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## **Martha Deane WOR Radio Program, 1957, Lisa Chickering and Jeanne Porterfield Collection,**

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<i>LISA CHICKERING</i>: - but still, being still a little optimistic I gave Jeanne the camera which she was about two feet and I could quickly get this.

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She got a moment of an arrest, and at that moment another soldier stepped up and arrested her and we were taken off to jail.

<i>JEANNE PORTERFIELD</i>: Yes --

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[[cross-talk]]

<i>JEANNE PORTERFIELD</i>: They didn't like it that we were taking these pictures. They didn't know what it was...

<i>LISA CHICKERING</i>: We really were. They didn't really know what we were doing. And we ah -

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They took our passports from us -

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Pulled out - in fact, it was at gun point they took us off, because we were most reluctant. We didn't see any reason - we were Americans, why, we weren't doing anything, why they would take us to jail?

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<i>JEANNE PORTERFIELD</i>: And then Lisa had the bright idea that we should run for it. [[laughter]] Just turn around and run,-

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- which I thought was a --

<i>LISA CHICKERING</i>: And Jeanne said, "well that's a wonderful idea, but they have our passports".

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<i>MARTHA DEANE</i>: And also shoot us in the back.

<i>LISA CHICKERING</i>: Oh, but it never occurred to me they'd do that. [[laughter]]

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<i>MARTHA DEANE</i>: So this was in Belgrade?

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<i>JEANNE PORTERFIELD</i>: No this was south.

<i>LISA CHICKERING</i>: This was after Belgrade.

<i>MARTHA DEANE</i>: After Belgrade? [[cross talk]]

<i>JEANNE PORTERFIELD</i>: About 150 miles south.

<i>LISA CHICKERING</i>: Just a little village south of Belgrade.

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<i>MARTHA DEANE</i>: Well now, how long were you in jail? Tell me about the jail.

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[[cross talk]]

<i>JEANNE PORTERFIELD</i>: Oh they detained us about 5 hours --

<i>LISA CHICKERING</i>: Which was a terrible detainment.

<i>JEANNE PORTERFIELD</i>: And we were very frightened. We were nervous.

<i>MARTHA DEANE</i>: Um -

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<i>JEANNE PORTERFIELD</i>: And, well we just sort of sat around this station not knowing what to do or who to talk to. And these men would come out and look at us. And you know they couldn't read our passports because their alphabet is different than ours. So, the passport made no sense to them really.

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And all of a sudden, about after 5 hours of this, Lisa just said to this man, now, "we are going!" in a very determined manner. This was it, "we are going!" And suddenly they handed back our passports and let us go.

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We never did understand exactly what took place.

<i>LISA CHICKERING</i>: Well, I think they thought, that we maybe were important, with the sudden attitude of, "we are going!" Because we had been afraid before and they had been treating us rather badly.

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<i>MARTHA DEANE</i>: Did they take the camera?

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[[cross talk]]

<i>JEANNE PORTERFIELD</i>: No --

<i>LISA CHICKERING</i>: No -- luckily.

<i>JEANNE PORTERFIELD</i>: Thank heavens!

<i>MARTHA DEANE</i>: Hmm.

<i>LISA CHICKERING</i>: We thought they would probably take the camera and all our film. Well, we didn't know what they'd do.

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<i>MARTHA DEANE</i>: Well now wait a minute. You had only 3 days to get through the thousand miles -

<i>LISA CHICKERING</i>: mmmm

<i>MARTHA DEANE</i>: - and you've already been 5 hours in jail -

<i>LISA & JEANNE</i>: Yes.

<i>MARTHA DEANE</i>: So?

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<i>JEANNE PORTERFIELD</i>: We were very nervous and upset.

<i>MARTHA DEANE</i>: Mm-hmm.

<i>LISA CHICKERING</i>: And then we came finally to the end of the road and it turned into literally a mud cow path.

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Now there was no way to turn back because the time was such that we wouldn't be able to reach the Italian border.

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So we kept on going and finally, even a river crossed the road -

<i>JEANNE PORTERFIELD</i>: It was raining too.

<i>LISA CHICKERING</i>: - we drove through the river and we just made it within one hour at the border. Which would have been quite a bad thing, needless to say.

<i>JEANNE PORTERFIELD</i>: Were we ever glad to see Greece!

<i>LISA CHICKERING</i>: Yes!

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And their roads are paved in Greece. In fact it's sort of interesting, later in Burma, through friends in England we were very fortunate to stay with the British Ambassador and his wife in Rangoon and they knew we were terribly interested in meeting all these--



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