

A woman with a red headscarf, wearing a blue long-sleeved shirt over a white apron, is seated on a green wooden chair. She is peeling a potato with a knife. A large wooden bowl filled with potatoes sits on her lap. The background features a rustic brick wall and a weathered wooden door. To the left, there is a large, empty terracotta pot and some green foliage.

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West VISITS THE OLD SOUTH



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Dear Reader:

Ever since I read "Gone With the Wind" and saw the movie, I've had an urge to go south ... to meet some of those swell-looking southern girls and smell magnolia in bloom and chase fireflies in the dusk ... maybe even buy myself a small plantation and settle down ...

Well, you know how it is. We seldom get around to doing all the things we dream about.

But then I got to thinking. After all - if you're going to take a trip across the continent anyway, you might just as well go through the south. It only takes a few days longer, and it's certainly worth the extra time. And it doesn't cost any more. So ...

... I went to old New Orleans for a day that stretched into a week, and then headed west on Southern Pacific's Sunset Route ... west across Louisiana's bayou country ... to Houston, San Antonio, El Paso ... and on through Southern Arizona to California.

I could write pages about the things I did and saw, but these pictures do a better job. Let's have a look at them ...

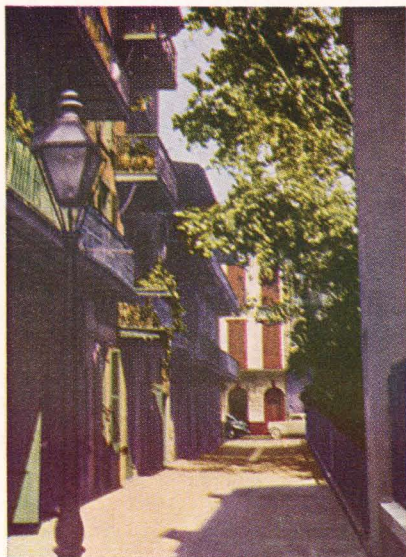
Your roving correspondent has the time of his life in New Orleans and the Old South



1. CANAL STREET (America's widest business thoroughfare) separates new New Orleans from the French Quarter. The Mississippi River is in the distance.
2. PONTALBA APARTMENTS - first apartment houses in America (completed in 1850) - flank historic Jackson Square on two sides. Once the homes of aristocracy, today they house students, artists, writers.

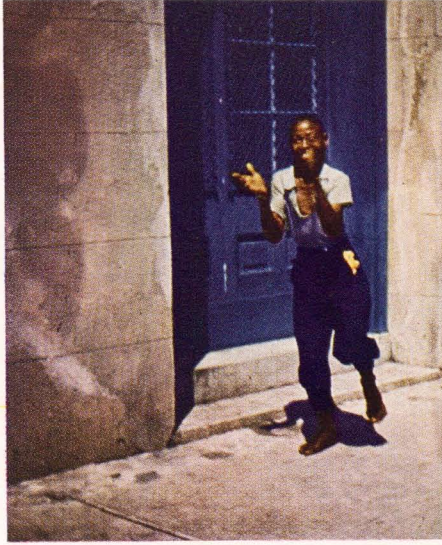


3. ST. LOUIS CATHEDRAL (1794) faces Jackson Square, in the heart of the Vieux Carre, and is flanked by the storied Cabildo, early Government house (1795), and by the Presbytere, begun before 1794.
4. STROLLING ALONG PIRATES' ALLEY or looking across a colorful crazy-quilt of rooftops in the Vieux Carre, you may well imagine yourself transported to Paris' Montmartre on the banks of the Seine.





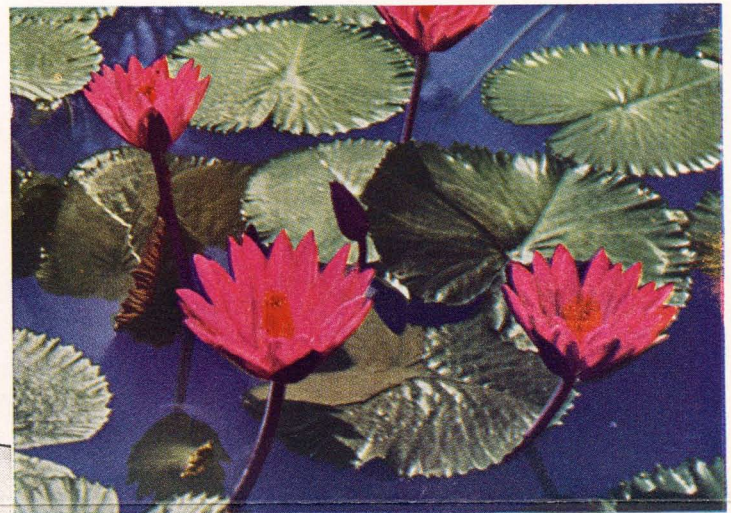
5. SPANNING THE "FATHER OF WATERS" at New Orleans is this monumental Public Belt Bridge, finest of 15 major spans across the Mississippi River. It was completed December 1935, cost 13 million dollars. Southern Pacific trains cross the Mississippi on this world's longest railway bridge (4.4 miles long).



