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Journal, France, Spain, North Africa, 1962.

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Jan-March 1962





Wed. Jan. 24-62

Left for N. Y. and Paris. -  
7.30 P. - Air France - Jet, arrive  
Paris - 7 AM. - Thursday,  
Stop at Hotel L'Otto. Dinner at  
Pauvier - Marie - El A'd

Friday - Jan. 25-62

Lunch at Berkeley - Walk -  
Evening - Synagogue - rue de Victoire  
organ - well-filled - 7:50 - chor  
- brief sermon

Note - OAS - Secret Army Organization  
Terrourists Rightists - action  
to expedite arrests & ~~conv~~ trial

Turn suspects over to Special Military  
Courts.

Heightened Tensions in Algeria & France



Saturday - Jan. 27<sup>th</sup> - '62

Visit Louvre -

Lunch at Chez Louis

Evening - Opera Comique - "Tales of Hoffmann"

Sunday Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> '62

Walk - Beautiful day in Paris -

Lunch at Cafe de la Paix

5 P.M. leave for Casablanca: 2 hr. 50 min

Stop at Hotel El Anasser

Monday Jan. 29<sup>th</sup> - '62

Henri Lanfer & J.D.C. called at 10.30 A.M.

Visit offices J.D.C. and then with  
Mr. <sup>Bier</sup> Shapers, attached to J.D.C. (from  
unusual jobs) tour city - Visit Mellah,  
- Lunch at La Mer - by the sea.



In afternoon visit Schools of Alhara  
and Lula Otchen schools for boys and  
girls.

Also Temple Bet El of Algerian Jews  
Much attention is being given to  
Care and feeding of children - Food  
and health.

3 languages - French, Arabic, Hebrew  
taught in schools.

Tuesday, Jan 30 62

Visit OZ/E Dispensary - Dr  
Visit Nursery Faguel

Visit Ort -

In afternoon - Visit Rabat

Call on American Ambassador,  
Mr. Phil Bonsal

Visit Salé + 4-5 Synagogues in  
Mellah



Jan. 31 /  
Wednesday, Feb. 1-62  
In afternoon motored to Marrakesh  
stop at La Marmouza - Fine hotel

Thursday Feb. 1-62  
Visited Kinderparten - School of  
Alliance - Mellah - poverty  
Mr. David Elkaiar - leading Jew.  
community accompanies us.

Purchase a 201st and photos  
for Museum

In the afternoon with Arab guide -  
visit El-Mushir place,  
interest - Tomb. of former King  
Museum of Moroccan antiquities  
- visit Djemaa el-Fna - crowded  
place - thumblers, dancers, story-tellers,  
Serpent-charmers - Fair-ground -



At sun-down visit the 'U. na<sup>at</sup>' Bay  
Bassu — olive groves — haufu —  
+

Friday Feb. 2 - 1962

Morning — travelled by car with  
Mr. Elkhaim + Shapiro to ~~Sacred~~  
Sacred Town of Samuel Hanner —  
Morocco has several of these shrines,  
In evening went to Isaafu — and  
afterwards to home of Mr. Elcharu for  
2nd dinner — Typical Moroccan  
home and Friday Evening in  
near Sephardi country,  
Menu —

1. cold fried fish — bread.
2. hot fish balls — heavily spiced.
3. potato soup — fried dough with meat stuffing
4. chicken — dressing boiled like matza balls —
5. lamb — (raisins nuts — onions) fried in oil
6. salad — tomato
7. fruit —
8. tea —



Saturday Feb. 3 - 1962.

Went to Synagogue - Given 1st and  
1/2<sup>nd</sup> 500 122.  
~~Saw~~ Tour the city - Visit Museum  
of Moroccan antiquities.

Sunday Feb 4 - 1962

Visit beautiful gardens - and  
again visit Mellah.

In afternoon entertain the Elkaim  
at tea at La Mamounia.

Monday Feb. 5 - 1962

Tour city.

Tuesday Feb. 6 - 1962

Leave 9 AM. for Casablanca - Elks  
In afternoon call on heads of Alliance  
Israelite with Mr. Lanfer.



