

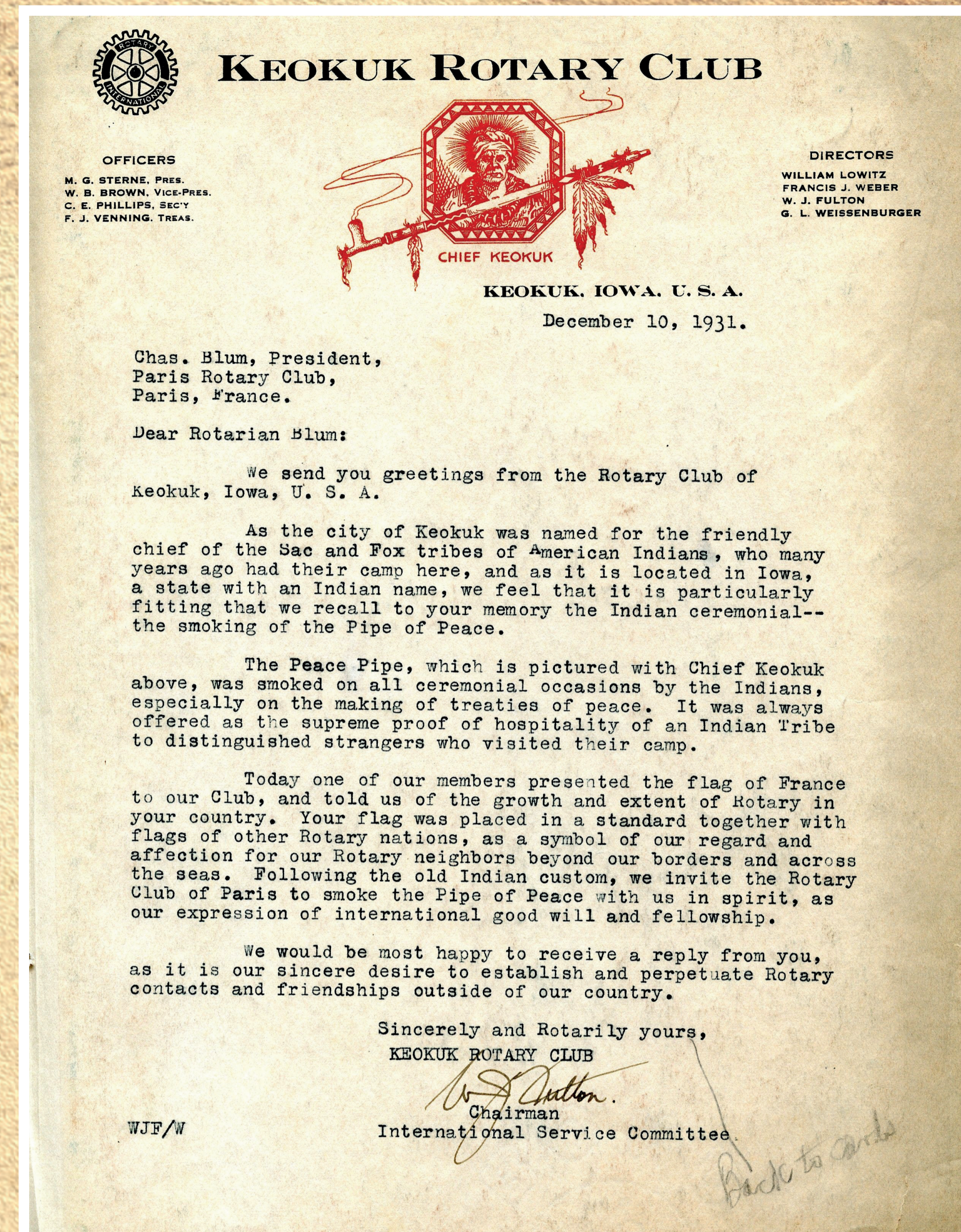


1837

Unlike his predecessors, Chief Keokuk of the Sauk tribe realized that violence against the white man's superior forces would result in the end of his people. Yet in negotiating with the US government, he found himself in a most difficult situation. Regardless of the outcome of these negotiations, the US was going to take lands that rightfully belonged to the Sauk and Fox. Chief Keokuk needed to secure what he could for his people. From a white man's perspective, it was skillful negotiations. From a Native American's perspective, it was negotiations mixed in with profiteering.



PEACE LETTERS



1931

Mr. Jewett Fulton, from Keokuk, Iowa - on the Mississippi, west of Chicago, - set out in December 1931 to send a message by letter to all non-English-speaking Rotary Clubs outside the United States, urging a worldwide symbolical smoking of the peace pipe.



