

THE PENINSULA

HONG KONG

Dear Home,

There's just too much to tell about the trip over i.e. Honolulu, Wake Island, Tokyo, then Hong Kong. I have recorded the flight in the smallest detail in my journal and, of course, you will get it all when I return. Tom has been a perfect traveling companion. We have giggled like elementary school kids all the way over.

You would not believe Hong Kong. An absolutely LOVELY. It has got to be one of the most beautiful cities in the whole world, even with its massive untidy colorful shanty areas. The view of the entire city from one of the nearby mountaintops was without a doubt the most impressive sight I ever saw. Thousands of Chinese junk boats clogging the harbors, bound for trade to Red China which at this moment is about 20 miles from our hotel. The millions of people, the elegance of the downtown, the stench and of the vastly overcrowded shanties and tenements, often perched on the mossy hills around the city - these sights and sounds and smells - oh everything I could have wished for.

Scott, there are many shops that sell T'ang horses and other marvelous clay figures. Some of the real big horses that are beautifully glazed are for sale at only \$250.00. But oh since these things come from Red China, I can not bring them into the U.S. without a "faked" certificate of origin. I feel like Tantalus, but I am not going to risk it. I just don't want to take the chance.

Tom and I took a tour of the "New Territories" which belong to the Crown Colony by lease from Red China. (By the way, our hotel is on mainland China, not on Hong Kong Island but on the Kowloon Peninsula.) The small ancient walled villages, the farmers planting rice behind their black dikes, the duck farms, the misty mountains are all straight out of Chinese art. We went to the Red Chinese border which lay 500 yards beyond no man's land and a barbed wire fence. (see next page enclosed.)

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Looking over to Red China across the border was without a doubt one of the most profound experiences of my life. As I stood on the mountain peak which sloped to Red China below, a cold wind whistled around me, and made me feel strongly alone. Our Chinese guide gave me some powerful binoculars and explained to me what lay on the other side. The Communist guard house, a big police station-like building was painted white and was covered with huge Red Chinese Characters which my guide translated for me as "Long live the thoughts of Mao Tse Tung," "~~Long live the~~ "Victory for the people's cultural revolution against Revisionism." It was fascinating to be able to see positive confirmation of the recent news stories I had read so much about. The police station was on a large, round shaped hill that stood out among vast, rice paddies stretching off for miles. My guide told me to look off to the left. I did, and out in the fields of Communist China I could see hundreds of dark blue or black pajama clad workers working among the rice. Near the workers was another similarly dressed group standing off to the side. Near them were several huge Red flags, waving in the wind. The people in this group, my guide told me, were reading to the workers. They were reading from their red books - "The Thoughts of Mao Tse Tung". Nearby were small guard towers here and there, placed strategically to keep an eye on the workers. There were several long thatched huts that were also guard stations.

I can't tell you what a feeling such a sight gave to me. There was something so remote, so distant about those people going through their daily labor, working to the sound of Mao's Rhetoric, working beneath the guard towers. All in absolute silence which the distance between us had created. — And what a distance. It was a sight that I will never forget as long as I live. I took several photos

CHINESE ART GALLERY

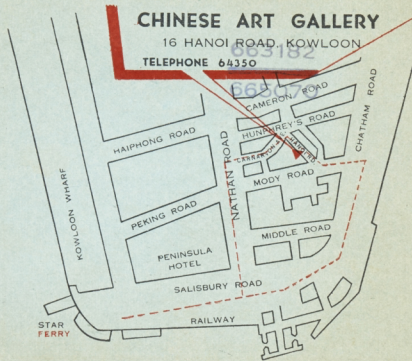
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** MEMORANDUM **