Wed. Feb. 7-62

Leave Alm. for Fez.

Stop for lunch at Meknes

Put up at Palais Tajmali, Fez -  
former palace of a Pasha.

Thursday Feb. 8-62

Town Mellah. Worn > Casablanca  
or Manakel.

Narrow, winding alleys - appalling  
poverty

shops & markets - handful of asparagus  
a dozen eggs - pepper - small

stuck-in-fred's way, not

- Alhambra school - 128 pk - 02E -  
1 hour after

I.D.C. powder found to be

Visit 2 old synagogues - 200-300 y old

- no larger than a den-room -



Friday, Feb 9-62

Leave for Tangier. Stop at Rif Hotel.  
In afternoon call on Abraham I Laredo, Head of community scholar, author of work on "The Berbers and Hebrews in Morocco" in Spanish.

Go with him to Synagogue in evening.  
6-7 small synagogues in one narrow street.

Dinner at his ~~son~~ brother-in-law's home.  
- 6:30 in bed-room of paralyzed grand-mother.

Saturday Feb 10-62

Went to Synagogue - 7:15 to end 8:15.  
- After services - 8:15 to 9:15 for members  
- by way of comforting them.  
Lunch at home of Mr. Abraham Cohen, Present Mr. Pinto



In late afternoon take a drive  
around city - & ocean front  
See Trafalgar - Strapht - ~~Capita~~ Tariff  
and Debralter.

Have tea in home of Mr. Lando  
He has some fine Hebrew books -  
Presents me with Alp / 11c -  
~~the~~ Inscreunt everywhere -  
People leaving or would like to  
leave. WRHS  
Tanger at the large a  
free port - is declining -



Sunday Feb 11-62

Leave for Madrid - Tanger friends see  
us off - stop at Palace Hotel.

Monday Feb 12-62

Walk around city Visit the Prado



Tuesday Feb 13 - '62

Visit Museum of Contemporary Art,  
Had lunch with Mr. James Nahon  
Sephardi - who told us much about  
conditions in Morocco & Spain.

500-600 per in Madrid - 5000 in Barcelona  
Effort on part of Catholic Church leaders  
to establish good relations with Jews.  
- Most Jews in Madrid - Sephardim from  
Morocco. Before <sup>Civil War</sup> the majority were  
Ashkenazim.

Nahon recommended book

"Historia de Los Judios en España  
& Portugal"

by  
Amador Del Los Rios

Have dinner - 10 P.M. in home of Sam'l  
Toledano - Present also Mr. Ben-Zion  
Wednesday - Feb. 14 - '62

Visit Sagunto - 13 x 12 of Madrid  
community - will soon build a  
larger one - already received \$1500



## Addresses

Abraham I. Laredo  
2 Plaza Obispo Betanzos,  
Tanger, Maroc

David Elkaim  
45, Derb-Toulil,  
Marrakech, Maroc.

Henry Laufer  
Amer. Tourist Distribution Committee  
53, Boulevard D'Anfa  
Casa Blanca

Mrs. Henry Laufer  
11 Rue Marocain  
Casa Blanca

Samuel M. Toledano  
Guadalquivir 4  
Madrid, 2. Spain



Synagogue, Pizarro, 19  
Beth Shalom  
Madrid





Pasadena

Visit El Prado - Lunch at Hilton  
Castellana -

Thursday Feb. 15-62

Leave for <sup>Pasadena</sup> Palma in the evening by plane

Friday Feb. 16-62

We are at Bahia Palos Hotel.

Take a walk thru the city. A perfect resort town. Pleasant climate - beautiful scenery. ~~to~~ New construction, hotels all around.

Saturday Feb. 17-62

Tour the island. Visit the <sup>Carthusian</sup> monastery at Valle de Mosa - where Chopin and George Sand spent a winter in 1838 - and the estate of Archduke Louis Salvator of Austria. On to Soller and back.



