

CANALS: WATERWAYS: CLEANLINESS: NATURAL BEAUTY:

On a trip down and around town on a large passenger barge, our attention was called to the leaning row of apartments, the oldest buildings in town. They all seem one way, all occupied. When the one on the end will fall, the whole row will follow suit, just like Humpty Dumpty who sat on a wall. A good deal of the city is actually set on islands as they are surrounded by canals. Water, water everywhere but who drinks that with so many cafes available? Large passenger boats leave for many overnight trips to various cities along the coast. Pardon me, did I fail to say they were large? I cannot begin to tell all we saw. I will just say this: the city of Amsterdam is a splendid example of cleanliness which is next to Godliness! A beautiful city! It has been a long day: As you fly into the sun you have had a very short night. This might seem a surprise, but it takes the body two or three days in which to adjust to the change.

DENMARK:

Thursday morning the 12th of August. We have sunshine. Our hotel is just across the Freeway from a large alfalfa hay drying plant! Left at 9:15 aboard Seneca DC9, for Denmark. What a beautiful country. As you pick up altitude the many canals again look like silvers of steel shining, as they reflect the sun. Hitting light cloud cover with just short peaks of country below. Now right below are 10 billion backs of herd of sheep..Not a shepherd in sight! Sudden change of scenery..Snow capped mountains! We are approaching Denmark. Breakfast is served in a very cozy setting of clouds just as an aid to your digestion. View of Denmark: small patches of farms; small island off port side; then a small area of Germany. "Buckle your seat belts, please. Landing in Copenhagen." Elevator going down to main floor! 10 A.M. Temperature 76 degrees. Number of sea going ships putting out to sea. Now how was that for a perfect landing? Mother Earth streaking by with all the area between runways in grain. "Fill'er up please, I'm sure the old is O.K." This section of Denmark is level and everything very neat.

STOCKHOLM:

10:50 A.M. Stockholm our next stop in 55 minutes. More of that beautiful countryside sliding by with sky below...The largest skating rink I have ever seen. Out of the Wild Blue Yonder---there is Stockholm..Landing in 15 minutes.Cloudy, rain!

MEETING OUR HOST.....

We pick up our luggage and then it happened! There at the rail, waiting is Carl--. I am about to meet one of the finest of gentlemen and one of our hosts. He and his partner handle all Gulligan International Product in Sweden and Denmark. The airport is fourteen miles from the city. Carl piled our luggage in his car and we headed for the big city of Stockholm! At the edge of town Carl pulled into a very beautiful old restaurant at the end of a lake. Back in the 16th century the restaurant building had been used as a stable for the king's horses. At the front two beautiful beech trees planted by the queen of that period. The scenery has changed! Beautiful lush green growth of evergreens take over in spite of the fact that they are growing out of cracks on solid granite! They are beautiful! It reminds me of our own northern Wisconsin. Flowers, what beauty! It must be due to the high humidity and cool temperature which makes the colors so bright!

All good friends of Walworth Wis., USA Garden Club would die with envy if they could see those flowers!