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## FOUNDATIONS FOR FREEDOM

A *Foundations for Freedom* Regional Meeting in Krakow, Poland, over New Year brought together 40 young people from Central and Eastern Europe – and a few from other countries – for fellowship, commitment-strengthening, and looking ahead. They came from Lithuania, Belarus, Ukraine, Russia, Croatia, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Poland, Germany, Holland, Britain, Kenya and Jamaica. Nearly all had taken part in *FFF* courses in their own countries or in Britain.

The first *FFF* 'Visiting Course' of 1996 is currently taking place in Estonia at the initiative of a student who took part in the 1994 International Course.

We would be very grateful for prayers for the funding for our continuing programme in 1996. Our budget is £80,000 of which the first £5,000 is needed immediately.

*Edward Peters*

## COMMUNICATIONS FORUM IN POLAND

The International Communications Forum in Poland in December brought together 35 Polish journalists and 20 media people from other countries, including Albania, the Czech Republic and Lithuania. The invitation committee included the Association of Polish Journalists (SDP), the Polish Association of Newspaper Publishers and the Catholic Information Agency. The forum took place at the SDP's conference centre.

In a debate on 'Free society: free media: free journalists', the Editor-in-Chief of the daily *Sztandar*, Michale Komar, who is President of the Newspaper Editors' Association, expressed anxiety that constraints might be put on the media, now that the Presidency, the Premiership and Parliament are all in former communist hands. This was discounted by the President of the SDP, Andrzej Sawicki, who considered that private ownership was here to stay and the situation was far removed from the days when editors were State lackeys. Dr Jara Moserová, playwright and President of UNESCO in the Czech Republic, said, however, that journalists always need personal courage to stand for truth, a view strongly supported by Michael Finley, Governor of the International Press Foundation.

The conference studied a new media charter written by a committee of journalists headed by the Primate of Poland's chaplain to the intellectual community, and already agreed by the national councils of 14 media associations. Participants also saw the video *For the Love of Tomorrow* in Polish.

In wide-ranging discussions, new relationships were built. A Polish war correspondent to Bosnia said, 'I take hope from friendships I have formed here with journalists from other countries.'

The event was largely funded by the Government Press Office and the participants were welcomed at a reception in the Palace of the Council of Ministers. Participants were invited to future Forum events: Budapest, 29 March to April 1; Caux, 23-28 July; and Sydney, 25-29 October.

*Hugh Nowell*

## SILENCE, SNOW & FELLOWSHIP IN NORWAY

Over 50 young Scandinavians – with a sprinkling from Latvia, Russia, Britain and beyond – spent New Year together in the Lia Gard retreat centre near Koppang, Norway. The daily schedule included silence, deep fellowship, sorties on ski, sledge or foot for those hardy enough to cope with temperatures down to minus 20, uproarious games and ended with prayer in the centre's tiny chapel. The core group behind the camp have started every new year together since the days of the Scandinavian review. It was moving to see the strength of their faith and the way they have supported each other through the ups and downs of life, while keeping their doors open to newcomers.

*Mary Lean*

## PERSPECTIVE AMIDST SAND AND SURF

The fourth annual Teenage Camp ran this year from January 8-14 on the New South Wales coast. There was plenty of sun, sand and surf, but we also had plenty of opportunity to explore the overall theme of the camp – Life From a Different Perspective. Two visiting speakers were John Bond, from Canberra, and Tom Slockee, a respected local Aboriginal. I was struck by a quote John gave from a chant of the Osages First Nation,

'When you arise in the morning, give thanks for life and strength, for the joy of living, and if you see no reason for giving thanks, rest assured the fault is in yourself'. Tom Slockee emphasised the importance of face to face relationships between the Aboriginal and White communities, as only this will bring understanding. 'Everyone has their prejudices, but when you make judgements it becomes discrimination.' Overall it was both an extremely enjoyable and challenging time for the 33 young people involved (and also for the not-so young!).

*Philip Lancaster*

### GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!

The campaign to enlist 5000 gifts of 1000 SFR/DM/US\$/Stg£ or any currency for the Jubilee Fund for Caux '96 has started with a small bang! In the United States 28 donors have given \$ 25,000. In Switzerland 11 donors have contributed SFR 13,000. There have been contributions from Britain, Germany, Denmark and Andorra.

Apart from these gifts, Danish friends are sharing a grant from the football pools which favour religious organisations! They have sent SFR 20,000.