Sunday. Feb 18-62

Visit the Cathedral - 13-16<sup>th</sup> C.

- In the morning we took a carriage  
ride along the ocean front

Monday Feb. 19-62

Took a ride to Manacor home  
of the Trayner Bears - and to Porto  
Christo - where we visited the caves  
Las Cuevas Drach - the Dragon  
Caves"

The Cuesta in Majorca

1453 - Jews & Palmar forced to apostatize

The Blacksmith Guild continued to keep  
their faith viable. Under Philip II - they  
were given the alternative of converting,  
emigrating or burning at the stake  
Some emigrated - others were a



- a real or pretended admission to Cathartes  
(Nam Xueta = a corruption of Xueta = Ten)  
In date 17<sup>th</sup> C. a family Christians were  
found still secretly practicing Judaism  
- Concentrated in 2 thick in Palma  
I remain goldsmiths - as a church  
but emancipated. Cath secretly  
maintained only among themselves - deposed  
by rest of Palma -  
- (Columbus may have been a Mayan  
Jew.

Part of a pre-conquest syngue has  
been incorporated in fabric of Monteniss  
Church -



2 Farnall items of news

- ① Glenis orbit (see newspaper)
- ② Peace in Algeria - De Gaulle

In Palma Cathedral - Treasury

- ① 2 lovely Rimurian girdles with Hebrew inscriptions  $\gamma$   $\gamma$   $\gamma$   $\gamma$  and  $\gamma$   $\gamma$   $\gamma$   $\gamma$  - out of traces - used in church processions
- ② Guide pointed out two chandeliers hanging from ~~ceiling~~ <sup>ceiling</sup> of cathedral - and said that they came from Jewish Synagogue in Palma

Friday - Feb. 23 - 62

visited the Castle of Belver - 14C.  
and the Museum -



## The Inquisition - Auto-da-fe

Condemned paraded in a sambrito with  
a lighted candle in their hands.  
in presence of royal family seated under  
canopies of purple brocade and having  
of gold & silver tissues - and standards  
of arms on either side - & few warriors  
of ~~sword~~ horse round about were thrown  
watched the

The prisoners wore sambritos. The penitents  
garbed in sleekless yellow tunics decorated  
with red crosses - the cofrades clothed  
in black tunics crowned with scarlet  
flowers. -

The Holy Office handed the record over to  
the señor judge for judgment



Since spring training is an annual event, its occurrence can hardly be regarded as a surprise. But it's a pleasure to welcome it just the same. The contrast between the weather in New York and the weather down there in Florida is so obvious as to require no elaboration. But spring training carries a significance well beyond the merely meteorological. For when the Yankees—and, this year, the Mets—go south, the tonic effect seems to radiate even to the northern climes.

For the next few weeks we shall be reading about the state of infielders' arms, outfielders' legs, batters' eyes, and pitchers'

in which the country are beginning to feel the effects of averages, hopes of comebacks, and pennants.

Someone, no doubt, is going to be disappointed; not all the muscles will respond, and most of the visions will fade. But there will be plenty of time to worry about that later. Right now, spring training is getting under way and, as usual, things never looked better.

duce 30 years been using ernment controls and subsidies to hold up prices in an effort to protect the farmers' incomes from the consequences of too and too little demand. All result has been a surplus, resulting in low prices for most farmers and huge unmanageable surpluses in government's hands.

The farm problem is known it since the time of Hoover is not common in the United States. It is a problem of all the issues that have to be settled. It is a degree of economic freedom for the free world.

## Hard Questions

It is the agricultural which make it more work out some form of union—for the sake of the Common Market. Outer Seven, the wealth, the United States and Japan.

The movement in industrial production great momentum appear to be a result of difficulties to a very large extent. But a wide range of agricultural products and tropical which will not be affected.

In dealing with these problems, the first step is to find an eventual solution.

## World Opinion

### Crushed Myth

STOCKHOLM.

John Glenn in his capsule did not mention one word about the greatness of the Democratic or Republican party—but he may have crushed the myth of the supremacy of the Communist man in the primitive imaginary worlds in the heads of millions of credulous people.

