Lesley in Scandinavia

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London, bythe way! The one at Amsterdam is not as good, but they're building a new one.

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Letter written August 6.

I might as well get off my weekly letter right now, as I have already mailed off a postcard. Wow, have prices gone up here! Denmark proved my downfall, and Norway isn't going to be much better! Fodd is really pretty expensive compared to England for instance. And guidebooks and so on are more expensive, too! In Denmark I sent Mama some books, bought 3 little bits of porcelain, a polar bear, a mouse and an owl, and 3 small pieces of Bornholm made pottery - goodbye to \$50 to \$60 bukes!Today at Husfliden I bought us a carved fireplace bellows - great for the cabin some day - and goodbye \$40 butks! I still want to get some fur slippers which run about \$6 to \$7 per pair, and I have my eye on several small gifts (including a troll!) I don't plan to shop any more until I get to Bergen, where they also have an Husfliden.

Haven't said much about what I've been doing, other than spending money!

Guess what the weather's like in oslofff Well I had one sunny day - fortunately the day I went to Bornholm. Sure enough, Sara and Carl and their friends brought along a Danish flag to the airport! They have a beautiful farm and at 11 am. we sat down to an immense meal which went on for about two hours! Carl was pleased because I managed the "akvavit", but I balked at the cigars which all the Danish ladies

Smoke. Sara is very nice and sweet, and we all had a great old time. Went for a drive around the whole Island, first to Sara's parents home, then to grandma's birthplace "Tyskegaard", the old church where she was christened, and finally her

grandfather's house, quite large and grand by comparison! Bornholm really is beautiful, and has a greater variety of landscape than the rest of Denmark. Beautiful, neat farms all over. We drove around for about four hours, including a "coffee break" kind of picnic, and then sat down to another huge meal! I felt miserable all next day from so much food and could hardly look at "smørrebrød". They all enjoyed the pictures very much and of course sent greetings to everyone! I was able to get a later plane, so didn't leave until 10:45, It was absolutely puring in Copenhagen and I nearly drowned getting back to the hotel - but fortunately I've learned never to go out without my rain gear! Next day I saw Christianborg Palace, Parliament and State rooms, and some of the museums - didn't get up very early, as I was pooped and the weather was dreadful. Ended by spending too much money, as already noted! Naturally, it was sunny when I left Copenhagen and pouring again when I got to Oslo! Wonder if I'll ever get to see it in the sunshine? Hasn't changed much right in town, tho the suburbs have sure grown, and everyone and everything is much more prosperous. Spent the afternoon wandering acound town. Shopped this a.m. and then walked around Akershus Castle and took the boat to Bydgoy where I spent the rest of the day. As soon as I finished seeing the enclosed places like "Fram", "KonOTiki", and the Viking ships (marvelous!) and got to the openair folk museum, it began to rain again! and its been at it every since! I was going to see the Vigeland sculptures tonight but decided not - will see them in early a.m. Sunday, then Holmenkollen, then 3 hours at the History Museum, and then off by train to Reinsvoll at 4 p.m. Have been taking pictures, of course, but film supply is still okay - no doubt wouldn't be if the weather weren't so lousy!

Lesley's Travels, July and August 1966
Card from Amsterdam: mailed 2 p.m. 6/30/66

Arrived at 5:15 a.m. after a very smooth flight. Was cloudy all the way, but had a look at Greenland even so (at dinner time!). Sun came out here at midday so have come back to hotel to put on something cool. Killed the a.m. by going with Saca (a class mate from U.C. now teaching there), to pick up her Volkswagon. We saw quite a bit of the City by driving around before parting company. This town is wild - the drivers could teach L.A. a few tricks! Haven't had any sleep, but think I'll trot over to one of the museums for the rest of the afternoon, and go to bed with the birds. Tomorrow, tour Rotterdam and The Hague, etc. Saturday have a 4-hour tour of harbor, and neighboring ports. Saca and Louise will go on to Paris Saturday. Their hotel here is only a couple of blocks from mine. Don't think we'll meet again until Copenhagen, however. Must hurry and get on my way - while I still have the ambition!

