

Pen Pals At The Fair

How would you like a computer to match you up with a pen pal on the other side of the world?

Called the "International Pen Friend Program," this unusual project will be conducted by the Parker Pen people at their pavilion at the New York World's Fair, which opens April 22. The theme of the exhibit will be "Peace Through Understanding Through Writing."

Names to be fed into the computer for matching are being gathered throughout the world.

Registrants will be able to select the language in which they wish to correspond; they will also have a choice of countries, and some 389 specific subjects of interest about which they would like to write.

Categories include "collecting" interests, crafts, jobs, the arts, music, sports, entertainment, hobbies, and a host of miscellaneous subjects.

A visitor to the Parker Pavilion will be invited to provide similar information on himself, selecting his own personal interest from the list. This information, fed into the computer, will instantly produce the name and address of a person in another country who is just about his "double," in terms of age and interest. On a form provided by the computer, he will be encouraged to write his first letter at the pavilion.

Information on the program and registration forms can be obtained by writing to The Parker Pen Company, Janesville, Wis.