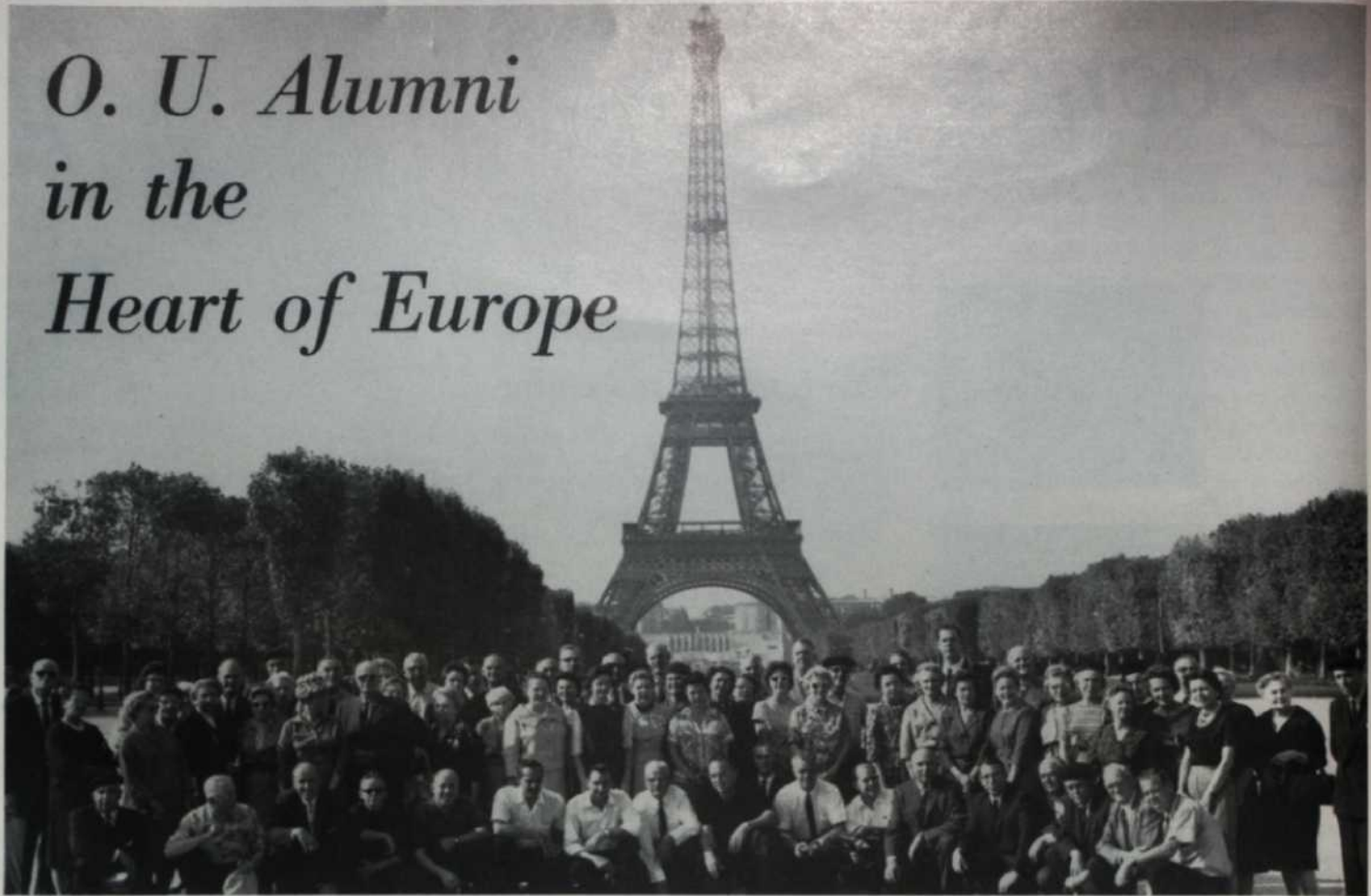


O. U. Alumni in the Heart of Europe



FOR the 76 participants in the O.U. "Heart of Europe" tour, the 23-day trip was a whirlwind of activity—through England, Holland, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Italy and France.

They even took along their own foreign correspondent, Charles Engleman, *Clinton Daily News* publisher and president of United Press International Editors of Oklahoma, who sent back dispatches describing the trip. In London, he said, the Sooner party had trouble adjusting to wrong-way traffic and no ice water with their meals.

From London the party went on to Holland where the motor caravan had to drop its "Big Red" sign when several natives asked if the group was from Russia.

The next stop was West Germany where the Sooners found U.S. troop morale high despite tense conditions. The group saw the German vineyards on their trip up the Rhine River valley, toured the ruins of old Heidelberg castle and traveled among the prosperous reconstruction areas before going on to Lucerne, Switzerland.

At a rest stop in the Tyrolean Alps the group was serenaded—in English—by a group of tourists from England who had identified the caravan with the stage play and movie "Oklahoma!"

The entire trip on the continent of

Europe was made in two buses with glass tops and built-in public address systems so the guides could give a running account of the various historic points on the route.

In Venice the Sooners had a new experience. No motor vehicles—no traffic noise. On their sightseeing excursions they either walked or took a gondola or motor launch.

After Venice the tour went on to Rome where several Oklahomans joined a crowd of 10,000 at a public audience with Pope John XXIII. After visiting the Coliseum and other historic points the group left for a look at the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the French Riviera and then on to Paris.

Paris was the last stop on the tour and everyone took advantage of a last opportunity to acquire a little of the European look with new hairdos or jaunty berets. From September 5 to 28 the Sooners had soaked up the European atmosphere, but after a last picture of the group in front of the Eiffel Tower, they headed home.

Included in the group were Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Adler, Harry Kornbaum, Mrs. W. D. Grisso, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Caston, Frank Cleckler, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Dawson, Mr. and Mrs. Earl DeVilbiss, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Duncan, Mrs. Claudia Kooser, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Matthews, Mrs. Stanley Price, Mrs. L. B. Selman, Mr. and Mrs.

Gordon White and Col. and Mrs. Lawrence Wood, all of Oklahoma City; Mr. and Mrs. Guy Brown, Mrs. Elmer Capshaw, Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Cross, Braden Cross, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kraft, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wallace and Mrs. C. A. Weaver, all of Norman; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Engleman and Dr. and Mrs. James Tisdal, of Clinton; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Garnett and Mr. and Mrs. John Henry, of Altus; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hart and Mr. and Mrs. William D. Kiebler, of Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Clara Fern Jones and Mrs. Lottie Shamks Wingham, of Ardmore; Mr. and Mrs. William Love and Dr. and Mrs. D. L. Wenrick of Wetumka; Mr. and Mrs. H. L. McQuiston and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Smethers, of Wichita, Kansas; Comdr. and Mrs. John Slade and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Puckett, of McAlester; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Barton, Phoenixville, Pennsylvania; Dr. and Mrs. Luther Brawner, Richmond, Virginia; John Bryant, Antlers; Mr. and Mrs. Don Dickason, Albuquerque, New Mexico; H. T. Hazel, Lawton; Mrs. Rosemary C. Hitt, Rixeyville, Virginia; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Johnson, Duncan; Miss Audrey Dell Kelfer, San Antonio, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McEachin, Tulsa; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Reeds, Newcastle, and Mrs. Osie Van Valkenburgh, Blackwell.