

Impatience/Generosity: European and Asian Trips

Excerpts from remarks by MCS at Overseas Press Club in New York on April 19, 1955

“It was suggested that you might be interested in my observations from two recent trips I made overseas. It is with considerable misgiving that I do so. For me to tell you of the overseas press what I saw and my impressions overseas is like Gravel Gertie telling Marilyn Monroe how to be glamorous—or Republicans telling Eisenhower how to win elections.

During the past six months, I made two overseas trips—the first last October, the second this past February and early March—to twenty-three countries covering fifty thousand miles. I made the trips in search of first hand knowledge—knowledge that I wanted to get with my own eyes and ears instead of through the eyes and ears of someone else. They were unofficial trips. Perhaps it was the adopted strains of journalism in me—perhaps it was the fascination some politicians have for getting down to the grass roots and feeling the pulse of the public—but I wanted to try to get even a slight bit of that knowledge a Senator can’t get on an official committee trip.

For example, I talked with a Communist leader in France because I wanted to try to find out why he, a former Catholic, became a Communist. In Germany, I talked to an alleged Nazi—considered by many to be the political heir to Hitler—because I felt such a talk would give me a better feeling about the chances of Fascism or Nazism rising again to rule Germany. In talking with Molotov in Russia, I stressed the fact that I was not in Russia on any official committee mission—I did so because I did not want anything I said or **(cont. p.2)**

(From front cover) did to be interpreted or seized upon as a commitment by the U. S. government. In

Senator Smith waves farewell to NY International Airport as she boards a Pan America World Airways clipper enroute to London, England, on the first leg of her two-part, round-the-world journey .

***“The Devil in the Disguise of a Woman,”
said Nikita Khrushchev of Senator Smith.***

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Margaret Chase Smith School Awards

Citizen of the Year Scholarships

Pictured right are Charlotte Beach, Ashley Johnson, Steven Savio, Brittany Iafate, Amy Abbott, Alexia Gregoire, and Danielle Harker who were the recipients of the MCS awards. Students are selected by the staff and classroom teachers because of their good attitude, volunteerism efforts, politeness, attentiveness, involvement in school activities and effort. Library staff members, Lynnette King and Crystal Perkins, presented each student with a red rose, a limited edition copy of **A Woman for All Seasons**, a \$50 savings bond and, says Mrs. King, a pep talk! Congratulations, boys and girls!

Citizenship Award recipients

these two trips, I think that I saw nearly all of the leaders of the world. But I talked with other than Government officials. In London I debated with radical Laborite Aneurin Bevan and Punch editor Malcolm Muggeridge as well as talking with Historian Arnold Toynbee and Churchill and Eden. In Paris, I talked with the leaders of all of the French major political parties, Socialist Mollet, General De Gaulle, Catholic Bidault, Communist Bonte, as well as Mendes-France and Faure. I went to the common people spending parts of days with farm families in Russia, Japan and France, a middle-class working family in London—the father of the family being a Turf accountant. I went through the stores in East Berlin. My assistant, Bill Lewis inadvertently and involuntarily accommodated my search for knowledge when he spent a short time in an East Berlin jail on an unjustified arrest for which the East Berlin authorities later apologized.

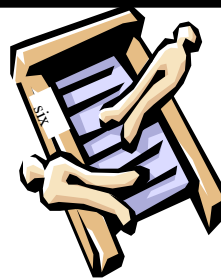
I went to schools in Russia, Thailand and Turkey—to food markets in Thailand and Russia—to a refugee camp in Viet Nam—to libraries in Burma and the Philippines—to nurseries in Formosa and Russia—to villages and community meetings in India, Spain and Turkey—to Sessions of Legislatures and Parliaments in the Philippines, Italy and India—to a political convention in Great Britain—to a textile mill, a farmer's rice mill, a medical dispensary in Formosa. I inspected Chinese soldiers in the field in a whipping, dusty wind in the Southern part of Formosa. These are a few of the things that I did on my trips which brought down upon me bitter denunciation from the Communist Press in Russia. They called me an **Amazon Warmonger** hiding behind a rose.

America and Americans are far better liked and respected throughout the world than I thought. Perhaps we are not liked as much as we want to be liked. But I am sure that we are much better liked abroad than the American public realizes.

