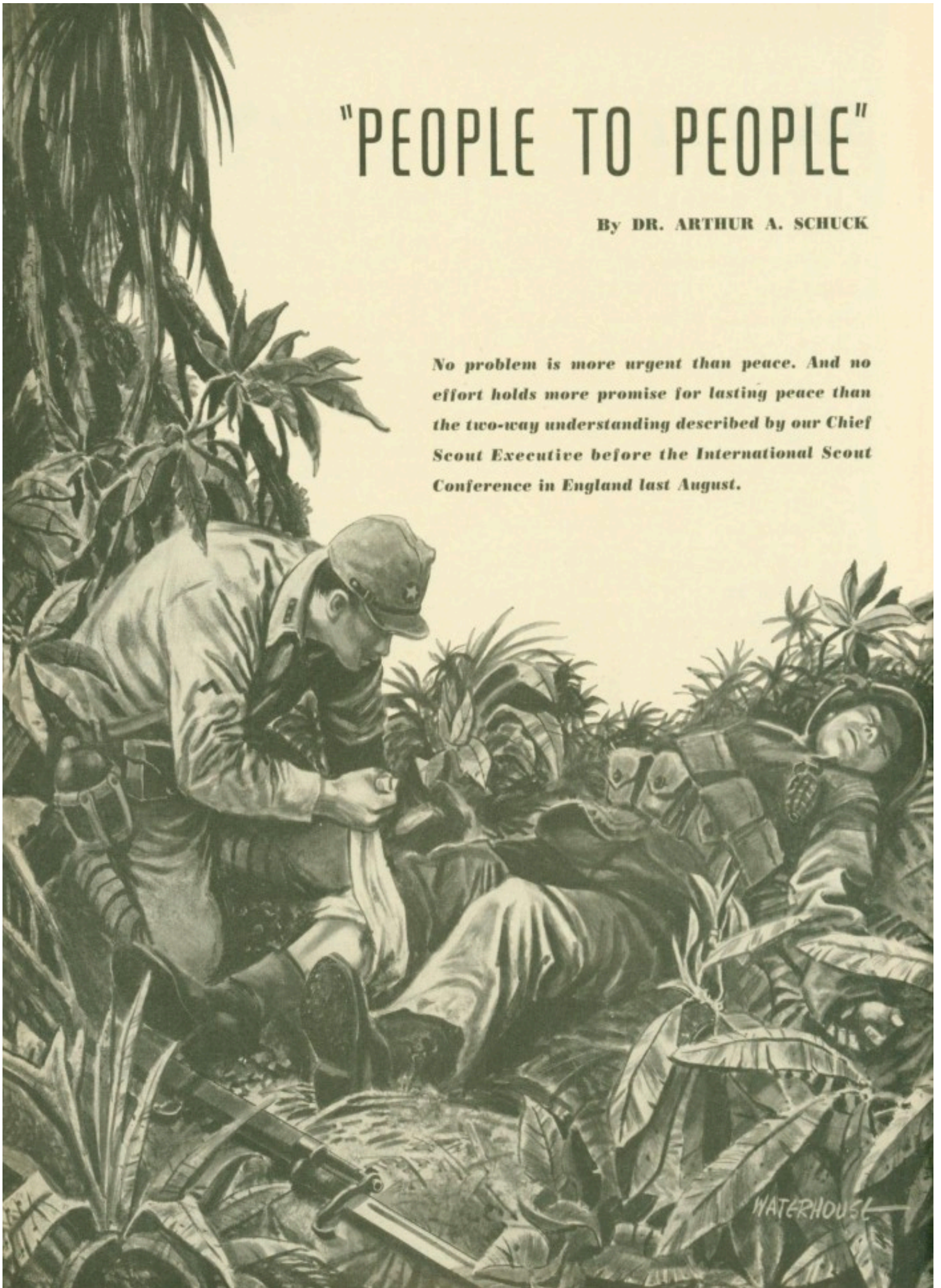


"PEOPLE TO PEOPLE"

By DR. ARTHUR A. SCHUCK

No problem is more urgent than peace. And no effort holds more promise for lasting peace than the two-way understanding described by our Chief Scout Executive before the International Scout Conference in England last August.



