

Nybro 17 April 1961

Min käre Olle:

I dag har det verkligen skett. Krakarna (2 stycken) äro på väg och jag hoppas det fortfarande fins svenska fiskar att belöna dina ansträngningar på sådana platser som du väljer att så finna ut. Hoppas nu att detta skall hjälpa att erhålla din ursäkt för denna till synes så långa försummelse. Som ~~en~~ tillätkad ~~ning~~ förorsakelse till försummelsen kan jag nämna att skrivelsen till stor grad uteblivet emedan jag vid "the loop" visiting förglömd att medbringa ditt brev för ^{kraks-}nummer bekräftelse. Och så har det gått gång efter annan.

Vi ha nu den vackra våren här igen. Färmodar ^{du} ~~den~~ kan bekräfta

om blommor och grönt i Clarendon
hills också, men min uppfattning är
att svenska naturen denna årstid
är ~~med~~ på toppen. Naturens ^{skönhet} ~~återverk-~~
~~ningar~~ ~~är~~ ~~av~~ betydlig återverkning
på både kropp och själ men tycker
mig finna att den ej kan ~~arsätta~~ be-
hovet av den mänskliga vänskapen,
kärlek och sympati. Förefaller mig
därför av ~~vigt~~ vikt att en person
som kommit up i åldern och på
grund av varande vänners bortflytt-
ningar och bortfallande skulle ut-
öva stor försiktighet i ändringar
av boplatz o. s. v. Dessa saker glöm-
mer man så lätt att giva vederbär-
lig omsorg emär man ju ser det
så lätt att mäta nya vännar. För
tillfredställelse fordras dock åtmin-
stone en smula av själförståelse

och detta är inte så lätt, då i ens ensam-
het ^{man} kanske även ofta söker mera än
man har att giva. Oärhört värare
blir detta också om ens bytesplatser
äro givna till olika uppfattningar
och standard.

Som jag här har en mycket präk-
tig och till stor del tillgiven familj
kanske du finner ovannämnda
iakttagelser av en egen karaktär. Iak-
tager dock att den hustrun som jag
alltid älskat och för vilken jag gjort
mina största uppoffringar må ibland
underlåta i sin känsla att understryka
mitt ego för vad jag ville vara be-
någen att kalla min förmån. Bort-
varon av gamla goda förstående
vänner förorsakar dylika omstän-
digheter mera tryckande. Nej, jag
tänker ej komma tillbaka ehuru

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tillfällen bemänas av dylikt dysterhet.

Just skrivet kvärt adressen medan tankarna vilat. Min dotters har en liten tygaffär nästa dörr var jag köpte brokarna så jag gick in och hade henne visa på paketadressen. Adressnumret på kuvertet var en smula dunkelt och det synes mig att vi inte märkte 1-tan och så fick adr. endast

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Skulle ro vara hoppas jag du känner detta folk och får det klarat.

Får inte glömma antala att jag nu kan kläda mig i frack. Nej jag får varken cirkus eller annan betalning. Tror mig spara 50 öre om jag inte fortsätter ett annat arb. Det mest betydande af mina tankar är ju nedsatta. Hjärtligaste hälsn.
Till dig och Ebba Eric

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Nybro Nov. 14 - 1962

Dear Olle:

Have recieved your letter of Oct. 25-~~th~~ and I sure felt glad to hear from you. We have allowed a slapping of exchange of particulars concerning latter years life experiences. Good, though, we still retain value in old, long friendships, at best there should be no observance of who wrote last. Non the less, one likes to use it for either excuse in the lacking of vigor or as shield for ones ego. Martha tells me you had no awareness that I written, nor acknowledged receipt for the 1962 Almanac. ~~the~~ Letter was written. med thanks for Almanac included expected to reach you 4-5

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days previous to leaving for your Florida vacation. Could be that at such a time you had so many things fluttering your mind that you left it ⁱⁿ a back corner of the mind, as (ment for present), and was later forgotten. Well, whatever happened I do repeat my thanks.

