

THE WATER SEVERAL TIMES as he swims along with me holding him, and although he goes right under water, he holds his breath, keeps his eyes open and keeps swimming on his own for several strokes! Because he swims so often, he doesn't need to bathe, so his inside tub baths are almost never these summer months.

29. EXCURSIONS: WE WALKED TO THE BOTANICAL GARDENS ONE DAY WITH SPANISH SISTER MARIA JOSE AND BABY DAVIDA. When I started to take a picture of the baby, Davidito stood patiently beside me, but just after I'd count one-two-three to snap it, he'd quickly put his hand just over the lens of the camera so the picture wouldn't take! He has also been very jealous of the times Alfred and I have spent entertaining FF visitors and friends at the house.



30. ONE VERY HOT SUMMER AFTER-NOON, WE MADE A VISIT TO THE LITTLE LOCAL FIRE STATION. He sat in the driver seat of the big fire engine and wore an iron helmet. He loved inspecting the fire

truck, the rescue squad car, and an old antique jalopy parked there as well.



31. WE ALSO VISITED THE SANTA CRUZ AIRPORT, where he recognised all sorts of machines and things from his picture books. Alfred is tremendous at explaining the



mechanical terms and uses of things when on excursion or just pointing them out in picture books.



32. WE SAW LOTS OF BREEDING HOUSES FOR CANARY BIRDS at a nice local farmer's home. The man gave us an egg out of one of his bird's nests, since it was cold and not going to hatch. We took it home and put it in an old



sparrow's nest that Alfred pulled out of the vines in our trees. We put the egg and the nest into an opened shoe box and covered it all over in clear plastic. Davidito had to learn to handle the box very carefully so not to break the egg while observing it.



"--but this stuff's cold & messy!"

33. PERHAPS THE GREATEST FUN OF ALL WAS ATTENDING OUR LITTLE DURAZNO VILLAGE FIESTA that lasted several days and nights. We took movie films to show the village later of the races, contests and dances, and Little David always sat with the big Spanish boys during the activities!



34. DISCIPLINE: RIGHT AT THE HEIGHT OF A VERY MAD SCREAM, Sally said, "David! You sound just like a girl!", and Davidito immediately stopped at that insult and closed his mouth shut tight! When we tell him "no", he will still turn to the closest thing he can find and hit it, then look at us for our reaction.

35. HE USUALLY GETS AT LEAST ONE HAND SLAP A DAY FOR DISOBEDIENCE, but now we can usually just warn him once and he'll get the point, and so no longer needs as many bottom or hand spankings. He gets convicted very easily and is always really NOY when he is bad, as well as very embarrassed, but he can be very stubborn and rebellious when he wants to be, like any little child, and still gets a good swat on the leg or the bottom every once in a while!