CAN SPELL PEACE

THE TIME INVESTED IN BOYS does yield dividends. Witness the following amazing story told by a Scoutmaster at a large gathering of Scouters a few years ago.

One of the Scouts in his troop was a Japanese boy whose parents were Japanese citizens. The family returned from the United States to Japan before World War II and the boy was soon in the Japanese armed services fighting for his country. During this fighting, an American patrol of soldiers ran into a force of Japanese. The Americans were driven back, but one of them was wounded and fell behind. Just before becoming unconscious he saw a Japanese soldier rushing at him with fixed bayonet. As the American fell, and just before becoming totally unconscious, he gave the Scout sign.

The Japanese soldier stopped, laid down his gun, took out his first aid kit, administered first aid, and stopped the flow of blood. This Japanese soldier was the boy who had, previous to returning to his country, been a member of the Boy Scouts of America. When the American soldier regained consciousness, he found a note hurriedly scrawled by the Japanese soldier that said:

When I saw the Scout sign I remember that I was a Scout and recalled the Scout Law stating that "A Scout is a brother to every other Scout." I couldn't kill a brother Scout in distress and I hope I have saved your life. If so, I ask you to use that life in the cause of peace.

The young American soldier was rescued by his comrades and is alive and well today. "That," said the Scoutmaster, "is my dividend."

That in itself is a dramatic story, but is only part of the total story. Some years after the war, at the request of some of our good Scout friends in Japan, one of our deputy regional executives, C. M. Finnell, was sent to Tokyo to assist as an adviser in reorganizing the Scout movement there. Our deputy, Mr. Finnell, happened to tell this story one night at a roundtable and to his surprise his Japanese audience arose and cheered. The connotation was clear—here was evidence that the spirit of Scout brotherhood was supreme, having broken through even the training of the military to render brotherly kindness to an enemy soldier who was a Scout brother in distress.

Later, Dr. Hidesaburo K. Kurashima, chairman of the National Board of Directors and International Commissioner, Boy Scouts of Japan, was so impressed with

this astonishing evidence of Scouting's power that he secured a famous artist to make a life-size bronze plaque in relief of the Japanese soldier and the American soldier mentioned.

This simple but dramatic story points up the breathtaking fact that understanding and appreciation and good will can remove the causes of war.

This fact was uppermost in the mind of President Dwight D. Eisenhower when in September, 1956, he called together a group of leading American citizens in a special White House conference in Washington, D.C., to discuss ways in which lasting two-way understanding could be established between Americans and citizens of other lands on a *People-to-People—Person-to-Person* basis as distinct from official government contact.

I shall never forget the sincerity and forcefulness of President Eisenhower as he spoke to us at that meeting. With great feeling he said:

"The purpose of this meeting is the most worth-while purpose there is in the world today, namely—to help build a road to peace—to help building a road to *an enduring peace*."

"The work we expect to do," he said, "is based on the assumption that *no* people, as such, want war—that *all* people want peace.

"If we are going to take advantage of the assumption that all people want peace—then the problem is for people to get together to work out not *one method* but thousands of methods by which people can gradually learn a lot more of each other."

President Eisenhower added that the *People-to-People Program* is not an effort to induce other people to adopt American ways—economic—religious—or political.

Rather it respects the belief that America can live as a good partner in the world with people of widely divergent cultural backgrounds—people who are trying to develop themselves peaceably, in accordance with their own particular heritages.

Because the *People-to-People Program* is intended to be a two-way street, it should result in our learning more about other people and their learning more about us.

The President said, "*People are what count*—a sympathetic understanding of the aspirations, fears, the traditions and the prides of other people is essential to the promotion of mutual prosperity and peace."

After two days of discussion and exchange of ideas at the White House meeting we were in agreement that

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"PEOPLE TO PEOPLE"

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citizens committees—each completely autonomous and voluntary—should be organized, representing the nation's social, economic, and cultural life to carry out the *People-to-People* concept in every way possible.