Many people and many nations may have some concern about us. They may fear that we are impetuous, immature on world diplomacy, too impatient and too inclined to “fly off the handle,” so to speak. But they still respect and like us. They do because they recognize that while our impatience can be a weakness, it has surely been a great source of strength in the past. They know that it was partly on impatience that we built our nation into the greatest and most powerful country in the history of the world. We were not content to let nature take its course at a slow speed. They know deep down in their hearts that tied inalterably with our impatience has been our generosity. We were impatient with the rate of recovery in Western Europe, but we were generous. So our impatience and generosity produced the Marshall Plan and literally took Western Europe up off the flat of its back and on to its feet so that it could begin to stand alone. They know that this combination of impatience and generosity defeated Communism and stopped the Communists dead in their tracks in Western

Europe.”

To read this speech in its entirety, contact the MCS Library. **Don't Forget—the World Trip Exhibit opens on October 7.**



Clothespins— A Problem??

(From Anecdotes file)

In the fifties, the clothespin industry in Maine was having problems because of foreign imports, namely Scandinavian, and had called on me to see what could be done. It had been a small industry but most important to several small communities in the state, especially Franklin and Oxford Counties. I did work and worked hard on that problem, finally going to President Eisenhower who promised to find a way to get relief for these clothespin people. Just before leaving for my World Trip which was taking me to Moscow, Russia, I had a final talk with the President who said it was well in hand, that things were being done that would be helpful. The lobbyist who worked out of New York had called me so I got word to him that relief was in sight. When in Moscow at the National Hotel, I received a call from New York, the lobbyist, saying that nothing was being done and what suggestion did I have or, better still, would I call President Eisenhower to remind him of his promise. The call was about twenty minutes long. The next time I saw the Ambassador, Bohlen, he asked what under the sun had I been talking about in my conversations on clothespins, that the Russians were reporting that I was using code expressions along with the Eisenhower name—that I must be in their country for other reasons than stated.

Sheri Shares: Unsolved Mysteries of Collections Management

Our newest exhibit, “The 50th Anniversary of Margaret Chase Smith’s World Tour, Evaluating the Cold War Climate: Fear, Communism, and Foreign Aid,” will open soon. In preparing for the exhibit, an important component of collections care and management really hit home—the importance of having a complete record of everything in the collection—an inventory or catalog and having information such as a description, provenance, and photograph of the object entered in a database. I have an example of a collections mystery that best illustrates this point.

When looking for objects to display for the World Trip Exhibit, the most obvious sources, both the collections and archives databases, were checked. Keeping in mind that not all of the artifacts have been catalogued yet, nor are many things identified as used or acquired during the World Trip, it was exciting to find a record of a purse that Senator Smith acquired in the Philippines during her tour. The record indicated that this purse is in the collection of the Androscoggin Historical Society in Auburn, Maine. The Senator had given this purse to Mrs. Julie Gosselin of Lewiston, who was a frequent guest of the Senator at her vacation home in Cundy’s Harbor. Mrs. Gosselin, in turn, had given the purse to the Historical Society which graciously agreed to let us borrow the purse for the exhibit.

Only a few records of gifts and souvenirs that the Senator acquired on the trip, such as a parasol from Burma, Russian papier-mache dolls as a gift from Khrushchev, and a silver jewelry box from Turkey, have been found. The biggest resources are her reports to the Senate about the trip, transcription of interviews with the leaders she met, and photographs. Wanting to add more visuals to the exhibit, a closer look at the photographs noted what she wore in the hopes that some of the clothing in the collection could be found. In many photographs, she is carrying the same purse (not the one from the Society). Two boxes labeled “purses” in the collections storage were searched to try to find this other purse. The purse in question was not found, but lo-and-behold, two other purses were—both similar in style, but in different sizes, to the one from the Philippines. The three purses are obviously part of a set that she acquired in the Philippines!

Without borrowing the purse and having its documentation, it never would have been known that the two purses found were acquired in the Philippines during her world tour. If those in the collection had been catalogued, photographed and recorded in the database, it would not have been necessary to search through the purses in storage, saving needless handling of the artifacts and research time. You can bet the inventorying and cataloging of the collection continues along with collecting all of the documentation available to understand how the Senator acquired or used the object.

Hopefully, I will be sharing more solved mysteries with you in the near future.



Embroidered purses acquired from Aurelia’s Emporium, Manila, Philippines during her world tour.