Cards from London, written July 6 (Arrived in London on Sunday, July 3, at about 1 p.m.)

On Sunday, the 3d, went to see the P.M. by way of Trafalgar Square, where an Anti-Vietnam demonstration was in full swing. Saw the Horse Guards, and then backtracked to Westminster Abbey, and in time to see a most impressive sight, the pride of the British Navy streaming out of the Cathedral after a special service for "Men of the Sea". (P.M. washing americans that day, only members of line Cathedral)

July 4: I'm writing this from Grosvenor Sq., in front of the U.S. Embassy. I'm being splashed by the fountain, quite willingly as it's been hot and muggy here, and in Amsterdam, ever since Thursday. When I finish this I shall head back to the hotel to get ready to go to Watford. I had been going to take a bus tour yesterday, but got side-tracked at Trafalgar Square, and ended up at Westminster Abbey instead. This a.m. I headed for the Tower, arrived before opening, and took photos from the riverside, then visited the jewel tower, and then had a tour with a Beefeater - very interesting indeed. Had my first underground ride back to Trafalgar Sq. Had lunch at a Lyon's Corner House - Pimm's cup, steak and kidney pie, and trifle. Then walked from Trafalgar down Pall Mall past St. James Palace to buy maps at the British Tourist Assn. Then up

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Bond St., to Saville Row and SAS - Then over to the Embassy (which is closed today, of course!) I took a picture of Roosevelt's Statue in the Squaare, and of the famous eagle atop the embassy.....Things are a lot less expensive here than in Amsterdam. I booked two tour at American Express, to Canterbury this Thursday, and to Oxford and Blenheim next Thursday - about \$6 to \$7 each, including at least two meals. Quit good for all day tours. I also have a ticket for the opening of the London Festival performance of "Yeoman of the Guard" at the Tower of London next Monday p.m. Tomorrow Watford and Windsor, Wednesday the old City of London, Thursday Canterbury, and Friday, Billingsgate fish market and the Monument on my way to the Tower, and Pudding Lane where the fire of 1666 started.

London is ugly and dirty, full of buildings being torn down and put up, but very interesting and easy to get around, I find. I walk everywhere I can from central spots like Trafalgar - so far the feet are holding up well, and so am I. In spite of 12 hour days.

On my way to the bus this morning I walked thru the nearest little park - an old cemetery. London has parks everywhere and the flowers are beautiful - and Londoners certainly love their parks.

Amsterdam was great - a marvelous place for Americans who must be the third largest industry after dairy products and tulips. Everyone speaks English. I had two very good tours, one full day and one half day there. Am glad I'll have at least a half day there again before coming home, and at the same hotel.

Went to Buckingham, writing this while leaning up against the fence waiting for the changing of the guard. Warm and sunny, much milling about of many people as the Queen is holding an investiture.)

Just got back from having drinks at Claridge's (one of the posh hotels) with friends from California. Have been out all day, this a.m. to Buckingham Palace and shopping the rest of the day.

Had a lovely day westerday. (July 5) Windsor is a charming, quaint little town, and I love the Castle. We couldn't get into the State Apartments that day, but we did see St. George's Chapel, which is so beautiful, and we climbed to the top of the Round Tower, which has quite a view. Then we drove to Runnymede to lunch, a picnic lunch, and visited the Kennedy Memorial. Then the rain really came down, so we

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headed back to Watford and supper, and then I took the fast train to London - it's about a 15 minute ride.

Tomorrow I have a day long tour to Rochester and Canterbury cathedrals. I have a reservation, by-the-way, for two nights at Keppel's on Hard (Dad Walsh says its an Inn in Portsmouth very close to the harbor where the Fleet officers used to stay when their ships were in.) Booked it today! Everything has been miraculously easy for me - feet okay, budget (reasonably!) okay, wardrobe okay.

