

22,000 km on a Lambretta « scooter » 1956



SUR LE MONT ATHOS, LE BEAU JOUR DE NOËL.



AU PUNJAB, EN COSTUME LOCAL DEVANT SHIVA.



LES MONTIN EN GROUPE DEVANT LE TAJ MAHAL.



INDES DU SUD : DES FEMMES TRÈS CURIEUSES.



PELOPONÈSE : VISITE RAPIDE À L'ÎLE D'ULYSSE.



COLOMBO : Mlle MONIN CHEZ LE BIJOUTIER.



AUSTRALIE CIVILISÉE : PÔPÉE DANS UN PARC.



APRÈS LA TRAVERSÉE, DÉCOUVERTE DE CEYLAN.



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EN IRAN, LA PISTE LONGE UNE BIVIERRE SAUVAGE



AUSTRALIE SAUVAGE : GRAND DESERT VICTORIA.



PAGE SUIVANTE

SETTING OFF from Sydney. 13 March 1956

Scoots round world

A Frenchman who is taking his young family round the world in a tiny caravan towed by a motor-scooter, has had them training on a diet of apples, pork chops and water.

The Frenchman is Mr. R. Montin (30), who formerly lived at Bondi Junction.

He left Sydney yesterday with his young English wife and two children, a girl aged 3 and a boy aged 4, on the first stage of his journey.

For two months the Montins have slept on the front verandah of their Sydney home, and have kept strictly to a diet of pork chops, apples and water to toughen them up for the trip.

Mr. Montin is travelling overland to Perth, via Canberra, Melbourne and Adelaide, where he will board the liner Oronsay and go by sea to Colombo.

From there the family will travel overland to Paris, take a ship to North America, travel across the continent and return to Australia by ship.

Circulating Throughout the Eastern Goldfields of Western Australia

Coolgardie Miner

The Original "Coolgardie Miner" was founded in 1894

COOLGARDIE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, APRIL 12, 1956.

Mr. & Mrs. G. Montin Are Going To France

There is nothing unusual in this, unless you happen to have seen them, as I did, bowling along at a great rate, in their rather strange looking vehicle.

This is, first, a Lambretta motor scooter, with a trailer made of light steel frame work, over which is a canvas hood so that one gains the impression that a small covered wagon is hurtling by. The trailer has a false bottom, with a petrol tank under the floor, and carries an upholstered seat for Mrs. Montin. Also on board, quite unconcerned at the proposed trip, are Yvonne, who is two, and Charles, 4.

The Montins have travelled so far from Sydney, and had a good trip across the Nullabor, except for the dust. They are in good health and enjoying themselves very much.

Mr. Montin, who built the trailer himself, smiled cheerfully as he described his trip. The family are travelling to France to settle the estate of his father, and hope to be able to return to Australia to settle. He has visions of petrol stations and farms.

"We do not yet know if we will settle in the West or the East," said Mrs. Montin, with her charming smile. "We have lived in Sydney for seven years, and have only lately found out about the weather over here."

PERTH TO PARIS ON A LAMBRETTA



Frenchman, Guy Montin of Sydney, his young English wife and their two Australian children have a long and adventurous journey before them. On a Lambretta three-wheeled motor scooter with an ingenious false-bottom and canvas body built by the Montin family left Sydney on March 13th and arrived in Perth on 21st on Tuesday, 18th April. With only a broken spring, they are to travel on an otherwise smooth two-wheeled scooter. They are full of confidence that their Lambretta will take them safely to Paris. Tomorrow they embark on the "Oronsay" for Colombo, and, except for the short ferry trip to the mainland of India the remainder of their travelling will be on land. Besting in mind that the engine of the "Covered Wagon" is just the standard motor of the popular D. and D. Lambretta scooter, unless will get some idea of the magnitude of their undertaking. However, Mr. Montin has had a Lambretta motor for some time now and has absolute faith in his vehicle. Up to date, their star performance has been the trip from Goldfields to Perth in one day. The Montins are remaining in Perth permanently in Australia, but they won't say yet whether it will be a two, three or four wheel venture.

