

450,000 Children Participate In World-Wide Classroom Plan

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Kansas City, Mo. — UPI — Eighth graders in an American public school exchange letters with pupils in a Tokyo eighth grade.

Soon they are trading scrapbooks and examples of each other's culture. A little Haiku poetry goes west and descriptions of New York go east. The New York children send their own tape-recorded messages about their studies, their hobbies and baseball. In exchange, the Tokyo children record their thoughts on their own country and its customs — and baseball.

It's all part of the People-to-People's International Classroom Exchange program in which 450,000 children around the world are engaged.

The program matches American classrooms, schools or whole city school systems with their counterparts in other lands — linking young minds of York, Pa., and Arles, France; Toledo, Ohio, and Toledo, Spain; Montevideo, Minn., and Montevideo, Uruguay.

Already U.S. grammar and high school students in 71 classrooms, 920 schools and six city school systems have been matched with a foreign equivalent — and it's just the beginning, according to Project Director Dr. J. Cloyd Miller.

Miller hopes to have 900,000 students in the program by the end of 1963.

"International friend ship appeals to youngsters," Miller said. "They are more open minded and curious — anxious to know more about everything. They are less handicapped than adults by prejudices and strong opinions."

Better Understanding
"If children learn more about what they have in common with the other people of the world, as adults they will be better able to understand change and work for peace."

"And they may even be able to influence the attitudes and actions of their parents."

The program's office here processes and pairs requests received from schools all over the world. It provides schools with Spanish, Japanese, French and Portuguese English dictionaries to help overcome the language barriers.

Many schools, such as the 25 per cent of the New York City schools active in the program with Tokyo, plan to exchange students.

Exchange Art Displays
Students at Pacific Beach Junior high in San Diego, Calif., have exchanged letters and art displays with Terao Junior high students in Yokohama, Japan.

A visit of African educators to College Elementary school, Arcata, Calif., sparked fifth grade exchange of historical anecdotes, hobby information and comparisons of family life with a Ghana school.

Miller said the most dramatic evidence of foreign interest has been from South America.

"We have emphasized Latin America," Miller said. "Our problem now is to find enough American classrooms to fill the nearly 350 requests a day we get from Latin American schools."

The sparkplug of the Latin American success has been Dr. Jose Guzman-Baldivieso, formerly a practicing physician in Bolivia, who has served as Bolivian Under Secretary of Health and as a United Nations delegate.

As a result of Baldivieso's

efforts, the Nicaraguan Minister of Education has enrolled the country's entire school system in the program.

Miller said there have been some difficulties such as the tendency of American children to become impatient when their letters aren't answered right away.

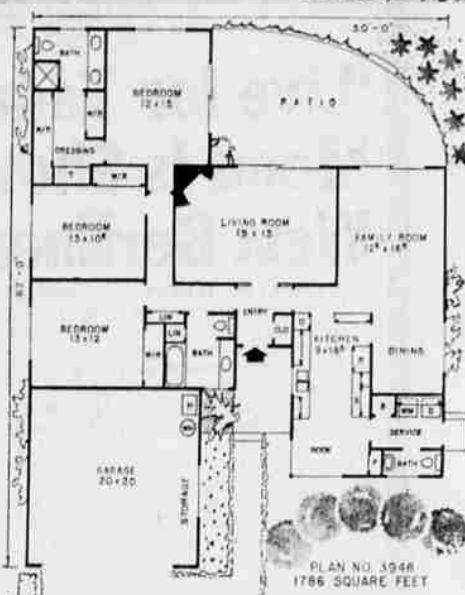
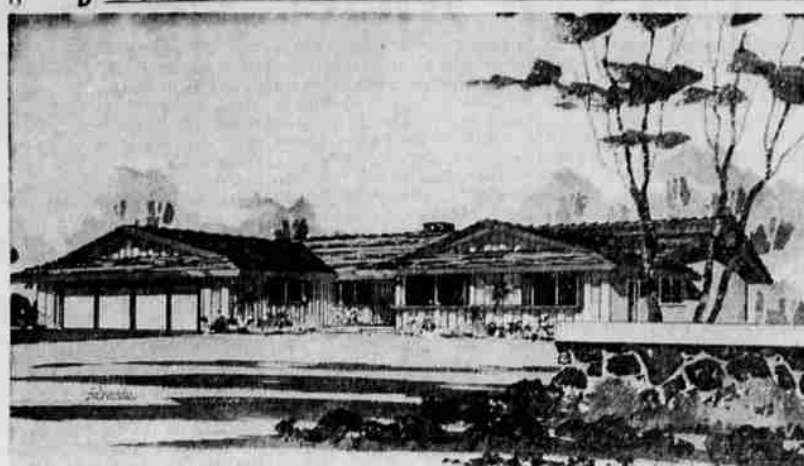
Time Not Same Thing
"Schedules and time do not mean the same thing in other countries as they do here," Miller explained. "Sometimes it may take a long time for children in a foreign school to answer."

