

“Karlsruhe, a charming city”

American students feel at home with their host parents

Warmly taken up and so properly secure twenty young Americans feel safe and presently live in our city to learn German. They are inspired above all by the warmth of their Karlsruhe host parents who do everything to help the students become closer with German language and culture. In a reception in the city hall, Dr. Schmerbeck and the town council welcomed the guests from Ohio University and its mentor Dr. Ursula Lawson.

It is not least to be owed to administrative councilman Seeberger, that students of Ohio University have found exactly in Germany what corresponds to the images of what their charming mentor, Dr. Ursula Lawson calls, “A typical German city,” beautifully, convenient, and not so large that one needs weeks in order to become acquainted with it. For Dr. Lawson, who comes from Germany and has friends here, it’s the lovely city of Karlsruhe, has just the right amount. A city in which has something for everyone from cultural students to nature lovers. The young Americans confirm that spontaneously. Their experiences with the Karlsruhe population bring them on the denominator, “The people here are so kind that we feel safe here.”

Almost all the German host parents are graduates of English courses from the Volkshochschule. They know, therefore, exactly how much discipline and hard work is needed, if one wants to master a material in three months, which would be appropriated by other students over the course of two years. In addition to teaching in the classroom at the Volkshochschule, so will the communications with the families take on a very special role.

Councilman Dr. Schmerbeck, who greeted students in the name of the Lord Mayor in City Hall, gave a brief overview of what awaits the young Americans here. The film "The Life of a City" facilitates the encounter with Karlsruhe that appeared until now of its most amiable side. That from a fleeting encounter the "Big Love" can be, this is not least a young Americans evidence, Dr. Schmerbeck assisted as an interpreter. The three months in Karlsruhe has taken three years to come to fruition.

It would be nice if the city fathers could decide to enhance the nice students stay with a few unexpected extras such as a large Black Forest trip or a trip on the Rhine.

At a reception for the 18 American students Councilman Dr. Schmerbeck, in representation of the Mayor, presented Dr. Lawson, head of the group, with a gift.

In photograph, far left is William Hutchinson, in the foreground are Councilman Dr. Schmerbeck and Dr. Ursula Lawson