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ADELAIDE

THEY'RE SCOOTING OVER TO FRANCE



Here are the Montins—Papa, Mama, Charles, 4, Yvonne, 2, homeward bound; and that, they hope, means 12,000 miles on a tiny motor scooter.

Their goal: M. Montin's home town of Orthez, in the lower Pyrenees, France.

The family already has travelled from Sydney and will leave Adelaide today on a final "proving trip" to Perth.

If their little 150 c.c. three-wheeled Lambretta stands up to their hopes, and if they can make satisfactory future servicing arrangements with the agents, they will continue with the big overland trip ahead.

Coming back

Their planned route is to India by sea, then overland through Pakistan and other Asian countries to Syria.

Lebanon, Turkey, then into Greece and across Europe to France.

There, M. Montin, who is 33, wants to "fix up some family business" before returning to Australia—for good.

And how can a family of four travel on a motor scooter?

M. Montin, a newspaper proof-reader, has built in the back of the machine for his three passengers.

With a few simple canvas extensions, there is room for all four to sleep.

Their equipment? Food for a fortnight, petrol stove, medicine chest, nylon clothes, and other gear.

M. Montin said the average travelling speed was about 25 m.p.h.

DAILY NEWS HOME

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A SCOOTER IS THEIR HOME

TWO French children now in Perth do not bother with scooters — their home is a scooter, a modern three-wheel covered wagon.

The children are Charley (14) and Yvonne (2), who, with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Montin, are on the way from Sydney to France by motor scooter.

Their quaint vehicle was their home last night when the family slept in it in a Claremont used car park.

It was their home for the nine-day crossing of the Nullarbor from Port Augusta to Norseman — a successful and interesting trip despite a day lost through two spring leaves being broken near Balladonia.

Replaced

Spare leaves were carried and Mr. Montin replaced the broken ones.

Water had to be carried as tanks along the Eyre Highway were dry.

"At a slow speed, with all eyes open, the trip is very interesting," said Mr. Montin.

The Montins still have more than 10,000 miles to go before reaching Mr. Montin's home town. Or there in the lower Pyrenees, France.

They will probably leave by ship on Sunday, and from Colombo will travel through India to Syria, Lebanon, Turkey, Greece and France.

Breakfast today was cooked on a petrol stove. The scooter carries food for a fortnight, bedding, clothes, and a medicine chest.

Mr. Montin (33) is as ready as a traveller. Training with the RAAF in Canada during World War II, he heard Australians talking about Australia.

He visited a number of countries with the RAAF and came to Australia seven years ago.

For two years he was a proofreader on a Sydney paper.

FAMILY OF FIVE SAFE AFTER COURT STRANDING

A family of five has been found alive after having been stranded for 36 hours in the hot and waterless Nullarbor Plain in South Australia. The family, who were on a car trip, became stranded when their vehicle broke down. They were saved by the comparatively high temperature of 90 degrees and the providential finding of a water-bag.

Some other travelers were not so lucky!

MORNING TIME

CITY EDITION

COLOMBO, THURSDAY, APRIL 26th, 1956.

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KINGDOM.

TO FRANCE-
IN SCOOTER
BUILT FOR
FOUR



AUSTRALIA TO INDIA, ON A “LAMBRETTA”

BANGALORE, Friday: An entire family which included two children, teenagers, were in Bangalore during the week having travelled in a unique manner from Australia. They were: Guy Montin, a Frenchman (33), his English wife, Beryl, with their two children, Charles (4) and Yvonne (2), who settled in Australia for the last seven years, left SYDNEY in a LAMBRETTA in the middle of March on a globe-girdling mission. They travelled across Australia which is 3,000 miles, of which 1,500 is a desert with no proper roads and very little water. They embarked on the s/s “ORONSAY” in PERTH and

reached Colombo on April 22, 1956, and from there crossed over to India at Dhanuskodi.

