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They are retired for the most part, doctors, dentists, lawyers, teachers, shop owners, butchers, bakers, and all but candle stick makers. They have modest incomes—enough to buy a trailer ranging in price from 1700 to 5000 dollars—but there is one thing there is not. There are no millionaires. Some people along the way might be misled by a sleek Cadillac and an Airstream trailer. They don't buy Cadillacs because they are heftily rich but simply because Cadillacs are good cars.

They are not millionaires but they are buyers and at a meeting of the group held after a two day visit in Toluca it was found that they had purchased a total of \$11,000 (dollars) worth of baskets and other native craft.

This caravan will roll southward after a week in the Capital, then return from the Pacific shore and wind along the highway through Puebla and on to Guatemala where they will undoubtedly be as warmly welcomed as they have been so far in Mexico or as all the caravans are greeted throughout the world.

This caravanning isn't purely confined to the North American continent. There was one to Canada in 1954 and another in 1956 where those Canadians among the "No Hay Quinto Malo" tour through Mexico must have seen the happy gypsies and decided it would be a won-

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**"THE TRAILERS are coming"** was the cry that went up along the Paseo de la Reforma and Avenida de las Palmas as the polished pachyderms rolled into the city yesterday for a one week visit of the 5th Wally Byam Trailer Caravan to Mexico.



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**"GOPHER HOLES"** are the first project of caravaneers on reaching the day's end oasis. In the smaller towns along the way there is usually an abundance of small boys standing by in the manner of small boys who once waited for the treasured opportunity of watering elephants. The arrival of the Byam caravan must have taken the Loma Hermosa neighborhood youngsters by surprise and so caravaneers themselves "gopher-holed" as did Max Luckenotte in the foreground. The Luckenottes are from Tacoma, Washington, and found Guanajuato one of the most interesting places they have visited. There they met a young Mexican couple from Mexico City who were honeymooning and who were curious

## Another Gabor

HOLLYWOOD, Feb. 2. (AP)—Actress Eva Gabor said today that her husband Dr. John Williams, has agreed to divorce.

"I'm very glad he was willing to do this," the actress said.

Miss Gabor and the physician married April 8, 1956. They announced their separation last Nov. 29.

about trailer interiors. The Luckenottes were delighted to invite them to lunch in their caravan cottage parked near the historic spot of "El Pipila's" heroic deed.

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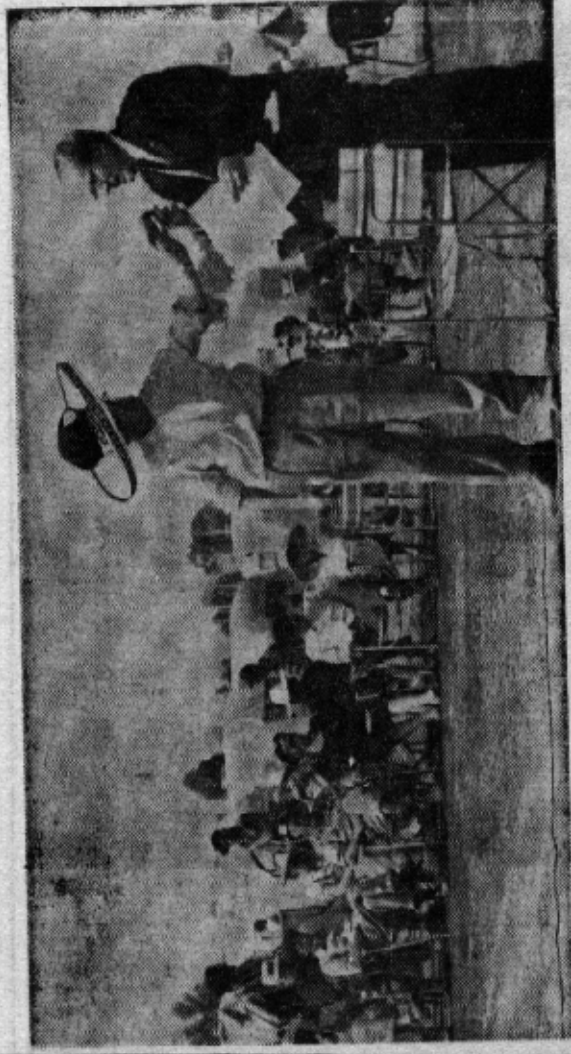
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# Caravan Diplomat



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BYAM, left, wearing the traditional blue beret stop a sombrero, hands the mike to "Pan-cho" Lona who greeted the travellers and outlined the program for their week here.

