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## SOMALIS IN PARIS

At the end of February, Osman Jama Ali from London and Ahmed Hussien Egal from Stockholm spent five days in Paris to share their experiences in the struggle for peace among their compatriots. With them came Finn Harald Wetterfors. They met the Ambassadors of Sudan and Guinea-Conakry, journalists from *Le Monde*, *Libération* and *Agence France Press*, who included specialists on Somalia, and Africans resident in France.

At UNESCO they met with people responsible for a new project 'Culture of peace', who are particularly active in Somalia. These contacts have opened many doors and helped us evaluate the role our friends can play as they tell their experience of forgiveness and humility.

*Frédéric Chavanne*

## ASIA PLATEAU SETS THE PACE

During the past two months at Asia Plateau there has been:

- A nature camp, 'Back to Basics', for 70 children, organised by Bhanu and Varsha Kale. Among the speakers was renowned pediatrician Dr R K Anand.
- A Creative Leadership seminar for 94 people - workers and managers, many with their wives - conducted in three languages by a team led by Bharat Dixit and Satya Banerjee. At the final meeting participants presented a purse which they had collected in gratitude for the centre. One man decided to give a month's salary to Asia Plateau.
- A camp on meditation and yoga for 15 Germans led by Father Joe Pereira. Father Pereira is a Catholic priest well-known for the network of drug rehabilitation centres he has established across India.
- A conference on 'Education today - society tomorrow' for 55 teachers and supervisors from the Pune district, specially chosen to learn, and then teach others, a programme aimed at making primary education a joyful experience. The conference was organised jointly by MRA and the Pune Chapter of the national HRD network. Kiran Gandhi, one of the organisers, has already heard from teachers who have cleaned up their schools, and have introduced their classes to the idea of listening to the inner voice for direction

- A retreat on 'Personal Transformation and Collective Change' for 72 students of Spicer Memorial College (SMC), who came from many parts of India and from 12 other countries. The faculty included the college president and other members of the college staff. One of them wrote: 'The student body really responded to David Young and his team from Britain, who spoke of transformation in their lives; and to the sessions led by Vijayalakshmi and Jyothi Subrahmanyam. A Rwandan student broke down as he recounted how his whole family had been wiped out in the civil war. Another Rwandan who had lost his family said, "I wish I could cry like my brother here." Seeing the Asia Plateau kitchens under the able supervision of Satej Kulkarni, the college brought the head of the SMC kitchen to see how improvements could be made at SMC.'

- A 'craftsmen's dialogue', which brought together 20 craftsmen from 11 states of India. 'There is soul-searching among traditional craftsmen,' wrote the initiator, Roshan Kalapesi, 'as their workshops are closing and the young are leaving the parampara (tradition). Yet these traditions are indispensable in the global movement towards a meaningful, harmonious and sustainable lifestyle.' Among those who spoke were P C Luthar, ex-chairman of the State Trading Corporation; and Ted Pouliot, an American designer who offered to help the craftsmen market their wares in the USA. Participants gave workshops for schoolchildren and teachers, and exhibited their crafts in the Asia Plateau gardens. Four workshops have been planned for the coming year.

*Sita Setalvad Arundhati Nanavati*

## CO-WORKERS PROGRAMME IN BRITAIN

During 1995-96 we have had six young people working with us in Britain - from USA, Jamaica, Lithuania, Croatia, Kenya and Germany. They have brought fresh life to our initiatives here, and, I think, enjoyed themselves and learnt a lot. We are offering 9-10 places for 'co-workers' in 1996/97, starting in September - in Oxford, London, Cambridge and Liverpool. A four-page brochure is available from me, and we would welcome ideas of people who might like to consider the experience of a year with MRA.

*Edward Peters*

## IMMIGRANTS TO SCANDINAVIA

A joint Nordic seminar took place in Oslo last month, dealing with the situation faced by immigrants to Scandinavia. Participants appreciated the opportunity to air difficulties and possibilities in an open and trusting atmosphere.

'Our problem is the future of our children, who are coloured Norwegian nationals,' said a member of the Oslo city council who has been in Norway for 25 years. 'The ordinary citizen doesn't know anything about us in spite of media information. If whites can integrate in our countries, why can't we integrate in theirs?'

The seminar heard about the plight of illiterate immigrants, and discussed how to bring equality in education and job opportunities.

'If we like each other,' said Mohammed Mansuri, member of the city council of Frederiksberg, in greater Copenhagen, 'we can solve all our problems. If we don't, there is no solution.' Plans were made for continued consultation in Norway, Denmark and Sweden.

