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WITH 29 OTHER MONTANANS IN KELLOGG PROGRAM

MISSOULA--

"We may have been privileged to see Ethiopia in the last normal week of the old Empire," said Mrs. Joyce D. Zacek, who recently completed a two-week overseas tour with 29 other Montanans participating in the Kellogg-Extension Education Project (KEEP).

"Within a few days of our departure from Addis Ababa, the revolt began with military takeover of the international airports, banks and other sensitive areas," Zacek said. "There has been a general strike and sporadic violence. If we had been there a few days later, we might have spent the rest of our time in the 'Ethiopia' hotel rather than in Yugoslavia."

Zacek, who is editor of the Montana Business Quarterly, the regional economic and business magazine published by the University of Montana Bureau of Business and Economic Research, said that the group of 30 Montanans found people reluctant to discuss politics anywhere the tourists went, which also included Rome, Italy and much of northern Yugoslavia.

"We could sense the lively political undercurrents, but no one would explain the slogans and posters to us," Zacek said.

The Montanans were made to feel welcome everywhere, however, and other subjects were discussed candidly, especially the economic issues which were of particular interest to the Kellogg group.

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"Inflation and pollution are prime problems in all three countries. The water is undrinkable in Ethiopia and the air is almost unbreathable in Zagreb, Yugoslavia. The old monuments in Rome are in a state of terrible decay because of automobile and industrial fumes," she said.

One of the highlights of the trip was observing "gasless" Sunday in Rome in beautiful spring weather with the populace milling through the streets and parks in pre-Lenten festival.

The tour was the final phase of the 1972-74 Group I study/travel program sponsored by Montana State University, Bozeman, and the Kellogg Foundation for leadership training for selected men and women throughout the state.

Commenting on the Yugoslavian portion of the tour, Zacek said: "One remarkable experience we had was in Osijek, where we witnessed the signing of a contract of cooperation between an American corn products company and the local Yugoslav combine (their worker-run complex of agricultural and business enterprises). The American ambassador was there, as well as Yugoslav VIP's, because it was the first instance of such a contract between the U. S. and Yugoslavia. We saw ourselves on the TV evening news that night in the hotel dining room!"

The group toured many "enterprises" from Belgrade to the Dalmatian coast, including farms, a chocolate factory, wineries, a furniture factory and a stone-cutting factory.

"The professional leadership is apparently of very high quality, with most of the management we met having advanced degrees," Zacek said. "They are proud of the fact that many of their top professionals are women."

The Ethiopian segment of the trip, in many respects, was like stepping backward in time for the KEEP group, with most of rural Ethiopia still being outside the market economy.

"The great gulf between the masses of people and the privileged class, and the new stresses brought by rampaging inflation are bound to change the structure of society soon, but the people's respect of 81-year-old Emperor Haile Selassie I may temper the potential violence during his lifetime," Zacek said.

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A visit to the Awash Game Reserve in the Great Rift Valley was a memorable experience for the group, she said. They observed hippos, monkeys, baboons, oryx and other animals, as well as birds, in their native habitat.

Zacek and other members of the group are scheduled to participate in a tour debriefing session March 29-30 at MSU, where the program began in 1972.

Zacek, who received her bachelor's degree at UM in 1969, formerly was administrative assistant in the UM Graduate School. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Danielson, Hardin.

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