Subsequently, forty-one such committees have been created for as many different fields of interest.

These committees reach into almost every conceivable area of communication that might bring people together. To name a few—

There is a *Fine Arts Committee* headed by Dr. David E. Finley, chairman, U.S. Commission of Fine Arts, which is at work in developing exchange of more art exhibits.

The *Hobbies Committee* is already promoting broad exchange in a score or more hobby interests.

The *Cartoonist Committee*, whose chairman is Al Capp, is developing a series of cartoon booklets to help us see each other in a humorous way.

There is the *Medicine and Health Professions Committee* headed by Dr. Louis H. Bauer, secretary-general of the World Medical Association, which through exchange of knowledge, techniques, and education will endeavor to eradicate disease and other health hazards that continue to ravage many parts of the world, particularly at the youth level.

The *Civics Committee*, whose chairman is Dr. George M. Shuster, president of Hunter College, New York, is

fostering link-ups between cities and towns of various countries—many of these link-ups are already under way with exchange of tape-recorded children's songs—exchange of visits by citizens and officials to each other's cities. Recently the burgomaster of Wesel, Germany, visited Hagerstown, Maryland, and was named the Honorary Mayor of Hagerstown.

The *Women's Groups Committee* has just completed a survey of hospitality resources in communities of western towns for guests from overseas. This committee is composed of eleven of the largest women's organizations in the nation, many with international counterparts.

The list includes such diverse committees and groups as sports, music, science, and engineering.

Then there are committees on radio and television farm groups, letter writing, the handicapped; altogether more than five hundred national and international organizations are already represented on these forty-one committees.

These are just a few of the many committees and activities that are now under way. This gives some idea of the scope and the depth of this project.

However, with the proper respect for all these important committees, we would probably all agree that the *committee dealing with youth* has the greatest potential of them all for influencing people at a point in their

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lives that may very well be of the greatest value to future world peace and understanding.

For this reason the President conferred a great honor on the Boy Scouts of America when he asked me to serve as chairman of the *Youth Activities Committee*.

With the unanimous approval of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America, I accepted the appointment.

After a review of our field of endeavor, the top leadership of more than thirty different national organizations were called together to discuss the formation of the *Youth Activities Committee of the People-to-People Program*.

You will get some idea of the interest and appeal of this program from the fact that every one of the national organizations invited attended our initial meeting and every one agreed to participate as members of the *Youth Activities Committee*. This was the first time in history that youth-serving organizations of America have ever come together for such a purpose.

The programs of the organizations

that make up our committee reach into the lives of between twenty and twenty-five million American boys and girls and young people.

Many of these organizations have their counterparts or close working affiliates in most countries of the world, as you will recognize.

In addition to the Boy Scouts there are the Boys Clubs, Youth Hostels, Girl Scouts, 4-H Clubs, YMCA and YWCA, International Recreation Association, National Association of Student Councils, The Experiment in International Living, National Catholic Welfare Conference, United Christian Youth Movement, and others.

One of the first jobs of our committee as we charted our course was to develop a statement of purpose.

After much thought and discussion we agreed that it would be the purpose of this committee to strive to make effective the principle that friendship between peoples is built on individual understanding, with the knowledge that this understanding is nurtured by the exchange of information, ideas, and persons and by neighborly associations.

