

writes that his son, who is based in England, wangled a reason to fly to Paris to see his dad. He says, further, "I enjoyed the privilege of inspecting the underground sites where the V-weapons were manufactured and also a first hand contact with several of the slave-labor camps you have been reading about. Believe me, Phog, both are beyond description, - one because of its extreme interest to an ex-manufacturer, and the other because of its rank horror. Some day I hope to be able to tell you about these two unusual experiences. As might be suspected, the \$64 question among the kids is, when do we go home."

I acknowledge with thanks a very interesting letter from Chief Specialist Ralph E. Hayes, now at Northwestern University's Midshipmen's School. He writes that Don Diehl is stationed at the Midshipmen's School, and that both of them would like to be back. We would like to have both of you back, I assure you. Chief Hayes was one of our best morale-boosters among the Navy personnel. He was always on the right side when it came to loyalty, perseverance, and the good old American battle word, - "fight". I acknowledge with gratitude the many fine things that he did for athletic teams while he was stationed here. And as a boxing coach, he was second to none. He taught the boys the manly art of self-defense, but in addition, he taught them fine sportsmanship, and a never-say-die spirit.

Lt. E. S. "Eddie" Hickey dropped over from his Naval Air Station at Ottumwa, Iowa, to say hello to the Big Six basketball coaches at their meeting on May 18 and 19 at Lincoln, Nebraska. Eddie said it was like old times to be present at our basketball meeting. And Eddie writes, "Our Base here continues to be definitely interested in working out a basketball meeting. As your plans develop, we shall keep in touch with you and try to conclude on basketball dates and arrangements for a trip to Kansas. Should you find it convenient to work us into the program in Kansas City at any time, don't hesitate to count us in."

Capt. John T. Andrews (APO 430, New York) writes from China to congratulate me on my election as Governor of Rotary District #123. Thanks, John, but I see a lot of work ahead. I have just received a letter from Phil Lovejoy, secretary of Rotary International, saying that the International Assembly for our group, which is limited under fifty, will be at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, in Chicago, from June 11 to June 14. Phil says this is strictly a business meeting without frills, and President Dick Wells has been careful to see that the program is attractive and includes everything essential to our guidance. All functions will be informal.

I attended the International Assembly at St. Louis two years ago and know how well organized and how compact is our schedule arrangement. It is stimulating, but when a fellow gets through he is so chock-full of the many speakers' admonitions that you feel you cannot digest it by half. But after several days rest you are able to assimilate some of the things that never quite got inside. President-elect Tom Warren of England will be with us in Chicago. So the neighbor from England doubtless will reflect the attitude of a weary but a victorious nation, ready for many readjustments.

Capt. Andrews writes: "Had a fine trip over. Found India another world and one to be remembered. Flew the Hump into China and find it still another world of contrasts. . . Got a whale of a kick out of Art Anderson's comment on China. . . I am in good health and watching the food and making sure the water is actually boiled. Its all surface water over here, right out of the ditches. . . . All good wishes in Rotary and old Phi Psi."