*Théri Grandy Eliane Stallybrass*

### CAUX 50TH COUNCIL MEETING

In early January 32 of us met in Caux. We took time to re-think *why* we have invested so much time and thought in this Jubilee. One simple answer is because we feel called, have felt led, know our need of fresh life, renewal and sense a stirring of God's spirit in us and our work. Many of us have had encouraging glimpses of what others outside our ranks hope for and expect from this anniversary. The highlights of our discussions and the major needs which emerged are listed below.

#### Highlights:

- ♦ The 7½-minute Caux promotional video is now available in English and will be sent out from London. Ken Dodds is now working on the French and German versions.
- ♦ A **final** version of the Caux Anniversary Committee list is being produced and sent out.
- ♦ Camilla and Axel Nelson, François and Anja Orphelin and Ian Kiaer have met in Oslo on the Exhibition. Visits to local suppliers of Caux have started, with a view to finding Exhibition sponsors, with encouraging results.
- ♦ The *Changer* team are finalising the Press kit and it is being translated into English and German. It can be adapted for use in different countries. We are exploring the possibility of putting the

material (in three languages) with photographs, on MRA's World Wide Web page on the Internet.

- ♦ The colour pictorial is in final production. We should have copies early in March. This might also go on to the WWW page.
- ♦ There have been encouraging responses to the idea of different geographical areas carrying the three periods of the summer. **We strongly recommend that these three areas/groups regularly exchange information and ideas – we saw excellent American and Australian letters, but has each regional group seen the other's ideas?** There will be a European planning meeting in Haguenau, France, February 8-13, to plan the first period, the two events in it, and for East and Central European participation throughout the summer in Caux.
- ♦ Student volunteers will again come from Britain to help carry the service work, covering each three-week segment with a short overlap.
- ♦ Rosemary Mattingley has offered to serve as conference office manager for the summer.
- ♦ A list of the events of the summer, and personalities who have accepted or seem likely to come, is available for private use on visits.

#### Major needs:

- ♦ **Translation** – throughout the summer, and especially during certain peak events. Final year students of simultaneous interpretation are needed, preferably volunteers, otherwise paid professionals. Andrew Stallybrass needs to be replaced as coordinator of the English translation so that he can take on the media fully. A 'manager' without language skills could organise this, but will still need translators! The French and German translation also needs student volunteers.
- ♦ The next (and final!) meeting of the 50th Council will be in Paris, starting 14.30, Saturday April 20, and leaving after lunch on Wednesday 24. *Each work sector, three-week period and event should be represented at this meeting.* Please announce yourselves to the Tates or Lasserres in Paris.
- ♦ There are still needs in the **Kitchen** and the **Economat** despite some positive replies to the cooks' letter. Perhaps a few paid cooks will need to be engaged for certain peak days.
- ♦ On the **Front Desk/Reception** – more people with some skill in English and French.
- ♦ Each three-week period group needs to plan for the inclusion of **young people** (and for the 'animation' of the Caux café).
- ♦ The **Reference team** needs a higher profile. Should they meet at a regular time and place? We will discuss this further in Paris.
- ♦ New staff for the **Bookshop** and the **Exhibition**.

- ♦ **Security** in the house needs to be addressed afresh. There will be quite a few VIPs coming.
- ♦ The **Press** team will be especially important this summer. French and German language skills most needed.

*Andrew Stallybrass*

#### **CAUX 96 - AGENDA FOR RECONCILIATION**

A four-page document is available for use in inviting people to the Caux Symposium, An Agenda for Reconciliation, August 10-15. It combines a concept paper for the Symposium by Allan Griffith, entitled 'Fifty Years of Reconciliation Initiatives', and a report of the Dialogues on Reconciliation in Japan last October, both illustrated with photos. Copies are available from MRA offices or from Yukihisa Fujita in Tokyo.

*Brian Lightowler*

#### **CAUX WORK-WEEKS IN 1996**

This year we need workers for several 'work-weeks'. The special 'Easter work-time' will be in two parts: April 6 to 20 and April 27 to May 4. People are also welcome for any part of the time.

The main job will be to paint the façade of the east wing of Mountain House which faces the terrace. We are looking for 20 to 30 people who can work on scaffolding and have experience of painting. There will also be other jobs, particularly gardening during the week April 27 to May 4. We will need two people to prepare the evening meals; the menus will be easy to cook and we will be in Villa Maria.

