A Letter to Russia . . .

Dear Ivan:

it is said that you and I. in unusual times.

For instance, a newspaper said the other day: "Ine times are unique. Never betore has a handful of human beings had the ability to issue commands which would annihilate civiliza-

"Today a few men have that power. Tomorrow, the command could be given. How long a shadow is cast across American society by this stark, unprecedented fact of modern history? That shadow is not easily traced, measured or weighed, but it s here.

No doubt, Ivan, that same shadow of fear of an atomic holocaust exists in your country, too. Those words are a symptom of the fear and doubt of our times, and there is where the deadliest danger lies for you and for

Some other words of fear and doubt were spoken by a man named John Maxwell, who said: "Life is a damned, stinking, treacherous game and 999 out of 1000 men are no good."

Also speaking of our unusual times, an atomic scientist said: "We have so largely lost our ability to talk with one another. . . . We Junger for nobility: the rare words and acts that harmonize simplicity and truth."

There is absolutely no doubt, Ivan, that communication between people is one of the most difficult of the human arts, especially between your people and mine.

It seems from the volume of printed and spoken words wirling about us, that we definitely have not lost our ability to talk to one anoth-

However, it might be valid for each of us to ask if we have lost the ability to listen, and to find the nobility that lies in simplicity

The comments above are American, because ours is a ociety of individuals, and all may talk freely about what we please.

Although yours is a society of the state, Ivan, yet each of you in Russia is an individual and possesses thoughts of his own, even though these thoughts can't be freely expressed.

This series of letters is to you as an individual, Ivan, and will be dedicated to listening and seeking the nobility of simplicity and truth which is all about us in our free America during these "unique" times.

Your rulers will oppose and try to stop these letters, Ivan, but we hope they get through—somehow—to you.

Fog Perils Walkers, Too

The hazards of fog driving are harshly demonstrated in widely-publicized accidents envolving large numbers of vehicles - but pedestrians also can learn from these incidents, according to the California Highway Patrol. Reduced visibility is one

of the pedestrian's greatest enemies, not only because the pedestrion has more difficulty seeing the vehicle. but because the driver har greater difficulty seeing the pedestrian. Fog compounds the usual winter hazards of shorter daylight hours and the foct that many persons wear darker apparel.

Even though the pedestrian has the right of way in a crosswalk, he should not step into the street when a vehicle is approaching unil he is certain the driver sees him and can stop.

Always cross at intersections, choosing a lighted one where possible. Never step from between parked cars, from betweeve-

or cross at mid-block, Outside of a crosswalk, vehicles have the right of way.

The Highway Patrol pointed out that the driver lso has the responsibility to reduce speed and be additionally cautious any time visibility is lowered by darkness or weather conditions.

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fear can create a holocaust. Americans-who peril the ber. Yet, there is nothing really peace of the world for you to fear about the United States.

You must understand that They must, because the the people of Russia need deadliest danger of a war not fear we Americans, bethat neither the people of cause it is a simple truth and all the other millions the United States nor those that, in all of human his upon millions of people in of Russia want lies in the tory, free men have neve thus world of ours are living fact that our two great na- attacked, they only defend tions live under a shadow their precious freedoms. I of fear of each other, and is your own rulers-not w

In the simplicity of truth, since time began, Ivan, there Maxwell. Since time began, there have been peoples obs so very little to remem-us.

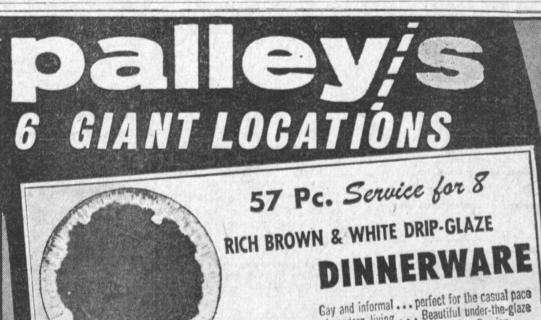
tory, and to humanity, and to the freedom of all men. sessed with shadow. His- It is a simple truth that the tory pauses to pity both the fate of our generation deman and the people, and pends upon how we face the hen forgets because there shadow of fear that is upon

The tragedy of such men the shadow that obsesses a thing really for you to fear. Is that to be the fate of as John Maxwell in your people, are rooted ever so And it is a simple truth your generation and mine? country and in mine is that deply in the age-old uncon- that when you seek and find Surely, it does not need to they die without discover- scious dread to leave the light, a shadow goes away. have been men haunted by be, because our generation ing that when a man is fill- knowns of today to face the So, Ivan, let me seek and fear and doubt, like John has so much to offer to his- ed with doubt and fear, it unknowns of tomorrow. show you the light of freeis only himself that he Human history teaches us dom that brightly shines in

doubts and fears. In the same way, when that the past always doubts ica, and some day can light people are obsessed with the future, but that the fu- the minds of you in Rusisa. shadow, it is they alone who ture always is far better cast that shadow. The than the past fears it will be. loubts and fears of a man, So you can see there is no- (Next week: The Shadow)

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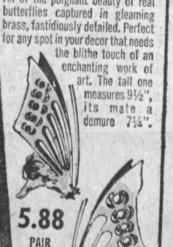
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