Long-Time Friend Passes Away

Harriet Putnam Henry passed away on September 11 in Scarborough, Maine. Throughout her lifetime, Harriet embodied the example of public service set by Margaret Chase Smith through her involvement in a wide variety of civic, educational and cultural activities. The Maine Humanities Council honored Harriet by naming its Center for the Book after her. The Center coordinates the “Let’s Talk About It” and “New Books, New Readers” programs which the Library has been pleased to be involved with for the past six years.

She was the author of a study of Maine Law Affecting Marine Resources and a consultant with the State Planning Office and published **Coastal Zone Management in Maine: A Legal Perspective**. In 1973, she was appointed to the Maine District Court by Governor Kenneth Curtis as the first woman judge in Maine. She wrote the history of her court, **The Maine District Court: Twenty-Five Years of Progress**.

Her involvement with the Margaret Chase Smith Library was steadfast along with her husband of fifty years, Merton G. Henry. A member of the “Friends of the Library,” Harriet maintained a long-time friendship with Senator Smith. She will be sadly missed by her family and friends.



1998
Photo of
Harriet
Henry

MCS Trivia Crossword Answers—CROSSWORD pg. 7

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| 4. House of Representatives | 42. HUAC |
| 1. Republican | 40. George |
| 2. Leave It to the Girls | 39. Harold |
| 3. Nay | 35. Roses |
| 6. Augusta | 34. Cheese |
| 8. Declaration of Conscience | 30. Yea |
| 11. Khrushchev | 29. Minnix |
| 12. Eisenhower | 27. Stewart |
| 14. Cover Girl | 26. Iran |
| 15. Murtow | 20. Civil War |
| 16. Maine | 17. Five |
| 17. Votes | 16. Maine |
| 23. Votes | 15. Murtow |
| 24. You | 14. Cover Girl |
| 25. Six | 12. Eisenhower |
| 28. Vermont | 11. Khrushchev |
| 31. Hildegarde | 8. Declaration of Conscience |
| 32. France | 6. Augusta |
| 33. Shoes | 3. Nay |
| 34. Cormier | 1. Republican |
| 36. Baruch | 2. Leave It to the Girls |
| 37. World Trip | 3. Nay |
| 38. Chase | 6. Augusta |
| 41. Electoral | 8. Declaration of Conscience |
| 43. DDE | 11. Khrushchev |
| 44. Skowhegan | 12. Eisenhower |

Across:

Respect Travels Far

From Seattle to Skowhegan, West Coast to East Coast, came Hal Bergem to visit the MCS Library and pay his respects for a woman he long admired. While working his way through college as a young man, Mr. Bergem served as a Senate elevator operator and remarked at how pleasant Senator Smith was. "I figured I'd never be any closer," said Bergem of his trip to Skowhegan. On the East Coast for the Democratic National Convention in Boston, he brought with him a lovely red rose which he presented to the staff person on duty at the front entrance to the facility. Lucky Vanessa Caron!

Hal Bergem holds the red rose he thoughtfully brought to the MCS Library in memory of Senator Smith.

When the Cause is Worthwhile, Our Children Give...

Gloria Westhrin's Glenburn Elementary School students helped the Manna Soup Kitchen in Bangor by collecting 64 items in a food drive on Make a Difference Day and purchasing 13 turkeys at Thanksgiving. They also donated \$55 to Salvation Army's Santa's Helpers, and bought 3.3 acres of rain forest in Brazil to protect it from development.

MCS Fellowship Program Begins

The program which runs from September to November has brought four students from Northwood University's three campuses in Florida, Michigan, and Texas. This year's Fellows are Daniel Carroll from West Palm Beach, Florida; Angel Moreno from Cedar Hill, Texas; and Matthew Shoffner and Jonathan Williams from Sanford and Saginaw, Michigan, respectively. The students will live in Skowhegan for a ten-week period during which they will conduct research and write two papers on aspects of Senator Smith's career. As in other years, they will become involved in intensive readings and round-table discussions as well as field trips throughout the state to better acquaint themselves with the economy, history and culture of Maine.

Greenville High School's Key Club donated nearly \$1000 to Camp Sunshine for terminally ill children; contributed to the renovation of the school's Oakes Auditorium; constructed a jungle gym for elementary students; and collected 4000 plastic shopping bags for people in Africa who cut them up and weave the plastic into clothes. Other projects included paper recycling, UNICEF, nursing home visits, snow shoveling at the local library, hosting Pine Tree Camp kids, holding a blood drive, and manning a health information display at the Bangor Mall.

L-R: Jonathan Williams, Angel Moreno, Daniel Carroll, and Matthew Shoffner.

