## Will you still think the Peace Corps is such a good idea when your daughter decides to join?

There are a lot of bad things in this world. Poverty and disease and ignorance and suspicion and hatred and war. And if the Peace Corps can give us a chance to do something about getting rid of them, you like it. And if the Peace Corps can give our young people a shot at facing responsibility and tramping out their own frontier, it's fine.

But your daughter? That little sleepy round thing in the pink bassinette? Why, you can just picture her playing a bowl of rice crispies in her fourth grade play. It seems like

only yesterday. But it isn't.

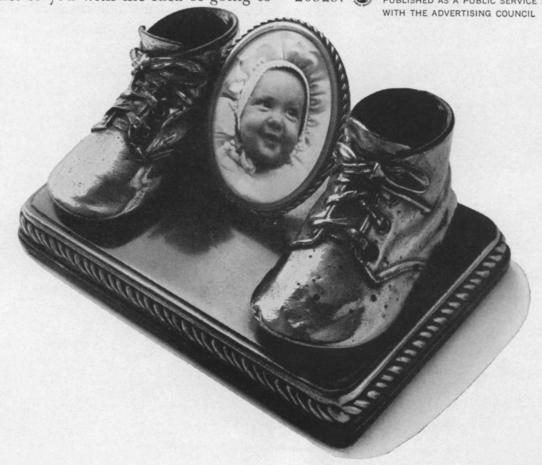
She's a big girl now. Big enough to go to college. To live there and learn there. With, when you come right down to it, nothing but her own ideals and values to keep her company. She's a big girl now. Big enough to go away on vacations. Even to places as far away and foreign as Europe. But, what about when she comes to you with the idea of going to

someplace as far away and foreign as Africa?

Sure you can get scared. You can think of all the things you saw in Grade-B movies. And get scared. You can dig up all your old superstitions and prejudices. And get scared. You can think about the place she wants to go being full of things you don't know and don't expect. And you can get scared. And you can let yourself say and do everything you can to stop her.

Or you can hold on for a minute. And think about how life is always full of things you don't know and don't expect. No matter where you live it. You can think about how she is the kind of girl she is and how proud you are. You can think about how she deserves a chance to help make this world the kind of world she wants to live in. For her daughter.

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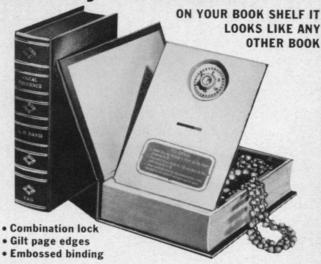


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