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for both U.S. and European papers. (In the February issue of TOLCROW Magazine, for instance, you may find a story I wrote on André Gide.) And a new novel of mine, PALLASTIC SYMPHONY, (based on the life of Peter Ilych Tchaikovsky) is to be released next month by Allen, Towne & Heath (a new publisher specializing in musical subjects). I hope you will read the book and your brother will write about it in his column. I liked what he had to say on "The Stature of Th. M." -- it sounded so much friendlier than another review I happened to find in the N.Y. TIMES Book Section. I haven't seen a copy of the book as yet, so I am in no position to judge it. But, frankly, when my friend Charles Neider first told me about his idea to collect a lot of articles on my father and present them as a book, I was a little surprised. It didn't sound like a very fortunate idea to me.

Am I doing anything for the "good cause"? One keeps trying... But the situation looks grim indeed. I was interested in what you said about Wallace. So you are plugging for him, Bravo! I, too, am for him. Even if he should be instrumental in bringing about Republican victory -- I still think it's a good thing he is running!

Let me hear from you again.

With best regards,

Yours,
Klaus

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Dear Jean Gould,

Your letter made quite a trip -- from Toledo, Ohio, to Norfolk, Conn., from there to Pacific Palisades, Calif. where my father's home is situated, and from California on to Switzerland; but in the end it did catch up with me. I was pleased to hear from you again, after all those years. And such good news, too! So you have become a well-established and successful novelist -- my congratulations! Of course, I should like to get a copy of JAKE. Do send me one -- but not immediately! Wait until the beginning of May: by that time, I expect to be back in the States and can be reached at 1550 San Remo Drive, Pacific Palisades, Calif. In the mean time, my permanent European address is c/o Querido Publishers, Singel 282, Amsterdam (The Netherlands).

I have been travelling in Europe for the past eight months or so -- lecturing (on André Gide, on modern American literature, on the German problem) in various places in Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, even in Germany. My next stops are to be Prague and Vienna. (But I will not go to Czechoslovakia in case Benes is forced to resign -- which, I hope, will not happen...) Besides I am doing some journalistic work.