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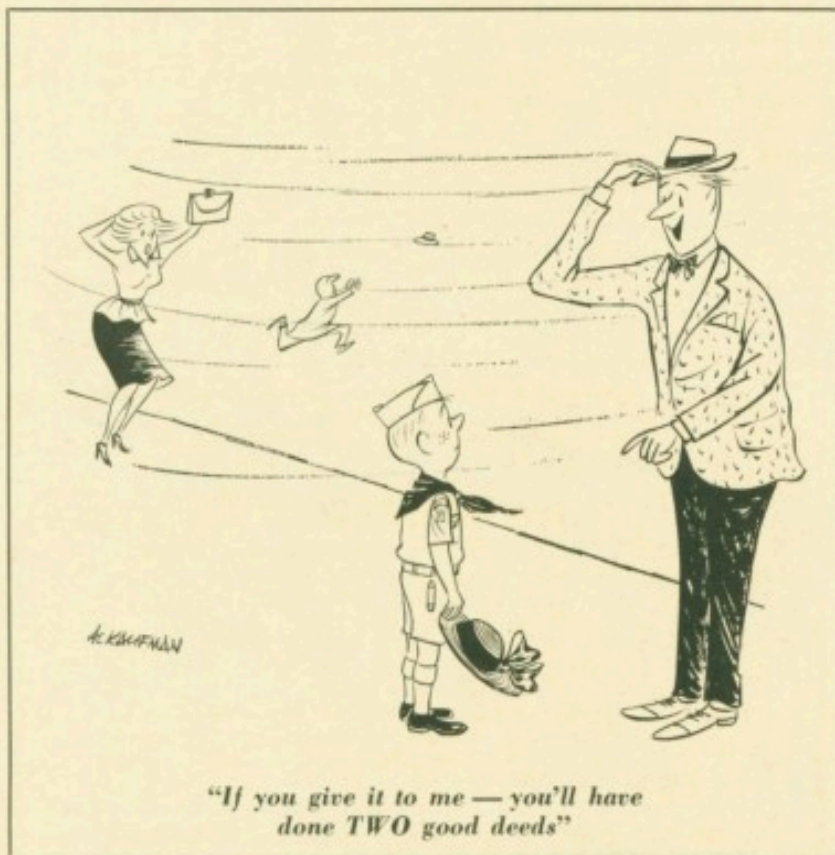
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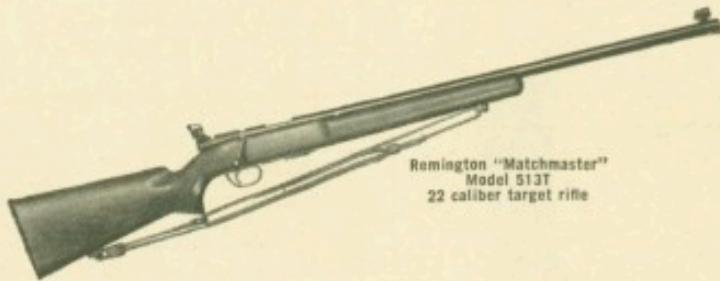
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tacts with youth and their leaders both here and overseas as a means of promoting understanding, peace, and progress. We recognized the need of creating in our young people the desire to understand other young people and to interpret the truth of our peaceful goals and to have respect for the rights of others.

We agreed to help our youth develop better understanding of the ideas and ideals and the way of life of other people of the world, and we avowed to create mutual understanding to offer opportunities for priceless friendships among youth, believing that such association can contribute to the cause of world peace and freedom.

Next we undertook a survey of all the various activities and programs of the organizations represented on our committee. This study disclosed an incredibly wide variety of activities already engaged in and pointed up as well the direction the new project should take.

Our next important activity was a two and a half day workshop, which brought together nearly one hundred representatives of our major youth-serving agencies from many parts of the nation and from half a dozen or more countries around the world, in-



"If someone gave me an alligator, could I keep it?"

cluding nations as far away as Ceylon, Philippines, and Korea.

One of the reasons the *People-to-People Program*, particularly the *Youth Activities Committee*, has had such great appeal to me is that it parallels so closely the very things we have been doing through the Boy Scout movement for half a century.

The Jubilee Jamboree, still so fresh in our minds, and all the world-wide and sectional jamborees that have preceded it, our broad exchanges of literature, and of Scouting techniques, have all been sincere efforts of devoted men and women striving through Scouting to bring better understanding among our nations and our people.

In the hearts of everyone of you I know are innumerable stories—personal, vivid, true-life experiences that speak for better understanding, that speak for precious friendships among all of us and among the youth we serve.

