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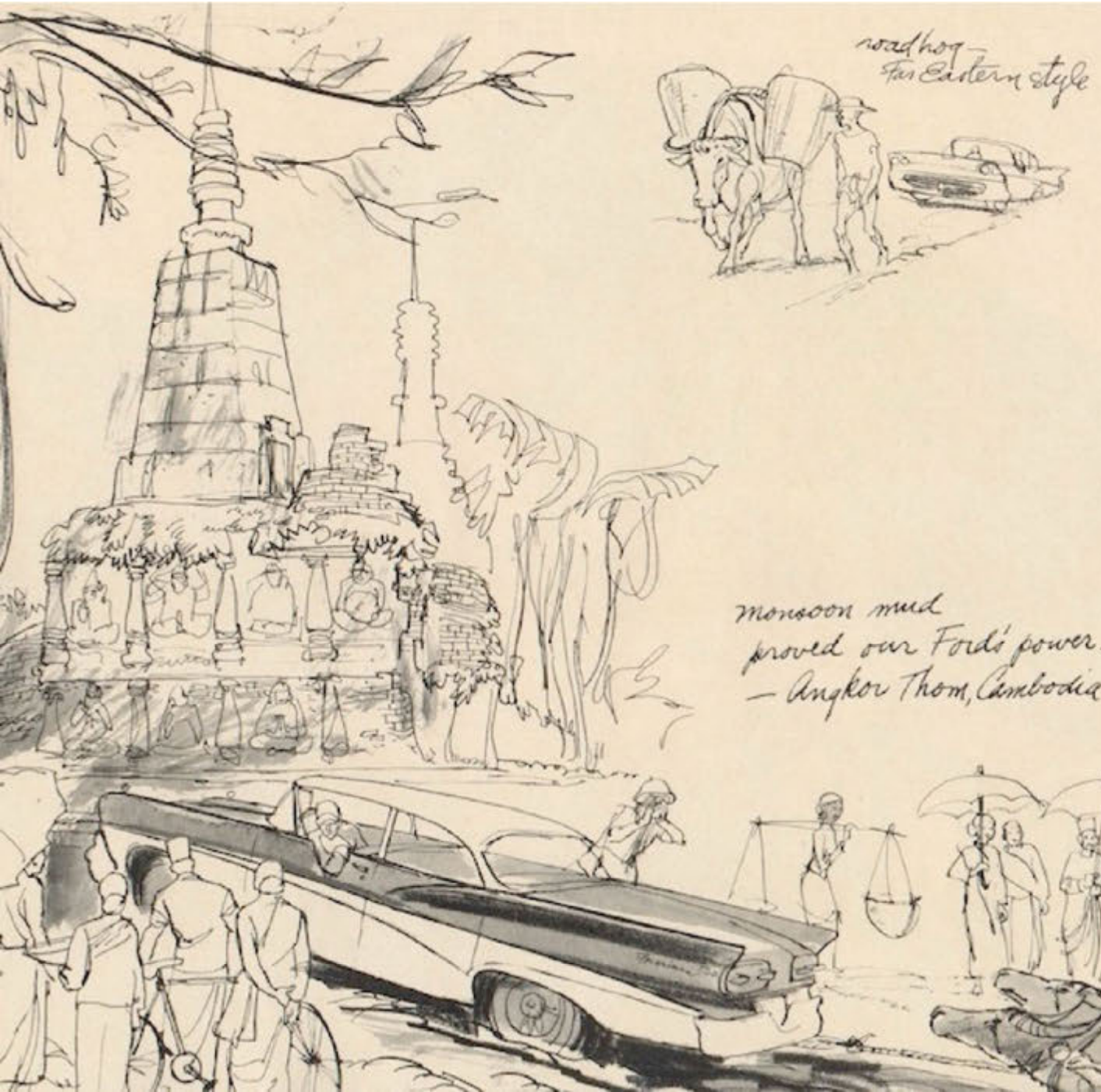
1958 Ford Fairlane "Around The World"