**CARAVAN DIPLOMAT** Wally Byam proudly displayed the finely made cabinet of inlaid woods which he bought in Zacatecas. Behind him on the wall is a typical mask from Michoacan. The cabinet, a music box, is also well supplied with glasses of all sizes, and well stocked with liquid refreshments to complement fabulously furnished trailer from doormat to bathtub. His wife arrives today by air after a stop off to see her favorite dentist.

## Trailers...

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derful way to while away a would be disagreeable winter.

### CUBAN CARAVAN

When the caravan to Cuba rolled into Havana they were greeted by none less than President Fulgencio Batista who came to the campsite at the very door of the American Embassy where Ambassador Graham proudly hailed them as a three dimensional display of the American way of life. Tons of black on white literature, and most enticing publications in color had been distributed by the Embassy as is the manner of distribution of information but the alert Ambassador was aware of the impact of the genial garden variety of Americans. They were even recruited to carry along with them some of the attractive publications and found an eager reading public out along the highways which ribboned off to the shoes of the country.

### EUROPE

In Europe they were welcomed on arrival by the United States' Madame Ambassador, Clore Booth Luce, in Rome, and found the same warm reception awaiting them on entering other Capitals, Brussels, Bonn, Trieste, Paris.

Next year the European Caravan will be in Brussels for the great International Exposition and in Milan and in Frankfurt for the colorful fairs there.

### CIVIC CENTER

Wherever they go the civic center is set for activity before the last trailer has been shepherded into place by the caboose. There is not one but two doctors trailers, nurses, interpreter, post office, entertainment office, and a chaplain. Services will be conducted this morning at 10 a. m. at the site. Some will be on morning tours to the Palace of Fine Arts or the Xochimilco gardens and will attend evening services at downtown churches.

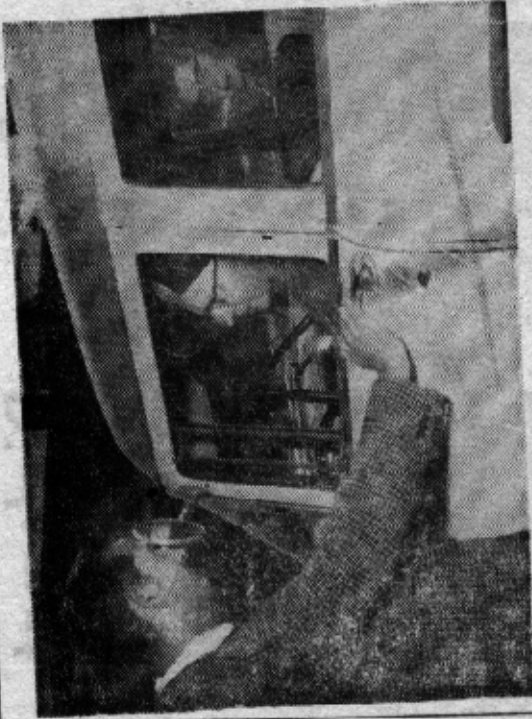
In the planning are caravans through South America and South Africa, and we suppose that when inter-planetary transportation has been perfected there will be a Wally Byam trailer caravan to the Moon, or Venus if you please.

## Outing Tragedy

CAIRO, Feb. 2 (AP) — Seventeen school children and two teachers drowned yesterday when a boat chartered for a school outing overturned in the Nile. Twenty-three others were rescued.



**IN THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE** of the Netherlands committee members of the Salvation Army Auxiliary met yesterday to plan the bridge-tea-canasta to be held in the elegantly furnished home which Mrs. H. R. van Houten has made available for the benefit on Wednesday, February 13. The residence, at Paseo de la Reforma 1805, was visited yesterday by the committee to lay out table plans in the salons and the garden. Left to right are committee heads who plan the benefit for the childrens home at Tetelpan, D. F., Mr. Rod Tofflemire, Mrs. David Lines, Mrs. David D'Agrosa, and Mrs. Frank Marx.

