

## Cuba Checked...

For years the Soviets' self-styled chess masters have pushed forward, checking our king, forcing us to the defensive. Spectators grew despondent of our chances, for one can never win by playing from defense, a much weaker psychological position than offense. The Soviets, realizing this, took advantage of it. Though America stood firm against the pounding Soviet surf, any wall will wear away if the opposing force is constant.

Finally the United States took the initiative, forcing the other side to withdraw its attacking knight, "Sir Castro" or risk its capture. This action forced the Soviets to the weaker position, but more important, it increased the morale of the "pawns", those seemingly insignificant pieces whose help can be as devastating as that of a queen.

In Cuba lies our victory. It is a purely psychological victory, but then it is that kind of war.

## Pen, Pal?

There it sits, gleaming with mystery, possibly the most ruthless of all weapons. The tapered shape, wide at the back and narrow in the front, coming almost to a point, its body sleek and streamlined. Its metal glints from the light; it sends out bright rays.

Harmless? It looks harmless enough, but when operated by a capable and skilled person it becomes the most dangerous defensive or offensive weapon. It is a pen.

—by Karen Iverson

## Clothes Conscious Rate

Teenaged boys, once considered sloppy in dress, now match girls in their interest in good appearance, a clothing manufacturer reports in an article appearing in Scholastic Press Exchange.

Classic and traditional clothes definitely are "in," according to a spot check survey by the American Institute of Men's and Boys' Wear.

Dressier trends among older male groups and the impact of high school "Dress Right" programs across the country are having a strong influence on the fashion tastes of teenagers. The flying shirt tail and faded jeans definitely are "out."

Basic to the high schooler's fall wardrobe is the natural shoulder suit with three-button jacket or the increasingly popular two-button model of Presidential preference.

## Cult Famed

Japan offers something new to learn each day! Chanoyu is a small word standing for 'tea cult' which hints at all the richness of social conventions and cultural patterns.

The drinking of the tea itself is ordinary, but the Japanese have added etiquette and spirit to perfect this graceful art over the centuries.

The formal tea ceremony is not merely the enjoyment of the beverage. Nor is it just the act of gracefully serving and drinking tea in company. It is a way of life condensed into a symbolic and aesthetic form.

Judy Peake

Slacks for the high schooler this season get away from the extreme slim-jim look and are only moderately slim-jim. They are still tapered, measuring 15 to 16 inches at the bottom.

Most high schoolers insist these days on dress shirts for classroom or daily wear. The country seems divided as to shirt collar types. Favored in the Midwest, Southwest and West are the snap-tab types. Button-downs take top rank in the Northeast and South.

