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### Pen Pals

By FLOYD L. WYNNE  
The idea of making friends through letter writing has been with us for a number of generations.

Two things recently brought the subject of pen pals to my attention.

I WAS CONCERNED yesterday when it was revealed that the State Department apparently opposes the practice of American school children writing letters to Russian children.

A fourth grade girl student in Roseburg had written the department asking for names of some Russian pen pals, and apparently the department replied through Representative Charles Porter that they feared Russian censorship and propaganda.

Porter lampooned the idea, but admitted that the Russians did practice censorship and propaganda.

He added, "This is like telling your kids never to walk across the street because some people get hit by cars."

LET'S TAKE A CAREFUL look at this proposal and the State Department's reply.

First of all, any such pen pal writing certainly should be under the direction of a teacher, since a fourth grade child has no way of determining truth from propaganda.

But, beyond that, I can see nothing but good coming from such a venture.

Since we practice no censorship, the child would be free to write the truth, telling about his or her life and surroundings.

By contrast, any censorship practiced by the Russians would be readily detected by the Russian youngsters who would know that some things had been cut out of the letters.

American youngsters, in turn, would be able to see Russian censorship in action in the letters they, in turn, received.

IT HAS ALWAYS been my belief that our American freedoms could withstand any assault.

If anyone understands the true nature of our freedoms, then I'm positive he would never trade even a portion of them for the type of tyranny that comes with such fearful philosophies as communism, fascism or socialism.

Exchange of letters with Russian students could also have some good advantages in giving our children a better understanding of conditions in other nations of the world, and might even work, in the long run, toward promotion of more harmonious relations between the two nations.

SPEAKING of pen pals, I have a recent letter from a 16-year-old Japanese girl attending Jumonji High School in Tokyo.

Her hobbies are doing needle work, reading and listening to rock 'n' roll songs. Her favorite singers are Ricky Nelson, Conway Twitty, Elvis Presley and Bobby Darrin.

She enclosed a picture of herself. Let me pass along her address: Miss Kimie Seta, 2745-3 Motoki Machi, Adachi-Ku, Tokyo, Japan.

Here's a chance for young people in this country to correspond with a Japanese girl.

I hope someone will respond to her plea.

### Down Mexico Way

By FLORENCE JENKINS  
At least six Klamath Falls couples have stopped at the Casa de los Tesoros (The Treasure House) at Alamos, Sonora, Mexico, so far this month, according to word this week from Alvin and Darley Gordon, owners and operators of that delightful resort hotel.

Mid-January floods did the roads no good on the west coast of Mexico, but the Gordons report that driving conditions (and weather) have returned to normal.

The travel-to-Mexico boom is in its 11th year. Back in 1949 there were only 60 Yankees living in Cuernavaca, Taxco, the silver center, on the road to Acapulco out of Mexico City, scattered few United States citizens, mostly artists and writers.

state police officers or deputy sheriffs. Air service is good and the trip can be as inexpensive or as costly as one wishes.

During the season, there are a few plush hotels on the coast which charge only a little less than American resort hotels. For the tourists who speak the language, there are the trains for getting there and the interior villages for visiting to see the real Mexico.

After all, Mexico is a near neighbor and is a North American country.

We want to go back, but we probably won't get beyond the Casa de los Tesoros next time, either. There is something about that place—maybe it is the Gordons.

### Wine Tester

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—Could you please tell me where I might go to become a wine tester? I have always been a very ambitious person, but could not decide what career or occupation to follow. I think now I have decided. I want to be a wine tester.

It seems like such a glamorous career. After reading so much about this activity and realizing what all these people are doing for the wine industry, I thought to myself—well, maybe I can be useful, too.

Perhaps, if given the chance, I could become the greatest wine tester in the community. I could bring fame to my old home town. I'm all "hepped up" over the idea.

What appeals to me, too, is all the free samples. I can see a great future in this type of activity for organizations which seem to be having a hard time getting members to attend.

If given the chance to become a wine tester, I am going to make a pledge to myself to try to help all organizations become more sparkling and vital in their approach to community inertia. Even now, this idea is "fermenting" in my mind.

Why not have contests between different organizations to find the really, really, greatest wine tester in the community? Friends, it has endless possibilities. Thanks to all of you who have helped me decide on my life work.

With a toast to you all,  
E. A. Green,  
Route 2.

### Dissenter

Klamath Falls (To the Editor)—I have read with great interest the articles written in your paper on county government by Mr. Wynne and Mr. Clark.

Mr. Wynne has placed himself on record against a new courthouse wing. This is easy to figure out. While the county has been growing and demands and duties of county government increasing, Mr. Wynne just sits in his office and writes editorials. Offices in the courthouse are taking care of three to four times the business they were built to handle nearly 40 years ago.

