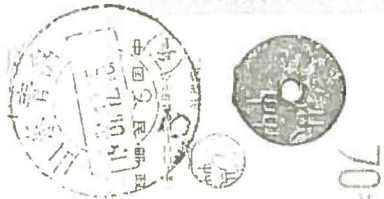




Rev. Stephen Jang
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Dear Bud,
 I have received your letter with
 thanks and joy, forty years just
 like yesterday.
 God bless you and the whole
 Church. please give my regards
 to Doris and your family.

Merry Christmas
 Happy New Year
 Stephen
 1944.12.15

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LEFT SAN DIEGO THE DAY

~~PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT DIED~~

Dear Oscar,

It was thirty-eight years ago today that I boarded a troop ship and left the port of San Diego, California, to sail for Guam, than landed on Okinawa on my birthday, May 27th, where I saw combat with the sixth Marine Division, then briefly back to Guam, and finally sailed to Tsingtao, China. I remained in China less than a year, but during that time I developed a lasting respect for the Chinese people, their culture, and their country. As you know, our home here in Ventura is filled with Chinese furniture and art. And, at least once a week we go to one of the many Chinese restaurants in town for Chinese food (Mandarin preferred). Most servicemen returned home with souvenirs, and I was the no exception. I was able to acquire the best China had to offer: a lovely Swedish bride.

My heart still is in China, although I know the day of foreign interference there is over. I personally think the Chinese are wise in their policy of controlling their foreign contacts. I am completely confident that they can do a far better job in running their own affairs than would be done with foreign intervention. Apparently the Chinese policy is one of accepting from the West what is good and what is applicable to their society, and rejecting Western ideas and ideals that are unacceptable. What complaint can anyone have with such a practical policy? We, in the West, want to offer assistance to our Chinese friends (considering China itself a friend), but we must accept China's prerogative of accepting what it wants and rejecting what it does not want. And where China does accept our assistance, it must be in the spirit of equals working together, brother to brother. China, too, has many things to offer the West. I am not only speaking of material items, but concepts from their rich cultural heritage.

I have heard reports that China is poor and, depending on how one looks at it, I suppose this is true. I have heard that China lacks medical expertise, and I suppose that it true too. I have heard that China is lacking in various technical skills, and apparently that is true also. But I do see many positive things in China. China is unified. There are not bandit armies overrunning the populous. All China is eating (and that is no little accomplishment for a billion people). I can remember a China that was starving and I can remember fine, respectable Chinese taking food out of the U.S. marine garbage cans. I understand China has an organized program of medical care, though not yet adequate to meet the needs of the people. But they do have medical care! When I entered China over thirty-seven years ago, most Chinese were just left to die. And who is to say that medicine in the West is so great? Sweden has had a brain-drain because it has not been able to hold its medical personnel. In the United States medical care is becoming too expensive for anyone but the very rich unless one is fortunate to have medical insurance (which is very expensive). But, most of all, the Chinese can now hold their heads high; they are respected by the world and, best of all, they have self-respect. This fact is not only true on mainland China, but among the Chinese the world-around. Say what we may choose to comment on the Chinese revolution and the things we have considered unacceptable about
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