PEACE LETTERS



Tony Conn
Keokuk, Iowa, USA

*“Following the old Indian custom,
we invite the Rotary Club of Paris
to smoke the Pipe of Peace with us in
the spirit, as our expression of international
good will and fellowship.”*

Mr. Jewett Fulton, 1931



Yogi Reppmann
Northfield, MN, USA and Flensburg, Germany

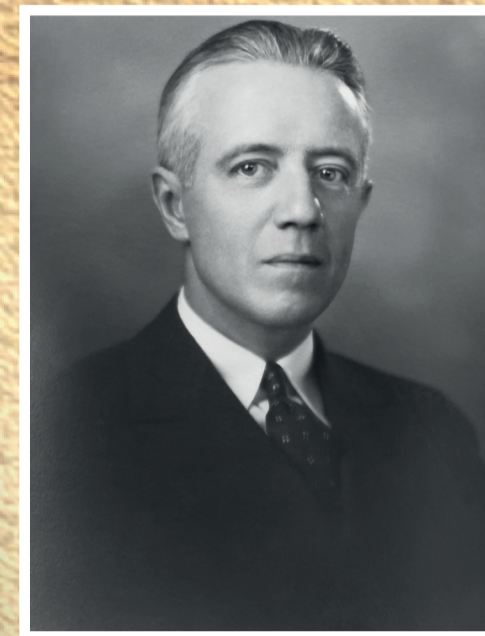
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2019

1932, Mr. Fulton received 201 responses from 44 different countries.
2016, they were found in a bank safe, having almost been disposed of.
2019, Tony Conn and Yogi Reppmann published them in book form.

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Letters to Friends



ROTARY CLUB BRESLAU
Hauptstadt Breslau, Provinz Schlesien - Przemyslany, Polnische Republik
Königsplatz, Breslau, Polnische Republik
Breslau, den 21. Januar 1932.

Rotary Club Keokuk
K E O K U K
Keokuk, Iowa, U.S.A.

Liebe Rotarier!
Herzlich danken wir Ihnen für Ihre freundliche Begrüßung vom 17. Dezember. Wir alle erinnern uns aus unseren Jugendzeiten, in denen wir James Cooper lasen, der Schüler einer indianischer Sitten mit großer Vergnügen, und so habe ich auch bei unserer letzten Zusammenkunft vom 16. Januar für alle Mitglieder unserer Clubs in freundschaftlichen Gedanken an Sie und Ihren Brief eine Zeile gerufen, die wir sodann unserem Neuen einverleibt haben.

Es freut uns aufrichtig um Ihren Schreiben zu hören, dass Sie die deutsche Flagge neben dem anderen Mäxer gehalten haben. Wir begreifen uns mit Ihnen in der unseren 52mal entsprechenden Überzeugung, dass nur durch die Vertretung von Verdiensten und guten Willen unter dem Schutze, wie wir Rotarier es pflegen, die anderen Nationen besser, die vorkommen können, sowohl wie die politischen und die menschlichen werden gebildet werden können.

Mit besten Rotary Grüßen
ROTARY CLUB BRESLAU
found
President.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
ROTARY CLUB OF CAIRO.
Cairo, Egypt
1932

Chairman, International Service Committee, Keokuk Rotary Club, Keokuk, Iowa, U.S.A.

Dear Rotarian Fulton,

We are in receipt of your letter of the 10th inst., sincerely thank you for your greetings which we heartily reciprocate.

Your letter was read after our weekly luncheon on the 10th inst. and it was received with great applause.

We have all very interested to know how your city was and all you write us about the flag of Peace.

The members of the Cairo Rotary Club (about 40) will be in sending you our best wishes.

I am,
Yours in Rotary Fellowship,
H. Heyerhoff, Ch. M.
Chairman, International Service Committee.

ROTARY CLUB OF CALCUTTA
ESTABLISHED 18th SEPTEMBER 1916
18th January, 1932.

U. J. Fulton Esq.,
Chairman, International Service Committee,
Keokuk Rotary Club,
Keokuk, Iowa, U.S.A.

Dear Rotarian Fulton,

Your letter of December 16th addressed to our President was read by me to the members of our last regular meeting, and I have handed it over to the Chairman of our International Service Committee for full reply.

I note with much interest that one of your members presented the flag of India to your club on December 16th and we are all very interested indeed to hear that this flag was borne at the presentation of the International Service Committee in India.

The enclosed anniversary booklet may be of interest to you as showing the growth of the Club, and I hope the book will give you some interesting details regarding our activities to promote cordials and friendship with your country.

Our last effort was an International Dinner at which the guests of practically every country were present, the full size flag of the different countries being hung around the walls of the Dining Room.

I can tell you a good deal more but must not weary the privilege of the Chairman of our International Service Committee will therefore close by thanking you for your very interesting letter and hoping you will be able to express our hope that some day some of your members will find their way to Calcutta and give us the opportunity of entertaining them.

I am,
Sincerely and cordially yours
R. M. Sen.

ROTARY CLUB DE CHIHUAHUA
ESTABLISHED 1916
December 7th, 1931.

Dr. H. J. Fulton, Chairman,
International Service Committee,
Keokuk Rotary Club,
Keokuk, Iowa, U.S.A.

Dear Rotarian Fulton:

It was a great pleasure to acknowledge your kind letter of December 16th, which was received by me on the 17th of January.

We have referred your letter to the Chairman of our International Service Committee and he will be glad to send you a copy of the book of the Club and to answer your questions in a suitable reply.

Sincerely and cordially yours,
J. J. P. P. P.
Chairman, Rotary Club.

ROTARY CLUB D'ANVERS
MEMBRE DU ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
ANVERS, le 19th, December 1931

V. J. Fulton Esq.,
216 South Main Street,
Keokuk, Iowa, U.S.A.

Dear Rotarian Fulton,

It was a real pleasure to the members of the Rotary Club of Anvers to receive your kind letter of 17th December conveying us greetings and good wishes for the New Year. We are all very interested to hear that a number of your club took our country as a subject for a speech we have been told you interesting things. The flag of Peace is quite familiar to us, as our participation in the war in a number of our clubs, and we are all very glad to see the return from the International Club.