The district courtroom is a disgrace to the county. The upper court has to handle a good deal of their cases in a room not fit for storage. Every office in the building is crowded to the hilt. If Mr. Wynne had to publish his paper under the same conditions he would leave town.

Mr. Wynne said he would like to take a tour of the building and talk to those who need extra space. What is he waiting for? It is a public building and anyone can inspect it. Maybe he wants the county court to take a day off and lead him around by the hand. He is well known and will get his questions answered.

Of course, it is a lot easier to write editorials to confuse the public than find out the facts.

Mr. Roland Clark wants the sheriff's office to take care of an area

of over 5,000 square miles and 69,000 people with less than half the staff it takes the city to care for five square miles and 20,000 people. He wants this done with 1925 equipment. That is only part of the job of the sheriff's office who has such jobs as collection of taxes, serving summonses and attachments, handling sheriff sales and caring for 80 to 100 prisoners to name only a few.

This is an election year, and it will be interesting to note how many of these experts on county government needs file for one of the many county offices. How about it Mr. Clark and Mr. Wynne? Filing deadline isn't until March 11, 1960.

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### Red China

By JAMES MARLOW  
Associated Press News Analyst

WASHINGTON (AP)—All of a sudden the Red Chinese are putting on their Sunday-go-to-meeting clothes and an attitude of better-won't-melt-in-our-mouths.

Two things have happened in connection with this, one realistic and the other hard to believe.

The realistic one: Ever since the Korean War the American government has refused to recognize the Chinese Communists as the rightful government of mainland China and has opposed a seat in the United Nations for them.

There has always been some unreality about this, since the Red Chinese not only control mainland China but appear to be strong enough to keep on controlling it into the unforeseeable future.

The American position, in trying to ignore the dominance of the Red Chinese on the mainland, has always been a diplomatic maneuver intended to force the Red Chinese into being less belligerent.

Still, just because this has been the American position, the United States has excluded Red China from any talks about world disarmament, even though any disarmament agreement without Red China would be a farce.

Nevertheless the United States, with four of its Western Allies, was going ahead with plans to meet with the Soviet Union and four Soviet-bloc countries in mid-March to seek agreement on world disarmament.

Then a little over a week ago the Red Chinese made it clear just how much of a joke it would be for the rest of the world to exclude them from an agreement. They did it simply:

They said they would not abide by any agreement which they didn't help negotiate or sign. The State Department quickly agreed this was true and said if the disarmament talks show progress Red China should be brought in.

It would have been more realistic for the State Department to have said this on its own, and long ago. As it is, the Red Chinese took the initiative in pushing the State Department into this admission.

This is the hard-to-believe one: Thursday in Tokyo a high-ranking Japanese politician said the Red Chinese foreign minister, Chen Yi, told him the Communist Chinese have decided never again to use force against Formosa's Chiang Kai-shek.

The repeated Red Chinese attacks on the forces of Chiang, who is not only an American ally but in effect an American responsibility, have been the sorest point of friction between this country and Red China.

The Red Chinese have never told the United States they will abandon force against Formosa. But if their foreign minister was telling the truth to the Japanese politician, then there are perhaps three reasons.

None of the three can be attributed to a sudden development of mildness or international togetherness in Red China. These are the three likely reasons, singly or together:

1. Chiang is an old man. They may figure he won't live long and, since he was their main stumbling block to winning Formosa, once he's gone the Chinese on Formosa can be induced to come over.

2. The Red Chinese by their tactics in recent months have become a kind of bogey-man to their Asian neighbors: They crushed the Tibetans and jittered even peaceful India by slamming troops right up against her frontier.

In short, all Asia now has reason to look on Red China as a menace. From the standpoint of propaganda alone this is stupidity. It seemed only a matter of time before the Red Chinese got wise to themselves. Apparently they have now.

3. Their aggressiveness has been a pain in the neck of Premier Nikita Khrushchev who has been talking peace. They were spoiling any mileage he hoped to get by his opposite tactics. He may have talked them into cutting out the rough stuff—at least temporarily.

But it's hard to believe Red China has decided to be everybody's good neighbor. They haven't been so far. It's possible they've decided to quiet down. But, judging from past performance, it still looks like an act.

### Police Patter

By HAL BOYLE  
NEW YORK (AP) — Remarks that policemen get tired of hearing—or overhearing:

"Don't try to push me around, sonny. I've got friends at city hall."

"Officer, would you mind watching my child while I go into this store? I won't be gone but a minute."

"First of all, let's just get one thing straight: Are you a public servant or not?"

"What if I did belt her one? She's my wife—not yours."

"He couldn't be very smart. He's still on foot."

"Do you have any idea whom you are arresting?"

"Where do you fellows hide out? You can never find a policeman when you really need one."

"Why aren't you out catching bank robbers instead of annoying law abiding citizens?"