Written on July 11

I must confess that at the moment I'm absolutely pooped! It's noon and I am in the Pate Gallery Restaurant - have spent the morning wandering through. This afternoon I'm going back to the Abbey and possibly to Parliament, depending on the length of the line. I got back quite late from St. Alban's last night after a very nice visit with the Bartholomews and the Haygreens, (this was July 10) but I could have used a little more sleep this morning. As it was I didn't get up early enough to get to Covent Garden as I had planned. Tonight I'm to see "Yeoman" at the Tower - if it doesn't rain. It's been overcast and humid since last Tuesday - rained late yesterday afternoon and evening, and looks threatening now. I don't know how much faith to put in London weathermen, so I haven't checked the forecast yet! Had a busy week since I wrote last Wednesday. Thursday (July 7) I went on a day tour to Canterbury and Rochester Cathedrals - a little rain, again - which spoiled some of the wider views and made the Cathedrals dark, but very pleasant even so. Canterbury is a marvelous place and the town is quaint. We were taken around by a nice old verger. I tried some pictures inside, but goodness knows! Didn't get to see as much of the town as I'd like - definitely worth a longer visit. The effigies in the Cathedral are really something to see. They include the Black Prince. It's a shame how much of the cathedrals throughout England were destroyed by Thomas Cromwell under Henry VIII and Oliver Cromwell later. Can easily work up a good hate for both of them. Still, considering how much of England is given over to graves of the illustrious dead and war memorials (any war - you name it!), perhaps it's just as well that some are gone - there wouldn't be room otherwise!

Friday (the 8th) I spent in the City of London - started at the Fleet St. side worked my way up to St. Paul's, saw the Queen (really beautiful), worked my way down the other side through Lombard St. to Lloyd's. Was taken around Lloyd's by one of the "Waiters", and saw not only the famous Underwriting Room, but Lloyd's Nelson collection, which is really something. Many of Nelson's letters, the Letters Patent creating him a Baron, gifts including a lock of his hair to Lady Hamilton, the log book of the ship which recorded the famous signal "England expects", etc. I also went to the Stock Exchange and the Royal Exchange to see the Roman remains, the Guildhall which was very interesting, and visited several chruches along the way, including St. Clement Dane, St. Mary Le Bone (Bow Bells), and St. Laurence Jeevry (?). I walked all way around the Bank of England, too! I had lunch at a 1666 Inn on Watling St., and Bow Lane. In the afternoon (4 p.m.) I went back to St. Paul's (during the early evening service - lovely choir) and then saw all of St. Paul's including the Crypt. Nelson & Wellington's tombs, and lots of others, including Gordon of Khartoum, Jellicoe, Beatty, Etc., etc., and famous artists like Reynolds, Sir Arthur Sullivan, Max Beerbohm and so many more I can't begin to remember! Wellington's funeral car is there too, quite unforgettable, as its very large and very hideous. It was made from cannon taken at Waterloo. After St. Paul's I had dinner at the Cheskire Cheese and sat in Dr. Johnson's favorite corner.

Saturday morning (the 9th) I browsed thru the bookshops on Charing Cross Rd.

In the afternoon I went to the British Museum - saw the Rosetta Stone, winged lion gates from Assyria, and objects from Ur, (see our books at home) and of course the Elgin Marbles (disappointing). I walked thru the Egyptian, Roman, and Greek collections - really too much to take in. Then I went to the manuscript room - and that's where I'm going again!! Saw the lindisfarne Gospel, Magna Charta, etc., but only hit the high spots and must go back.