We are very pleased to hear that you are trying to make the Peace Pipe with you in spirit, as a token of ever lasting friendship.

We have not regretted that of not having had the pleasure of seeing you when you landed at Anvers on your way to the International Club. We are all very glad to hear that you will be back in Anvers with best Christmas and New Year wishes for you and the other members of your club. I remain, Dear Rotarian Fulton
Rotarily yours
Dr. W. P. P. P., President.

THE ROTARY CLUB, DUBLIN.
FOUNDED 28th FEBRUARY, 1911.
COUNCIL, 1932
14 MIDDLE ABBEY STREET, DUBLIN.

S. S. Fulton, Esq.,
Keokuk Rotary Club,
Keokuk, Iowa, U.S.A.

Dear Rotarian Fulton,

Your very interesting letter of Dec. 17th, has only reached us, and I shall have pleasure in returning it to the Chairman of our Club at our next meeting. In the meantime please accept my sincere thanks for your kind greetings which are heartily reciprocated and which will, I am sure, be greatly appreciated by our members.

With all good wishes for 1932,
Sincerely yours in Rotary,
President,
Dublin Rotary Club.

CELEF ROTARY CLUB
ESTABLISHED 1916
January 13, 1932.

Dear Rotarian Fulton,

With real pleasure of the presentation of a Swedish flag to your club on Dec. 17, 1931, we beg to extend to you the expressions of our hearty appreciation and to send to you our very best wishes for a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Sincerely yours in Rotary,
CELEF ROTARY CLUB
President, Celef Rotary Club.

ROTARY CLUB OF HONOLULU
ESTABLISHED 1916
December 16th, 1931.

V. J. Fulton, Chairman,
International Service Committee,
Keokuk Rotary Club,
Keokuk, Iowa, U.S.A.

Dear Rotarian Fulton:

As Chairman of the International Service Committee of Honolulu I am delighted to answer your cordial letter of December 16th, and to inform you that the flag of Hawaii and the flag of the International Service Committee are now in the hands of the International Service Committee of Honolulu. We are all very glad to hear that you are trying to make the Peace Pipe with you in spirit, as a token of ever lasting friendship.

I am sending you a booklet illustrating the history of the flag of Hawaii and the flag of the International Service Committee. I hope you will find it of interest and that you will be able to express our hope that some day some of your members will find their way to Honolulu and give us the opportunity of entertaining them.

I am,
Sincerely and cordially yours,
President, International Service Committee of Honolulu.

ENGLISH MISSION HOSPITAL
PATERSON, N.J.
December 23 1931.

Dear Rotarian Fulton,
Thank you very much indeed for your most interesting letter which I read out at our usual Rotary luncheon today. We are all very interested to hear that you are trying to make the Peace Pipe with you in spirit, as a token of ever lasting friendship.

We are all very glad to hear that you are trying to make the Peace Pipe with you in spirit, as a token of ever lasting friendship.

Yours very sincerely in Rotary
W. J. P. P. P., President.

ROTARY CLUB DO RIO DE JANEIRO
MEMBRE DU ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
RIO DE JANEIRO, le 17/12/31.

Mr. V. J. Fulton,
Chairman, International Service Committee,
Keokuk Rotary Club,
Keokuk, Iowa, U.S.A.

Dear Rotarian Fulton:

Your letter of Dec. 16th was duly received. It was read to our club on the 17th, and the spirit of the letter was most appreciated. We are all very interested to hear that you are trying to make the Peace Pipe with you in spirit, as a token of ever lasting friendship.

We are all very glad to hear that you are trying to make the Peace Pipe with you in spirit, as a token of ever lasting friendship.

Sincerely yours,
C. P. P. P., Secretary.

ROTARY KLUB KOLIN
Kolin, January 21, 1932.

V. J. Fulton, Chairman,
Keokuk Rotary Club,
Keokuk, Iowa, U.S.A.

Dear Rotarian Fulton:

Many thanks for your letter from December 16th, which we were very pleased with the content of it.

In our last meeting we voted the Peace Pipe with you only in spirit, as a token of ever lasting friendship.

We wish you a very happy and successful new year and send you our best greetings.

Sincerely and Rotarily yours
Kolin Rotary Club
President, Kolin Rotary Club.

ROTARY KLUBBEN FOR KOBENHAVN
No 1251
Copenhagen, Denmark, February 18th 1932

V. J. Fulton, Chairman,
Keokuk Rotary Club,
Keokuk, Iowa, U.S.A.

Dear Rotarian,

We have been very pleased to receive your kind letter from which I see you invite the Rotary Club of Copenhagen to make the Peace Pipe with the Rotary Club of Keokuk, and on behalf of the Copenhagen Rotary Club I thank you very much. We have been very pleased to learn that your club has accepted our club in spirit, as a token of ever lasting friendship.

We are all very glad to hear that you are trying to make the Peace Pipe with you in spirit, as a token of ever lasting friendship.

Sincerely yours,
B. P. P. P., Secretary.

ROTARY CLUB SALZBURG
ESTABLISHED 1916
Salzburg, Austria, 1932

Dear Rotarian,

The Rotary Club of Salzburg, the city of Mozart, wishes to express to you their kindest New Year wishes. In their great desire to be represented in the ranks and seats of all Rotarians - that the New Year greeting of the world's most famous city and its people will be the same as the other Rotarians of the world and that the members of the Salzburg Rotary Club will be the same as the other Rotarians of the world.

