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France
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MARQUE DÉPOSÉE

VERGÉ DES CHARENTES
24 FEUILLES



Europe 1957.

July 8 - Disembark. "Queen Mary" Cherbourg.
By train to Paris. Stop at
"Hotel Raphael".
Evening dinner at "Alexander".

+

July 9 - Arrive in Paris. Mr.
de Night is in the room after
my Soviet visa.
Lunch at "Lesser". Paris
cool and pleasant after days of in-
tense heat.

Wed. R. Warden and son visit us at the
July 10 - hotel.

In the evening we attended performance
of "Habitual" players in the "Dybbuk"
at the "Theatre des Nations".

Thurs.
July 11. Had Barbara Gibson + her two class-mates
out for lunch.

Frid.
July 12. Went to Amer. Hospital for Va. check
up.

Attended Sabbath services in room
C. Pennic. R. Marks conducting.
Present also R. Isserman and
R. Shulman.
- Walked thru Latin Quarter.

Sat.
July 13. Still waiting for Visa - Mon. de Night
of Amer. Embassy.  telephoned Moroccan

Sund.
July 14. Went to Deauville Sat. night.
Stayed at the Normandie and
returned Sunday night. Rain.

Mon.
July 15. Phoned home. Spoke to Jan
+ Adele. Spoke to de laight de
Visa.

+ - Visit the "Memorial des Martyrs Juifs
de France", 17, rue Geoffroy-l'Asnien.
Very impressive. Mr. J. Schneersohn
shows us around. - Archives -

Tues. - long walk. - In evening see American
July 16 movie "Friendly Persuasion" - abt. Quaker
life - excellent.

Wed. Visit the Louvre.

July 17. Dr. W. Von Weizsäcker called and spent an hour
with me. 7 av. Beaucon.
Tea in the afternoon at the home
Israel Ambrosador 12 av. 71 Blvd. Haussmann
Barres. Meet Indian Minister to Ceylon
and his Jewish wife.

Flowers from Mrs. Hans J. Schuersohn

4 rue des Trois Pèrier.

→ French anti-semites are embarrassed.

"You must cry 'Vive l'Espoir' - and
at the same time cry 'à bas les Juifs'."

Thurs
July 18.

Visit from Mr. Louxembourg and Mr.
Rosenblum -

Walked through Montmartre -

Friday.
July 19.

Visited the Louvre 2³⁰ Visit from Blumenthal
In the evening 122 dinner at home of Schenker.
Present Ben Cohen - Ambassador U.S. - Dr.
Van Weiz - Others - and still others came for
Reception after dinner - Speeches etc.

Sat.

July 20

- Synagogue at rue de Vienne -
lunched with Betty and Jeff Hoss -
Evening - saw a French Translation
on Soviet - + a Day in Peking

Sunday
July 21

- Spent an hour with Israeli Ambassador
- talk with an Russian
- 4 PM Visit from Mrs. Schenker
- 5 PM Visit from Joseph Weinberg
67 rue de Chabrol, Paris X^e
CHABROL
- Promised to send him my book

Monday
July 22

- Visit of R. Philip Bernstein wife
daughter & friend - Tea at Raphael
- A Mr. Adam, local effort group
visits me - about visa.
- In evening - dinner on Left Bank

Tues.
July 23.

- Visit Russian Consul. No word about
visa.
- telephone International Museum. no

information. Telephone Mr. Baker
U.S.S.R. Embassy - consulate in
Washington - He has had an word from
Museum.

- Decide to go to Biceritz sea-shore.

Wed.

July 24.

- Arrive in Biceritz by plane.
- Stop at Hotel Miramar. Pleasant.
- Weather fairly cool. Visit the
town.

Thurs.

July 25.

Spent day seeing town - and on the
beach.

Friday

July 26.

Go by car to Lourdes - alt 120 m.

- away. Extraordinary and moving
spectacle - Endless stream of
pilgrims passing thru open ghetto.
- Hundreds, sick wheel to open area
in front, propped - many put on
the ground on stretchers - take part
in prayer service.
- Pilgrims drink or wash their hands
and feet in water flowing out
fountains of stream.

Received cable anniversary date / Abe
Kane.

Sat
July 27.

Finished reading - Jean-Paul Sartre's
La P... Respectueuse and
L'Engrenage - a powerful play
and scenario

Visit St-Jean de Luz. Another attrac-
tive resort town - Basque -
Telephone Dir. - Wilson - Am. Express -
- no word about very Russian
Vina.

Sunday
July 28 -

Sunny - on the beach -

Monday
July 29.

Visit Bayonne. Interesting city
- Visit the Synagogue - Sephardi but
not membership, now German body
- No Rabbi - only a Chazan.
- Visit also the Basque Museum -
- story of Basque people - Has
also a room of Jewish ritual

objects + description, Travels, Bay Area
of Toledo.