Yesterday (the 10th) by train to Potter's Bar and Richard's home. Mother and Dad very nice and had a marvelous time. We went to St. Albans, which is an extremely interesting Cathedral with a lot of Norman work and the Saint's shrine. Saw parts of

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Verulamium and the Roman Museum - had to do quite a bit of walking thru the Park, past the Sunday cricketers, the lovely trees, the swans on the stream - absolutely typical English Sunday - all in the pouring rain!! We had a good laugh over that! In the evening Lynne's folks came, also very nice, so friendly and pleasant. Showed them our slides and then had to dash for the last train.

Written on July 17

Today is "catch-up" day - am writing while digesting my dinner - must wash my hair and pack, ready for tomorrow. Spent the morning seeing a couple of old chruches, and bits of the Roman Wall of London, and also spent an hour jamming my way through the big Sunday open- market at Petticoat Lane - talk about cockney!!! Saw a"Pearly King", heard a skiffle band called "The Happy Wanderers", and had my picture taken holding a little monkey! Didn't buy anything, tho. Then I went back to Trafalgar Sq., and the National Gallery - hadn't seen the Portrait Gallery, which I liked ever so much, and of course went on buying color cards and a catalog. Then back to the British Museum to see the rest of the manuscript collection - absolutely fabulous! and went on buying cards and booklets there :..... I'm sorry to be leaving London - really seems quite familiar, now - can find my way around lots of it without having my nose in my map all the time. The "Tube" is great fun, tho, ever so much better than surface travel, even tho I feel like Alice falling down the rabbit hole every time I dive into a station! Tube stations are a great place to study the English, however, you see all types! Had my last look at both Picadilly and Trafalgar Sq., today - the crowds are fantastic people just mill around both places night and day!

To get back to Watford for a minute (Lesley went out there the evening before to leave all her many brochures, cards, etc., with her sister-in-law.) we had fish and chips for dinner, and then Jack drove us to a little village, very old, with a pond in the middle and stocks on the green under a big tree. We had a pint at the village pub and then they drove me to the train.

Had a great time at Cambridge yesterday, (July 16) tramping around the "Backs" in the rain! Saw a good many of the colleges, the Saturday Market Fair, and a really

first class museum, the Fitz-Williams, which ranks in the top half dozen in Britain. Am toying with the idea of seeing more of Oxford and Blenheim - may decide to cut Stratford Warwick, and Coventry, and spend the time in Oxfordshire instead. We'll see. Every American in Britain is going to Stratford - somehow the idea doesn't appeal to me.

"Yeoman" at the Tower (July 11) was so spectacular as to be unbelievable. The Tower inself is definitely the "star". First act in daylight (and I left my camera at the hotel!), and second after dark, with the battlements lit. Performance quite good, and staging excellently done using the moat, a stage, and the upper ramparts singly, or all together. Certainly glad I went - and the weather was fine!

Went in on Tuesday (July 12) and saw the car hire people - all set for tomorrow except I don't know if I'll get a guide out of London. Expect I'll manage it somehow!

Oh, yes, I've been back to the Abbey twice this week - saw it all - and even got in to Parliament only it was a day when not much was happening. Just my luck as the political scene is pretty interesting here just now, what with the financial crisis.

The run up to Hampton Court on the Thames was longer than I expected - 3½ hrs.

Thames smells like/sewer, but swans drift on it by the dozens, even in the port areas.

Up river is quite pastoral and pleasant. Liked Hampton Court - what I could see of it thru the mobs of school children. Didn't go into the famous maze, thanks to the kiddies!

Came back by train so as to get to Watford that day. (This was probably on July 4/?)(16?)

Among the things I've missed, Dickens House (saw outside only). Mrs. Tussauds (ditto), Soane and Wallace Art Collections, Regent's Park, Kew, Greenwich (Passed it on bus from Canterbury and saw glimpse of Cutty Sark), All theatres except, "Yeoman", Southwark - and I guess that's about all I really wanted to see. Did pretty well. Oh, yes, never got up early enough for Covent Garden! Bloomsbury is very handy to stay in, by-the-way, and I have seen a lot of railway stations, more or less by chance! Paddington, Marlebone, Euston, King's Cross, Waterloo - and the outsides of St. Pancreas, Liverpool, and Charing Cross! They're hard places to avoid, in fact. But I think the British RR is pretty good, tho the British complain a lot. They should have th S.P. for a while! (This last letter was marked in Lesley's writing, "Mailed from Bodiam, Sussem", on the 18th.