The children, who have kept good health throughout, are in high spirits. They have taken to Indian food with relish.

From Bangalore, the Montins continue their journey to Bombay, Delhi and Pakistan from where they will decide their further route to Europe.

They opine that the roads of South India are among the best in the world from the point of motor scooter and driver. The country is so rich in interesting spots and is so well provided with accommodation that driving, across, they say, is a real pleasure.



Guy Motin and his family in the specially designed Lambretta.

Astounding performance of

Lambretta

3-Wheeler!

Australian Journalist and family arrive in Bombay from Sydney..

GUY MONTIN, accompanied by his wife and two infant children, crossed the Australian desert, a distance of 3,000 miles, and continued his journey to Bombay—covering over 5,000 miles overland, on his way to France. This is what he says about his Lambretta's outstanding performance...

"Having owned a Lambretta scooter for four years before starting on this trip, we expected a lot from our brand new 150 cc... and we got it."

...1500 miles across unmade roads, 4500 miles smooth running over mountains, marshes, jungles, etc., with not a stroke out of time, and 8000 miles to come, without a doubt... unbelievably amazing!"

Meet the Montin family at the showrooms of
M/S. DADAJEE DHACKJEE & CO. PRIVATE LTD.,
Sandhurst Bridge, Bombay 7, this evening.



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THE BOMBAYMAN'S DIARY.

GUY Montin, a 33-year-old journalist working on an Australian newspaper, his wife, Beryl, and two infants aged 4 and 2 are in Bombay after having travelled nearly 5,000 miles overland in a specially contrived 3-wheeler Lambretta.

Montin is on his way to France, his homeland and he will continue his journey overland across West Asia and southern Europe.

Let me first tell you something about this enterprising young man before narrating the saga of his scooter trip.

Born in South France, Montin had to cut short his university study at Bordeaux and escape to Tunis when France collapsed under the Nazi onslaught in 1940. He studied Arabic and Philosophy in a Catholic school in Tunis for two years, then joined the French Air Force in Algiers at the time of the Allied landing in

1942. Shortly afterwards he went to England with the Free French Air Force and then to Canada where he qualified himself as a pilot.

By the time he returned to France, Germany had surrendered. So Montin volunteered against Japan and spent three years in Iodo-China. On his release from the army, he worked for a year at the American consulate before leaving for Australia in 1948.

It was in Australia he met Beryl. She had just landed there with her parents and chance brought Montin and the Lidwell family together at the same hotel. The Lidwells, however, soon left for New Zealand, while Montin found work on the pylon look-out in Sydney Harbour bridge.

A few months later Miss Lidwell came back to Sydney, met Montin again and they were soon married. Together they started a small mixed business in a suburb near Sydney and within two years they had their own house and two children. A small Lambretta delivery unit they had bought enabled them to scour the beautiful surroundings of Sydney. So pleased were they with the performance of the vehicle that they decided to buy a few one of the same, make to undertake a journey to Montin's home in South France.

By that time Montin had found work on *The Sydney Sun* as a proof reader, and in the ample spare time he had he made preparations for the trip. He imported a chassis from Italy and built a body to it.

This was made of marine plywood and cleverly designed to carry spare petrol, food for a week, water, spare parts and tools, medicine chest, clothing suitable for tropical and sub-tropical climates, inflatable rubber beds and comfortable accommodation for family of four.

Covered with canvas hood in Western wagon style, the total weight of the vehicle with full passenger capacity is about 1,000 pounds. Montin claimed that with all this weight he was able to do an average of 25 miles per hour with petrol consumption at the rate of 75 miles per gallon.

Having fitted and equipped the vehicle, the Montins set out from Sydney on March 13. In five days they reached Melbourne via Canberra, and on March 28 they were at Port Augusta.