*Finn Harald Wetterfors*

## COORDINATION GROUP IN UNITED STATES

The six members of the international Coordination Group (Annejet Campbell, Bryan Hamlin, Joan Holland, Philippe Lasserre, Chris Mayor and Elsa Vogel) have just spent nine days together in the US. It is the first time since the CG has been established that they have managed to hold such a 'midterm meeting'. A real need for a group scattered across six continents!

Four days at the Hamlins' home in Cambridge Massachusetts provided us with a wonderful chance to have time together. We reviewed issues pending since the last time we all met. We revised our guidelines as a result of new experiences and took stock of the reviewed mandate given us at the July 1996 Consultation in Caux.

We feel we should give more attention to our mandate to take an overview of world priorities. We would therefore like to start a common reflection on this during the summer in Caux, especially since the prioritising of our world tasks and outreach will become highly important after Caux 1996. Please would you send us your ideas and suggestions? We depend on this.

In New York, we looked at the superb new MRA United Nations Center, including the office overlooking the UN buildings and the new apartment one block away, and had a good exchange with those operating it. In Washington DC we discussed the MRA global consultation process with the US members of the Support Group.

From now on the address of the CG (except during Caux sessions) will be: c/o Philippe Lasserre, 22, avenue Robert Schuman, F - 92100 BOULOGNE-BILLANCOURT.

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## JUBILEE GOAL A LONG WAY AHEAD

We want to let you know how things stand on the Caux Jubilee Fund, which aims to raise 5 million Swiss Francs (CHF). Part of this sum will be used for the special expenses of this anniversary year, but the bulk of it will be invested to give Caux a more solid financial basis for the future, and for capital improvements.

The idea is that 5,000 people or groups from around the world give a 'share' of 1,000 CHF, or the equivalent. Donors will receive, as a memento of appreciation, one of the original share certificates of the old Caux Palace Hotel (now Mountain House).

So far, 150 people from 11 countries have contributed, and we want to thank them all. We are nearing 225,000 CHF, which is wonderful; but a long way from the final goal.

Letters have gone out widely in Switzerland, Britain, and the USA to inform and enlist people. Australia has recently featured the fund in their national newsletter. Other countries may also have done similar things of which we are not yet aware, but which we would love to hear about.

There may be WB readers who would like to take on this challenge in their country or region. This could mean coordinating a national effort, or organizing a local fund-raiser where a group could find the amount of a share together. Some ladies in Britain are already making marmalade and handicraft items for a fund-raising garden party in June. Others may know of businesses or foundations that would like to invest larger sums to demonstrate their concern for the future. The more imaginative the idea, the better. It is a perfect opportunity to tell many people about the work that God has done through Caux.

If you want to know more please contact either of us at the addresses below. In Britain, Jim and Jo Purvis and Roger and Monica Spooner are heading a campaign to raise £300,000, and would gladly send copies of the material they have used.

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## UPDATE ON CAUX 50TH 'TRIO' MEETING

**Expo:** This will be the major expenditure before the summer. We need to maintain momentum in the search for sponsors and funds.

**Video:** The video, available in three languages, has been sent out as a gift to all MRA centres. It is on sale from MRA Productions, London (English), and from Caux Editions in Caux (French and German).

**The Swiss start and close to the summer:** We discussed the idea of a garden party, a 'thank-you' occasion on the opening Sunday, before Philippe Mottu's lecture. It would need a special invitation. Perhaps there should be a similar invitation for the Open Day on the final weekend, mentioning the Jubilee Lecture to be given by Professor Hollenweger? We welcome your response on this.

**Three week periods:** Good progress reports have come in from Australia and America. There seems to be general agreement to hold 7.30 meetings, for the 'core-group' but open to all, with spiritual content, in the theatre foyer. There is also agreement on a daily time of prayer before supper.

**Jubilee Lectures:** The list is almost complete. The hope was expressed that there might be another French-speaker, and another woman. Pierre hopes for a final list in May.

**Cultural programme:** A report of the meeting in Stockholm last month is now available.

**Response to invitation letters:** Replies are coming in; application forms are coming thick and fast. By the Paris meeting, we will have a provisional list of applications, and will update this regularly thereafter.

## DECISIONS TAKEN:

**Three week periods:** We encouraged Andrew Lancaster or another Australian 'delegate' to come to the Paris Council meeting. We hope there will be a delegate from the Americas too.

**Paris meeting:** We three plus Christine Karrer will meet in Paris before the plenary Council meeting.

**Reports of the Caux 50th:** We hope that advance thinking can be given to this, in teamwork with *For a Change*, *Caux Information* and *Changer*. Should it be a series of simple publications, with smallish print runs, more of a study-document? Cassette recordings of keynote speakers might be copied for immediate sale. We are exploring the possibility of videoing some guest speakers.