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I managed to get myself safely at of London (18th) without any assistance!

The hard part was finding the gears on the car - driving on the left is really quite easy. By the time I was into Kent I had gotten used to the car. I drove straight thru to Bodiam Castle in Sussex, then to Battle Abbey, where the rain began in earnest, so from Battle I cut over to Eastbourne, skipping Hastings. That was all right, really, as Pevensey is where the Conqueror landed, and Pevensey Castle, which goes back to the Romans, is right on the Eastbourne Rd. (July 19) This evening I took the ferry to Gosport This morning, tho, I drove back to Pevensey to see the castle. I had it all to myself as the weather was miserable! Then I drove to Brighton, and as I missed the turn-off to Arundel, I ended up down by the Channel across from the Royal Pavilion and the Palace Pier, so I parked and went out on the pier for a lunch of fish and chips. There were many people on the famous beach (or weren'nt?). I walked all around the pavilion but did not go in, and I wanted to get to Arundel. It's a magnificent Castle, and I spent a couple of hours wandering around. Then I drove through Chichester, but did not stop, as I was getting tired, but came on to Portsmouth.

Here's a dividend a card written and mailed from the Victory. I've been all over her - tour conducted by one of the men living aboard. I think this pen must date from Nelson's time.

Postcards mailed from Glastonbury on the 22d, (but written on the 21st, enroute)

(Picture of Pevensey Castle) Pevensey Castle, Sussex, was a great old castle - had it all to myself since it was a nasty wet day! Today, (21st) after leaving Portsmouth, and Winchester, and looking around Salisbury I drove up to Old Sarum, a high, high fortress in use since Stone-age times - only ruins now, but really lovely, and a view for miles over the Salisbury plains. Went late when there weren't many people around. Tomorrow I am going to Spenenge, then on to Glastonbury. Just had Scotch salmon at my hotel - tastes just like American. Food is pretty good, I think - haven't run into anything inedible yet! and the coffee is good - it's strong like we all like it - which is a lot stronger than most Americans drink it.

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7/21 Salisbury really is the most spectacular Cathedral from the standpoint of location - quite breathtaking at first sight. Left Portsmouth this a.m. Stopped at a Roman, Norman, and English Castle, then drove to Winchester, which is very interesting altho not as striking to look at as Salisbury. The sun decided to come out this afternoon, and the weather is now gorgeous - just exactly the opposite of what it's been for a week! Yesterday (20th) it was so overcast that I couldn't see the Isle of Wight from Portsmouth!

Am having my first picnic lunch, on the road from Sherborne to Yeovil in Dorset. Weather is warm and lovely - for a change, and I should be in Glastonbury by 3 this afternoon. Found a shady "lay-by" with a view - usually they're some place where there's nothing to look at. Saw Stonehenge early this a.m. and liked it very much, altho every one told me I wouldn't! Travel in England is very easy - roads not bad, and can't complain of the traffic, really. My little blue rocket really goes, but there aren't many straight stretches to open up on and besides, it's too light for control over 60. So far so good, on schedule and doing fine.

