



Sophistication comes with Cardin's softly striped suit



European fit and bold patterns come from Egon Von Furstenberg

Fashion's Tour Covers Many Miles

This fashion season marks the beginning of many new sights for men. It is a season that travels through the past in revitalized ways and jets into the future with completely new designs.

It is also a season of which men will take note because, for once, designers have looked directly to their audience to see what is needed.

The fashion tour then is a trip that covers many miles, from the countryside of England to the banks of the Seine to the California coast. Portions of the tour will be focal points for many men.

Generally the cut of men's clothing has changed. It hasn't become completely European but suits, sweaters, pants and shirts are more tailored resulting in flattering fit.

The re-introduction of the vested commuter suit brings with it two important fashion ideas, coordination and totality.

Parts of the suit match with other pieces for a change of pace. As a unit it creates a complete image, further executed by accessories such as walking sticks, hats and coats.

Coordinates also arrive with sweater sets. Sweaters themselves are making a comeback this season, but the sets indicate further interest in ensembles that match rather than random selections.

A journey sure to be repeated is a trip with Pierre Cardin. He again outdoes himself with beautifully tailored suits in subtle patterns.

Navy blue provides a background for small white dots or fading stripes. A bolder plaid is cut into a go-anywhere sports jacket. Cardin's style surely makes garments fashionable in any corner of the world.

Bill Kaiserman for Rafael will be another major stop on the

tour. His designs lean toward a casual, but sophisticated country English. His fabrics follow suit in tweedy wools, gabbs and soft leathers and suedes.

For the sporting vacation, men will be wrapped in wool. Open cardigans or wrapped sweaters match with corduroy or wool pants. The pant is simple, arriving without bothersome waistbands with barely a "baggy" in sight.

This season a new attraction has been added to the sights. Finally available are accessories for men. Not merely ascots, ties and cuff links, but a whole barrage of add ons.

Bracelets and necklaces are finally out of the showcase and onto wrists and necks. It's not just a few men who are adding sparkle to their clothes, young and old are experimenting with the new accessories.

And with a turn of the hand an

oldie but goodie returns. Hats will be spotted frequently this winter.

While the Russian cap has proved it's durability, this season introduces a functional hat that is fashionable. Felt wools and knit headgear will be important wherever you go.

Added to the warm-up will be long mufflers and gloves.

Whatever the final destination of the fashion trip men will land on their feet and what they land on is as important where they land.

Leave the platforms at home for this year's travel. Shoes of the season are simple in soft leathers and suedes. Styles are low, smooth and almost molded to the foot.

The tours of the year should fill fast as fall '74 offers the opportunity to buy a ticket and start going places.