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This is not going to be a very long column today because I just remembered that it's Friday and I'm the only one of my crowd who's still left in town. • Yesterday we received a letter from a lad who lives in Milmine, Ill. He addressed it to "Miss Universe, USA." For some reason, the Post Office Department carried it to Washington. The Washington Post Office decided that it should come to The Washington Daily News. The mail sorters at The News decided that "Miss Universe" was my department. All the boy wanted was an autographed photo of her. We've forwarded the letter to her hotel in Miami. • Good Deed No. 345.

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TRITEMS: A magazine subscription company is sending out little cards with a stick of gum attached. The card asks you to check the magazine you buy often at the newsstands. Then, the card says: "If mailed (to the company) within 48 hours, you have a nice surprise coming." • A magazine salesman? • Bob Levine, who runs Campusville, in Silver Spring, thought he had just an ordinary clothing store. But, so far this summer, about 500 boys have come in ordering suits to wear at their Bar Mitzah's. So now he's wondering if he should call the store, "Barmitzahville."

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SLIGHTEMS: The Grand Poobah of Georgetown nightlife, Gaston Miller, is back at the Town House. (He tried working in the Caribbean, but there's too much water there.) • Business High School graduates of the Class of 1924 should contact George Jolson at FE 8-7200. • Bill MacAinsh, who runs the Water Gate Project in Foggy Bottom, has installed a wishing well in the front of the project. Coins (and good wishes) are then turned over to the District's Junior Village.

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If you were watching TV last Tuesday night, you'll remember that the TV commentators kept saying that according to the book, "Jane's Fighting Ships," the North Vietnamese Navy consisted of some 16 PT boats. It was therefore somewhat of a surprise the other day to read that we have now sunk or damaged 25 of these 16 PT boats. • Presumably, this is what is known as "Overkill."