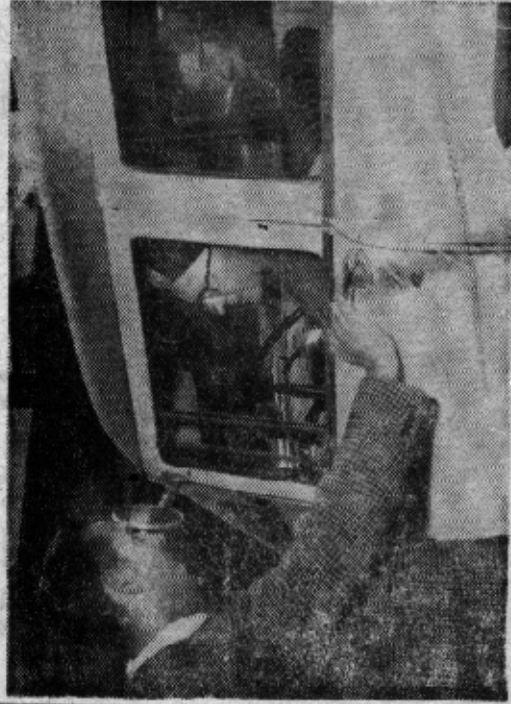


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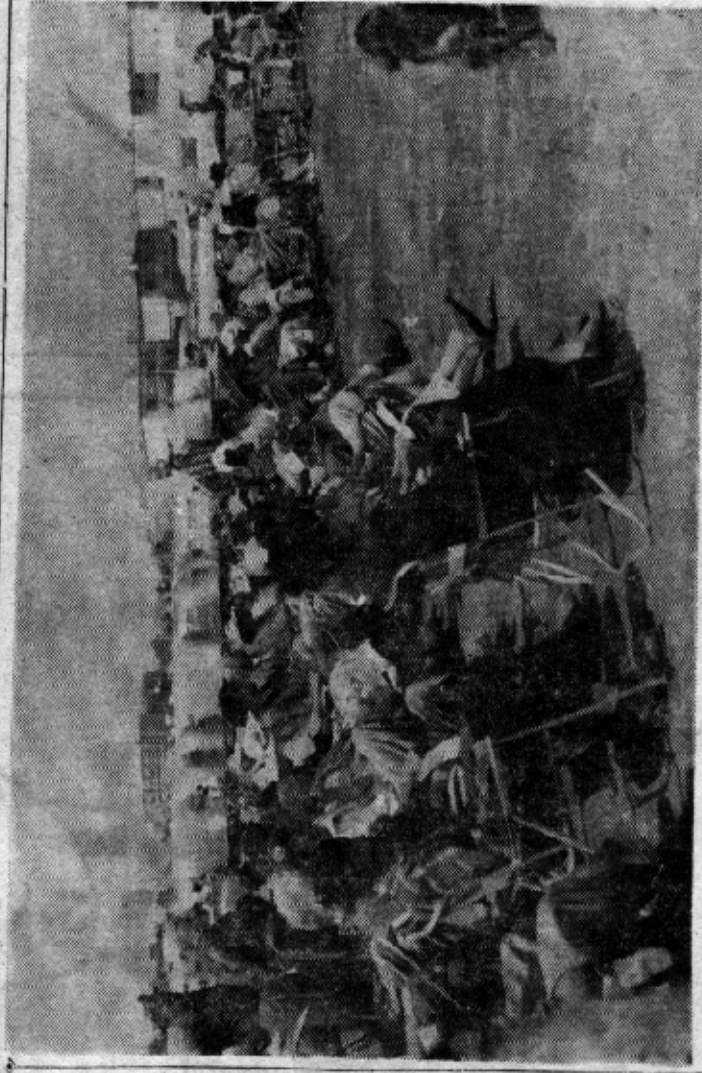


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**CAMP MEETING** time in the valley and the call goes out over the "bull horn". The caravaneers scurry, with featherweight aluminum chairs in hand, to the village common and gather round for a midday meeting. The meeting below shows a small portion of the Loma Hermosa residents of the week, was called to outline the program for the week. Evening programs of entertainment are often planned in places along the way which offer no diversion.



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