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GLOBE-TROTTING With Ginny.....

A Woman Liking Food
Meets An Expert Chef

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RUSCHLIKON-ZURICH, Switzerland--(BP)--As a woman who likes food, and a cook who enjoys taste experiments, I have dared sample some strange foods in countries I have visited.

In Hong Kong, I had bird's nest dessert; in France, snails; in Spain, octopus; in Scotland, haggis. (Oversimplified, haggis is an oatmeal mixture cooked in a kidney.)

These adventures in taste point up the appetite differences among nations. According to friends abroad, we Americans like (hot) dogs and (hush) puppies!

When I attended a summer conference for European women at the International Baptist Seminary in Ruschlikon, I was naturally interested in the dining hall and kitchen. To me, this department emphasized the varied backgrounds of the 17 nations represented at that conference.

Because of my eager curiosity about the different foods, I was taken to the gleaming, modern kitchen to meet Anna, the German cook. With the aid of an interpreter (whom I suspect Anna did not need), we two cooks became fast friends.

Anna must please a unique assortment of "customers" throughout the year. During school, her eaters are hungry young students from many nations. During the summer conferences, one week Anna feeds women, the next, Baptist ministers; another week, musicians at a music conference or families attending a missionary meeting.

All year Anna (and the dietician) must carefully watch the food budget, just as we homebody cooks do. Her food is simple and basic, enjoyed by all the nationalities represented.

Europeans who enjoy the stimulation of a Baptist conference appreciate the Southern Baptist-supported seminary which makes these summer conferences possible.

When I left Ruschlikon, I was not surprised to find I had gained some unwelcome pounds. It was further evidence of Anna's particular gift with which she serves her Lord in the kitchen at Ruschlikon seminary.

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(Photo of Anna enclosed.)