

No go, I did not manage to send you the letter from the Congo, as no stamps were available in transit. I would make the trip was uneventful, but then I had to transfer to another airport for Barcelona, all within 3 1/4 of a hour, trying 3 buses by error before finding the right one.

In Barcelona, I had to borrow some money from someone for the bus to town, as I had no Spanish currency and all exchanges were closed. I tried about 10 places by phone and another 5 by foot, all full. There are presently 3 state-national congresses, at last I found a small residential 1 star hotel - a single room no bath, no shower, just a bath - no daylight as the room is facing the the backyard measuring 5' x 5' - this for about R3.9 a night. The next day I moved next door to a better room - double bed with shower (only cold water, dropwise) and toilet - same view, for R4 a night.

I'll stay it out here - I've tried, there is just no place in town.

I have walked and walked and walked the old city, the harbour areas, the surrounding hill, and taken lots of views. Breakfast between 9 and 12, supper 8-10, and millions of people walking around, up and down, up and down the main alley, beautifully illuminated, with numerous sidewalk cafes, and all nations passing by. People wear jeans mostly, open neck shirts, it's hot and humid, worse than Dublin, and pollution is bad until the late afternoon.

I saw many an interesting monument, also the Picasso museum, the fort, the cathedral and people people, people.

There are more than 2 million inhabitants, plus tourists. And all come to shop in the old city (shops are open until 8 pm), and to drink wine or cold drinks, non stop, and beer.

To morrow morning, I'm seeing Gaspar, I hope it will be successful, and Wed. morning I'm off to London.