PROVED AND APPROVED AROUND THE WORLD

58 FORD

The first car ever to use the whole world as a test track





*road hog -
Far Eastern style*

*monsoon mud
proved our Ford's power.
- Angkor Thom, Cambodia*



Ford presents the all-new **Interceptor V-8** engine with Precision Fuel Induction

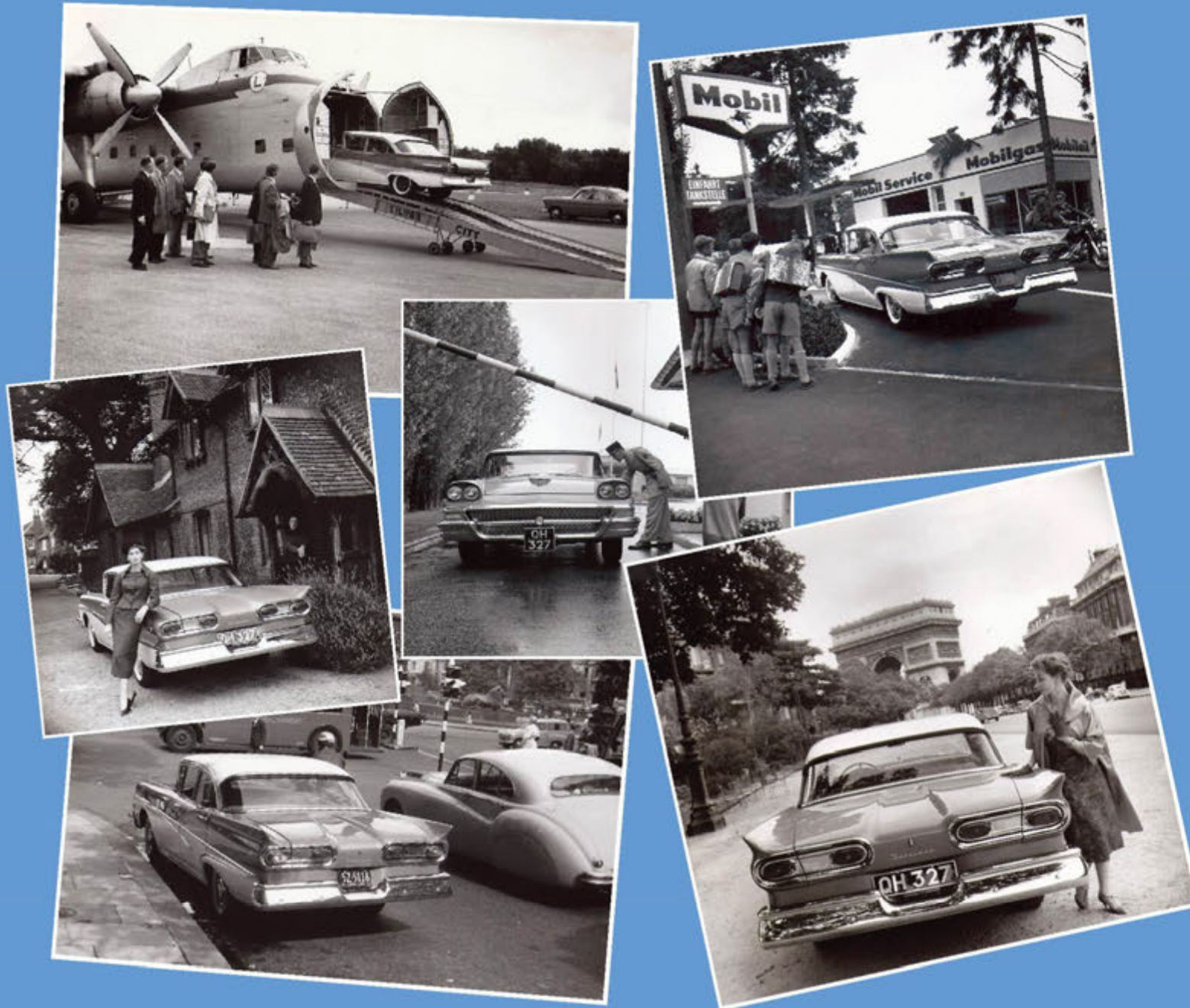
*So alive it makes horsepower figures meaningless!
So efficient it gets more out of gasoline than ever before!
So smooth . . . so quiet . . . you'll hardly know it's there!*

As the trail-blazing Fairlane 500 circled the globe, mountain passes, wheel-gripping desert roads, blistering heat and clammy cold proved without doubt that the Ford Interceptor V-8 is the finest engine in its class!