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"Here," Montin said, "the Australian Central Desert begins. Roads are mostly natural earth surface—they are non-existent. He entered the desert on March 30 and made fairly good progress until midway at a place called Cocklebiddy where we met with a rather disaster.

Our vehicle landed in an enormous pothole, probably a deepening of a woomba. Two ribs of main spring of the vehicle were broken. It was a grim situation. The nearest human settlement was 150 miles away. Water available in the vicinity was not potable.

Provisionally for the family a couple of rabbit catchers—typical Australian "bush mechanics"—appeared on the scene and helped to replace the broken ribs out of spares I carried with me."

After this incident, the Montins proceeded carefully over the remaining 500 miles until they reached good roads again at Coolgardie in

the eastern gold fields of Western Australia. The signpost at the entrance of the desert read "Sydney 2,750 miles." The day was April 8.

From Coolgardie to Perth the road was smooth and flat, and the Montins took full advantage of it to cover the distance of 370 miles in a single day. At Perth they had enough time to have a week's rest, to give some press interviews and two radio broadcasts before embarking on the S.S. "Queen Mary" for Colombo.

Reaching Colombo on April 27, they toured round the whole island seeing places of historical and archaeological interest. Instead of two weeks they spent a month on the island. On May 13 they crossed over

After spending two days in Madura, the Montins wheeled to Trichy from where they made a detour to Pondicherry to see what was left there of French influence. "I was pleasantly surprised," Montin told me, "to see how well French and Indian cultures have blended here."

From Pondicherry they proceeded to Mahabalipuram, where Montin went wild with his colour camera. At Bangalore he took his children to the grave of his great uncle, Fr. Baussonnie, a missionary who had died there in 1945. This missionary, Montin told me, had spent more than 60 years in Bangalore, but of his last days the family had no information. "I was able to buy a wreath on the tomb and also to get some information about his last days," Montin added with joy.

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"What are your future plans," I asked Montin.

"From here," he replied, "we go to AGIS, Delhi and Lahore, then on to Pakistan, Baluchistan, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, the Lebanon, Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia, Italy and home to France. We will visit England in the summer. If I find that arrangements can be made to settle down in France we will stay there. Otherwise we shall move on to other countries, possibly in the reverse direction. We would like to see some of the people again."

While father Montin was talking to me, his children Charles (4) and Yvonne (2) were skipping and rolling all over the room. They seemed to be delighted being in Bombay. Montin told me that they were the same throughout the long journey, enjoying it like a picnic. He was all praise for the Lambretta.

Montins who reached Bombay last week from Ausst covering over 5,000 miles on a Lambretta.



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From Aussie land by scooter

While you are reading this, a Margate woman, her husband and her two young children are at a mission station on the Ganges in India. They are waiting for the monsoons to pass, and when this happens the family will jump on their motor scooter again and continue their journey across the world.

When she went out to Australia with her parents eight years ago, Miss Beryl Lidwell, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lidwell, now proprietors of a café in High Street, Margate, little thought she would be returning by motor scooter.

Beryl married M. Guy Montin in Sydney after a chance meeting at an hotel, and they set up a small business in the city.

Recently they were so delighted with a motor scooter they saw that they decided to buy one, build a chassis and return to Europe by road. With them they are bringing their two children, Charles, who is four, and Yvonne, aged two.

What it carries

The scooter carries spare petrol, food for a week, water, spare parts, a medicine chest and inflatable rubber beds. The family set out from Sydney in March this year, and hope to reach this country by Christmas.

They crossed Australia—including 500 miles of desert—where they had what Guy terms a minor accident. The scooter landed in an enormous pot-hole and two leaves of the main spring were broken. The nearest human settlement was 150 miles away. The water available was not portable. Luckily they came across a family of Australian rabbit catchers, who were real "bus mechanics," and these good people helped to carry out repairs.

