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Museum Tour Includes Monterey

Fifteen foreign museum professionals - each representing a different country - will arrive in Washington, D. C., on April 22 to participate in the fourth annual Tour of American Museums for Foreign Museum Professionals, offered by the American Assn. of Museums in cooperation with the Department of State as part of its cultural exchange program. Museums at Monterey, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Santa Barbara, San Simeon, San Francisco, and Portland will be visited enroute, and Monterey Was named first on the list.

The first week of the tour will be spent in Washington, D. C., where the delegates will visit the national museums, the White House, and the Capitol. The group then will go to San Diego by jet, to begin the trip by chartered bus to Seattle.

A highlight of the tour, according to Joseph A. Patterson, director of the American Assn. of Museums, will be a 10-day seminar on museum education methods and techniques used in art, history, and science museums, George D. Culler, director of the San Francisco Museum of Art, will conduct the seminar, which will be held at the museum. This is the first time such a seminar has been planned for tour delegates.

In Seattle, the group will participate in an international seminar on museums at the American Assn. of Museums' 58th annual meeting, May 26-29. The delegates will meet with more than 600 of their museum colleagues, attend workshops, and hear lectures by nationally prominent speakers.

The notices have been sent out by the American Assn. of Museums, the Monterey History and Art Assn., Ltd. receiving the above information. It is certain that a tour and entertainment will be planned for the group while it is in Monterey.

A Santa Barbara Trust for Historic Preservation has been set up and incorporated under the laws of the State of California on Jan. 17, 1963. The form of the trust and its purposes follow the pattern of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the American Society for Scenic and Historic Preservation, the Monterey Foundation and similar organizations established by private citizens

interested in the restoration and preservation of their historical heritage and in parks arid open spaces.

Incorporators of the Santa Barbara Trust include among its membership the late Mrs. Alice Larkin Toulmin of Monterey and Santa Barbara, and Miss Pearl Chase, a frequent visitor to the Monterey Peninsula. John T. Rickard, attorney, and former mayor of Santa Barbara, is the first president.

The initial project of the non - profit corporation was the acquisition of El Cuartel, the oldest building in Santa Barbara today, at 122 E. Canon Perdido St. It originally was part of the soldier's quarters of the Presidio, the last of the four Spanish forts built in Alta California.

Miss Chase has stated that the State of California has recognized the outstanding significance of the Presidio not only in the history of the local region, but also in the history of California. The reconstructed Presidio would be representative of such establishments by the Spanish throughout the northwest frontier area of New Spain. The fort would serve as a great tourist attraction and could be utilized for recreational and educational purposes.

Miss Chase further stated that once El Cuartel has been acquired by the trust, it will be offered to the State of California, Department of Parks and Recreation, Division of Beaches and Parks.