These students from the Great Salt Bay School in Damariscotta are members of the Lego League Robotics Team. They came in second in the state Mission to Mars competition at the University of Maine at Orono for their presentation on the habitation of the Red Planet. Their idea to suck pollution out of the air with a flying, biodiesel-fueled Biobot received first place in 2003. The challenge in 2005 will be to design an accessibility device to assist those who are physically challenged.

Maine Unit #41, WAVES National, met in May to tour the Library and listen to an informative talk by Dr. Richards regarding Senator Smith's efforts on behalf of women who served in the military.

The Advanced Placement U. S. History class of Betsy Fitzgerald from Erskine Academy visited the Library to learn more about Senator Smith and her role in history.

Students from the Marti Stevens Learning Center at Skowhegan Area High School visited with teacher Rean McGinley.

Williams Elementary School from Oakland visited the Library with teacher Leslie Timmins.

Students from the Norridgewock Central Grade School visited just prior to summer recess.

Good Will-Hinckley Students Learn Curatorial Procedures

Deborah Staber brought volunteers from the L. C. Bates Museum to learn a bit about the Library's preservation practices. "Thank you for making part of our Maine history come to life for my students and helping them to realize that our facility is not the only one that has to deal with handling, UV, presentation, and other museum issues. It was a great tour and a wonderful opportunity," said Ms. Staber and the students. Curator Sheri Leahan directed the group throughout the tour and showed them the storage areas where memorabilia and other artifacts receive proper curatorial care.

Warsaw Middle School students from Pittsfield put on a talent show and raised about \$200 for the Make-a-Wish Foundation. They are shown reviewing scrapbooks with Assistant Director David Richards.

Sixty-eight students and two teachers at Scarborough High School gathered at Maine National History Day in Augusta. They received the senior division plaque sponsored by the Margaret Chase Smith Library and awarded to the high school that placed the most groups and individuals in the paper performance, exhibit and documentary categories.

Where Are They Now?

A Fellowship couple from 1997, Elizabeth Kunold and Michael Vanover, were married and are now the proud parents of Collin Michael Vanover who was born in July and will be eligible to be a MCS Fellow in 2024.

1999 Fellow, Chad Cross, is married and he and his wife are expecting their first child in October. Mom, Arta, visited the Library in July to give a quick update on his life. He currently resides in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

Jonathan Baker, winner of the MCS Essay Contest in 2002, has just finished his second year at the University of Pennsylvania and has had an opportunity to continue his "essaying" by having a guest column printed in the student newspaper. On his way to San Francisco this summer to work for a renewable energy company, Jonathan wrote, "I am now starting to realize that while the people who work on a bigger picture will always be needed to lead, it is those who can relate to their fellow humans on a personal level that make the world a better place. I continually try to balance the ambition to lead on a large scale with the knowledge that all acts of service, no matter how small, have their place."

Natasha Begin first came to the Library in the spring of 2003. Says Natasha, "I have not forgotten the kindness you showed me during the tour and through your letter. It continues to make an impact on me. I carried your letter to school (Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire) with me this past year for those ever challenging days that ultimately hit and you don't think you can take another eight to twelve page paper. There was one particular thing that stuck with me that you told me Margaret Chase Smith had said. It was something in the way of 'challenge yourself to do great things.' I'm happy to say that I did. I had the opportunity to go to Nicaragua for a mission trip. I worked rebuilding homes and spending a couple of days at an orphanage. I just wanted to once again thank you for your kindness...and for your time and dedication to a wonderful organization."

Northwood University's "University College" Students Meet in Maine

University College students are shown on the final day of Session One, following oral presentations on some aspect of Senator Smith's life. Shown are: Jonathan Lentz, Glenn Sasser, Vanessa Caron (MCSL Staff), Justin Jamison, Sara McCree, Christine Repke, Bridget Ross, Sparkle Carrington, and Michon Persinger with Professor Tom Luptowski.

Participants in the Second Session of the University College program were: Louise Nellenbach, Eric Lewis, William Davis, Lydia Crampton, Lynda Donaldson, Jennifer Fresard, Stacie Garmo, Paul Fancey, Dennie Elie, Mary Beth Bouza, Jerry Keeley. Professor Luptowski is shown with the group.

Researchers Amy Lawson and Leslie Harrell are associated with the University of Maine's Office of Research and Sponsored Programs and are currently reviewing the thousands of Margaret Chase Smith correspondence files to determine a potential donor database for use by the Margaret Chase Smith Center for Public Policy at UMO.