Appears as you still remains in good vigor being able to climb on ladders and take care of the painting. It is good to hear and lets us hope for long continuance.

Seem that you enjoyed your Wisconsin vacation better. Was it the fish you caught or were you allowing yourself that pleasant dream-away peace of mind?

Shall, if opportunity makes it

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visit your brother. Didn't do so much traveling this summer as the weather been rather inclement. nearly all summer outside of a couple of weeks in Sept. Do not at present know the whereabouts of your mentioned adr. but with todays Auto. do I take it the direction will at some time point towards his place.

How high is excitement by ~~now~~^{no} concerning Cuba.² We had a bit of propoganda here too but I could not really judge at the country as a whole as I am mostly in tact with only conservative news.

Maria is taking a trip to Cal. to visit Frida and fam. ~~Am~~²⁵ leaving Dec. 15 by air, going over Iceland taking only about a day.

I have for a couple of months suffered from Lumbago. (ryggskott) a sickness far from pleasing. Am getting somewhat better but find healing rather slow.

Have occasionally entertained the notion of giving America a visit. Do not always feel fully in the swedish spirit and feel more lone some as now my hearing shuts me off almost entirely. The differences of thought and conception here and my previous habits does naturally have its bearing.

Remember now that you asked how I liked Karlshamn. Didn't pass much inside the city so I will be quiet this time. Should I after eat at a restaurant located at the court

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Saltjöbaden or something?

outside the city would it not take long to get broke. Told Martha to show you the bill. It included 4 persons.

I had a most pleasing day last Sunday "Fars dag". My family awakened me with song "Kaffe på sängen", flowers, shirt and wishing cards. In the afternoon were upstairs for more coffee and more "Tårta".

Its peculiar how one can have so much and still at times lack full peace of mind.

Am sending a card giving you an idea what we look like.

Greet Ebba and the children that remember me

As ever Eric

Jan. 24 - 1963

Good friend Ole:

It certainly was nice to hear from you again and finding that everything is well concerning yourself and Ebba. Didn't know it was so long between visits concerning you and Martha. I know from her mentioned activities that she been well occupied, and between, because of more or less necessity, trying to recuperate through resting. I realize of course you didn't leave her dinner table hungry but Martha as well as you hasn't given any fuller information as to your feasting.

Have you fully decided yet concerning moving to Florida or stay put where you are?

yes. Well, there certainly has taken place a considerable lot of changes in Sweden since your time and as you remark all to the good. And I believe further development will keep on. Do not remember figures as I have read them, but out-of-work percentage workers are supposed to stay quite low. Wages are high, judging European standard, and living condition in accordance. But inflation has been terrible only since my arrival. So called middle class people restricted to their spare capital do not get any richer.

Outside a very few weeks has weather last year and up till now been hard with much rain, then cold and snow. Have now had

a couple of nice days and when then
the sun favors us with its best
smile is it really beautifull. Hope
Martha will not forget to put the
sun in her suitcase, next summer

Maria, my niece, flew to Calif.
just before X-mas. She is visiting
my sister Frida. Do not know but
expect her to stay until spring and
probably then give Chicago a ^{little} ~~hallo~~
before coming back. Could be you
might see her.

Good, your friend Kyllly gave so
much ⁱⁿ appreciation of Sweden. The
Swedes have awakened to notice
of profit in turismen and are
doing their utmost in attracting
Americans.

I suppos that when while^{ing} away

at times and mind not too drowsy
it might reflect itself to remembering
and wondering about me. In the
same way will also I react concern-
ing old whereabouts and friends.

Should like to describe as I find my-
self and react now, but through the
controversial ^{at} ~~the~~ hearing and perhaps
otherwise general stagnation I feel
unable to do so. Believe I have in
fact already gone through many e-
nough changes as to be still further
away from even understanding my-
self. Knowing too little and too
much thinking. Perhaps in time I
may still develop. If, I shall let
you know.

With most hearty greetings to
you and Ebba. Eric

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