6. "YES, SAH ... I GOT RHYTHM!" This grinning lad was caught in the act of giving free rein to his animal spirits. Sights like this are common on the streets of New Orleans and throughout the Old South.



7. THE EVANGELINE COUNTRY of Louisiana recalls Longfellow's poem. The Acadians settled here on the shore of Bayou Teche. Their descendants are known as "Cajuns."



8. BESIDE PLACID RIVERS, and framed in fragrant magnolia and heavy oak trailing wisps of Spanish moss, stands many a colonial mansion whose stately pillars could whisper the story of gay plantation parties and gallant courtships in days of old had they voice to speak.

9. ALONG THE BAYOU TECHE. "Bayou" is a regular term used in the lower Mississippi basin to define a meandering stream or small river characterized by an imperceptible current.



... Yes, I had the time of my life in New Orleans. And if you're looking for adventure and plenty of atmosphere, I recommend the Vieux Carre. You'll find them there, all right. Find them as you explore narrow, balcony-hung streets that remember the faces of Andrew Jackson and Jenny Lind and that incredible pirate Lafitte - to mention a few of the famous characters who took New Orleans into their hearts.

You'll find them, too, in quaint courtyards, intriguing little shops and in the grand restaurants where one quickly learns the vast difference between "dining" and merely having dinner! Every building on every street in the old French Quarter is rich in history: the French Market (don't miss coffee and ...), the Spanish Arsenal, Old Mint, Old Absinthe House, Paul (Chess Champion) Morphy's House, the Napoleon House, Haunted House ... I could go on for pages!

In addition to the Vieux Carre, you'll want to visit New Orleans' many other points of unusual interest ... see its colonial mansions, gorgeous gardens and beautiful residential district. But enough of these reminiscences! With the humble suggestion that you discover New Orleans for yourself, I close, as always -

"West's"

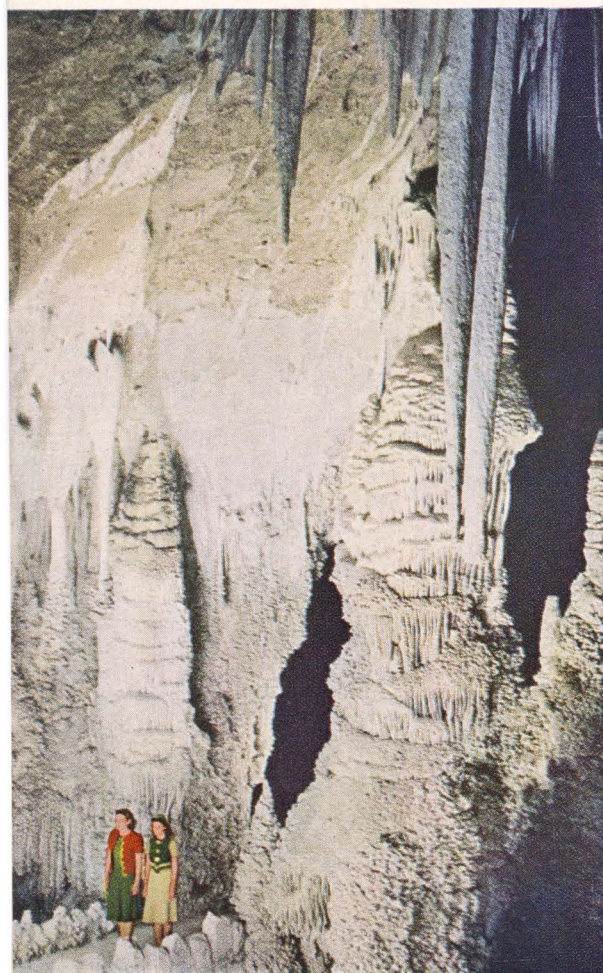
Roaming Correspondent



Houston — bright, prosperous city of shining skyscrapers and inviting boulevards — is linked with the Gulf by a great ship canal. Few American cities can boast such astonishing recent growth as this Lone Star State metropolis.