The Festival Club of Salzburg has been organized and will have a most successful meeting on the 30th of July. The Salzburg Rotarians are all very glad to hear that you are trying to make the Peace Pipe with you in spirit, as a token of ever lasting friendship.

We are all very glad to hear that you are trying to make the Peace Pipe with you in spirit, as a token of ever lasting friendship.

Sincerely yours in Rotary,
President, Salzburg Rotary Club.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF SHANGHAI
ESTABLISHED 1916
January 6, 1932

V. J. Fulton, Esq.,
Chairman, International Service Committee,
Keokuk Rotary Club,
Keokuk, Iowa, U.S.A.

Dear Rotarian Fulton,

Your letter of December 16th was duly received and we are all very interested to hear that you are trying to make the Peace Pipe with you in spirit, as a token of ever lasting friendship.

We are all very glad to hear that you are trying to make the Peace Pipe with you in spirit, as a token of ever lasting friendship.

Sincerely yours in Rotary,
President, Shanghai Rotary Club.

ROTARY CLUB OF TOKYO
ESTABLISHED 1916
January 13, 1932.

Mr. V. J. Fulton,
Chairman, International Service Committee,
Keokuk Rotary Club,
Keokuk, Iowa, U.S.A.

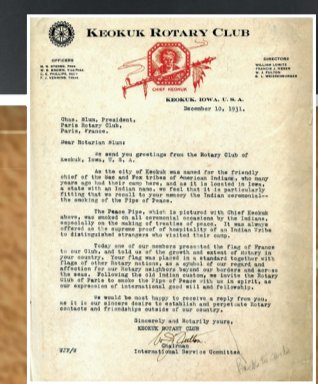
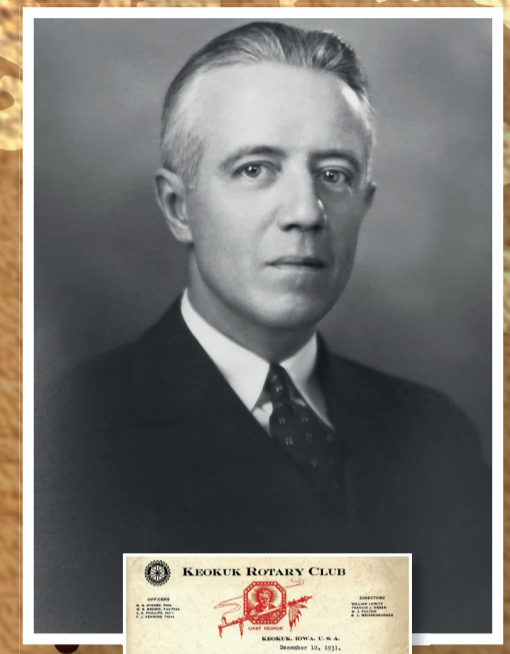
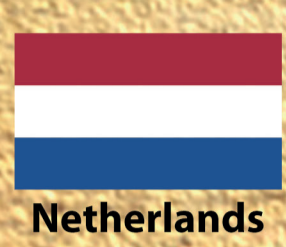
Dear Rotarian Fulton:

President T. J. P. P. has read to us your letter of December 16th and we are all very interested to hear that you are trying to make the Peace Pipe with you in spirit, as a token of ever lasting friendship.

We are all very glad to hear that you are trying to make the Peace Pipe with you in spirit, as a token of ever lasting friendship.

Sincerely yours and rotarily,
President, Tokyo Rotary Club.



