

CHAPTER 1

Another Year -1971

January started out normally at the office with no big meetings or long distance travel. We had the usual Monday morning staff meetings and a convention planning meeting on the 18th. I noted in my Pocket Planner that air travel in 1970 totaled 92,356 miles.

On The Road Again

It was on the road again in February. I don't know if he saw his shadow or not, but on Groundhog Day it was 8° below zero as I headed for O'Hare Airport and my 64th Atlantic crossing. I took an Air France flight to Orly Airport in Paris.

I spent Wednesday and Thursday with Culligan France and on Friday flew to Brussels. Monday through Wednesday we worked on the Diegem budget for the coming year.

Flew from Brussels to Milan and on to Bologna on Thursday. We worked on the Italian budget while I was there. After the weekend with the Chili brothers, at Culligan Italiana, I headed for Rome on Sunday evening. That happened to be Valentines Day so I found a cheap gold bracelet for Gladys in the Duty Free shop at the Rome Airport. I don't recall the price in Lira, but it translated to about \$7.00 U.S.

On Monday the 15th I flew from Rome to JFK Airport in New York, and on to O'Hare, arriving home at Chapel Court about 6:00 pm. Gladys said it had been cold, in the zero to fifteen above range, practically the whole time I was gone. There was quite a bit of snow on the ground too.

After a week in the office, it was off to Toronto on the 24th. We spent Thursday and most of Friday working on their budget.

The next Wednesday, 3 March, it was off to Mexico City for a Thursday and Friday look at the Culligan Mexicana budget. By the way, all of these stops where I am reviewing budgets are wholly owned subsidiaries of Culligan International.

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On Tuesday 23 March it was a one day round trip to Culligan of Canada. The next day Jim flew to St. Louis to visit girl friend Carol's parents. He returned, to O'Hare on Sunday morning, and then took off for his return to Ripon.

Eating Out

Friday evening, the 26th of March, we took Mom and Dad Potter to dinner at the Grove Inn. It was operated by Fritz Miller and his wife, Margaret. They are the ones who bought our house at 1429 Cedar Lane after we left for Belgium.

The following Tuesday the International Trade Club of Chicago had a luncheon for the U.S. Ambassador to Switzerland at the Mid American Club in the Prudential Building in downtown Chicago. As Vice President of the Club I sat at the head table but the President took care of all the introductions and announcements.

On the 14th of April it was Lunch at the TWA Ambassadors Club. Because of my frequent flights aboard TWA I was an invited guest.

New Wheels

Our 1968 Chrysler New Yorker had accumulated 30,170 miles, mostly driving back and forth to see Dad while he was convalescing in Elkhorn and Madison hospitals.

We decided to trade it in on a new '71 model at Gerald Motors in Skokie, IL.



1971 Lincoln Continental Mark III. The color was called "Ginger Moondust Metallic." We took delivery on Saturday the 17 of April 1971.