

"Hotel (Vetco) Portugal"
 Quinta Portugal

Friday June 20-

Dear People:

It appears we are fixed up. yesterday we were called in to Lisbon along with two others. One man was sent back into France but to Marseilles, the other is staying here in Lisbon as we are.

The nicest part is that the Consul a Mr Wiley who was in Paris, has told me that he called to Washington to ask if it would not be possible to take me on a temporary basis. If you are assigned Temporarily you get six dollars per person per day in addition to your salary - (we get \$1.2 for me)

Some lucky ones in Vichy have been getting that for a year! As life in Portugal is very expensive we are much relieved by the Consul's kind act. We are very glad to stay here. As I said in my first letter, it is a delightful country and the people

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 are amiable. If they only spoke Spanish! Their language in the States on the rose as far as I am concerned. But we shall take it up as soon as we are settled. Mr Wiley spoke about a medal furnished a pt personal certificate by some Pan American air way man, which would suit a fella than a "Pensão" as they say here. Also it would be cheap & simple. Altho I should have to have a medal all the time, since I don't speak this language. (There was a long pause here & I take care of the shipment of a trunk to Lisbon.)

What a relief it is to know we have a fine job again - still! We had pictures ourselves going the unemployed or the army and altho the idea of seeing you and the N.S. again was very tempting indeed, etc, other one (max) quit. The rest of the 50 odd people here are still in Brazil as it were, including our friends the

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Allen - who found the F. Servicette
 same day Jones did. We were lucky
 especially as I think we are going
 to get along well with the men
 down at the Consulate. Jones went
 into work this morning, thus ending
 a short but pleasant vacation.

We have become brown as
 rye and are getting hourly fat
 on this over abundant Portuguese
 food. We start off our meals with a
 thick soup or an omelette, go on to a
 generous portion of delicious fish with
 potatoes, then diving into meat
 with two vegetables, more on to a salad,
 dive into pudding, and come up
 to the surface on a sea of assorted
 fruit. Quelle vie! In Paris towards
 the end you were allowed only 3
 major courses consisting of soup
 one hors d'oeuvre, two vegetables or
 fish & 1 veg or (at lunch) bringing
 on the fourth meat days. 90 grams ^{the} ~~the~~

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 If you took meat or poultry you could
 not have your 20 grams of cheese
 which you had the right 2 times a
 week (if there was any). Fruit was
 course the only ~~ingredient~~ ^{secret} ~~ingredient~~ of pastries
 pastry was illegal and the ingredients
 of puddings etc were none of it. But
 the spite of the sound of it you could
 get away with that amount of food
 & get along well on it, although for
 growing children and hard manual
 workers it was insufficient. The people
 eat large quantities of bread however
 so the ration of 275 grams per day
 was not enough for them. (Horror
 as you note, the ration in Spain is only
 80 gram. per day!)

The well to do never suffered because
 they bought butter, meat etc on the
 marché noir!

What a different world here! You can
 buy anything you want (with money)
 It seems like paradise: no ~~special~~
 no special days. No "Jews" for

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that matter the last two months
only get cigarettes 15 min a day by
standing in line.

We no longer like American
cigs, we always smoke dark tobacco
which is much cheaper in amount.

We have been having a
lovely time climbing mountains
swimming, taking sun baths, going
to a bull fight "holding" bull heads.

Now we can hardly wait to
hear from you. I hope all of you
are going to start right in
writing thousands of letters to
make up for lost time -

Much love

ME -