Sunday
Aug. 4-

Preceding week altogether uneventful.
Attended a Singers Concert on
Thursday
This afternoon - attended a Bull Fight
in Bayona - enormous ^{booming} crowd - The Bull Fight desquaring
left after first half.

Monday
Aug. 5.

Arrived in ^{WRHS} Madrid - by air c. 130 P.
Stop at Castellano Hilton Hotel -
Beautiful and air conditioned.
New construction every where.

Tues.
Aug. 6

Take a 3 hr. drive thru city. Visit
the Royal Palace - now a public
museum.
In late afternoon take a walk thru
city. - Very busy looking - and
impressive thoroughfares, ~~and~~ buildings and
shops.

Wed.
Aug. 47

Visit Toledo - go by car. Tremendously interesting
House of Jewish Haveri etc. Samuel Haveri.
"El Tránsito" synagogue with its Hebrew
inscriptions -

The Santa Maria la Blanca - formerly a
Synagogue -

The Cathedral - In Main Chapel. Tomb of
Cardinal Mendoza - a converted Jew and
Father Confessor to Juan Pablo - (Story)
his tomb

→ Go crypt of a Cardinal Porto Carrero -
The Sweet Palms, Chris, at Nihil?

House of El Greco - formerly that, Samuel
Haveri - many El Greco's in Toledo
Church of San Juan de los Reyes -

- National patriotism welded to Religious
zeal (Reconquest, coming from
moors and reestablishment of Christianity in
reconquered territory)

Beba Coco Olo - Deliciosa

Thurs.
Aug. 9

Visit The Prado Museum - Works of
Velazquez - Goya - Murillo etc etc.
A remarkable collection - in every way
- will leave to-morrow for Seville,
Cordova and Granada.

Friday
Aug. 10

Arrive in Seville. Stop at Alfonso XIII
Hotel. Take drive thru city in
carrage. - Visit Juderia -

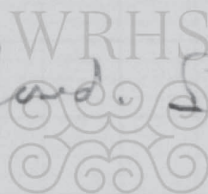
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Saturday
Aug. 10

Visit the Alcazar - beautiful Moorish
rooms - And The Cathedral. Markets

Sunday
Aug. 11

Indisposed. Stay in bed.



Monday
Aug. 12

By car to Cordova - with a trip.
Sized and her daughter. Visited the
Mezquita - magnificent Moorish mosque
and The Jewish Quarter - and by way of the
square named after Crucifuentes
& Tabat in his honor.
- by same car in afternoon to
Granada - Stop at Albarran
Hotel

- Tues.
Aug. 13. Visit the Alhambra in the morning
Read Washington Irving - "Tales of
The Alhambra" in afternoon.
Take a ride and a stroll thru the
city.
- Wed.
Aug 14. - Visit the Granada Cathedral -
Leave 2 PM for Madrid
- Thursday
Aug 15. Visit the "Escorial" - Philip II.
Monastery - Tombs, the Kings
- Friday
Aug. 16. Leave for London by plane.
Stop at the Dorchester.
- Sat.
Aug. 17. Attend services at New West End
Synagogue - with R. Jack Herman /
Cleveland.
- Sunday
Aug. 18 - Attend Shalom and Memorial Meeting
and speak.
- Theatre in the evening
- Monday
Aug. 19. Call upon Israel Antonsen Elst.
- and have luncheon at her home.

present also Klutzgask J. D. B.
and a Mr. Morrison - + Israeli ministers
of Trade.

- See a play "The Dead Secret" at
Piccadilly

Tuesday
Aug. 20.

Visit British Museum - and Tate Gallery

- See Noel Coward's play - "The Lady and
The Unicorn" at Arts Theatre.

- Interviewed in the morning by
reporter for "Jewish Chronicle".

Wed.
Aug. 21.

Call on the Macmillan Co. - 10
South Molloy St. W. 1.

Pay a courtesy visit to Mrs.
Shelton Bach.

In the evening - Theatre - "The
Chalk Garden"

Thursday
Aug. 22

Tea at Dorchester with Mr. + Mrs.
Israel Cohen -

Friday
Aug. 23.

Saw "The Sunken, the 17th Doll."

Sat.
Aug. 24.

Morning - Visit National Gallery.
Leave London for Southampton at
7.23 P. - Sail late that night



Alhambra - Boabdil - surrendered to Ferdinand
and Isabella - "You do well to weep as a
woman over what you could not defend as a man
(his mother to Boabdil)

Escorial - at foot of altar in Church - body of
Don Antonio was buried.



last outpost of humanity -

Sermon - Faith - Keep Body - Active
Intuition - content - program.

Russia -

- consumers' goods - people restore
- the administrative regime discredited
- The Struggle in June - Khramchenko
and Zinoviev speeches, new lines
against Stalinist Old Guard -
- The Red Army in power!
- every speaks for peasants
- The End, The Party 2 trend towards liberalization
- will hold to nothing Soviet system
- more freedom - travel - business
- a long night
- trial, ideologues!

"Doctors bury their mistakes. architect
plant it."

— Important to see our task in
focus

