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The people are quiet  
but not morose.

Women wear trench coats

like dresses. The dogs  
look contented,

all lying down.

Old DeSotos still driving  
and soldiers carrying rifles.

Many people

and sad vignettes of people  
leading sheep behind walls

to be slaughtered.

*—lines from a travel journal*