But that's all part of international understanding, Dr. Miller said. "We try to impress American schools not to worry if they give more than they receive."

Miller, a former president of the National Education Association and president of New Mexico Western college before coming to People-to-People this year, emphasizes that the program is to give children of many lands a chance to learn what they have in common with others and not just how they are different.



CHILDREN RESPOND—Children in Mexico City responded to letters, tapes and pinatas (shown here) scrapbooks by sending Kansas City school.



This Week's Plan for Home Builders

No home, large or small, is worth its cost if it has been planned inefficiently. We give this impressive design a high living efficiency rating for many reasons.

The floor plan has been divided into three zones: two for sociability and one for privacy. The living room, formal entertaining, the family room-kitchen-dining oil for informal activities and family gatherings while the bedrooms provide privacy for each member of the family.

Note the ease with which you can get to all rooms of the house from the front entry. This is especially important to the isolated living room as little effort will be necessary to keep it clean and in perfect order. It will always be ready for use if unexpected guests should call.

Separated From Kitchen

The family room and dining ell measure 26 feet in length! The family room is partially separated from the kitchen by cabinets. A wall separates the

dining from the kitchen so that meals can be enjoyed without having to worry about a disorderly kitchen. There is an abundance of natural window light in this larger-than-usual kitchen. It has an especially large eating area for family meals. Not the wide pantry.

The spacious rear patio has been made part of the master bedroom, living and family rooms by wide sliding glass doors. There is a new thrill in gracious living when your landscaping visually moves in to the main rooms of your home.

Touch of Elegance

A touch of elegance is provided in the design of the master bedroom suite which is completely separated from the children's rooms. The dressing room has nearly 16 feet of wardrobe plus a dressing table. Both the master and the family baths offer pullman lavatories that look luxurious and are wonderfully convenient in storage and counter space.

Both the furnace and water heater have been located in the garage for easier servicing and more quiet operation. By offsetting the garage door, there is space for either storage or a workbench.

Complete working drawings for this plan can be purchased at a cost of \$7.50 for the first set and \$3 for each additional set when ordered at the same time. This plan will be available at these prices until March 25. Please allow two to three weeks for delivery. The following home plan books are also available: *Hallmark Homes*, \$1; *Award Homes*, \$1; *Town and Country Homes*, \$1; *Homes for Living*, \$1; *Homes of Distinction*, \$1; *Ranch and Modern Homes*, \$2. All books a \$7 value, only \$3. Send all orders for either plans or books to: Hiawatha Estes, post office box 404-T, Northridge, Calif.

The Family Council

Editor's note: The Family Council consists of a judge, a psychiatrist, three clergymen, three editors and a women's editor. Each article is a summary of a family disagreement presented to the Council. The Council deals with problems, major and minor, encountered by guidance counselors and social workers. Edited by Mrs. Alma Deany. (Copyright by General Features Corp.)

Doris W.—She can't invite people over and then serve no food.

Nell A.—I only invite well-nourished, well-fed friends.

Doris W.—We'll never accept another of Nell's invitations! Imagine inviting people over for a Sunday evening party from 5 to 8 o'clock, and serving nothing but coffee and cake, plus a few canapés to go with the drinks. Why that's supper-time for most of us.

Those who know how much of a nonconformist Nell is were prepared for this treatment. We're new in town, however, and we were taken by surprise. As we left we rounded up two other couples and went downtown for a triple-decker corned beef sandwich. That kind of a Sunday party we don't need. Never again.

Nell A.—Sunday is a day for Sunday dinners, and since my invitation didn't say dinner, you'd assume Doris would have known they wouldn't be fed at our party. We have dinner at 2 on Sundays. Most of my friends have the big meal after church any time during the afternoon. So I figured 5 to 8 would be understood as "after dinner."