## SPECIAL NEEDS:

**Finances:** Please give us as clear a picture as you can of what funds are still needed, eg. to help with the stay of certain participants. We are grateful for all that has been given, but there are still many needs.

**Public relations:** We agreed that in Paris there should be unhurried time to talk of our philosophy of public relations, and questions of the media. A Caux/MRA Web page is being explored by Andrew in Geneva.

**Personal:** Anne-Katherine still requires help at home with the children.

**Distribution of invitations:** We need to use widely all the material we now have. The last of the nine inserts (in three languages) will be available soon.

**Translators:** This is still a major area of need for the summer.

**Next meetings of the trio plus Christine (the quartet?):** 27 March, Schönbühl; 20 April (morning), Paris; 8 May, Schönbühl; 29 May, Geneva; 12 June, Schönbühl.

*Anne-Katherine Gilomen-Fankhauser  
Pierre Spoerri Andrew Stallybrass*

## CAUX 50TH COUNCIL: APRIL IN PARIS

We expect 20 to 30 people representing each sector, three-week period and event of Caux 1996 in the MRA Centre in Boulogne (France) for the last 'Caux 50th Council'. Start Saturday 20 at 14.30. Leave Wednesday 24 after lunch. Please announce yourselves (Flight number, day and time of arrival and of departure) to the Lasserres or the Tates. (Indicative price for accommodation and meals: 200 FRF per day).

## THE GOOD BOATMAN AVAILABLE

We have received the first copy of Rajmohan Gandhi's new book, *The Good Boatman, A Portrait of Gandhi*, published by Viking (Penguin India). This 500-page study reaches beyond the simplified images of the apostle of non-violence and tries to understand the Mahatma with an insight into the man, his victories and his defeats.

As it is difficult to get single copies outside India, we shall gladly order in bulk for those who can pick them up here. (20 CHF approx)

The same is true for *Religion, the Missing Dimension of Statecraft* (Oxford University Press, New York) now available in paperback (SFr 25.00). Please reserve soonest by mail or fax from Caux Edition: CH-1824 Caux, Tel/fax: +41 21 962 9465

*Charles Piquet*

## HAVE YOU SUBSCRIBED YET?

July '96 marks two years of Global Express (GE). Aimed at 18-30 year olds this quarterly magazine aims to inform, inspire and incite. The outreach is undergirded by a growing network of young people. Regional Contacts in 18 countries are increasing awareness of the magazine and we would welcome more.

We describe the magazine as 'interactive'. This

applies not only to its content but also its production. The coming issue is being commissioned and edited in the UK under the direction of Janet Gunning. The text will be e-mailed to Melbourne for layout and printing. We are also currently working on the creation of a GE internet homepage.

We would welcome further ideas for GE? A subscription would be a good place to start! Further information and subscription forms are

available from your *World Bulletin* distributor.

*Laura Trevelyan (UK) in Australia*

**FACTS ON FAXES, PHONES AND ADDRESSES**

**United States:** MRA Twin Cities in Minnesota (Steve Dickinson) has a new number for faxes only. It is +1 612 646 8650.

**Australia:** John and Celia Farquharson now have a phone/fax on their phone number +61 6 236 3204.

## Calendar of Events

MAR '96	<u>Budapest Hungary</u>	International Communications Forum	Mar 29 - Apr 1
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	Apr 9 - 13
	<u>Asia Plateau</u>	Creative Leadership	Apr 16 - 20
	<u>Paris (Boulogne)</u>	Caux '96 Council and preparation meeting	Apr 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	May 15 - 18
	<u>Asia Plateau</u>	Youth camp	May 21 - 30
JUN '96	<u>Asia Plateau</u>	Creative Leadership	Jun 4 - 8
	<u>Caux</u>	50th Anniversary celebration	Jun 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	Jul 12 - 16
	<u>Caux</u>	Business and Industry focus and Communications Forum	Jul 23 - 28
AUG '96	<u>Caux</u>	Faith, moral values and our future	Aug 3 - 7
	<u>Caux</u>	An agenda for reconciliation	Aug 10 - 15
	<u>Caux</u>	Farmers' Dialogue	Aug 18
	<u>Caux</u>	The creators of peace - a women's initiative	Aug 19 - 21
	<u>Caux</u>	Final weekend event	Aug 24 - 25
OCT '96	<u>Sydney Australia</u>	International Communications Forum	Oct 25 - 29
NOV '96	<u>Minnesota USA</u>	Farmers' Dialogue	Nov 14 - 17

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