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'MEETING THE SHADOW' AT CAUX

In a report to the South African organisation ACCORD on the 'Regions in Crisis, Regions in Recovery' session at Caux, Professor Jannie Malan writes: 'Throughout the amazing variety of shared experiences there was a striking common element: when an individual responds to an inner conviction about intra-personal and inter-personal change, surprising waves of change and reconciliation can begin radiating to others, to groups and to nations. The discovery of such a conviction, or inner voice, or divine guidance, was described as coming to a stop, turning around, and meeting the shadow you keep running from - yourself.'

Professor Malan, a senior researcher with ACCORD and a former Professor of Biblical Studies, also writes about a panel discussion of Jews, Muslims and Christians. 'From all three perspectives it was emphasised that righteous behaviour is far more important than doctrinal questions... Religion is essentially a commitment to a relationship with God and to human relationships of justice and love. Traditional structures of creed and cult may endorse these relationships, but should never predominate to the detriment of the genuinely religious and relational life-style.'

Ralph and Joan Travers Pieter and Meryl Horn

HEALING HISTORY IN SOUTH TYROL, ITALY

We have recently been in the South Tyrol region of Italy, meeting people of both the German-speaking and Italian-speaking communities.

In June of this year, the 1969 package deal extending South Tyrol's autonomy was finally recognised by all the parties concerned including the UN. It was agreed that all its conditions had been fulfilled.

This area of German-speaking territory was given by the Allies to Italy in 1919 as a reward for having changed alliances during World War 1. Under the fascist regime forced immigration, assimilation and the imposition of the Italian language created great hardships for this mainly-farming population. After World War 2, the border between Austria and Italy remained unchanged, but the Trentino-South Tyrol Region, with a certain autonomy, was created. In this new Region, the Italians were in a majority.

A lack of goodwill towards the German-speaking

population led to unrest. Violence broke out and the first bombs exploded in 1956. In 1959 the South Tyrol issue was brought before the United Nations by Austrian Foreign Minister Kreisky. But the problem was not solved until the Italian Government agreed to negotiate with the Province of Bolzano. A package deal providing an extended autonomy to South Tyrol was worked out and in November 1969 the leading South Tyrol People's Party approved it by a narrow majority.

In January 1967 representatives of the German and Italian communities came together to Caux for the first time. Better understanding and reconciliation allowed them to create the spiritual infrastructure and to activate the ongoing negotiations. Little by little the entire package deal has been implemented.

On our visit, it was encouraging to hear that official delegations from Central and Eastern Europe are coming to learn about the functioning of this kind of autonomy within the national borders of a larger country. It gives the possibility to representatives of both communities - many of them have become friends - to pass on the experiences which people in similar situations badly need to find hope.

Jean and Emmina Carrard Heinrich Karrer

FINNISH BOOK LAUNCHED IN ESTONIA

The fifth translation of 'Thankful at Every Turn' was launched in the main service of the Tallinn Methodist Church last month. It was initiated by a manager of Estonia's national Cooperative organisation. As author, I was invited by the Dean of Tallinn to speak to the congregation of 400 about the world-wide impact of the book.

The theme of the day was 'God's plan - victory in suffering'. The service was attended by some who had lost family members in the recent ferry catastrophe off the Finnish coast. One woman went straight from the service to her husband's funeral.

In Russia the second edition has gone out reaching as far as eastern Siberia. A Polish professor, director of a Medical Research Institute, at a recent congress for medical scientists in California spoke of the book as 'a source of profound insight' into the problems addressed by the conference.

Paul Gundersen

REACHING OUT TO CARPATHIA

Last month Polish national television carried an hour-long programme about MRA, presented by Marzena Kecik.

A few days before, in Jaslo, Southern Poland, the city authorities and the regional government sponsored a conference, the latest in a series organised by Jaslo citizen Margareta Rudnicka with the aim of building bridges between people in government, music, art and the professions.

The conference was attended by people from many parts of Poland, and from Ukraine, France, Sweden and Finland.

The newly-elected Lord Mayor, Janusz Rak, spoke about his aim of strengthening the moral foundation on which co-operation can grow between cities and nations in the Carpathian region. Music featured prominently, and it was decided to found a choir, mainly of young people, as a means of reaching out to the region. This will be directed by Marta Wiebeniecz.

Jorma Koponen

'POTENT INTERNATIONAL FORCE'

The Canberra Times has carried a full-page feature on MRA by staff-writer Norman Abjorensen. 'It might have a low profile now...' he writes, 'but Moral Re-Armament remains a potent international force for change.' The article cites 'current MRA endeavours (in) hot-spots like Africa, the Middle East, Bougainville, Cambodia and the war on drugs in North-East India.' It goes on to outline the establishment of a 'centre for reconciliation' near the UN in New York, the clean election campaign in Taiwan, and the development of an international code of business ethics by participants in the Caux Round Table.

In a supplementary article headed 'How MRA changed Beazley', former Cabinet Minister Kim Beazley Snr is asked how MRA affected him as a politician. 'I realised I was a liar,' he replied. 'By that I don't mean I concocted lies but I suppressed anything inconvenient to my position.' Beazley then tells of MRA's role in the region, quoting the first Japanese Ambassador to Australia after the war, who said, 'No-one can understand the new relationship between Japan and Australia who does not understand the work of MRA.'

FROM AFRICA TO PRAGUE...

