

### Letters From Russia For Fomer Georgetown Girl

Fourteen year olds who read the "weekend talking point" in a recent Toronto Telegram may have recognized the name of Sonia Berg as a former classmate, whom the Telegram termed "teenage ambassador to students behind the iron curtain" attended public school here and is the daughter of Ray Berg, formerly with the government inspection department at Smith and Stone and now operating "Berg's Electro-Lab."

The article reads thusly: "Has your child received a letter from a Russian Pen Pal recently?"

Fourteen-year-old Sonia Berg of Malvern Collegiate has had a

Collegiate was the second Toronto High school to tackle the Russian language, which many thought was too difficult a few years ago.

Who is Sonia? Weeks passed. Then a started secretary in the University of Toronto Slavic Studies Department suddenly took a second look at the mail reaching her desk.

Within several days letters arrived without explanation from all over Russia, Czechoslovakia and East Germany.

All were addressed to Miss Sonia Berg. "Who," wondered a baffled department, "is Sonia Berg?" No one knew.

As the letters piled up, officials searched the university student directory. No Sonia. And a glance at the city directory revealed 40 different Bergs in Metropolitan Toronto.

Then the light dawned. Officials remembered Toronto's two high school Russian classes and the mail was re-routed to Sonia at Malvern Collegiate after a few telephone calls.

The letters, some written in good English, told the story. Komsomolska Pravda — a national youth newspaper — had used a picture of Sonia with the information disclosed by The Telegram.

Unfortunately, the Russian paper identified Sonia as a university student, which accounted for the wrong addressing of her mail to the University of Toronto.

And the Russian writer, probably unable to repress a slight dig, soberly reported that Russian language classes had begun in Canadian universities and high schools after launching of the first Sputniks and rockets.

Sonia's teachers say the class is considering replies to the Iron Curtain students, but has not made any as yet. Meanwhile, its Russian is improving.

An official of the Russian embassy in Ottawa commented: "We welcome exchanges such as this. It is a recent development, but a good one."

Besides," he added with Slavic understatement, "a pretty girl is a pretty girl all over the world. Nyet?"

### Hot Turkey Main Feature At Pot Luck Supper

The Daughters of St. George's enjoyed their annual Christmas Pot Luck Supper in the Archdeacon Thompson Room Monday evening, December 7th. Hot turkey was the main feature of the meal, with members bringing a bountiful supply of all the "trimmings".

At the short business meeting which followed, several donations were made, including \$10.00 to the Anglican Women's Training College; gift vouchers to Rudy Meier, Huron College, and Mr. Horace Lambie for the purchase of books to furth-

er their study for the ministry and \$30.00 for tuning the piano in the Sunday School.

Rev. Kenneth Richardson gave a short talk, and also officially installed the slate of officers for 1960. Mrs. Wilfred Brisbois, 31 McIntyre Cres., presented Mrs. Tom Van Sicker 49 Shelley St., with a cup and saucer, on behalf of the Daughters, expressing their appreciation of her work as president over the past year.

A few games, contests, Christmas music, and exchange of small gifts, concluded the pleasant evening.

## NOTICE

# Nomination Meeting

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8p.m. to 9p.m. - ELECTIONS

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### COMEBACK OF YEAR By Alan Maves

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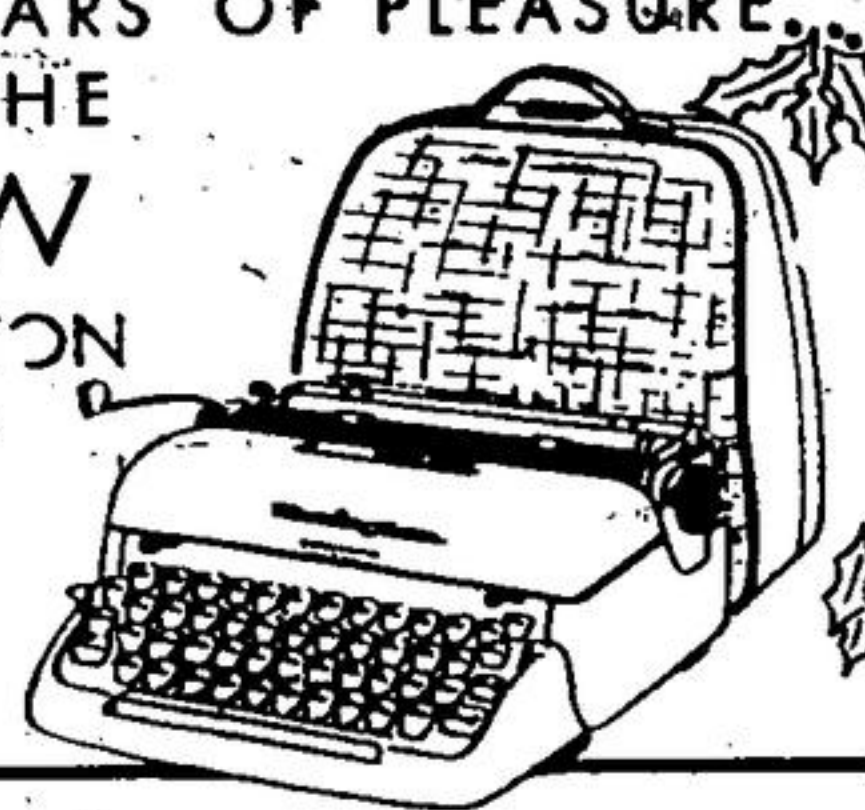


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