

**VALLEY BOY, 2,
 VISITS GERMAN
 GRANDPARENTS**

WEST COVINA—Jesse Heredia is home after visiting his grandparents and celebrating his second birthday at their home in Nuremberg, Germany.

The young traveler is the son of Leon Heredia, 138 S Barranca St. He journeyed overseas just before Christmas with his mother, the former Elfriede Ort, who married Heredia in Germany in March, 1948.

Heredia was serving as chief of public relations for the occupation forces in the Reich when he met his wife.



PERMANENT HOME AT LAST—Mr. and Mrs. Johann Sziabl and their children pose happily in their new Whittier home. Originally from Hungary, they

were reunited in Germany and came here as refugees. Children, from left, are Elisabeth, 11; Hansie, 13; Karolina, 6. Church sponsored them here.

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**REFUGEES' SMILES
 SHOW JOY, RELIEF**

WHITTIER — "It is the most wonderful birthday I've ever had," said the happy Hungarian woman seated amidst her beaming refugee family, whose arrival in Whittier coincided with her 34th birthday.

The smiles of Johann Sziabl and his wife, Elisabeth, however, were different from the usual birthday variety. They seemed to convey relief — and thanks — more than anything else.

Permanent Home?

The horror of war, oppression and privation fresh in their minds, the Sziabls were luxuriating rather self-consciously in their new apartment home at 312 Omelia Road. It is their third home in 10 years and, they hope, at last a permanent one.

In German, the family tongue, they related their story:

Johann was the first to flee his native Hungary in 1944. It was four years before his wife and two children, Hansie, 13, and Elisabeth, 11, could join him. On more than one occasion, each

had experienced a brush with death from the rifles of vigilant Communist border patrols.

Birth in Barracks

Traveling by foot they were reunited in Germany, where they have lived in a refugee barracks since early 1949. Their third child, Karolina, was born there six years ago.

The Sziabls are overwhelmed by the generous arrangements made for their comfort and welfare by their sponsors, the congregation of St. Paul's Lutheran Church,

2009 S. Garfield Ave., Monterey Park.

The garage apartment was offered by Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Russell, Whittier, residents and members of the church. Others pitched in to furnish it and stock it with food, linens, clothing and other essentials.

Husband Jobless

"They are determined to make it their permanent home," said the Rev. Richard Bennett, church pastor. "They really want to become hard-working, respectable citizens. The children hope to enter school soon."

Sziabl, though unemployed at present, has been a truck driver for the Air Force in Germany for the past several years. But he speaks some English and could handle a trucker's job or similar employment.

**Audubon Screen Tour
 to Feature Rockies**

WHITTIER—An Audubon Screen Tour at Whittier High School auditorium will feature Colorado's "High Country" Friday at 8 p.m. Dr. Alfred M. Bailey, director of the Denver Museum of Natural History, will lecture with his own color film about the Rocky Mountains.