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Jerk

Mon.,Nov 12,1973

Dear Jack Belden, Because you are often in my thoughts,the other night when I sat by a man at dinner and he said he came from Brooklyn, I blurted out,"You were born in 1910 and you knew Jack Belden,didn't you?" and he was and did. His name is Carl Zellner, his first crush was on your sister and you used to go with him and his father to Sheepshead Bay and for some forgotten reason you sat out on the roof of some house there, waering a floppy hat!I pass all this along to you because I think you might be interested and amused at somebody else's recollections of those years. He wanted to know about you and I told him of my wonderful visit with you about a year ago in Paris.He lives in New Hope, Pennsylvania went oto Princeton a couple of years ahead of my husband, wrote music and played the saxophone in Triangle shows, etc. A nice guy.

Then this clipping from the Times about comets just appeared and there's Mark Twain and you all over again,"the two unaccountable freaks, they came in together, they must go out together," which you quoted to me last year.

And then I have been holding this little review of the republished "China Shakes the World" in Penguin which appeared in the Far Eastern Reviwe which I thought might interest you.

Why are you often in my thoughts? Well, having traipsed all over the world,as you put it, for the last couple of months I have been trying to distil the enormous amount of material I have gathered from the over fifty personal interviews I made and everyone always wants to know about you and I understand Paul Jones has heard from you too. Anyhow of interest to me is that "Retreat With Stilwell" continues to crop up too in other people's conversations and, I must tell you, even in their writings.I wish I could feel that or rather, I wish I had your flair for writing the catching descrition, the ESSENCE of things. Well, I'm plugging away and enjoying the richness of it all.

Hope you are well and would love to hear from you, not to pick your soul but because I enjoyed being with you so much.