The next stage of the journey was by boat to Ceylon, where they spent a month before crossing to India. Then they drove up to Bombay and Delhi, and are now "holing up" at a mission station

Like a Gazetteer

The rest of the journey reads like a Gazetteer of the world—Pakistan, Baluchistan, Iran, Iraq, Jordan, Syria, the Lebanon, Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia, Italy, to Guy's home in France and then to Margate. All this on a machine which has a top speed of 25 miles per hour.

Mr. Lidwell told the Gazette, "I am not particularly anxious. He is a capable fellow and the children seem to be really enjoying it." Beryl went to school at Broadstairs, and also attended a local dancing school as a girl.



FRIDAY, 29th JUNE, 1956

25 JULY 1956

NEW DELHI

TWELVE ANNAS

Journalist Tours The World By Lambretta

MR. Guy Montin, Proof-reader on the "Sydney Sun", accompanied by his wife and two children, aged 2 and 4 respectively, has arrived in Bombay from Sydney, in New South Wales, on a Lambretta 3-Wheeler. He improvised a structure of canvas and marine ply-wood which could also be transformed into a sleeping unit for the four of them whenever necessary.

Setting out from Sydney on the 17th March, they travelled to Canberra, Melbourne, Adelaide and Port Augusta on excellent roads and then entered the Mul-labor plains on the southern edge of the central Australia

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World Tour By Lambretta

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desert. Here, the roads consisted of mostly "natural earth surface"; in other words, the roads were practically non-existent. Apart from the rough terrain, the area was full of gigantic pot holes created by burrowing animals such as the wombat, and water points were never less than 36 miles apart. The machine performed extremely well throughout this arduous trip and the only incident which caused some anxiety was due to an extremely bad pot hole which broke one spring leaf. The stretch of 1300 miles on strictly desert road was covered in little over 9 days, and the arrival of this family in Kalgoorlie created quite a stir amongst the local residents who had kept track of the progress of the expedition. From Kalgoorlie to Perth, a distance of 370 miles was covered in the record timing of one day—due probably to a spirit of celebration. Arriving in Perth they sailed on the s. s. 'Oronsay' which transported the family and the Lambretta to Colombo. After a month of sight-seeing in Ceylon, they crossed over from Talaimannar to Denushkodi, landing on Indian soil on 15th May.

25 JULY 1956

Two humorous accounts of the Indian part of the trip

Dear Lambretta,

Please forgive us for not having written earlier. 'Dw will understand it is difficult to put down in black and white a faith which no one else shares. No one in Sydney thought we would reach Perth. Colombo people swore we could not reach Lahore through the Monsoon. In Lahore, they said we'd never make Quetta. In Quetta we were told we were mad to try driving through Persia.

Eppoi, si muove... We are in Teheran. We have passed the worst. We now know for certain a family of four can eat, sleep and travel fifteen thousand kilometers on a Lambretta Furgoncino. We are not ~~shape in~~ ~~Just wait until you see us,~~ in splendid mental and physical

Meanwhile we must stress an important fact: it is through no fault on the part of our machine that we have taken over six months to cover this part of our trip. It is the people who will not let us go. The engine purrs like a cheetah in the crisp morning air, the children have been fed, clothed and "potted". Mama has just retrieved Papa's lost goggles. We are ready for the day's three hundred kilometers. Then somebody comes shouting that Cousin Kumar has just sent word he'd be here tonight to see us. Cousin Kumar intends going to Latvia on a Lambretta. So we stay.

Also there is our colour slides. When the boys of the Ajanta Touring Club have seen them, the cadets of the Sainik school must have their show. The Lambretta agents are the worst offenders. We cannot leave a town until we have shaken hands with every Lambretta owner or, even more so, everybody who is likely to become one. Every one has to be told three times that we have come from Poona to Bombay on one gallon of petrol. But then, they cook such a beautiful Biryani, they play such stangely moving music, they are so genuinnely friendly that we cannot help but stay. another day.

