

# Hotel Graf Zeppelin Stuttgart

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VORNEHMES CAFÉ - RESTAURANT 1M I. STOCK  
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Dear Janie:-

Once again I am getting far behind on my correspondence after having been almost caught up a couple of weeks ago. I guess I will have to start staying in the office at noon again, or at least coming in early from lunch, in order to get something written.

I was very glad to hear about your trip. Now you have seen New York, but probably don't feel any different than you did before. It's too bad that you didn't get to stay longer and see more, although to tell the truth I have never seen any of the famous sights of New York. I usually get there in the evening and leave in the morning, so the railroad station is the only place I really feel I know.

We have been having one of our week-long rains, and it is getting rather tiresome. There seems to be no happy medium here. Until a week ago it was hot as sin; since then it has rained every day. I had a card recently from Harry Scott, Dwight's brother, saying that he and two friends were on a bicycle trip down the Rhine and would come through Stuttgart on their way to Munich. He said I might expect him between the 13th and 15th, but so far I haven't laid an eye on him. I rather imagine they have found bicycling rather unpleasant in the rain and have stopped someplace until it is over. If they come in today (Sunday) I don't know how they will find me, as the letter I wrote Harry telling him where I lived has obviously not been received. There will be no one in the Consulate today, but perhaps he will call up some of the officers whose names are on the door and ask them where to find me.

You may be interested to hear that I have decided to leave the hotel and move into more spacious quarters. Through Mr. Treble, the Immigration Inspector, I had my attention called to a suite of three rooms in an apartment. The renter is a single lady (don't worry; she is of mature years), who wants to sub-let part of her space. First there is a little library or reading room, which is called a Herrenzimmer, in which there are a couple of easy but rather old-fashioned chairs, book cases, and a small radio. It leads directly into a bed room, with the usual German wardrobe instead of a closet. The main attraction, however, is the sitting or living room, at the back of the house. It is beautifully furnished with new furniture, modern but not modernistic. There are several comfortable chairs, a magnificent desk of mahogany (probably artificial), more book cases, and a large radio. One whole corner of the room is occupied by windows, from which you get a marvelous view of Stuttgart. The place is located on one of the hills which surround Stuttgart, thus

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making the outlook very pleasant. The owner will take care of the cleaning and heating, furnish the bed linen, and serve breakfast very morning for RM. 250 a month. Besides that, for a little extra I can have my laundry done there, which will be convenient.

The bath room facilities are not anything wonderful. There is not a private room, and the bath tub is not of the most recent variety, but I think that will work out all right, as the lady explained that she got up at 7 every morning and only took a few minutes in the bath room, due partly to the fact that she only takes a bath once a week. She was somewhat horrified when I said I would probably take a bath every day, and said there would have to be a slight extra charge for it. However, I think I can lump all these things together and have them included in the government rent allowance. Even with all these things included it will be much less than the one room I now have at the hotel. Incidentally, my application for rent allowance has not yet been acted upon, although made about the first of July. I hope it will come through before the end of the month, as I have paid my own rent now for two months, which takes quite a bit out of the pocket. Another disadvantage is that it is a moderate distance from town - too far to walk unless you have a lot of time. However, it is not far from a street car line, and furthermore, it is very close to where L'Heureux and Dr. Rinck live, so I will be able to drop in on them in the evening. On the whole, I think the change is all for the best, as they tell me the hotel is not well heated in the winter. Of course, I have no guarantee that this place will be any better, but at least it is easier to complain when you are the only tenant.

You, and more especially Daddy, might be interested to hear about one difference between European and American radios. In addition to the wave bands that we have, they also use a longer wave length, above 550kc. Naturally there isn't room for many stations there, as each one takes up a lot of ~~room~~ space, but one of the stations there is very interesting. It is located in Luxemburg, and they have hit upon the excellent idea of broadcasting programs especially for Great Britain. As you know, the government-controlled radio of England does not carry any advertising. Some brilliant individual hit upon the idea of gaining advertising rights over the Luxemburg station for all the British Empire, and every Sunday the whole day is taken up with the broadcast of English programs of the regular American type. For instance, this morning I heard Ray Noble and several other well-known dance bands, each one sponsored by some British manufacturer of tea, breakfast food, and so on. All the Americans here get a big kick out of the programs, as they are

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the best jazz programs we can get here. All the European radios have this long wave band in addition to the regular ones that we have. I understand the BBC is very angry about this Luxemburg station, but so far they have been unable to do anything.

The Jewish situation here is getting worse instead of better. About the end of July new decrees were published stating that on the September 30 the license to practice of all Jewish doctors is to be considered revoked. It will be possible for a few to receive temporary licenses if they fought in the front lines during the war, or are specially recommended by the Chamber of German Physicians. On the same date Jews will be barred from the position of travelling salesman, in which very many have been employed recently. In many instances I have encountered, Jewish factory-owners have been forced to sell out, and then have been employed by the company they formerly owned as salesmen, so as to take advantage of their contacts and their intimate knowledge of the business. However, this too is to end.

As a result, we have had a perfect flood of registrations. Our mail has mounted from 300-400 letters a day to over a thousand. It is so much that two people working all day are unable even to open it, much less do anything about it. As a result, most of the staff and officers worked Saturday afternoon yesterday, partly on opening mail and partly separating the documents into those who applied before August 1 and those who applied after. In the latter case, we are merely putting the documents in an envelope and sending them back to the intending-emigrant with a form letter stating that we have so many application ahead of his that he cannot be reached for about six months, and consequently he will have at that time to secure up-to-date affidavits of support and evidence from his sponsors in America. This is causing a lot of heart burning among the unfortunates, but there is nothing we can do about it. We estimate the waiting time on the Polish quota now at about two years, and that for the small Czech, Rumanian and Hungarian quotas stretches out into an indefinite future. Perhaps I should explain that the quota to which a person belongs is determined entirely by the place of birth, not by nationality. In this way troubles about dual nationality are avoided. However, it is very hard to explain to a person born in the Polish Corridor when it was German, and who has lived in Germany and been a German citizen all his life, that he is on the Polish quota and will have to wait two years or more.

It is now time to wind up, as Treple is sitting here waiting for me to go out to eat. I'm glad to hear that you and Jim C. have been having a good time. Give him my best. Love to all,

*William*