

UAR President Answers Letter Written by Gold Hill Youngster

Gold Hill - Gamal Abdel Nasser, president of the United Arab Republic, in a letter to a Gold Hill seventh grader said one of the most dangerous features of the external policy of the U.S. is "the apparent deviation from your ideals that were declared during and before the last World War."

The letter was written to Sherman J. Kiger Jr., 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Kiger of Gold Hill. He wrote the letter to obtain more information about countries in Africa while studying that country in social studies at Hanby school.

It was one of two answers young Kiger received to six letters to African countries seeking information about the countries, what they think of the U.S. foreign policy and that country's greatest problem.

Other Letter in French

The other letter was received from the vice general in Urundi, Africa, which is controlled by Belgian mandate. It was written in French, and as yet has not been translated.

President Nasser's letter follows:

"Cairo, 22.4.1959
Mr. Sherman Kiger,
General Delivery,
Gold Hill, Oregon
U.S.A.

"Dear Mr. Sh. Kiger,
"I thank you for your letter dated February 2, 1959. There is no doubt that the U.S.A. is really a great nation and it has achieved an excellent standard of life and of technical ability. In this capacity it has ranked at the top of the Western World. But leadership, especially in such a moving time as our own, rests on two pillars; the first being internal and the other external.

Internal Front
"In the internal front I believe that social justice is the most important factor to solidify the nation. In this respect, I believe that you have achieved a great degree of harmony between interests - cultural and otherwise - of your population which had, and still has, different backgrounds; only a fraction still suffers injustice, namely the coloured people of the U.S.A. I do hope that a harmonious relationship will prevail between this section and the rest of your population.

"Externally, the influence of the U.S.A. is not to be denied. She has done good as well as bad things, but the most dangerous feature of your external policy, in my opinion, is the apparent deviation from your ideals that were declared during and before the last World War. You seemed to be dragged into problems which are not your own, and which at the same time, are contradictory to your ideals, as well as interests.

"For instance you have played a major role in the building and the keeping going of the State of Israel. This, by the way, was mainly a British problem. You also supplied France with arms and financial aids which were used to suppress the Algerian Liberation Movement. You stood passively in relation to all African problems, such as the South African, with the supremacy campaign, the Central African problem, etc. In doing so you present yourselves to the younger nations not as heroes of freedom but as the heroes of the decaying empires.

"As for the major problems here in the U.A.R., I should think that in the political side, it is how to keep neutral in the real sense. We are often attacked by one side or the other or at least accused of taking sides. To keep a cool head and for a neutral path, is not an easy thing. This brings about consequences that are related to the non political issue.

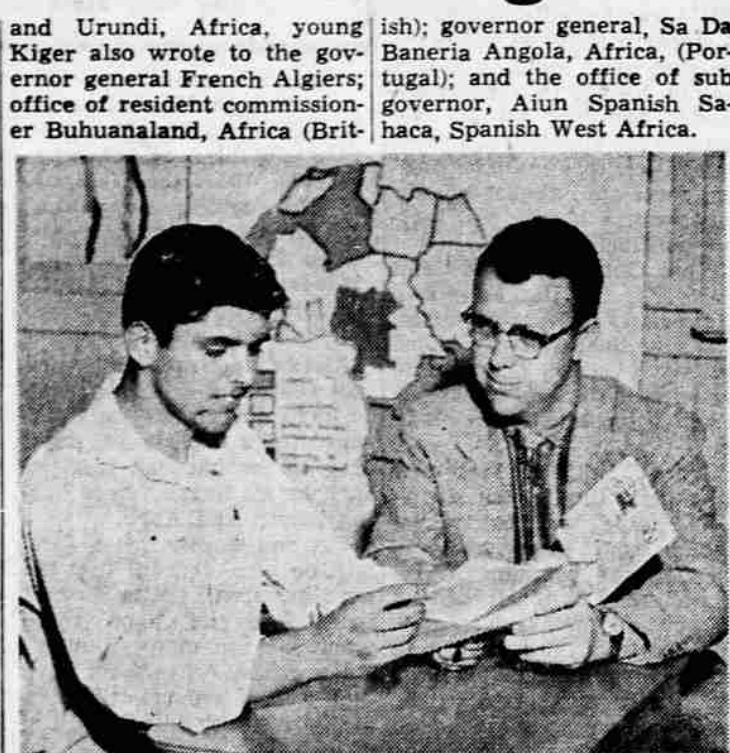
Another Aspect
"This brings me to the other aspect. Here we are mainly concerned with development, social and economic. We believe that both are closely related. Our first five-year plan ranges from establishing the steel industry to reclaiming (probably reclaiming) land. The cost of this plan is about 1,500 million dollars. We have to find these tremendous funds locally and from abroad. I think this is quite a problem for a young nation such as our own.