Deserts are the place to get up some speed. We covered two thousand kilometers from Adelaide to Kalgoorlie in little over eleven days. This in spite of a grave misadventure which hit us half way across the Nullarbor Plains. Some rabbit hunters gave us beer which they kept in their refrigerating truck. It was so cool under the desert sun. Soon after that we fell into a big hole dug in the middle of the road by one of those pig sized rats which the Australians call Wombat. We waited nearly a day for somebody to come and help us out. After this we avoided both rabbit catchers and Wombats. When we reached the end of the desert we were so pleased ~~that we drove~~ to see bitumen again that we drove from five in the morning to eleven at night. Nearly six hundred kilometers in one day.

It took us one whole month to do less than that in Ceylon which is not very much bigger than Sardinia. But then the chief engineer of Lambretta in Colombo happens to have a cousin in every big town in the Island.

We have suffered heatwaves, floods, frosts, dust storms, monsoon rains, punctures, overheating, wet petrol, prickly heat, indigestion, dysentery, sunburn and cold in the head. None of these troubles has lost us a day. Only the friendly feelings aroused in all sportsmen by the sight of our brave little furgoncino have lost us three months. Three lovely long months.

And yet, even at this rate, we shall be in Milano before next spring. And, as you so rightly say in the August Notiziario, we shall have a bag of things to tell you. So please, dear Lambretta, be patient with poor little us and do not drink all the Chianti.

Yours Lambrettamente.

Guy, Beryl, Tlitsy and Teutie MONTIN

Jullundur, September 11 th. 1956

On the eve of their departure from India, the Montins wish to express their thanks to India.

There are four Montins, Papa, Mama, Charles (4) and Yvonne (2), they are very conscious of their smallness when raising their voice to thank this colossus among nations.

They have spent four months in this country although, when they landed, they only intended to stay for some six weeks. Only the generosity of their friends has kept them here for three times that long.

After spending a month to cross the Australian continent from Sydney to Perth and another month touring across Ceylon, they arrived in Dhanushkodi on the 12th. of May. After two weeks, they were in Bombay where their strange little vehicle, a Lambretta Three Wheeler transformed by Mr. Montin into a covered wagon, was given the honour of being photographed in front of the Gateway to India.

Two weeks later, a friend in Delhi, connected with the Mahanand Mission, offered them a house in the small village of Khankhal, near Haridwar. They spent six weeks there, making friends with the whole village and learning to appreciate the Indian way of life in all the purity of its traditions. The whole family took its daily dip in the Ganges and remained strictly vegetarian for their whole stay. Both practices

proved favourable to their health. Laden with photographs, presents and souvenirs, among which a vessel full of Ganges water, they climbed to Dehra Dun where, from their base at the Kala Kendra, they explored the environs and visited the famous schools and academies, lecturing the students on their travelling experiences.

Then their courageous little one and a half horsepower pulled its thousand pound gross weight up seven thousand feet to Simla, racing down to Chandigarh then to Jullundur in an attempt to make the Border by the very last day on their visa.

They want to thank first all the agents of their firm in Madurai, Madras, Bangalore, Poona, Bombay, Nasik, Indore, Agra, Delhi, Dehra, Jullundur and Amritsar. Special mention to the Bhandup Boys who are working so hard at producing India's own scooter.

They want to thank all their friends whom they hope to meet again in their own country.

They want to express their unbounded admiration for this great country which has taught them a lasting lesson in the art of living pleasantly with the minimum of unnecessary fuss over inessential things.



