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I have much in my notes that I still ought to be able to get a lot of benefit from ---

Yes, and you know it's remarkable how much difference it makes in being ready to speak out and not -- and acting as if you know a thing even if you don't. I had a queer experience when I went to Germany. They had a course at the university-- a series through the summer of six weeks courses in what they called the Institute for Foreigners which met in the university and teach you German. I had one week in the course. I'd had two and a half years of German when I was in high school, and for 10 years I hadn't had any German. The first day I was there I heard a letter by Professor Sprangen(?) on recent tendencies in education given for foreigners, and supposed to be simple, I guess! I caught the word "of" once, and the word "also" we once and that's all I got out of those two hours.

I had one week inthe course, and at the end of that week Dr. McCartney came through and Dr. Allis. Allis was going to be there 5 days and come back to America because he wanted to be on the boat with the lady he later married. Dr McCartney and a young fellow there were going on a trip and they asked me to go along for interpreter. I having had a week in Germany, I went along as interpreter. I didn't know much German. I went along with them, and we went from Berlin down to Dresden and then went to Prague and we got to Budaphest. By the time we gotto Budaphest, they were going on to Athens, and I said, No, I'm over here to learn German for the fall. So far it's been worthwhile, but I'd be foolish to go further away from Germany, so I stayed in Budaphest, and made my way back. So when I got back to Berlin they were ready for the last week of the 6 weeks course. They had been reading a book in