Agnes Hofmeyr's book *Beyond Violence* has been published in Czech, and Agnes has visited the Czech Republic. A full-page interview with her in the English weekly, *The Prague Post*, tells of her work for reconciliation in Africa after the Mau Mau buried her father alive. 'For me,' she writes, 'the key to forgiveness is to see how terribly wrong I myself am.' The article tells how a Czech couple, Jiří and Světlá

Hanuš, read the book and, struck by its relevance to their own country, decided to publish it in Czech.

John Faber

...AND FROM PRAGUE TO THE WEST

Dr Jaroslava Moserová, head of the Czech Commission for UNESCO, flew to London with her husband last month to attend two performances of her play, *Letter to Wollongong*, in the Westminster's First Floor Theatre. After each of the well-attended performances, Dr Moserová led discussion, which revolved around the play's themes of suffering, blame and forgiveness. The Romanian Ambassador said that the play was true to his experiences under Communism. The Cultural Attaché at the Czech Embassy asked if it could be made available to the Czech and Slovak communities in London. Sir Charles Mackerras, the distinguished conductor, suggested that it go to secondary schools throughout the country.

Hugh Williams

FIFTY YEARS REMEMBERED

World of Work, the magazine of the International Labour Organisation, carries an article by Bill Jaeger. Bill's work with MRA in labour circles has brought him into frequent contact with the ILO, and in the article he recalls over 50 years' association with the organisation. In 1944, as he tells, his friendship began with the then President of the Chinese Association of Trade Unions; and in 1982, when China returned to ILO membership, Chinese delegates sought him out and invited him to China.

HONORABLE MENTION AT FILM FESTIVAL

The *Healing the Heart of America* video about the Richmond national cities conference of June 1993 has won an honorable mention in the prestigious 'Chris Awards' competition of the 42nd annual Columbus International Film and Video Festival. There were almost 800 entries to the festival, from more than 30 countries.

'UNPRECEDENTED ATTEMPT'

The September issue of *Director's Monthly*, the official newsletter of the US National Association of Corporate Directors, carried the Caux Round Table 'Principles for Business' as the focus of its lead story. Describing the principles as an 'unprecedented attempt to develop a world standard for business conduct,' the article says that 'members of the Caux Round Table place their first emphasis on putting one's own house in order, and on seeking to establish what is right rather than who is right.'

OPPORTUNITY WITH *FOR A CHANGE*

In April 1995, David Down, who has been in charge of *For A Change* distribution and subscription management, will move with Barbara and their two children from Tirley Garth to Newcastle. We are therefore looking for a person to take over from him. It would mean coming to Britain for a period of, say, two years, working initially from Tirley Garth, with the possibility of the operation moving to London later in the year.

It would be helpful if whoever comes could have some computer skills or a willingness to learn them. We would love to have someone with a sense of calling to care for our world-wide fellowship who read *For A Change* and who could be part of a lively team of people involved in editing, marketing and dispatch. This magazine now goes to 90 countries including many copies to Eastern and Central Europe. If you have any ideas of someone for whom this might be the next step - even yourself - please be in touch with us at 12 Palace Street, London SW1E 5JF

Michael Smith David Locke

ASIA PLATEAU TRAINING COURSE

Young people from six overseas countries have confirmed that they intend to take part in the six-week course starting on 3 January. Perhaps there are others wishing to come, but unable to decide because of the recent plague in India. We at Panchgani have been given the all-clear and local boarding schools too are allowing children to go home for the holidays. We will take all precautions not to expose the training group to doubtful areas. The Course will therefore be going ahead.

Jyothi Subrahmanyam, Course Coordinator

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United Kingdom: Finlay and Kath Moir in Aberdeen are now accessible by fax (on their existing phone line): +44 224 63 6136

Brazil: By December 15, Laurie and Elsa Vogel will have left Brasilia. Their new temporary address (until March 1995) will be: Caixa Postal 90250, 25621-970 Petropolis RJ, Brazil.

Calendar of Events

NOV '94	<u>London</u>	Making Democracy Work - Seminar for Ukrainian political leaders	Nov 11 - 25
DEC '94	<u>Suva Fiji</u>	Fiji - I care - two-day youth session	Dec 15 - 16
	<u>Caux</u>	New Year family conference	Dec 27 - Jan 4
	<u>Adelaide Hills Australia</u>	New Horizons, New Beginnings - Australian Youth Camp	Dec 29 - Jan 5
JAN '95	<u>Caux</u>	Farmers' Dialogue, 1995	Jan 4 - Jan 8
	<u>Asia Plateau India</u>	An experiment in learning to Live Together - Indian Study Course	Jan 4 - Feb 13
	<u>Petropolis Brazil</u>	Meeting of the Americas and the Caribbean	Jan 27 - Feb 5
JUL '95	<u>Philippines</u>	Asia Pacific Camp	(date to be decided)
	<u>Caux</u>	Caux Scholars Program	Jul 6 - Aug 9
	<u>Caux</u>	Unity with Diversity, A Consultation on Europe	Jul 8 - 16
	<u>Caux</u>	The Society of Tomorrow	Jul 18 - 26
	<u>Caux</u>	Caux Round Table	Jul 19 - 22
	<u>Caux</u>	Caux Conference for Industry and Business	Jul 28 - Aug 2
AUG '95	<u>Caux</u>	Restoring the Human Spirit in our Cities	Aug 4 - 11
	<u>Caux</u>	Regions in crisis, regions in recovery - Learning from one another	Aug 14 - 24

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