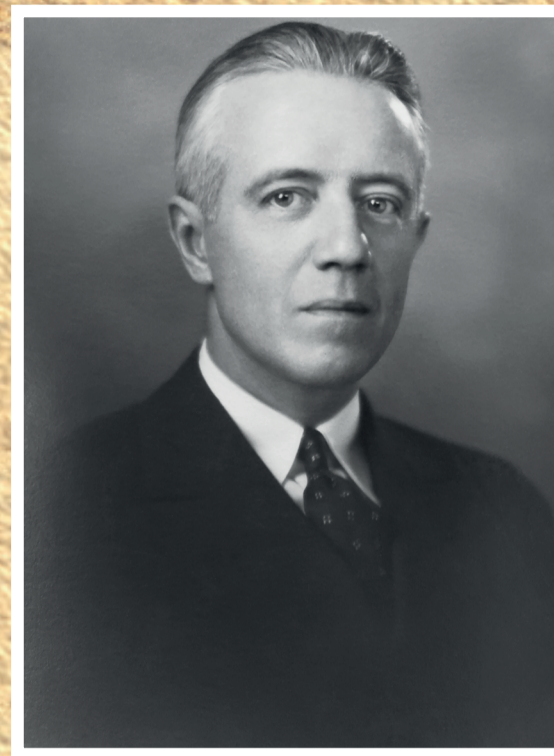


Keokuk, Iowa

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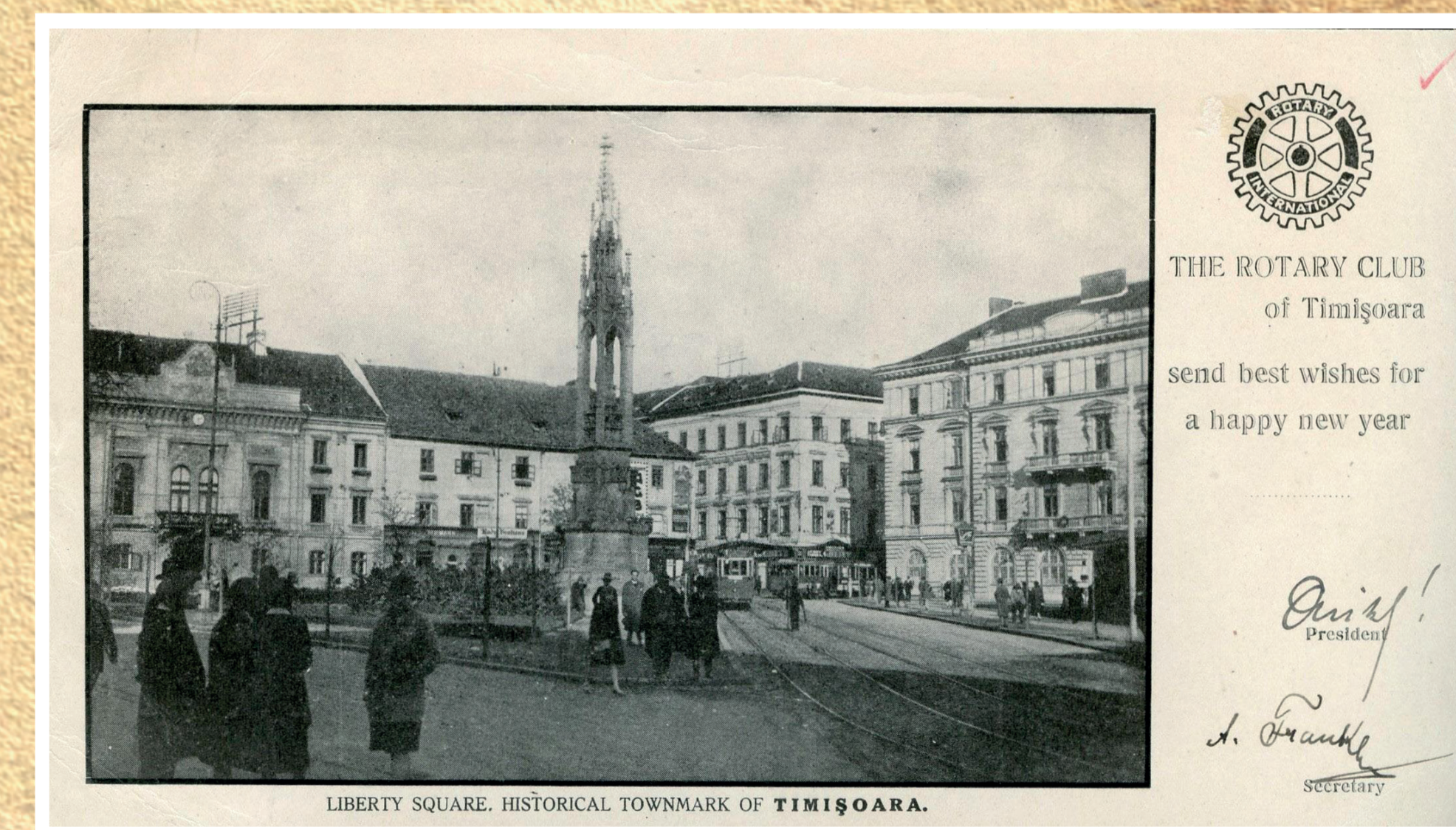
