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**INTERNATIONAL PAINTING COMPETITION FOR DEAF
CHILDREN**

Run By MODERN HEARING Magazine

An International Painting Competition for deaf children, the first ever of its kind, has been organised by the magazine Modern Hearing, sponsored in co-operation with one of the leading British manufacturers of hearing aids and speech training hearing aids (AMPLIVOX LTD.)

A Thousand Entries.

The Competition opened on November 1st, 1958 and the closing date for entries was January 1st, 1959. Over 600 deaf schools all over the world were sent entry forms. The response was overwhelming and just over 1,000 paintings were received from deaf schools as far away as Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South America, South Africa, India, Ceylon and Hong Kong, in addition to those in almost every country in Europe including Poland, Hungary, Yugoslavia, and all parts of the United Kingdom. (The highest number of entries were received from the countries behind the Iron Curtain, second highest entries from Japan).

The Judging.

The panel of distinguished personalities of the art world judged the competition at the Royal Society of Arts on January 15th. The judges were Anna Zinkeisen, Leonard Boden and Rowland Hilder. The Competition was divided into four age groups, under 5, 6-10, 11-13 and 14 and over. The winner of his age group, 6-10, was a ten year old born deaf Chinese boy from Hong Kong, Lee Man Sung who also tied for the best overall painting in all the age groups with Lillian Walsh, aged 13 of Balham, London. Mr. Robert John Keen, a bachelor of 32 and proprietor of the Lotus House restaurant in London paid the fare of this Chinese boy and his teacher to come over from Hong Kong to London to receive his prize in person. The Prizegiving ceremony will be held at the Royal Society of Arts, February 24th and prizes will be presented by Sir Alfred Bosson, Chairman of the Royal Society of Arts. Olga Noble-Mathews, executive director of Modern Hearing magazine and a former Vice President of the National Institute for the Deaf has organised an exhibition tour of leading provincial cities and towns in the British Isles starting on March 2nd of approximately 150 of the paintings, including all the winners.

A Few Statistics.

In England alone there are 15,000 people born deaf. 4,000 are deaf and blind, 20,000 are totally deaf to any sound, 70,000 are deaf to ordinary speech, 790,000 have difficulty in hearing without the use of an aid and 1,650,000 are hard of hearing.

approx 70 schools <
England for Deaf &
partially deaf children.



Print all names. Attach Press Clippings or other material.
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DEAF CHINESE Boy ART AWARD

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Besides his medallion & award script he also won \$5 for being 1st in his age group and a box of paints for 1st overall winner.

The collection started by 2 Chinese waiters was extended to the entire Chinese community and through reaching a figure of \$250 on its second day; is still open as they hope to reach \$500 so that the money will purchase a "group hearing aid" for his school in Hong Kong; any money in excess of this figure will be put into a Bank account in the boys name.

I suggest that if you wish to have the latest figure at the time you go to press: you phone Mr Koon at the "Lotus House" AMB. 4109

Stephen Plummer

If you were asked what would you say?
Was there anything unusual about the story?

LIST OF PRIZEWINNERS.

GROUP 1.

- 1st Prize Michael Bacon, Royal School for the Deaf, Derby.
2nd prize Christopher Whitman, School for the Deaf, Beaver St. Oldham.
3rd prize John Coombes, Hartwood School, Fosslake, Nr. Guildford.

GROUP 2.

- 1st prize. Lee Man Sung, Hong Kong School for the Deaf, Hong Kong.
2nd prize Eddy Verhinst, Koninklijk Gesticht voor Doofstemen en
Blinden, Brussel, Belgium.
This is being collected on behalf of the child.
3rd prize Richard Grace, Hartwood School, Fosslake, Guildford.

GROUP 3.

- 1st prize Lilian Walsh, Oak Lodge School for the Deaf, Balham.
2nd prize Jean Bruchmann, Institution Nationale de Sourds-Muets
de Chambéry (Savoie) France.
This is being collected on behalf of the child.
3rd prize John Owen, Tovin Water School, Welwyn, Herts.

GROUP 4.

- 1st prize Marlene Wilkinson, Mary Hare Grammar School, Arlington
Mans, Neotary, Berks.
2nd prize Fay Simpkins, Royal Residential Schools for the Deaf,
Old Trafford, Manchester.
3rd prize Ranjit de Silva, The School for the Deaf, Mt. Lavinia,
Ceylon. (This prize is not being collected.)

OVERALL JOINT PRIZEWINNERS - Lilian Walsh and Lee Man Sung.

PRIZEWINNING SCHOOL - Royal School for the Deaf, DERBY.