Yours sincerely,
/s/ Gamal Abdell Nasser
President of the United Arab Republic"

The letter was written in English.

Young Kiger said he was surprised, and pleased, that Nasser took the time to express his feelings in a reply to Kiger's letter.

Besides letters to Nasser



READ LETTER - Sherman J. Kiger Jr., seventh grade student at Hanby school in Gold Hill reads letter from Gamal Abdell Nasser, President of the United Arab Republic, as his teacher, Deane Roberts, Central Point, watches. The letter was in answer to one young Kiger wrote seeking information about the country, its view of U.S. foreign policy and the major problems faced by the U.A.R. today.

3,414 Tour Museum in April; Classes Visit

Jacksonville - UPB - Visitors from 32 states, including Hawaii, five countries and Washington, D.C., visited the Jacksonville Museum during April.

A total of 3,414 persons toured the museum during the month, an increase of 366 over April, 1958.

Classes touring the museum included the Eagle Point and Canyonville eighth grades; Myrtle Creek sixth grade; Kerby fifth grade; Ashland's Walker school third grade; and pupils from Cave Junction and Selma schools.

Members of a geology class from Oregon State college, Corvallis, also visited the museum as well as a chemistry class from St. Mary's school, Medford; and a history class from Southern Oregon college.

Groups Visit Museum

Among the groups which visited the museum were the College Women's club, Church of the Brethren, Christian Science Youth class, and delegates attending the County Veterans Service Officers convention in Medford.

A group of 15 Catholic sisters from Coos Catholic school Coos Bay, and members of the convention of the IOOF Lodge in Jacksonville, also visited the museum. Among the visitors were several Scout groups including Cub Scouts from St. Mary's, Den 8 Pack 8, and Den 2 Pack 4; Medford Troops 12, 26, 143 and Grants Pass Brownie troop 128.

Among the items contributed to the museum during the month were volumes of the Southern Oregon Miner, newspaper, spear-head and stone cross, pictures, a surveyor's relic, preserved cucumber, ivory miniatures, diary and booklet, Swedish Bible, china and silver arti-

Air Force Unveils New 'Mace' Missile

Washington - UPB - The Air Force has unveiled the Mace, a guided missile its builders say will "bob and weave like a football halfback" on its way through enemy defenses.

The Mace is being sent to U.S. Air Force units in Europe to replace the older Matador missile from which it evolved.

The Martin Co. of Baltimore, builder of the Mace, said its electrocontoured guidance system "enabled the missile to dodge heavily-fortified areas or geographic obstacles, carry its cruise altitude and even bob and weave like a star football halfback making his way through a field of enemy tacklers."

EDDIE TO SHED, WED

Las Vegas, Nev. - UPB - Singer Eddie Fisher plans to shed wife Debbie Reynolds and wed Liz Taylor on the same day - this Tuesday. David Goldwater, Fisher's attorney, said Friday the singer would file for a divorce from the mother of his two children Tuesday morning when court opens here and marry Liz, mother of three, in a private ceremony at her rented ranch la-

The American Embassy, in Baghdad, the capital of Iraq, is a replica of the White House in Washington.

Ashland; Fred Ober, Jacksonville; Joseph Pankey, Gold Hill; Mrs. Randal Axtell, Trail; Ashley H. Russell, Portland; Mrs. Hanns Meier, Miss Ann Livingston, F. B. Sweeney, Mrs. Aurie Peabody, and Mrs. W. R. Peabody, all Medford.