*Mark Torres of the Penobscot Theatre in Bangor is involved in a "Classics in Context" project which will focus on plays that are connected to real-life events. Arthur Miller's *Crucible* was inspired by the McCarthy Hearings of the 1950s and Senator Smith's famous Declaration of Conscience is integral to that study. The Library is pleased to assist in this endeavor.*

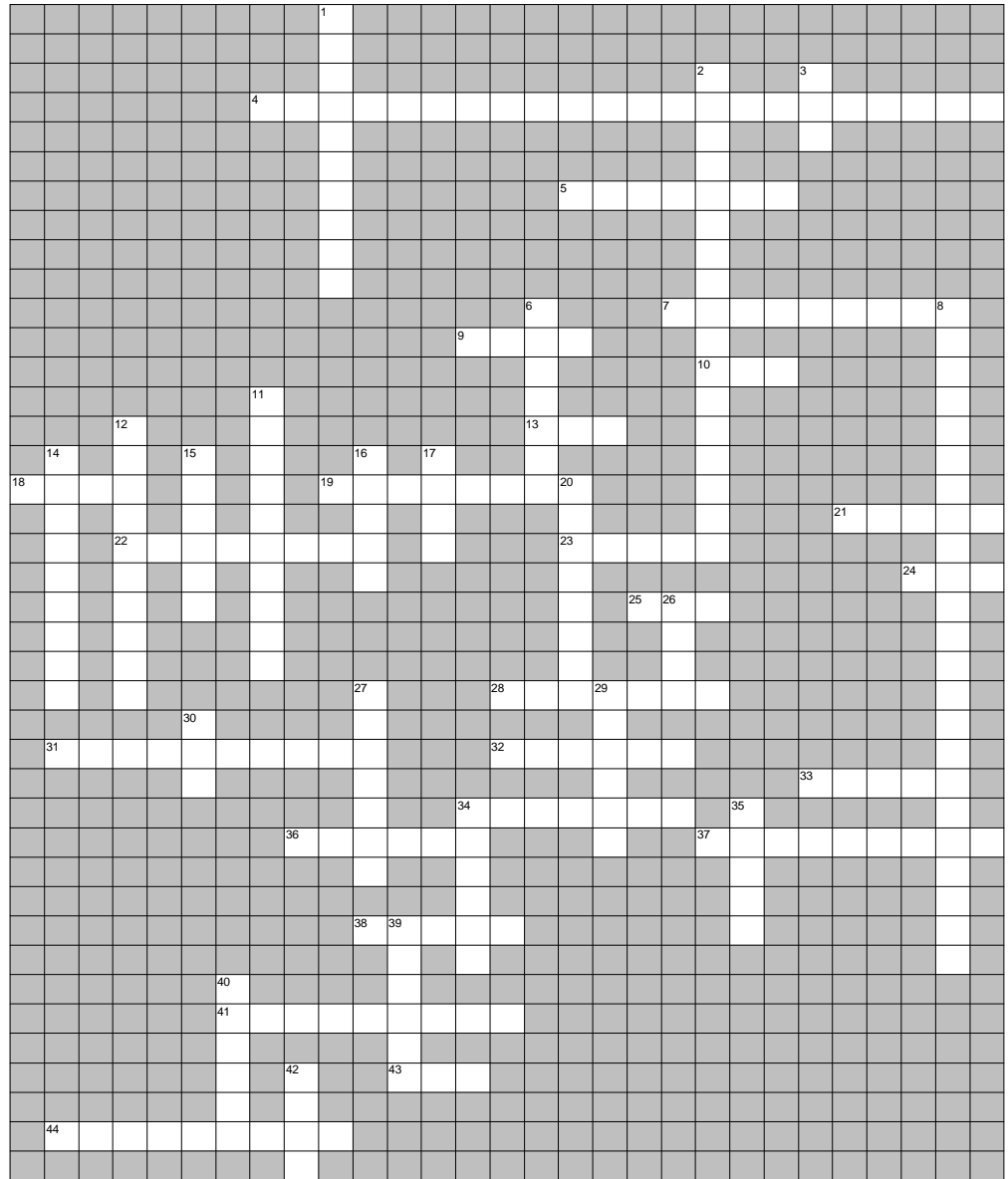
MCS Crossword

Here is a little test—If you are a regular reader of the newsletter, many of the answers are from past “trivia” challenges and can be found in previous issues. Good luck!