—From the Svenska Bladet.

### Reward

MANCHESTER.

The success of Col. Glenn's flight from Cape Canaveral is a proper reward for the three years of hard work—and the two months of delay—which went into it. . . . More important, perhaps, the people of the United States will be able to shrug off the last traces of that now ancient slur—the suggestion made soon after the sputniks appeared in their orbits that the United States had lost its technological knack and—so some whispers said—its right to self-respect as well. For the exploits of the last few months have plainly shown that there is no gross difference between the United States and the Soviet Union in their capacity to carry out exploits beyond the atmosphere. The Russians have the better rockets, but the Americans are more skilled at fitting them out with instruments and gadgets of all kinds. There appears to be nothing inherent in the competition between these two giants which decrees that one or other of them—in the end—will come out on top. The winner, most probably, will be the one who spends the most.

But need there be a competition?

—From the Guardian.

### No Threats

PARIS.

America has not profited from its . . . success to threaten the destruction of the world, as Khrushchev did not so long ago by brandishing his intercontinental super-rockets. . . . Free men will give to the American victory a different meaning from those of Titov and Gagarin.

—From Paris-Jour.

### Great Adventure

LONDON.

When he set out, smiling, on his great adventure, John Glenn took with him the hopes of the world he left below. He returns to its admiration.

—From the Daily Express.

### Democracy

MILAN.

It is right to suppose that if Gagarin had failed, none of us would have known about it. On the contrary, if Glenn's flight had ended in a tragedy, we can say that we would have seen it with our own eyes.

Thus all those postponements, those vain

announcements, which appeared ridiculous, were anything but ridiculous, but were simply an expression of democracy.

—From the Corriere della Sera.

### Way Ahead

FRANKFURT.

They let us be witnesses to the flight without trying to hide a single detail. Maybe the Americans are behind the Russian in technical aspects, but in this point they are way ahead.

—From the Abendpost.

### Inferiority Complex

ROME.

The United States had an exacerbated interest in putting a man into orbit. Their prestige in the world was at stake. Perhaps so was the prestige of the Kennedy administration in internal public opinion. It was urgently necessary to break a psychological barrier, an inferiority complex that the Americans have felt in the space field since the first sputnik.

—From L'Unita.

## In the European Edition Fifty Years Ago:

"UNCLE SAM IS AN OGRE; he wants to devour the little Central American states," the "Eclair" says of Secretary of State Philander Knox's forthcoming Latin-American voyage. It is thought that if the United States desires to create a sort of protectorate, the first step would be to establish a large Central American republic in order to save the trouble of treating with the governments of five Lilliputian states. Colombia refuses to receive Mr. Knox.

HOUSTON, the second largest city in Texas, is swept by a \$10,000,000 fire. Block after block of houses, factories and storehouses is destroyed. Flames consume 100,000 bales of cotton.

J. F. POGGENBURG wins the international amateur billiard championship in New York. He will go to Paris next week for the tournament there.

## Twenty-Five Years Ago:

GEN. FRANCISCO FRANCO's northern army continues its drive toward the coast in an effort to cut off Barcelona from Valencia, now in the throes of a political crisis which reaches its climax with Moscow's recall of Ambassador Marcel Rosenberg. In two days Franco's troops drive a 25-mile wedge to cut off Catalonia.

THE TEN-DAY STRIKE of the Cité Universitaire students in Paris against the university restaurant's food and prices ends. Both the International House and its restaurant will reopen for business.

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION on President Roosevelt's proposals for reform of the Supreme Court will start as a result of lengthy conferences which the President has held with representatives of the Senate groups respectively for and against the measure. It is understood the Senate Judiciary Committee will take up the bill with the idea of setting the date for a public hearing.

## Letters

### Kerr

#### 'Stares

To the New

Your sage, me of Rodin and stares thoughts: I thinking one thousand four words. I am a shrewd eyes: No of carnage of humankind.

A big Yorker that even with whereat drel.

When with is no that pid of respect the will

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