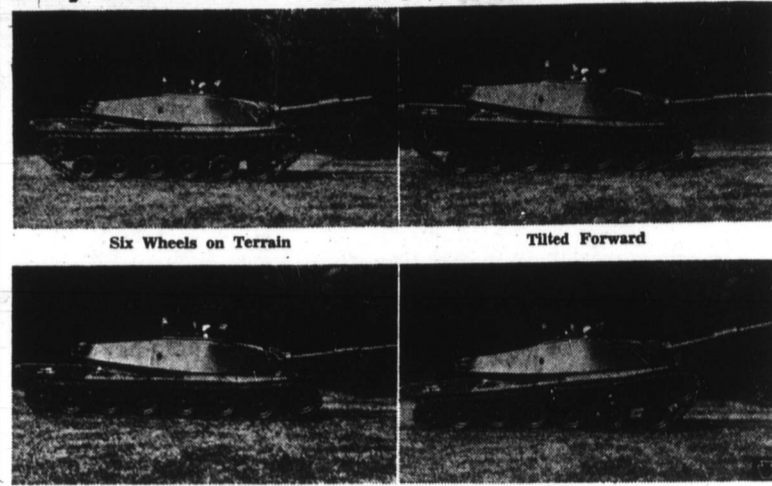
I Have A Secret, Santa!

I have a secret, Santa!
I knew you'd come today.
I heard the neighbors tell each other,
"Santa's on his way."
"If little girls are good," they said,
"Santa comes to call
And brings with him a bag of toys
That's sure to please them all."
I heard you, Santa, on the roof
With Dancer, Prancer and the others.
"Let's check our list of girls," you said,
"Who mind their dads and mothers."
I have a secret, Santa,
To whisper in your ear.
I love this pony very much.
I'm glad you left him here.
Mommy takes my picture
Riding him this way.
She'll see again the fun we had
This Merry Christmas Day!

—Jeanne Cole

Fighter Of The Future

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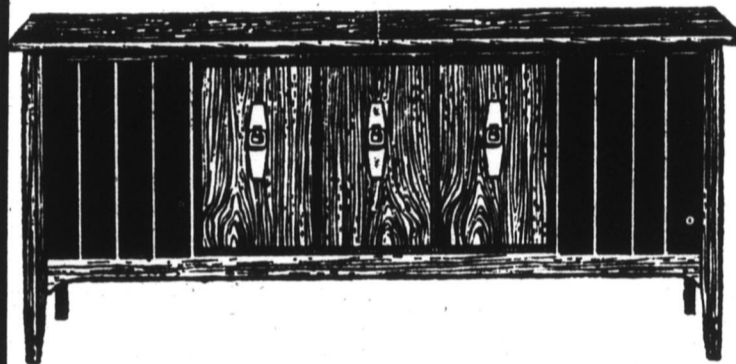


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Beta Sigma.

His wife, Ellaworth, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bass of 736 S. Pender St., Wilson.

Airman First Class James H. Collins, whose mother, Mrs. Edna M. Morgan, lives at 102 Hoover Road, Durham, is on duty at Tuy Hoa AB, Vietnam. Airman Collins, a weapons mechanic, is assigned to a unit of the Pacific Air Forces. Before his arrival in Southeast Asia, he served at Luke AFB, Ariz.

A 1964 graduate of Southern High School, the airman attended East Carolina University.

Airman First Class Charles E. Tyson, son of Mrs. Lucille W. Tyson of 1013 Dawson St., Wilmington, has been graduated from a U.S. Air Force technical school at Keesler AFB, Miss. He has trained as a communications specialist.

Airman Tyson, a graduate of Williston Senior High School, attended Fayetteville State College.

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director of the Blood Bank at N. C. Memorial Hospital here, explains that cryoprecipitation is only one of several techniques for obtaining a concentrated form of AHF from blood plasma.

"Freezing is a good technique, she says, "because it can be done in any blood bank."

LBJ Raps War Critics On Busing

WASHINGTON — President Johnson charged Monday that opponents of his Vietnam policies were seeking "the fire escape" out of international responsibility much as they did in the days of Mussolini and Hitler.

In a speech at the State Department, he said the United States was at war not just to save South Vietnam from aggression but to provide a "protective shield" for all of free Asia and to keep the United States secure.

"A lot of people don't think so," he said. "A lot of people are looking for the fire escape and the easy way out. They were doing that in Mussolini's time and they were doing that in Hitler's time."

"They did not think it was important to their security until it was almost too late. We waited a long time here but, better late than never." Johnson said the U.S. effort in Vietnam was "vital to your security, to your family's security, to the security of your son and daughter."

Dare Kills Motion on 4-H Unit

MANTEO — Dare commissioners decided Monday to table a motion to allow the N.C. State University 4-H unit to use the old barracks area at Manteo Airport.

The 4-H group had used the

area for many years as a part of its summer camp program. Six years ago the commissioners agreed to deed the property to the 4-H as soon as clear title was granted by the FAA.

Clear title was granted last month, and some 88 acres were ceded to East Carolina University for the establishment of an extension service that could develop into a community college.

Several board members said they were opposed to giving any more of the county's property to anyone.



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