The fuel and air mixture flows more freely, more precisely from the carburetor through a new direct intake manifold to deliver the most uniformly powerful charge possible to each combustion chamber. Combustion chambers are machined to keep volume equal, extract the full power potential from every molecule of fuel. And the relocation of valve ports helps prevent "hot spots" that cause warping.

The new Interceptor V-8 delivers its maximum wheel-turning power not at racing speeds, but at ordinary, everyday *driving* speeds. You get greater agility with greater economy, too.

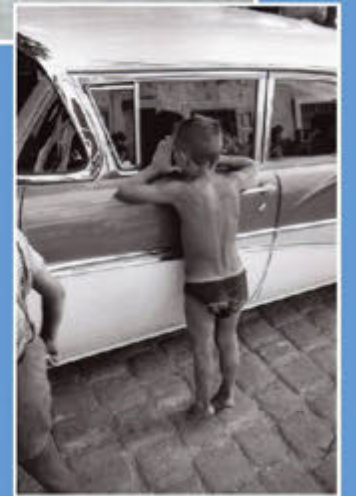
After assembly, each Interceptor V-8 is electronically balanced while running under its own power. You get an engine that is the full equivalent in smoothness and quietness of the most expensive engines built . . . and you get it at a low Ford price!



This astonishing travel created by the Ford Motor Company shows a trip across the world made by two intrepid men and their brand new 1958 Ford Fairline, across continental Europe and Asia -- a trip that would be virtually impossible today. The journey was part of the World Highways Expedition of 1957. The travel starts in Dearborn, Michigan where two Danny Ames and Phil Remy depart on a trip around the world, through sixteen countries and 15,000 miles of road. It starts with a drive to New York and then departure aboard the ship SS New York to London, then to Paris by airplane. The real journey then begins from Switzerland, across the Alps to Portofino, Italy, Pisa, Venice and Rome. The trip then continues through Yugoslavia, Athens, Greece and Istanbul, Turkey. Now the trip enters an incredible phase, including a drive across Anatolia, Iran and the Hindu Kush, Afghanistan. In this section the Buddhas of Bamiyan are seen. The journey continues through Lahore, Pakistan, India, Thailand and Angkor Wat, Cambodia. The trip ends with a visit to Saigon, Vietnam and a boat crossing to San Francisco and back to Dearborn, Michigan.



Inspired by the film *Around the World in Eighty Days*, the Ford Motor Company hired Filmways in New York to produce a series of commercials and a documentary about two guys driving a new 1958 Ford from LeHavre, France, across Europe, through Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, India and on to Saigon. To realize this task required a caravan of five vehicles: two identical Fords (in case one couldn't make it), two small trucks—one packed with spare parts and the other with a generator for lighting and camping gear for the rough, remote areas of the trip; a station wagon carried the camera equipment with refrigeration for the film stock. Personnel consisted of 18 men: 5 drivers, each an expert in some mechanical area, 2 camera crews, a still photographer, a doctor, a navigator, a J. Walter Thompson ad agency guy, and rotating interpreters from each country. "One Road," Mr. McClory explained in a *New York Times* article, is the color-film record of the World Highways Expedition, an automobile and truck caravan, which he headed for Filmways, a local television and commercial film production company. The twenty-two-man crew, he said, "landed in Saigon on July 15 and by Oct. 31 we had driven through Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Malaya, Burma, India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, Turkey, Greece, Yugoslavia, Italy, Switzerland, France and England."





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