We in America are properly proud of the twenty-seven million men and boys who have been related to Scouting in the forty-eight years of our existence. Probably that number could be multiplied fourfold if applied to all of the associations represented here. Just think of it—probably one hundred million Scout-

trained men in the world today, many of them in top leadership positions in education, in government, in science, in industry and labor, but all of them influencing that segment of society of which they are a part.

Consider for a moment the tremendous potential that lies within their power and in our capacity to use that power for the further spread of Scouting, and the attainment of Scouting goals in this field of better understanding.

Against the background of what we have done, what we stand for, and in full recognition of the task yet to be accomplished, it is my earnest conviction that in the years immediately ahead our movement can and must take on an even greater role in blazing the trails *that will permit people as people to meet as friends*.

Moreover, we must develop a leadership that will strive with vision and courage and understanding to find the ways of bringing to the world an era of justice and opportunity and lasting peace.

It is my hope that the Boy Scout nations of the world will join with the Boy Scouts of America in making effective better understanding among the friendly peoples of the world through the *People-to-People Program*. END

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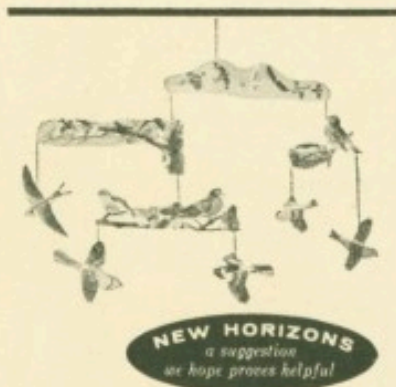
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These Airlift Explorers didn't know a **hibachi** from a half-hitch in the land of Fujiyama and **sumo**, but that was the fun of

EXPLORING JAPAN

By **KIT MAGID**

THE "MOONLIGHT," Japan's crack night train, jolted to another stop. A platform loudspeaker blared the unfamiliar stations: "Nagoya, Gifu, Ogaki, Kyoto!"

American Explorers tossed restlessly in their berths. Only one day before, they had arrived at Tokyo's International Airport scheduled to tour Japan as guests of Japanese Scouts.

These fifteen young men were selected from three regions in western United States. They were part of the Pacific Airlift, a good-will exchange of Scout tours between our country, Japan, and the Philippines, carried out with the cooperation of the U. S. Air Force. While this group traveled toward Kyoto, ten other Explorers were in the Philippines.

Now that the great adventure was really taking place, the boys were a little worried. This was a strange land with a strange language and customs. Would they be able to make friends?

The train hissed into Kyoto Station just after dawn. Even at that early hour, hundreds of Japanese Scouts were milling on the platform to greet the American Explorers. The boys exchanged greetings through an interpreter and after that sang songs of their nations.

In a spirit of fellowship the tour was underway. There were fewer doubts now. The big adventure had begun. First stop was an ancient walled castle. The gate was carved with birds, flowers, and butterflies and one ornate scene with a dragon and a tiger locked in combat.

The Explorers soon learned to understand Japan's pride in their ancient culture. They suddenly realized that the civilization of Japan was a thousand years old at the time Columbus discovered America. Once they understood this, they had a good start toward making friends.

In one quick hop on the sight-seeing bus, the Explorers were transported from the Japan of ancient castles to the Japan of today, industrialized and busy. They watched a silk

factory in operation while they sipped cups of green tea, always served to visitors by Japanese businessmen and officials. It was a flavor new to them, but like the temple and the operation of the factory, they liked it. It was good that they did, for as Howard Campbell of Tahlequah, Oklahoma expressed it, "The first fifty gallons are the best."

After they saw the way the Japanese produced their fine silks, the next step, naturally, was to buy presents for the folks back home. A Japanese Scout leader overheard Morris Smith of Uvalde, Texas, say he would like to buy a kimono. The Japanese, stepped forward. "Kimono I make. Kimono shop I take you," he said.

Accompanied by American Explorer Advisor Ralph Schmidt of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Morris and the Japanese gentleman went in search of a kimono shop. They made their way down a bustling street to a small incense scented shop.

