

CADET SLOUCH by Jim Earle



"I've always heard you could make good grades if you take good notes! Now that I've tried it, I'm not sure!"

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HOWDY from PARIS, FRANCE

by J. Donald Deliz
Paris by Candle-light
I went to Paris' famous Notre Dame cathedral the other day when some of its Medieval splendor was returned to it. This was on one of the famous three days that we have had in Paris this summer.

These were three days when Parisians faced a twelve hour period without gas or electricity from six in the morning to six at night. This was due to utilities strike.

The French unions often call for these short stoppages in order to call attention to their demands. People are more apt to think about these things when they have little personal inconveniences like this. The electrically operated underground transit system, called the Metro, did not operate on these days forcing people to use surface buses and cars. The traffic on these days was something more akin to Dante's *Inferno* than modern-day Paris.

Notre Dame is located right where Paris had its beginnings, on the Ile de la Cite, an island in the middle of the Seine.

Cesar wrote about this island which was all there was to Paris when he conquered Gaul. The city was then called Lutecce and the tribe of Gauls who lived there were the Parisii. How Lutecce became Paris nobody knows, but it does sound better, even though a rose by any other name smells as sweet.

In the eleven hundreds they built the noble Gothic Cathedral of Notre Dame on the Ile de la Cite, and since then through it has filed almost anyone who has been famous in letters, politics and art since that time. That is the feeling I get when I am there.

It has stained-glass windows which change the mood in the interior, but I had always missed this on other visits due to the

electric lighting put there for the tourists. However, the strike of the utility workers benefitted me in this respect, for with the strike there were few sightseers and the stained-glass windows gave me the feeling of quiet piety which it was originally intended to give.

The people of Paris go on as if nothing were different during these stoppages. They have almost an English attitude of keeping a stiff upper lip and that sort of thing. The places of business carry on as well as possible. They use candles in the stores, and restaurants serve cold drinks.

I went to a little cafe in Saint-Germain, and since it started to rain I had to sit inside in the candle-lit interior. Apparently, I was not the only one taken to reminiscing because of the soft lights. I had to share a table with an old gentleman and his beautiful blonde daughter. He suddenly began to tell me some facts that would make any history class, studying the First World War, "twist" with excitement.

It seems that in 1914, when he was a mere slip of a boy, he remembered sitting in this very cafe the day that Paris heard the boom of German guns, the "Big Berthas" used in World War I. He recalled how the people felt fear in their hearts and how he observed that all the available taxis were mobilized and the very people of Paris rushed to the Marne. This is a nearby town.

They were ready to fight hand-to-hand combat to protect their city—"la belle Paris" filled with its many treasures. He said this as he looked out at the heavy traffic that was passing the cafe, and said "If I close my eyes, my mind can go back to that very day, because of the noise."

His daughter gave me a flashing smile, as if to say, "Papa is funny, always telling stories." And since I agreed with her, I

Women Flock To Be WAC's

SEOUL (AP) — The South Korean Women's Army Corps has no recruiting problem. It's busy turning down volunteers — and competition to join the corps is getting tougher.

Lt. Col. Park Eul-hi, commandant of the WAC training center in Seoul, says that the center is drawing three times as many applicants as it can take in.

The number of applicants has noticeably increased since the military revolution in May, 1961. "This is a proof that the military now commands more respect from the people," says the colonel.

It was not always so. Some years back the center occasionally had only eight or nine applicants for one training cycle.

The women's corps has come a long, hard way to reach its present position.

Korean women were traditionally confined to their homes and only recently were granted an equal social status with men.

No one could expect any girls in military uniform about two decades ago.

The Korean War changed the picture completely. To stop the onrush of Communist aggressors across the 38th parallel, women could not remain in their traditional back seat.

Shortly after the war began in June, 1950, the army started training some 500 volunteers as women soldiers.

The Women's Army Corps was officially founded on Sept. 6, 1950, and the total of women soldiers increased to about 1,000 by July, 1953, when the shooting war ended.

During the war, some WACs, outfitted in army fatigues and boots and carrying carbines and

M-1 rifles, saw combat side by side with the men. But their primary task was in the field of psychological warfare.

Many of them were sent to frontline divisions to read propaganda messages over the loud speaker across the firing line to North Korean Communist soldiers.

At least a dozen WACs were either killed or missing in action, and 19 received medals for their contributions to the war effort.

After the armistice, the corps started giving technical training. Now recruits receive 20 weeks training in clerical work or communications before they are sent out as private first class to various units. Their training courses include the use of weapons and such feminine subjects as sewing and home economics.

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