Letter written Monday, 7/25 from Workshire

Stayed overnight (21st) in Salisbury, and after stonehenge went to Glastonbury by way of Shaftesbury and Sherborne. Stayed in Glastonbury right across from the Abbey-could see Glastonbury Tor from the window, but didn't feel up to the climb. Saw Wells Cathedral late in the afternoon, and then drove to Cheddar Serge, where I ate my supper and looked at the Cliffs, with the rooks cawing like mad overhead. Next morning (23d) I left Glastonbury for Avebury, with a brief stop at a moated castle called Nunney on the way. I also visited Longleat near Frome, home of the Marquess of Bath. It is an Elizabethan house, lived in by the same family for 400 years. I saw the museum regarding the Stone-age finds -the remaining stones and earth embankment are interesting, but not as easy to see as Stonehenge. EXEMPT There were other things in the area, Longarrow graves, and other remains, but it was too hot and I was tired, so I went on to Marlborough where I stayed at a very pleasant hotel with beautiful gardens running down to a little river. Shopped for some lunch things for next day and a book to read, and took it easy.

Unfortuanely that was the end of the nice weather, all two and a half days of it! Next morning, Sunday, (24th) was overcast. I headed for Oxfordshire, having decided to forego Stratford, Warwick, and Coventry. Oxford would be mostly closed on Sunday, but I drove to Bladon and saw Churchill's grave in the churchyard. It was beginning to rain by then. But I decided to have another look at Blenheim anyway - just the grounds, as the house was closed. The sky cleared a little so I had a nice walk. Then I decided I might as well start north and see how far I could get by tea-time (4 p; .m.). The rain really began in earnest! I was tempted to make a side trip to Sulgrave Manor, the Washington home, only 5 miles off my route, but the weather made it seem too much like work - so I drove on and on, in a real down pour, feeling meaner by the minute, and by 4 p.m. I had reached Grantham in Lincolnshire. I dived into the first place I saw, which turned out to be a 14th and 15th century coaching inn called "The Angel and Royal", where King John stayed 3 years before Magna Carta. The dining room has the old stone walls and some carvings. It's a Trust House Hotel (National chain) and very comfortable and not terribly expensive, - but it sure was noist! Much to my surprise and dismay, and on Sunday night, too, when you'd expect some quiet. However, I had a huge tea, complete with cucumber sandwiches, and then had a good rest and finished my mystery - the noise didn't start until 11 p.m!

This morning, after much consultation of the Blue Guide, I chose a direct route to York. I am now 14 miles south, in a town called Selby, which has an 11th century church that I'm going to see in a few minutes. I've had some lunch here in the car park, too. Then I'm going to York where I shall get settled and spend the rest of today and as much of tomorrow as necessary. After that I shall go to Ripon, Fountains Abbey, and Jervaulx Abbey, and then head for the Wall. I'm a bit ahead of schedule which I figure is all to the good! As I can use the extra time at the Watford end, if there's any left. Pon't know how the weather's going to be - it's still cloudy, but warm, xim and at least it hasn't rained so far today, though I won't hold my breath.

The driving is fine, the car is comfortable and runs well, but the traffic requires some skill and a lot of patience. Yesterday there was really no traffic at all, but today there are lots of trucks.

Written July 31 in Watord, England

Arrived in Watford yesterday evening, coming from York and stopping at Lincoln on the way. Enjoyed the North Country very much. Arrived in York on Monday, the 26th, and had the afternoon and the following morning there to see the Minster, the old part of the city and its wall, and the museum, etc. Tuesday Afternoon went on to Ripon, where I stayed at the "Unicorn" right on the Market Square, and went to Fountains Abbey the same afternoon - and it simply poured! I got caught midway along the 3/4 mile walk to the Abbey and got absolutely drenched, but as the weather was not cold and there was no wind, there were no ill effects and I had a nice hot bath at the hotel afterward. Next day I went on to Corbridge in Northumbria to see the Wall. However, my several hours of effort went largely unrewarded as there has been an outbreak of hoof and mouth disease, and since most of the remaining bits of wall can only be reached by footpaths thru the pastures, and the pastures were under quarantine, there wasn't a heck of a lot that I could get close enough to see! However, I did get a few glimpses here and there, and saw some Roman remains right in Corbridge. I stayed in a "bed and breakfast" hotel run by a little lady whose father was Master of the Tyneside Hunt, and his first fox was mounted on the hall wall. Next day I went to Durham - very attractive old town, with the cathedral high on a hill, and the river looping around it below. Left Durham on Friday morning and saw Rievaulx Abbey and Stamford Bridge (where Harold fought the Vikings in September of 1066) on my way back to York. Spent the afternoon in York seeing what I'd missed the first time. Saturday I drove to Lincoln and spent several hours seeing the cathedral, castle, and town, and reached Watford about 7 p.m. Mostly on main roads, and made good time. Rained off and on, pretty hard at times, every day. In fact, there were only 2 warm sunny days in the whole two weeks - the first Thursday and Friday. Nevertheless I accom-Lord Bacrephby a plished everything I set out to do. Today we went to see Hatfield House home) which was very interesting. It had been dry all morning, but I said it would rain just as we set out, and it did, in buckets! Tomorrow into London early with the car, and I should have 3 hours to make it to my plane.

