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# European Traveler Cherishes Souvenirs Of Seminars Abroad

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Traveling in other countries is a wonderful way to see all of the good points of democracy and free enterprise, according to Miss Ruth Anderson of Upper Ridgeway Road, just back from a University of North Carolina Seminars Abroad tour.

"It's also a good way to whet your appetite for more trips and further study in Europe," added the personable youngest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Randolph L. Anderson of Upper Ridgeway Road.

"It was the greatest tour possible, inexpensive and most comprehensive," Miss Anderson continued.

"Before going, we had a series of meetings in Chapel Hill; spent a week visiting embassies in Washington and talking with officials about countries we were to visit. In practically all cities we were met by officials and students. There were lectures for us but we had as much free time as we wanted."

Ruth continued, "Our main experience was at a Communist work camp for high school students in Yugoslavia. We sang and danced with them around the hammer and sickle. We were just young people together enjoying each other but we were working for such different goals. I thought what a shame politics can't be done away with and people live just as people."

"Wherever we went behind the iron curtain it was very depressing. We talked with officials and had wonderful lectures. But there was no freedom. You could feel the lack of it in the air and see it in the faces of the people."

"One lecturer was a former

American now working with the Economic Council in Prague. He is now a Marxist. They had to break up the meeting it got so emotional and the American students got so angry. He spoke out so strongly against the Americans and the CIA it almost turned into a patriotic demonstration.

"You can't imagine what the Berlin wall is like until you see the barred windows and the crosses at the bottom of the wall in memory of people killed trying to escape."

"In East Germany, you see the beautiful fields then all at once there are the barbed wire fences, the guards, the mine fields. It is just atrocious!"

"Even West Berlin is depressing. It is very beautiful and modern but the people have an artificial gaiety about life. Perhaps being so close to the wall, they feel they can never tell when their lives will be snuffed out."

Remembered with pleasure were skiing on the Jungfrau Mountain; attending a fraternity party with German students in Gosettingen University; "enchanted little straw markets of Florence where one can bargain with the sales people;" sharing a hunters' meal in Amsterdam with a young Dutch girl and a honeymooning American couple.

In London, Ruth turned



**FAVORITE SOUVENIR**—Print of laughing clown bought in West Berlin is Ruth Anderson's favorite reminder of a summer abroad. A senior this fall at the University of North Carolina, Ruth thinks student years are best for travel. (Daily Mail photo by Ray Wheeler)

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