Please contact Christoph Keller at Caux; or in Britain, Brian Loy, 3 Fairfax Gardens, Menston, Ilkley LS29 6ET; Tel/fax: +44 1943 873 090. For gardening week, Werner Fankhauser, Bachweg 3, CH 3322 Schönbühl. Tel: +41 31 859 35 38

From June 12 to 20, and from August 23 to September 4, we will again need help with the transition between the Hotel School and MRA. 15 to 20 people are needed to clean, clear up, prepare rooms, etc. Please contact Margarit Küng at Caux.

*Christoph Keller*

#### **MRA'S NAME**

I believe that MRA has been created not just for the twentieth century but perhaps even more for the twenty-first; and that we need now to be shaping it for its role in the coming century. That involves many issues. A crucial one is the name. Many of us find the name Moral Re-Armament inappropriate.

Two years ago the Cyprus consultation report gave cogent reasons for a change of name, and concluded, 'This search will be carried on through widespread discussion and reflection, and we expect that it will be clear to us all when the right phrase has emerged.'

Since then, though work has been put in, no phrase has emerged which sparks much enthusiasm. We may need a more determined search. May I offer, therefore, to host a discussion on the matter? Everyone is welcome to send me their ideas. If they want to be part of the ongoing discussion I will ensure that the material I receive is distributed regularly to them. My phone and fax are below. Where possible, I would like to communicate by e-mail (jbond@canberra.dialix.oz.au), as it is cheapest. Any who would like to be fellow-hosts of the discussion would be welcome, particularly those who speak other languages.

Our hope, of course, is to find a name that expresses the next great task for MRA, just as Moral Re-Armament was an attempt to express that in 1938. I believe we can find it, but it will take steady, hard work in discussion and consultation.

*John Bond*

#### **GROSVENOR CANADA BECOMES MRA BOOKS**

Since 'Grosvenor' is already registered as a trade mark in Canada, we have had to change the name under which we operate here. We are now known as MRA Books, 251 Bank Street, Suite 500, Ottawa, Ontario K2P 1X3.

*Joy Newman*

#### **USA: SEEDS OF HOPE IN A CHANGING AGRICULTURE**

Farmers from the Americas and Europe are pleased to invite people in agriculture from around the world to a dialogue in Minnesota in November 1996. It will have three purposes:

- ♦ to put farmers of different countries and backgrounds in touch with each other, listening and understanding, learning to bridge differences.
- ♦ to consider how the needs of the world for food, work and community can be better met – and the part of each of us in doing it.
- ♦ to ensure that young people will be able to take on a farming career, and that agriculture will continue to produce those qualities of character that have traditionally developed in people who work the land.

The dialogue will take place on 14-17 November. For those who wish, there will be the chance to stay

with local farmers 10-12 November, and visits to agribusiness 12-14 November. Farm stays are also possible 17-19 November.

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*Louise and John Morrison*

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## Calendar of Events

JAN '96	<u>Melbourne Australia</u>	'Effective Living' Course at Armagh	28 - Apr 21
FEB '96	<u>Asia Plateau</u>	Craftsmen and women's conference	Feb 1 - 5
	<u>Haquenau France</u>	European planning meeting for Caux	8 - 13
	<u>Asia Plateau</u>	Creative Leadership	14 - 18
APR '96	<u>Bloemfontein South Africa</u>	Healing the past - Building the future	Apr 4 - 8
	<u>Washington and New York</u>	Caux Round Table interim meeting	9 - 13
	<u>Asia Plateau</u>	Creative Leadership	16 - 20
	<u>Paris (Boulogne)</u>	Caux '96 Council and preparation meeting	20 - 24
MAY '96	<u>West Ukraine</u>	Seminar - Creation of a new ethical basis for political life in Ukraine	May 1 - 5
	<u>Asia Plateau</u>	Families conference	15 - 18
	<u>Asia Plateau</u>	Youth camp	21 - 30
JUN '96	<u>Asia Plateau</u>	Creative Leadership	Jun 4 - 8
	<u>Caux</u>	50th Anniversary celebration	29 - Jul 3
JUL '96	<u>Caux</u>	Europe at the crossroads	Jul 3 - 6
	<u>Caux</u>	Forging the future - preparing for the 21st century	12 - 16
	<u>Caux</u>	Business focus	23 - 28
AUG '96	<u>Caux</u>	Faith, moral values and our future	Aug 3 - 7
	<u>Caux</u>	An agenda for reconciliation	10 - 15
	<u>Caux</u>	Farmers' Dialogue	18
	<u>Caux</u>	The creators of peace - a women's initiative	19 - 21
	<u>Caux</u>	Final weekend event	24 - 25
NOV '96	<u>Minnesota USA</u>	Farmers' Dialogue	Nov 14 - 17

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