AVUSTRALYADAN FRANSAYA 3 Mart 1956 da bir motosikletle Sidney'den yola çıkan iki çocuklu bir İngiliz ailesi, evvelki gün şehrimize gelmiştir. Aile Türkiye'deki seyahatten çok memnun kalmıştır. Bilhassa Türk yemeklerini çok beğendiklerini belirten aile babası, Erzincan'da donma tehlikesi atlattıklarını, şimdiye kadar 250 İngiliz lirası harcadıklarını ve balerin olan karısının vatani Fransada yerleşeceklerini söylemiştir. (Müeddep Erkmen)

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Sidney'den İstanbul'a : Şehrimize üç tekerlekli bir araba ile 4 kişilik bir aile gelmiştir. Montin ailesi, Sidney'den İstanbul'a kadar 17 bin kilometre katetmiştir. Resimde ailenin 2 çocuğu, anneleriyle beraber arabalarının yanında görülmektedir. (Foto: Hürriyet - A.B.)



La famiglia australiana durante la sosta a Brindisi

Una famiglia australiana gira il mondo in scooter

Brindisi, 11 gennaio

Con la sua ellensica Mincolia è sbarcata una famiglia residente a Sidney o, che sta compiendo un lungo viaggio con un motofurgoncino. Si tratta del sig. Montin Gul di 34 anni, corsettore di bozze al Sydney Sun, francese, della sua consorte signora Beril, inglese, e dei figliuoli Charles di 4 anni ed Jvonne di 2, nati in Australia. La famiglia è partita da Sidney il 13 marzo 1956 e dopo avere raggiunto Perth attraverso Melbourne ed Adelaide, ha attraversato l'Oceano Indiano sbarcando a Ceylon, ove ha sostato alcune settimane. Passata in India, in quattro mesi, attraverso il Pakistan, l'Iran e la Turchia, ha raggiunto Istanbul, donde è passata in Grecia — Salonicco, Atene, Corinto e Patrasso — e quindi Brindisi. Adesso proseguiranno per la Sicilia (ove hanno intenzione di fermarsi un paio di mesi) e quindi, attraverso l'Italia e la Francia, si ripromettono di raggiungere l'Inghilterra. La famiglia Martin è entusiasta del viaggio, nonostante i disagi di ogni genere che ha dovuto affrontare ed i due coniugi sono felicissimi per la resistenza che dimostrano i loro bambini fio-ridi e vivacissimi. Il sig. Montin, che parla abbastanza bene l'italiano, ci ha detto che ha intenzione di scrivere un libro sul lungo ed interessantissimo viaggio compiuto con l'intera famiglia e con un piccolo ma mirabile mezzo di trasporto frutto dell'ingegno e del lavoro italiani.

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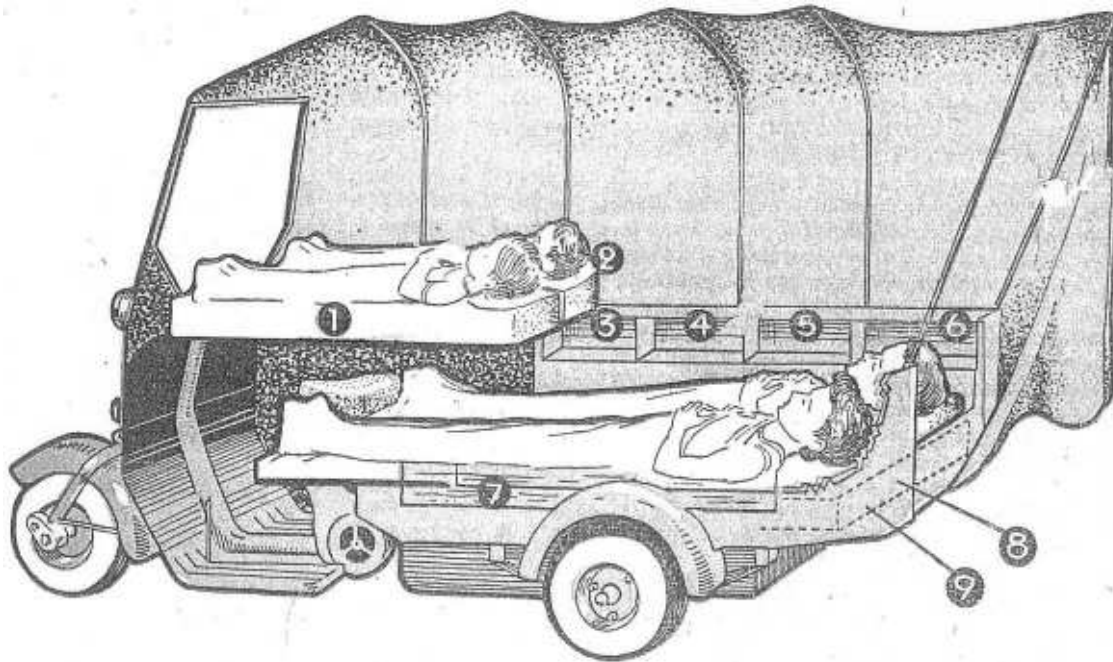
Nella mattinata di ieri è giunta a Messina una famiglia di Sydney, reduce da un lungo viaggio iniziato il 13 marzo del 1956, nel corso del quale ha visitato, percorrendo circa ventiduemila chilometri a bordo di un motofurgoncino di costruzione italiana, gran parte dell'Asia.