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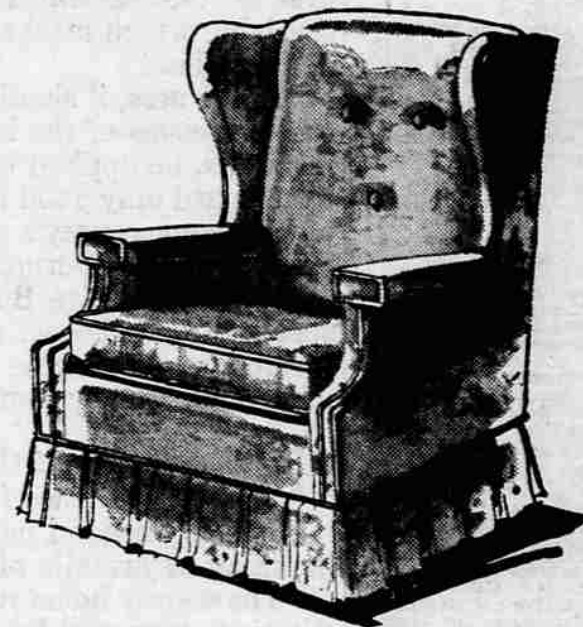
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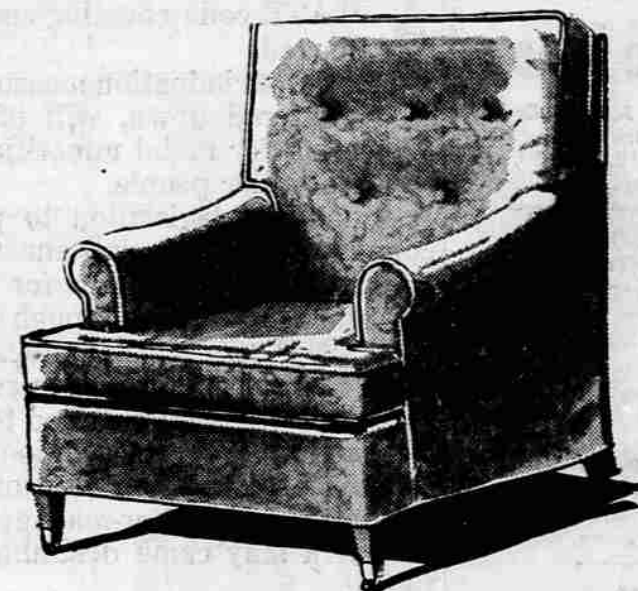
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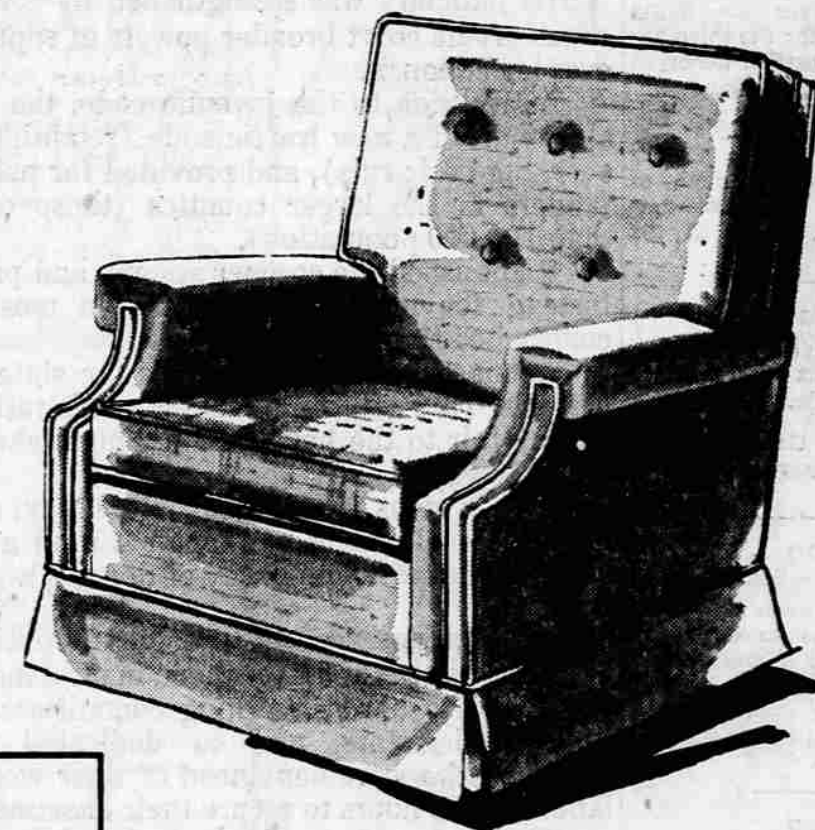
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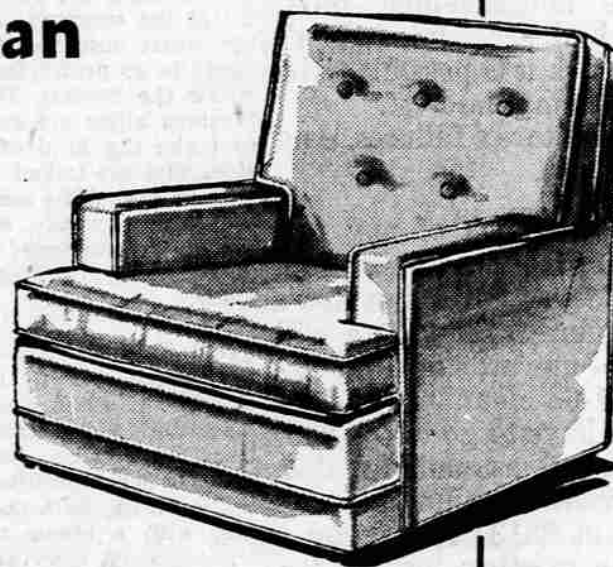
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