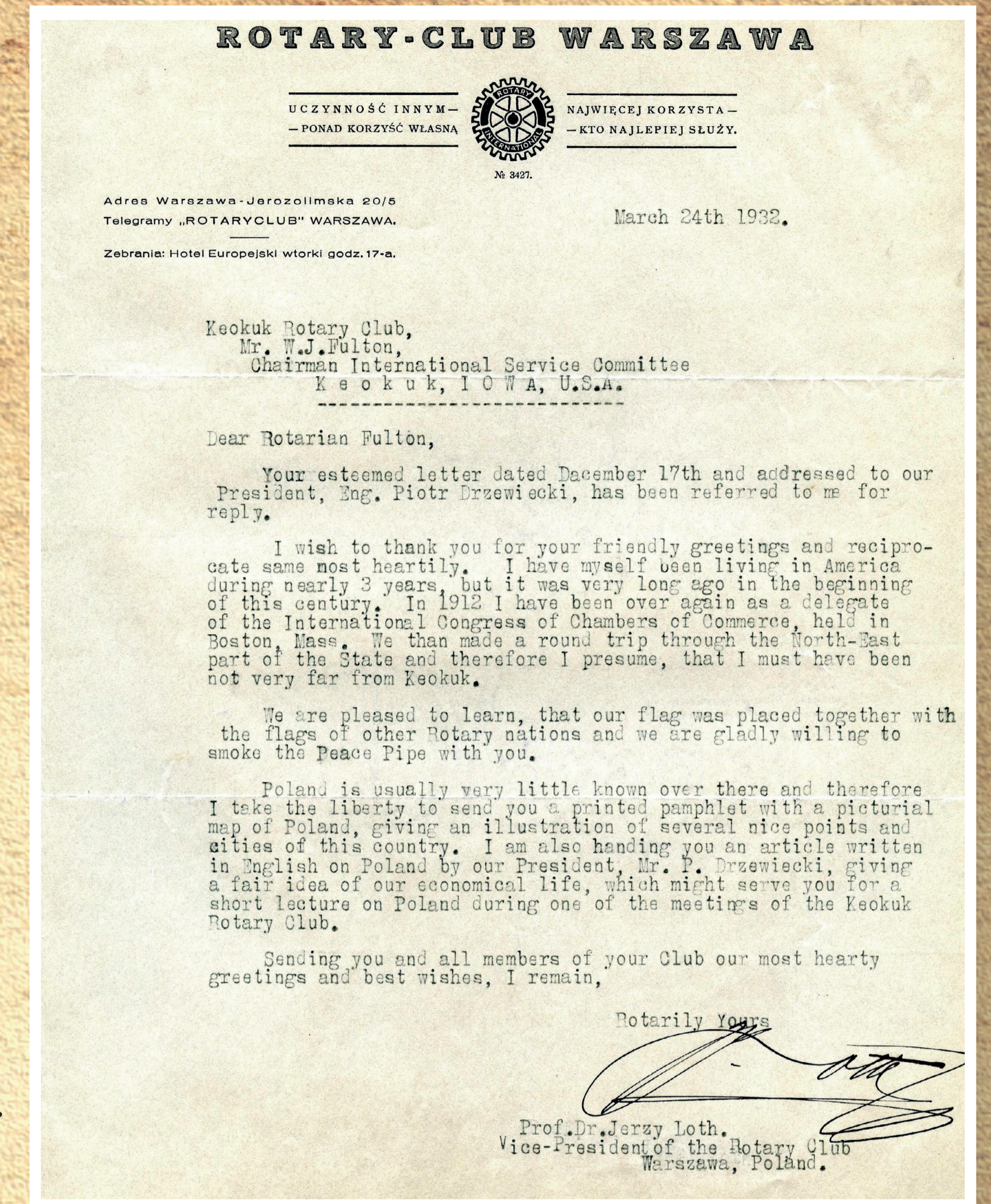
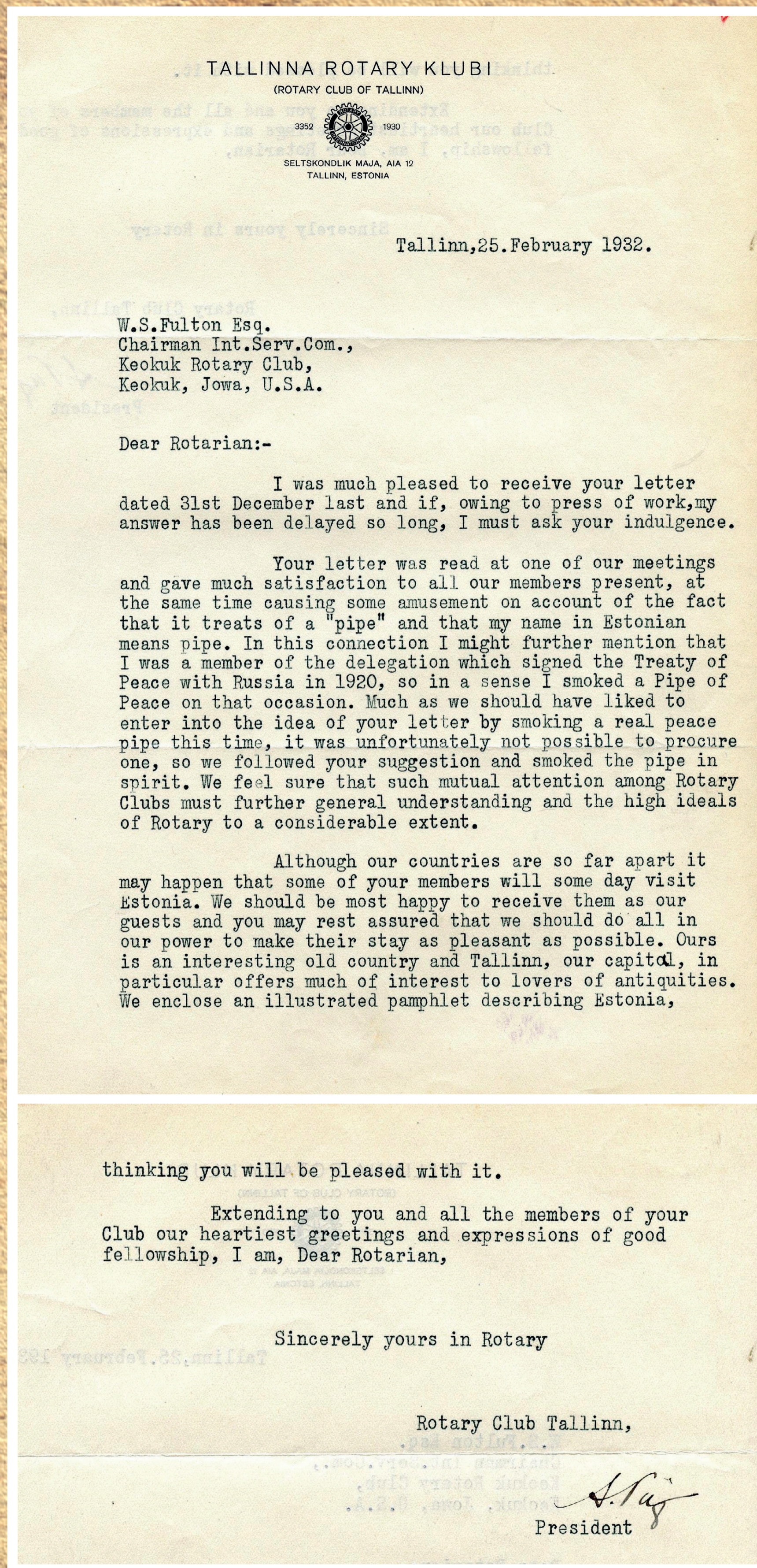
The Tallinn, Estonia Tragedy.