"Is this your shop?" asked Morris.

"No, not my shop," said Mr. Hori Nobukazu.

"We want to buy from your shop," said Morris, who was trying to be polite.

Mr. Hori seemed a little confused, but he led them to another shop.

"Is this yours?" asked Morris.

"No, not my shop," said Mr. Hori, just as the shop-keeper was preparing to serve the inevitable cup of green tea.

"We want to buy from your shop," repeated Morris.

Off they went again.

After a half-dozen stops and as many cups of green tea, they still had no kimonos and apparently had not come to Mr. Hori's shop.

Finally, after long and careful talk, it was discovered that Mr. Hori was a wholesale manufacturer. All the shops he had visited sold his kimonos. When the mixup straightened out there was just time for a quick purchase before supper at Mr. Hori's home.

Here the Explorers saw the way the wealthy Japanese families live. They were met at the door by several servants, bowing very

low. With the servants' helping, the boys removed their shoes. They walked on the straw mat-covered floor of the house wearing light sandals. There was some difficulty about wedging American size feet into small Japanese sandals, just as there was in ducking to get through low doorways, but the boys enjoyed it very much.

They were surprised to see that a Japanese house looked like every one had just moved out. This was only the Japanese way of living, they soon discovered. The best Japanese houses are simple and uncluttered from design, not poverty. The boys sat down around a low table on cushions placed on the floor. In one end of the room was the *takemona*, usually an arrangement of flowers with an artistic scroll or silk screen painting. This *takemona* is changed with the seasons, they were told.

The Explorers found that another beauty spot in a Japanese home is the garden. Outside the living room of Mr. Hori's house was a beautifully landscaped plot with a stream flowing under a low balcony.

"Look," said Morris, looking down into the stream, "Goldfish four feet long!" and it was true.

"You like feed fish?" asked Mr. Hori. He handed Morris some flaky rice bread. In halting English he told the boys that in Japan the large goldfish, a carp, symbolizes boyhood. This is because the carp is a very strong fish and can swim upstream against the current. A boy, the Japanese believe, must be able to "swim upstream" before he becomes a man.

These Explorers had to swim upstream against a tough schedule. They were slated for a train ride to Nara, where they would stay in an American style hotel. They left Kyoto, no longer feeling like strangers.

They felt even less strange when they met Mr. Yujiroh Murase and Shigemitsu Asari, Japanese Scout leaders from Nara. Yujiroh, nick-named "Teddy-San," and Shigemitsu, called "Willie-San," because he was a student of English literature, especially William Shakespeare, made a tre- (To page 71)



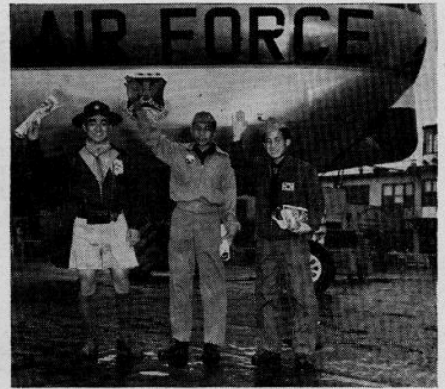
Crowds and friends gather on one of many shopping tours, as Airlift Explorers examine toys they bought as gifts for the small-fry in their families back home.



Tea is served around a charcoal burning *hibachi*.



Kimono sleeves were a bit short for Americans.



Scouts of the exchange airlift head for the West.



Huge *sumo* wrestlers in solemn entrance ceremony.



TV singer charms Explorers on tour of station.



Garden party with Prince and Princess Takamatsu.

remembered all those people who stood around and watched Agnes. They stopped just to see Agnes. Then it all began to add up. Agnes was a drawing card we needed. Once people stopped, they would stay to eat or to get their cars gassed up. I was pretty excited.

Before dawn I ran down to Abner's shack, busted in the door and yelled, "Abner, you're a cactus!"

