

# Mao Invites Nixon to Revisit China

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Mao Tse-tung has invited former President Nixon to visit China again as a private citizen.

These two disparate men—Mao, the grand panjandrum of communism, and Nixon, the anti-Communist fighter—were implacable foes until Nixon reversed himself in 1972 and re-established contact with mainland China.

The two erstwhile enemies sat down together in February, 1972, at Mao's residence in the old Forbidden City, which was once the imperial court in Peking.

In talks with subsequent visitors, Mao made an occasional favorable reference to Nixon. Now Nixon has confided to friends that the Chinese leader has invited him to pay a return visit to Peking.

Nixon hasn't accepted the invitation, he said, because he wants to complete his memoirs before he ends his long isolation at San Clemente, Calif. He told friends that he is writing the final draft himself and that he has already completed more than 100,000 words.

**Missing Documents**—Congressional investigations of the grain export scandal have been hampered because the Agriculture Department has misplaced or destroyed vital records.

The missing documents contain the complaints of foreign buyers prior to 1971. These complaints would provide the investigators with valuable leads, which would help them track

down the grain sellers who have been shipping inferior and even poisonous grain overseas.

The Senate Agriculture Committee has received only 30 of 101 requested files. Investigators suggest that the loss of the crucial documents was too convenient. But a spokesman insisted that the files were not destroyed in an attempt to protect the Agriculture Department's hand-in-glove relationship with the grain industry.

**Chippewa Chips**—The Chippewa Indians of Grand Portage, Minn., plan to thumb their noses at the state authorities and bring gambling to their reservation.

The Chippewas intend to begin with a simple lottery. But in time, they would like to open an elaborate, Las Vegas-style casino. The proceeds will go to alleviate the chronic poverty on the reservation.

There is one hitch. Gambling happens to be against the law in Minnesota. But the Chippewas claim they have an 1854 treaty with the United States which predates Minnesota's statehood. They contend that the state's prohibition against gambling, therefore, doesn't apply to their reservation.

Minnesota authorities have gotten wind of the Chippewa scheme and have dropped stern hints that the gambling operators will be arrested. But the Chippewa leaders aren't at all intimidated. Dennis Morrison, who conceived the scheme, told us that the Chippewas are ready to be arrested and test the issue in the courts.

"This would offer us an excellent chance," he said, "to test the band's legal rights."

They may soon be passing out Chippewa gambling chips.

**Footnote:** One reason the Chippewas are in such dire need of the gambling proceeds is because the federal government has failed to pay compensation promised under the 1854 treaty.

**Susan's Frolic**—In Topeka, patrons are talking about the night Susan Ford turned their quiet tavern into a dance dive.

The President's daughter, a summer intern on the photographic staff of the Topeka Daily Capital, stopped off at the tavern with a retinue of friends and bodyguards.

The tavern has a rule against dancing. Nevertheless, she began re-arranging the furnishings to make space for dancing. According to one account, the bartender asked Susan to cease and desist. Another witness told us that no one wanted to argue with the President's daughter.

In any event, she danced and drank beer until the midnight closing time.

**Purloined Pennies**—Our story about the aluminum pennies stolen by members of Congress has now led to an FBI probe. The rare pennies, which one day may be worth \$100,000 each, were sent to Congress for study by the U.S. Mint.

Meanwhile, despite denials, the mint is considering striking large quantities of the exotic coins to dilute the worth of the stolen pennies.

**Hoover Homestead**—The Na-

tional Park Service has put the finishing touches on the Herbert Hoover boyhood home, and it will probably stand as a model of authenticity for years to come.

Last year, we reported the park service had reconstructed the Hoover family outhouse, plank by plank, near the cottage where the 31st President was born in West Branch, Iowa.

The privy plans were drawn, free of charge, by Des Moines architect William J. Wagner, who actually dug up an old outhouse seat as a model.

Now he has answered the call of duty again. Using a photograph of the original, he has now reconstructed the Hoover family chicken coop.

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