Speeding across the vast rolling plains of West Texas, the world of mighty cities and many men is forgotten. All that matters are those wide open spaces and the way the setting sun paints buttes and mesas with brilliant colors.



Carlsbad Caverns. Fastest tour to this National Park is from El Paso, on the main line of S. P.'s Sunset and Golden State Route trains. You can arrive in El Paso in the morning, visit the Caverns, leave on an S. P. train that night.

Only Southern Pacific has through trains between New Orleans and California

BANDS of heavy steel link New Orleans and California. This is the Sunset Route of Southern Pacific. Whenever you hear mention of this famous southern route to the Pacific Coast you also hear the names of two great trains: the *Sunset Limited* (New Orleans-Los Angeles-San Francisco) and the *Argonaut* (New Orleans-Los Angeles).

These only through trains between New Orleans and California are noted for the excellence of their accommodations: luxurious Pullmans, restful modern lounge cars, comfortable chair cars and coaches, tourist sleeping cars—all air-conditioned.

Trains from the east, midwest and the southeastern seaboard make direct connections at New Orleans with either the *Sunset Limited* or the *Argonaut*. From New York or Washington you can speed through Virginia and the Carolinas on the romantic Washington-Sunset Route to New Orleans. There are also convenient connections from Chicago, including a popular through Pullman to California that allows you a full day of sightseeing in New Orleans before departure of the *Argonaut*.

If you live in New England or in the vicinity of New York, you may sail to New Orleans on Southern Pacific's *S. S. Dixie*, enjoying a sunny five-day cruise south along the Atlantic coast, around the tip of Florida and across the Gulf of Mexico. Ticket cost this way is slightly more than by rail, but minimum stateroom and meals aboard ship are included.

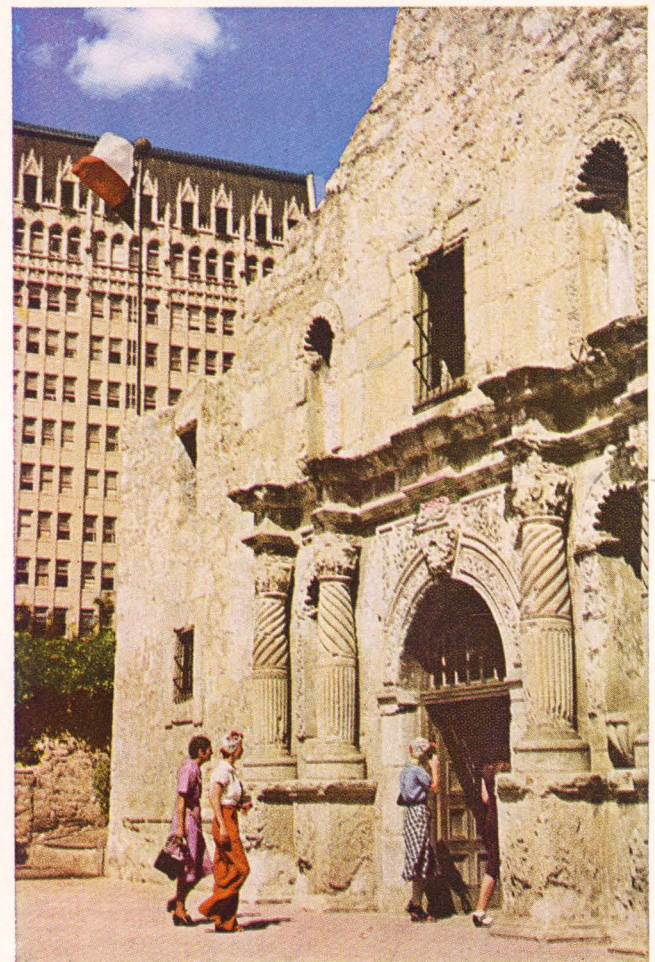
From New Orleans you speed west to California on singing rails of steel . . . west across the bayouland of Louisiana, west across Texas — through San Antonio and Houston and El Paso (Carlsbad Caverns National Park is an easy one-day side trip) — west through Southern Arizona's sunny guest ranch and resort country where summer spends the winter . . . and on to Palm Springs and Los Angeles and San Francisco. You can stop over anywhere en route!

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San Antonio, built around many picturesque windings of the San Antonio River, is noted for her tree-bowered walks, attractive homes and quaint bridges over the river—in curious contrast to the tall, modern buildings nearby. Winter travelers frequently stop over in San Antonio.



"Remember the Alamo!" On a memorable day in March 1836, 182 gallant Texans in this tiny mission fortress heroically fought an army of 4,000 Mexicans, choosing death rather than surrender. Today the Alamo centers modern San Antonio.