It took a little while to explain it to Abner, but he got the idea. Just the other day, after Agnes had lured a batch of people into the restaurant, Abner told me, "Y'know, Pete, it's funny how I know'd so much about the desert

and never figured people might be the same as desert plants. Agnes had changed to live with people. Me, I was a bigger jackass. It took me longer to change. I was too blamed stubborn to admit there was no more gold in the Bighorns. Why, shucks, the thing I was looking for was right here all the time. There's gold here too," he grinned, as dad rang up another sale on the cash register and smiled our way.

That's the way it worked out. Abner gives me credit for the idea, but I think the idea belongs to somebody else. I hear her braying now, and that means I'll have to get outside and start wiping windshields.

Exploring Japan

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mendous impression on the Explorers. They soon found that the two Japanese leaders knew more about American and European language and culture than they did. They were told that this was because the educational standards in Japan were very high. Almost everyone in the country can read and write, many in two or more languages.

There followed a visit to the Temple of the Great Buddha, which houses the largest bronze statue in the world. The Temple is a center for Japanese Buddhists. The Explorers also visited the nearby temple park where the park keeper blows a bugle to summon hundreds of tame deer to be fed by visitors.

Close on the heels of this visit came a fast train ride to the industrial centers of Kobe and Osaka, and dinner of *sukiyaki*, tender slices of beef and vegetables cooked in soy sauce with bean cakes and bamboo sprouts.

At Kobe the Explorers again received a big welcome and were invited to spend the night with several Japanese families. They became acquainted with the *futon*, a heavy quilt on which the Japanese sleep. The thick quilts are placed on the floor in a pile that serves as a mattress, while others are used as cover. They saw that living space is a problem for most average Japanese. They were told that all the islands of Japan were smaller than the state of California, while the population of Japan is more than half that of the entire United States.

There were visits to the shipyards, newspaper offices, shrines of the Shinto religion, and Judo matches, but the biggest event was a high school baseball game attended by 80,000 people. The American Explorers learned that the Japanese are great baseball fans.

The Explorers gained impressions almost too fast to sort them out: Mr. Hiro's garden; tiny, handkerchief size farms outlying the cities; a garden party in the home of Prince and Princess Takamatsu; members of the Japanese imperial family; industry and ancient art; marbled government halls and wood and straw farm houses; and over it all the smiles and warm friendship of Japanese scouts and their leaders.

In a closing ceremony around a huge campfire in Tokyo's Meiji Park, an area named for an ancient

imperial family, were gathered the members of a modern movement for brotherhood.

Hidesaburo Kurushima, chairman of the board of directors of the Boy Scouts of Japan, ended the ceremony and the tour with an important story:

"I will tell you," Kurushima said, "about two soldiers during World War II, after a bitter battle on one of the Pacific Islands. All the guns were quiet and from the jungle stumbled a United States marine who had been seriously wounded. He saw a Japanese soldier approaching him with a bayonet drawn, but he was so weak from his wounds that he only stumbled and fell forward on the ground. As he lost consciousness, he was sure that he would be killed.

"But he was not killed. When he regained consciousness, he was surprised to find that his wounds had been bandaged. He looked around him in bewilderment and found a little note written in Japanese."

Mr. Kurushima looked out at the intent faces of the American and Japanese boys sitting there together and then he continued his story.

"The American marine was rescued and taken to a field hospital. He showed the piece of paper to a doctor and asked him to have it translated. Here is what the note said:

I approached you to kill you, but just as you fell down, you gave the Boy Scout sign. I remembered that I too had been a Boy Scout in Japan and that we were brother Scouts. I could not kill you. Instead, I took care of your wounds. And now I wish you good luck and goodbye."

As Mr. Kurushima finished his story there was silence. Twelve years had passed since that incident, and now the young men from both sides of the Pacific were meeting again—this time in a spirit of friendship.

As the American Explorers boarded their U. S. Air Force plane for the flight back home, they knew that the Pacific Air Lift Exchange had been a success. Scouts from the Orient and Scouts from the Occident were now bound closer together.

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