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## THIS WEEK--March 31, 1971

Roosevelt Hotel--Some of the members of the SWEET ADELINES with a program of barber-shop harmonies. Arranged by Joe Greenlief.

## LAST WEEK

Miss Siw Wallin, Teacher-Ambassador from the Experiment in International Living, explained the similarities and contrasts between the American and Swedish school philosophy and attitudes. Miss Wallin is from Stockholm. She is a physical education and gymnastics teacher and is spending three weeks in each of the elementary schools in Cedar Rapids. She spent last year in the state of Washington and when she leaves Iowa, will go to Brazil.

There are differences in the approach to the teaching of physical education. Miss Siw indicated that the Scandinavian schools emphasize individual participation rather than competitive sports. They get everyone into the act. That doesn't mean that there are no competitive sports, but these are in addition to the regular physical education program. Of course, we give lip service to the same philosophy. And I think that some instructors do everything within our system to get everyone to participate. However, I am sure the teacher often gives up trying to involve those who have little interest in "sports" and gives in to the "star-maker" system which seems to have evolved in this country.

As might be expected, the Swedish youngsters learn to skate and ski, and then they learn to walk. I grew up among the Scandinavians of Northern Minnesota and Eastern North Dakota. With an eight-month season, we became quite adept on the blades and barrel staves!

Miss Siw notes that the Swedish school children get a much larger dose of international culture than do the students in this country. Each studies several languages. But apparently the United States hasn't fared very well in Sweden. After two years of teaching and traveling in the country, Miss Siw is convinced that most Swedes have a very distorted view of our country. The power of the press and film makers!

An important part of the Experiment for International Living program is that the visitors live with families in the country to which they are assigned. Miss Siw is presently living with the Dick Landis family. Later in the spring she will spend some time with the Ron Moore family.

## PREXY PROBLEMS

Sorry, Jim Luhrs. We can't afford to have you miss these Luncheon Meetings. Understand that after missing only one meeting, your mind went blank when you called the KIWANIS to order yesterday. Don't know if we can stand a retraining period!

## EYE LOST

Understand there was quite a delay in getting the program started yesterday. Dick Landis lost a contact lens and couldn't see to introduce Miss Wallin! Didn't think anything could keep Dick from talking.



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