I'm trying to start a trend around here. Since everyone I know has enough to eat, why must I feed them? We like to see them and I hope they like to see us. But food? Most of us are overweight, anyway. I feel I acted like a real friend to Doris, holding off on the calories. I hope she'll come to see us, not sandwiches.

The Council: There's an old proverb which says without good food there's no good talk, and without good talk there's no good food. Well, here's Doris putting in some good talk in behalf of good food, more of it, at Nell's home. And here's Nell trying to talk her out of it. We feel Doris is justified

in refusing further invitations from Nell unless the latter gets a few things clear in her own mind about hospitality, and then learns to make her invitations crystal clear to her guests so they know exactly what to expect.

From time immemorial food and love have been linked. The acme of friendship is expressed by an invitation to "break bread together" at one home, over a dinner that one has carefully prepared. After a leisurely repast, the ash trays fill up as the conversation rolls along in a relaxed manner. Hence the popularity of dinner parties at home.

But Nell is out to grab the party-part without the dinner-part. It's a neat trick if she can do it. It has been done under certain circumstances.

First, Nell must remember that it's a party she's inviting people to, not a committee meeting. So there must be a festive, special air about the occasion. Flowers, music, interesting finger sandwiches and desserts are in order. Then she must accept the fact, correctly pointed out by Doris, that—despite the nonconformists—there are generally accepted meal-times in our society. It follows that there are also generally accepted between-meal-times, too. From 5 to 8 p.m. would be considered a mealtime. Sunday has nothing to do with it. Nell's hours should have been 3 to 6 or 7 to 10 p.m. In addition, she could have mentioned "afternoon tea," "for cocktails" or "dinner party."

Most important, for good talk and good fellowship she must collect the sort of friends who can grow mellow over a platter of soda crackers.

PLANS OUTLINED

Salem-UPB Plans to buy 33 of the remaining 54 parcels of privately-owned property in the Capitol mall were outlined to legislators Tuesday by board of control secretary J. N. Peet.

Record Military Budget Upcoming

Washington —UPI— President Kennedy will send Congress next month a record military budget calling for an eventual force of 950 Minuteman missiles and a hefty increase in conventional arms.

Informants said Kennedy was expected to ask funds for 150 of the new intercontinental rockets to add to the 800 already authorized for the Air Force. The first 20 Minutemen were declared operational at Great Falls, Mont., Dec. 11.

It was reported that purchases of conventional Army weapons and Army type aircraft would be increased by several hundred million dollars over the present annual rate of about \$2.5 billion.

The new budget is for the year starting July 1. Total military spending will run between \$50.3 and \$51.3 billion compared with an estimated \$48.3 billion for the year ending next June 30.

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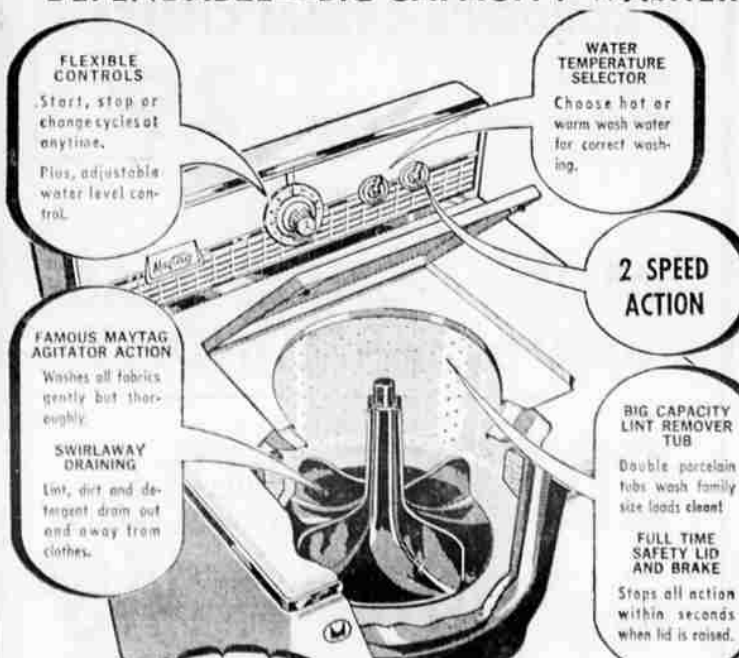
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