"Whaddaya mean I was doing 20? If this buggy ever got over 50, the engine would fall out."

"I was halfway across the street when the light turned red."

"You must be mistaken, officer. My boy wouldn't do a thing like that."

"Do you guys get a medal for handing out the most parking tickets?"

"I tell you it was those new cold tablets that made me woozy. I haven't had a drink since New Year's Eve."

"There's a ten spot in it for you if you just forget all about it."

"Somebody must have pushed my car closer to that fire hydrant. It was 20 feet away when I parked it."

"He wouldn't talk so tough with-out that badge and gun."

"I bought five tickets to the policeman's ball, and this is the reward I get."

"Please don't give me a ticket, officer. My dad will never let me drive the car again."

"What stop sign? I thought it was a shaving cream ad."

"Give a guy a whistle and a tin badge and right away he thinks he's Napoleon."

"When's the last time you paid for an apple?"

### SHORT RIBS

By Frank O'Neal

YOUVE GOT TO LEARN TO CONFORM!

HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO GET ALONG IN THIS WORLD?

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OH, I DON'T KNOW—LOTS OF COWBOYS WEAR TWO GUNS.

### The Almanac

By United Press International  
Today is Friday, Jan. 29, the 29th day of the year, with 337 more days to follow in 1960.

The moon is approaching its first quarter.

The morning stars are Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Venus.

On this day in history: In 1737, Thomas Paine, crusader for American freedom, was born.

In 1889, crown Prince Rudolf of Austria-Hungary... heir to the Hapsburg crown, killed his mistress, the Baroness Marie Vetsera, and then took his own life at a hunting lodge in Mayerling, Austria.

In 1900, baseball's American League was organized in Philadelphia, with eight teams — Buffalo, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Milwaukee and Minneapolis.

A thought for today: Thomas Paine, whose writings stirred the cause for American freedom, said: "Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it."



### Officials Say Plot Smashed To Assassinate Trujillo

WASHINGTON (AP)—Gen. Rafael L. Trujillo was believed here today to have successfully smashed a widespread plot to assassinate him.

Reports that were fragmentary, but from well qualified sources said the Dominican strongman's spouse arrested perhaps a thousand or more Dominicans about a week ago.

A conflicting version came Thursday night from the Dominican Republic, where Trujillo holds a control on news dispatches.

Col. John Abbes Garcia of the Dominican Military Intelligence Service denounced reports of mass arrests as "maliciously twisted." He said 15 to 20 persons were being held in connection with an alleged effort by a Cuban to help them make bombs and organize Communist type cells.

The version reaching Washington without Trujillo censorship regarded by the Dominican government as one of the most serious in the 30 years of Trujillo's rule.

Those arrested were said to have included many from prominent families in the small Caribbean country. Many were reported jailed in a special detention camp built outside Ciudad Trujillo, the capital city. The police were said to have arrested persons in other cities besides the capital and to have found hidden arms.

There was no evidence reported here of involvement of Americans, Cubans or other outsiders. Dominican police activity was said to have been stepped up in weeks immediately preceding the mass arrests.

The State Department declined comment.

Garcia identified the Cuban in his account as Antonio Cesar Fabre de la Guardia, who he said entered the Society of Jesus (Jesuits) but had never been ordained.

### Brando's Wife Likes Contract

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—The no-contact agreement the courts worked out between Marlon Brando and his ex-wife suits her just fine.

"In the beginning," actress Anna Kashfi said Thursday, "he used to visit Christian (the couple's 19-month-old son) every other day. You can imagine how trying that was for me."

"Now the baby is taken to his house by servants, twice a week, and returned to me when the visiting hours are over."

"We have no contact at any time, and that is exactly the way I want it."

In Jhabua, a state of Central India, a medical dispensary was built to mark Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897.

### Red Envoys Come To NY For Goodwill

WASHINGTON (AP)—A delegation of 25 Russians, including the premiers of four Soviet republics, arrive today in New York for a swift-moving-goodwill visit to 10 states.

The Soviet group, the biggest since Premier Nikita Khrushchev's tour last year, is scheduled to land at Idlewild Airport aboard a Soviet TU114 jet airliner this afternoon.

Heading the officials is Dmitri Polyansky, premier of the Russian Republic, a man who is also a fast rising newcomer in Communist party ranks.

After a two-day stay in New York, the group is to take off in a chartered American commercial airliner for a three-week tour of factories, farms, museums and universities.

In eight states, they will be honor guests of the governors who toured the Soviet Union last June.

In New York, the visitors are to meet with Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller whom Radio Moscow has repeatedly denounced as a warmonger.

President Eisenhower probably will meet with them when they come to Washington Feb. 17 but State Department officials said this was not yet certain since the entire tour is being handled by the International Institute of Education, a nongovernmental organization.

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