Tony Conn's recent research concerning letters written from the Rotary Clubs in Tallinn, Estonia and Warsaw are extremely informative. In the context of those peace letters it became crystal clear just how brutal Stalin's treatment of countless human beings had been, and certainly comparable to Hitler's attempt at exterminating those he considered undesirable. It was Tony, incidentally, who in the year 2016 came upon a timeless treasure trove of Peace Letters. These had been sent from around the world to Keokuk, Iowa, USA in 1932 and subsequently resulted in our joint publication in:

www.KeokukPeaceLetters.com

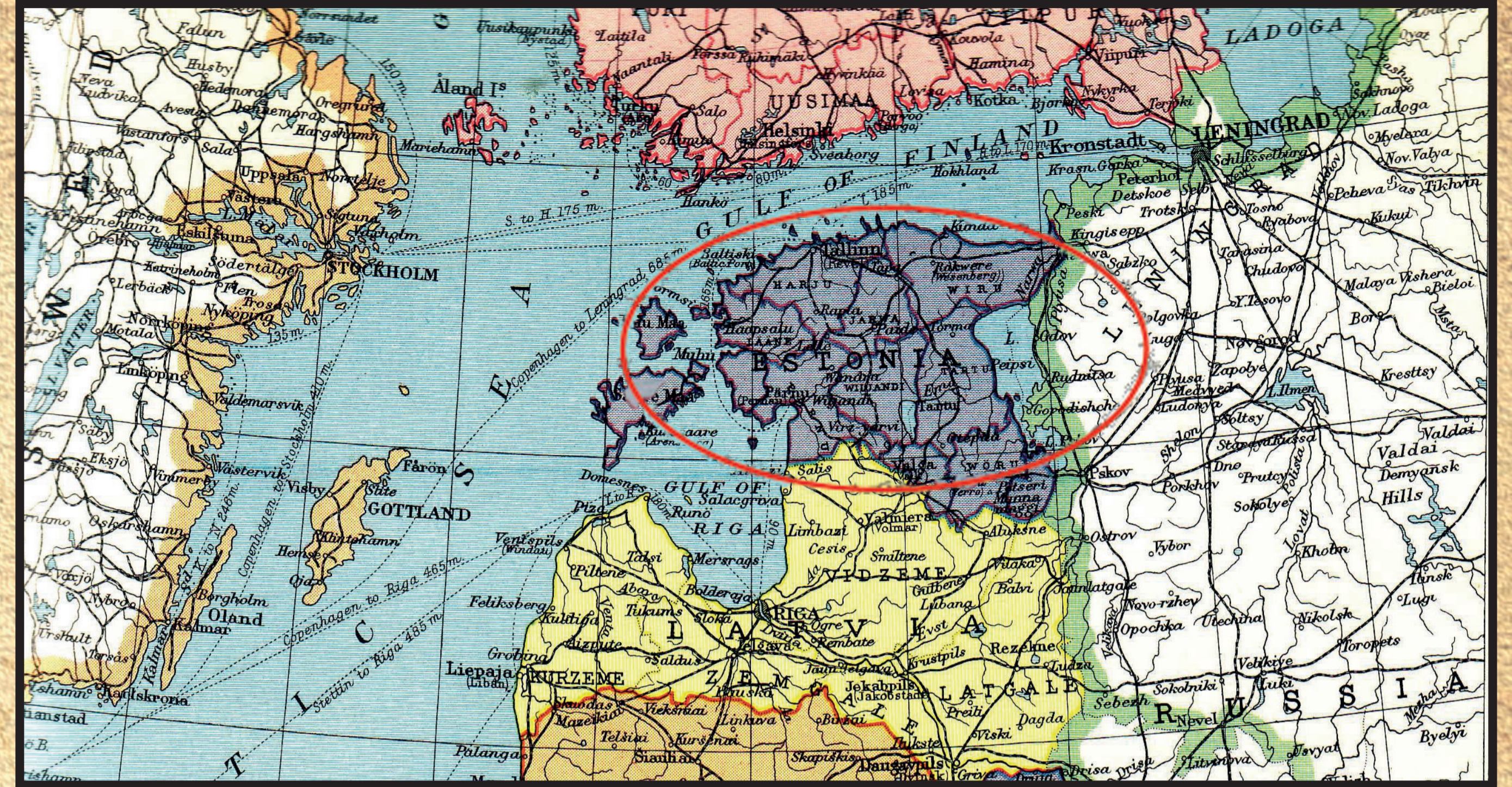


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Josef Stalin (1920)



The Tallinn, Estonia Tragedy

Tallinn/ Estonia



TALLINNA ROTARY KLUBI
 ROTARY CLUB OF TALLINN

Tallinn, 25. February 1932.