ACROSS

4. House with a Two-Year Residency Limit
5. Who said, “I would not look forward to campaigning against MCS?”
7. MCS Library University Affiliation
9. Color of Eyes
10. Phrase, “Toss your ___ in the ring”
13. Nickname used by Clyde for MCS
18. Favorite Animals
19. Last Car Owned
21. Name of Favorite Pet
22. Maine is in What Part of the U.S.
23. Consecutive Roll Call ____.
24. Washington and ___ Column
25. MCS Served with How Many Presidential Administrations?
28. Home State of Colleague, George Aiken
31. Songstress in 2 Down
32. Country Where MCS Wore Mismatched Shoes
33. First Thing MCS Noticed When Meeting Other Women
34. Woman Opposing MCS in 1960 Election
36. Who said, “If a man had made the Declaration of Conscience, he would be the next president of the U.S.?”
37. Reference to 23-Country Tour
38. Maiden Name
41. College MCS Wished to Abolish
43. Initials of President in 12 Down
44. Birthplace of MCS

For help answering clues, you might wish to check out the Library web site: www.mcslibrary.org.
Answers to Crossword on p.3.



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DOWN

1. Party Affiliation
2. Presidential Campaign Song
3. Legislative “No” Vote
6. Capital of Maine
8. June 1, 1950, Speech
11. Author of term, “Devil in the Disguise of a Woman”
12. Last Name of President Who Visited Skowhegan
14. Current Library Exhibit
15. See It Now Commentator
16. State Represented by MCS
17. Number of Siblings
20. Over 7,000 Maine People Were Killed in This
26. Foreign Country that Praised MCS in 1947
27. Famous Person Blocked for Brigadier General Promotion
29. Name of Pet Chihuahua
30. Legislative “Yes” Vote
34. Favorite Sandwich
35. Favorite Flowers
39. Middle Name of Husband Clyde
40. Father’s First Name
42. House Committee to Investigate Subversive Activities

Currently on display at the Library is the space suit worn by Owen Garriott when a member of the Skylab crew in 1973. In October of 1966, Senator Smith arranged for Garriott to attend the convention of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers at the University of Maine.

“Trivia” Answer from July Newsletter—The answer is on pg. 5 just above the “pull quote.” The 1964 Republican National Convention was held in San Francisco at the **Cow Palace**. The coordinator apologizes to readers. It’s hard to imagine that the word “cow” might appear in three places in one newsletter. One might think the newsletter was an agricultural journal! Sorry for the confusion! Congratulations once again to Miles Philips for being the first to respond with the correct **answer and location**. Bob Woodbury, John Youney, and Phillis Russakoff called with the correct answer but did not have the correct location. The September trivia question is: During her tenure in Washington, Margaret Chase Smith served with the administrations of how many presidents? The answer is somewhere in this newsletter and, no, it is not one of the page numbers nor is it in the Crossword! Be the first to respond with the correct answer **and** where you found it in the newsletter. You might win a prize!

U. S. Attorney, Mark Terison, plays the Tom Thumb piano in the MCS residence. A gift of Secretary of Defense James Forrestal in the forties, the piano has become a conversation piece for visitors. As you can see, Mr. Terison is kneeling in order to play the miniature piano. Following his visit, a letter he wrote to MCS as a member of his high school debate team was found in the NATO file. One wonders if Mark remembers the correspondence in 1969.

What’s Happening—

- September 8—MCS Fellowship Program Begins
 - September 23—MCS Lecture at the University of Maine
Alan Brinkley Speaker: **Civil Liberties after 9/11: Lessons from Past Assaults on Freedoms**
 - October 7—World Trip Exhibit Opens
 - October 16—Friends of the Library Meeting
 - October 16—John Avlon—Public Lecture—Author of **Independent Nation: How the Vital Center is Changing American Politics**
 - November 2—Election Day—Margaret Chase Smith says, **“Vote your resentment, vote your contentment, it is important that you vote.”**
 - November 17—MCS Fellowship Program Ends
 - April 1, 2005—MCS Essay Contest Entries Due
- For more information contact:
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- Don’t Forget—Get out and vote in**

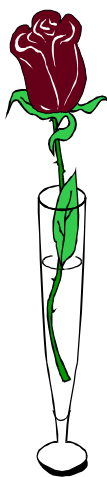
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