Si tratta del trentacinquenne Guy Martin, nato in Francia ed emigrato in Australia in cerca di lavoro, della moglie, Signora Beril, inglese, e dei figliuoli Charles, di quattro anni, ed Jvonne, di due, nati in Australia. Dopo aver lavorato alcuni anni per il « Sydney Sun », come corsettore di bozze, il Martin decideva, nel marzo scorso, di girare per il mondo, trasportando seco la famiglia, coll'intento di raccogliere impressioni per un suo libro intorno agli usi ed ai costumi dei popoli asiatici.

I Martin raggiungevano, allora, Perth e, attraverso Melbourne, Adelaide, imbarcatisi, attraversavano l'Oceano Indiano, sbarcavano a Ceylon, dove si fermavano per alcune







LE « PUTPUT » grand confort, qui a porté les Montin sur 22.000 kilomètres, avait été agencé avec un soin minutieux et pas un pouce carré de place n'était perdu. Voici quelques détails qui pourront servir à tous les scootéristes désireux de faire quelques milliers de kilomètres sous les pluies d'équinoxe :

1. D'abord le lit du garçon formé par la banquette du siège : à l'intérieur, des sacs de toile enfermant des sacs de nylon contenant les vêtements.

2. Le lit de la fille formé par le dossier et contenant

les sacs de couchage, fabriqué à la mesure exacte des occupants. En supplément, des couvertures de laine.

3. Casiers (il y a le symétrique sur la paroi bâbord) pour les provisions de la journée, à portée de la main, car les enfants ont toujours faim.

4. Outillage habituel du scooter avec, en plus, quelques outils universels (marteau, pinces...). En face, les pièces de rechange pour tous les rouages fragiles.

5. Pharmacie à tribord et trousse de toilette à bâ-

bord avec un peu de linge de rechange pour les enfants.

6. Réserves alimentaires d'un côté (conserves, boîtes de lait, légumes secs) et vaisselle en plastique de l'autre.

7. Réservoir pour le carburant. Les Montin avaient une autonomie de 700 kilomètres.

8. Batterie de cuisine : poêle à frire, cocotte minute et réchaud à essence s'emboîtant dans une casserole avec poêle, théière.

9. Matériel de secours comprenant notamment des rouleaux de fil de fer, des cordes...

How was the « putput » outfitted ?

The internal organisation of the car is a forerunner of a very small campervan. The main item is the passenger seat, which at night, in a raised position above the driver's compartment, become the bunk for the two children.

The photograph on the right, taken on arrival in France, shows the night setup. On the next page, the drawing gives a detailed view of how the internal space was put to maximum use, with small compartments fitted into the side, to receive water, petrol, mechanical tools, bedding, clothes, cooking utensils and other necessities.

The autonomy, with the petrol reserves, was 700 km (to cross the Nullarbor)