Dear Rotarian:-

I was much pleased to receive your letter dated 31st December last and if, owing to press of work, my answer has been delayed so long, I must ask your indulgence.

Your letter was read at one of our meetings and gave much satisfaction to all our members present, at the same time causing some amusement on account of the fact that it treats of a "pipe" and that my name in Estonian means pipe. In this connection I might further mention that I was a member of the delegation which signed the Treaty of Peace with Russia in 1920, so in a sense I smoked a Pipe of Peace on that occasion. Much as we should have liked to enter into the idea of your letter by smoking a real peace pipe this time, it was unfortunately not possible to procure one, so we followed your suggestion and smoked the pipe in spirit. We feel sure that such mutual attention among Rotary Clubs must further general understanding and the high ideals of Rotary to a considerable extent.

Although our countries are so far apart it may happen that some of your members will some day visit Estonia. We should be most happy to receive them as our guests and you may rest assured that we should do all in our power to make their stay as pleasant as possible. Ours is an interesting old country and Tallinn, our capital, in particular offers much of interest to lovers of antiquities. We enclose an illustrated pamphlet describing Estonia,

thinking you will be pleased with it.

Extending to you and all the members of your Club our heartiest greetings and expressions of good fellowship, I am, Dear Rotarian,

Sincerely yours in Rotary

Rotary Club Tallinn,

President



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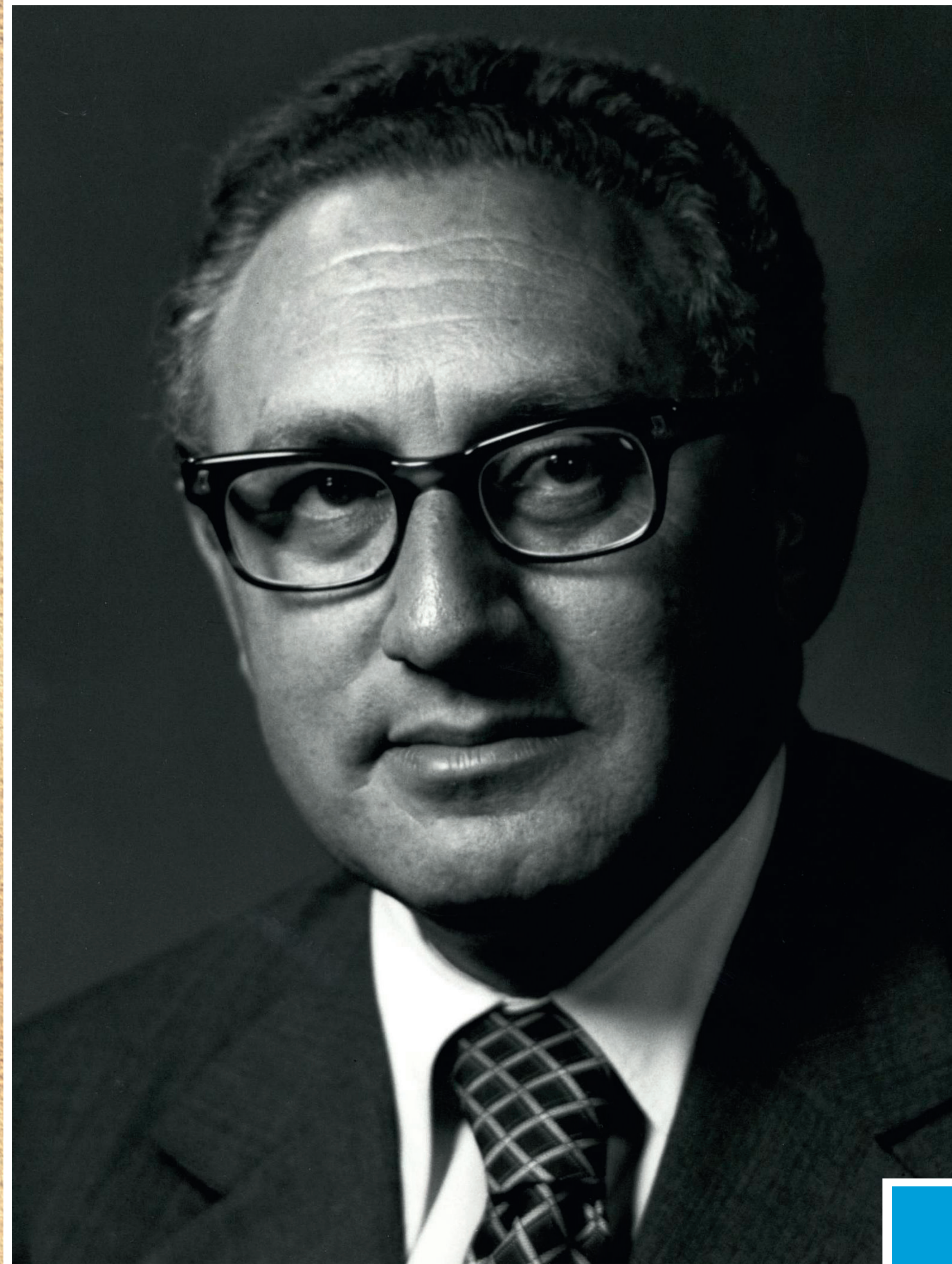


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Sto-lat, Dr. Kissinger

Happy 99th Birthday on May 27, 2022



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