CHINESE DYNASTIES AND REIGNS

HSIA	夏					2205-1766 B.C.
SHANG	商					1766-1122 B.C.
CHOU	周	....	....	....	....	1122- 256 B.C.
(Period of the Spring & Autumn Annals 春秋						
770- 481 B.C.)						
(Period of the Warring States 戰國						
480- 222 B.C.)						
CH'IN	秦	....	....	....	....	221- 207 B.C.
HAN	漢	....	....	....	....	206 B.C.-A.D. 219
THREE KINGDOMS	三國	....	....	....	....	220-280
Wei	魏	....	....	....	....	220-265
Shu Han	蜀漢	....	....	....	....	221-263
Tung Wu	東吳	....	....	....	....	222-280
CHIN	晉	....	....	....	....	A.D. 265-420
Western Chin	西晉	....	....	....	....	265-316
Eastern Chin	東晉	....	....	....	....	317-420
SIX DYNASTIES	六朝	....	....	....	....	222-589
(A name referring to the dynasties which had their Capitals on the site of the present Nanking:—Tung Wu, Eastern Chin, Sung, Ch'i, Liang, and Ch'en).						
NORTHERN & SOUTHERN DYNASTIES		....	....	....	....	386-589
Northern Dynasties		....	....	....	....	386-581
Northern Wei	北魏	....	....	....	....	(including Western Wei) 535-557
Eastern Wei (absorbed by Northern Ch'i)	東魏	....	....	....	....	534-550

Northern Ch'i (absorbed by Northern

Chou)	北齊	....	....	....	....	550- 577
Northern Chou	北周	....	....	....	....	557- 581
Southern Dynasties		....	....	....	....	420- 589
Sung (Liu)	宋	....	....	....	....	420- 479
Southern Ch'i	齊	....	....	....	....	479- 502
Liang	梁	....	....	....	....	502- 557
Ch'en	陳	....	....	....	....	557- 589
SUI	隋	....	....	....	....	589- 618
T'ANG	唐	....	....	....	....	618- 906
FIVE DYNASTIES	五代	....	....	....	....	907- 960
Liang	梁	....	....	....	....	907- 923
T'ang	唐	....	....	....	....	923- 936
Chin	晉	....	....	....	....	936- 946
Han	漢	....	....	....	....	947- 950
Chou	周	....	....	....	....	951- 960
SUNG	宋	....	....	....	....	960-1279
Northern Sung	北宋	....	....	....	....	960-1127
Southern Sung	南宋	....	....	....	....	1127-1279
LIAO	遼	....	....	....	....	907-1125
(Western Liao		....	....	....	....	1125-1211)
CHIN (Nu-Chen)	金(女貞)	....	....	....	....	1115-1234
YUAN	元	....	....	....	....	1280-1368
MING DYNASTY						
Hung Wu	洪武	....	....	....	....	1368-1398
Chien Wen	建文	....	....	....	....	1399-1402

Yung Lo	永樂	....	....	....	....	1403-1424
Hung Hsi	洪熙	....	....	....	....	1425
Hsuan Te	宣德	....	....	....	....	1426-1435
Cheng T'ung	正統	....	....	....	....	1436-1449
Ching T'ai	景泰	....	....	....	....	1450-1456
T'ien Shun	天順	....	....	....	....	1457-1464
Ch'eng Hua	成化	....	....	....	....	1465-1487
Hung Chih	弘治	....	....	....	....	1488-1505
Cheng Te	正德	....	....	....	....	1506-1521
Chia Ching	嘉靖	....	....	....	....	1522-1566
Lung Ch'ing	隆慶	....	....	....	....	1567-1572
Wan Li	萬曆	....	....	....	....	1573-1620
T'ai Ch'ang	泰昌	....	....	....	....	1620
T'ien Ch'i	天啟	....	....	....	....	1621-1627
Ch'ung Cheng	崇禎	....	....	....	....	1628-1644

CH'ING DYNASTY

Shun Chih	順治	....	....	....	....	1644-1661
K'ang Hsi	康熙	....	....	....	....	1662-1722
Yung Cheng	雍正	....	....	....	....	1723-1735
Ch'ien Lung	乾隆	....	....	....	....	1736-1795
Chia Ch'ing	嘉慶	....	....	....	....	1796-1820
Tao Kuang	道光	....	....	....	....	1821-1850
Hsien Feng	咸豐					1851-1861
T'ung Chih	同治					1862-1874
Kuang Hsu	光緒					1875-1908
Hsuan T'ung	宣統					1909-1912

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