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Letter written Aug. 6. I might as well get off my weekly letter right now, as I have already mailed off a postcard. Wow, have prices gone up here! Denmark proved my downfall and Norway isn't going to be much better! Food is really pretty expensive compared to England for instance. And guidebooks and so on are more expensive, too! In Denmark I sent Mama some books, bought 3 little bits of porcelain, a polar bear, a mouse and an owl, and 3 small pieces of Bornholm made pottery - goodbye to \$50 to \$60 bucks! Today at Husfliden I bought us a carved fireplace bellows - great for the cabin some day - and goodbye \$40 bucks! I still want to get some fur slippers which run about \$6 to \$7 per pair, and

and I have my eye on several small gifts (including a troll!). I don't plan to shop any more until I get to Bergen, where they also have a Husfliden.

Haven't said much about what I've been doing, other than spending money! Guess what the weather's like in Oslo??? Well I had one sunny day - fortunately the day I went to Bornholm. Sure enough, Sara and Carl and their friends brought along a Danish flag to the Airport! They have a beautiful farm and at 11 a.m. we sat down to an immense meal which went on for about two hours! Carl was pleased because I managed the "Akvavit", but I balked at the cigars which all the Danish ladies smoke. Sara is very nice and sweet, and we all had a great old time. Went for a drive around the whole Island, first to Sara's parents home, then to grandma's birthplace "Tyskegaard", the old church where she was christened, and finally her grandfather's house, quite large and grand by comparison! Bornholm really is beautiful, and has a greater variety of landscape than the rest of Denmark. Beautiful, neat farms all over. We drove around for about four hours, including a "coffee break" kind of picnic, and then sat down to another huge meal! I felt miserable all next day from so much food and could hardly look at "smørrebrød". They all enjoyed the pictures very much and of course sent greetings to everyone! I was able to get a later plane, so didn't leave until 10:45. It was absolutely pouring in Copenhagen and I nearly drowned getting back to the hotel - but fortunately I've learned never to go out without my rain gear! Next day I saw Christianborg Palace, - Parliament and State rooms, and some of the museums - dind't get up very early, as I was pooped and the weather was dreadful. Ended by spending too much money as already noted! Naturally, it was sunny when I left Copenhagen and pouring again when I got to Oslo! Wonder if I'll ever get to see it in the sunshine? Hasn't changed much right in town, tho the suburbs have sure grown, and everyone and everything is much more prosperous. Spent the afternoon wandering around town. Shopped this a.m. and then walked around Akershus Castle and took the boat to Bygdoy where I spent the rest of the day. As soon as I finished seeing the enclosed places like "Fram", "Kon-Tiki", and the Viking ships (marvelous!) and got to the open air folk museum, it began to rain again! and its been at it ever since! I was going to see the Vigeland sculptures tonight but decided not - will see them in early a.m.

then Holmenkollen, then 3 hours at the History Museum, and then off by train to Reinsvoll at 4 p.m. Have been taking pictures, of course, but film supply is still okay - no doubt wouldn't be if the weather weren't so lousy!

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