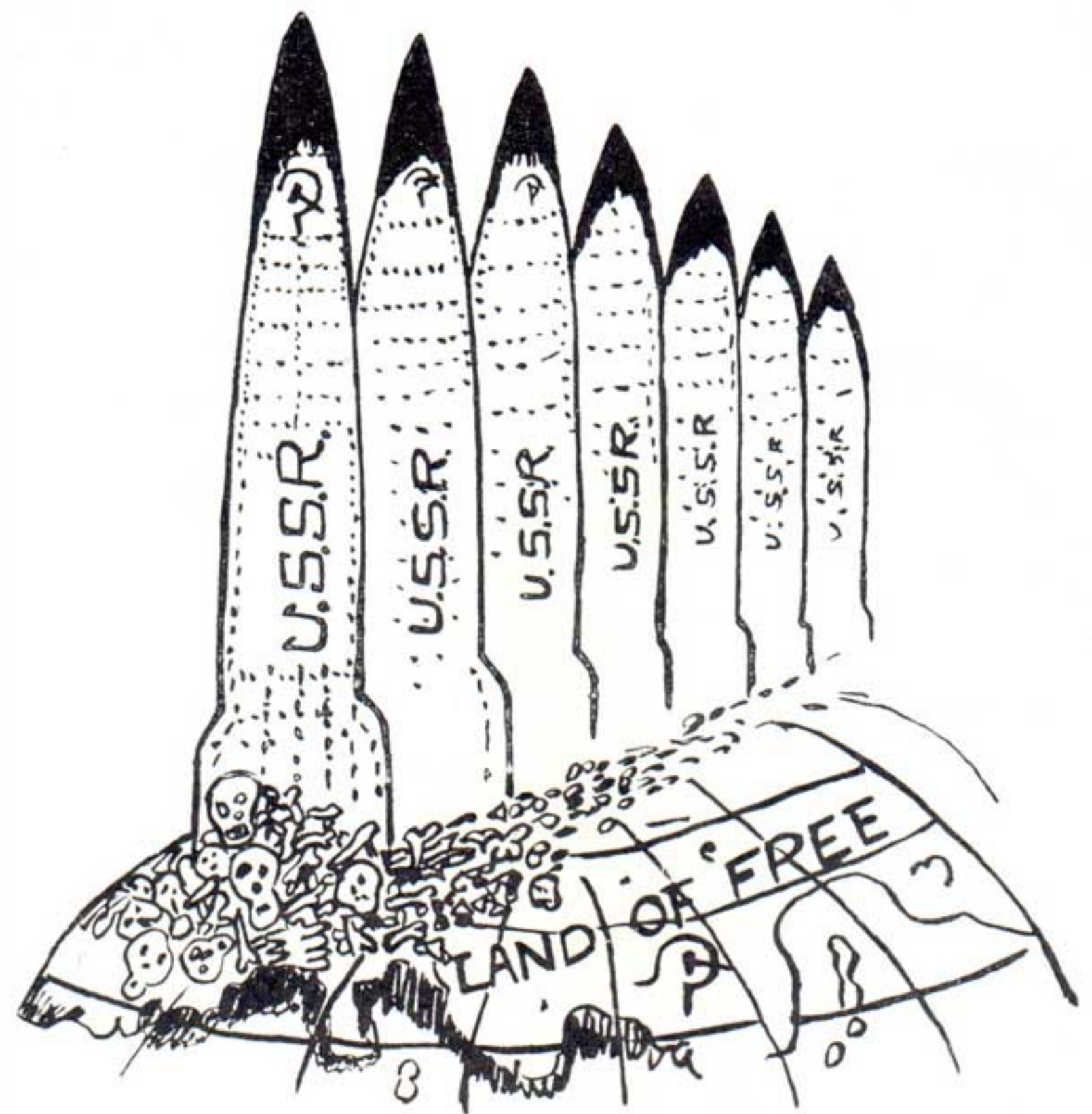
With teenagers in the West and Southwest still holding out for the narrow one-inch ties, those in other regions are swinging back to wider kinds, up to 2½ inches, in fact.

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## We See USSR Ruse!



Recently the Soviet Union forged ahead in the production and detonation of super-bombs. Taking full advantage of unilateral test bans, she conducted 76 atmospheric tests yielding 270 megatons in a thirteen-month period. This is about twice the amount the U.S. has unleashed since the dawn of the atomic age.

One of these gargantuan instruments of mass destruction

was a 60-megaton "special" which literally shook the world. What was the reason for this ostentatious display of might? Like a towering bully the Soviet Union was flexing its muscles, testing to see if its opponent would wince.

These bombs are not weapons of war; they are weapons of terror and propaganda. The Soviets are not fools; their aim is to win without having fired a shot at us.

## Resolve Fades

At the beginning of school, everyone is excited, ready for a hard year's work. The first week one is determined to make good. He does his homework as soon as he arrives from school. After working until 9:00 he goes to bed and gets plenty of sleep for another day.

By the seventh or eighth week things have settled down. One gets home, reads the paper, eats dinner and begins to work. Bed-time? Around 10:00.

It is now 10:30 Sunday night of the sixth month and time to begin on homework. One works on his bed until 11:00 and then falls asleep, only to find his homework not finished the next morning.

There is only one week of school to go. Since he is sure of passing, why do homework? He barely makes a passing grade.

Oh well! Next year he will really work.

Lou McAllister

## Chotto Matte!

A ninth grader who has just begun dating asked, via *Dragon's Roar* mailbox, what a sensible income for him might be. Offhand we'd say no later than 9 p.m.

There's growing trend for young people to take graduate degrees, points out *Changing Times* magazine. Tomorrow's hero will be the man who managed to be a success even though he never got beyond college!

Overheard at PTA: "After years of debate at our house it now seems clear that insanity is hereditary. Parents get it from children."

A good day's work never hurt anybody. But then neither did a good day's rest.

"If at first you don't succeed," cried out one math teacher, "maybe you aren't up to the job after all."