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A CALL TO COMMUNITY LAUNCHED

At the National Press Club in Washington on May 23, Hope in the Cities and its partners launched A Call to Community. They were joined by national figures and city leaders from around the country.

Senator Bill Bradley said that this initiative was building 'bridges of understanding to forward our pursuit of a spiritually-transformed community'. Among the Congressmen who spoke in support were Republican Dick Chrysler and newly-elected Democrat Jesse Jackson Jr.

Paul Weyrich, a conservative intellectual and President of the Free Congress Foundation, admitted that for years he 'simply did not hear' the cries of the black community about police abuses. To realise that there was truth in them was, he said, 'one of the most painful revelations of my life'. He took part in a public dialogue with Rev B Herbert Martin, a member of the coordinating committee for the Million Man March. The dialogue was facilitated by Prof Harlon Dalton of Yale Law School.

One hundred national, state and local leaders and many organizations have endorsed the Call. 'The ancient cancer of hate still afflicts our communities ... We must come together,' said Dr Sidney Clearfield, Executive Vice President of B'nai B'rith International. Muslim American spokesperson Imam W Deen Mohammed concluded, 'Our community is with you. You are focused in the right direction.'

Support came from eight city mayors and the Borough President of Manhattan. In a front page story, the *Richmond Times Dispatch* commented, 'Various civic-minded groups periodically have issued similar calls for racial healing and reconciliation. The difference, though, is that Hope in the Cities has shown that it can be successful.'

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Rob Corcoran

LIVING FOR A HUNDRED YEARS IN JAPAN

Former Japanese Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata, speaking at the Tokyo International Dialogue last month, stressed the importance of facing history

squarely, searching out the true causes of the Second World War, and apologising appropriately. Even as Prime Minister, he admitted, he had not known of the apologies which a predecessor, Prime Minister Kishi, had made on his visits to Asia and the Pacific in 1957. He paid tribute to Kishi who, though a conservative, changed Government policy in response to proposals by socialist Senator Shidzue Kato, thus helping break the deadlock in negotiations between Korea and Japan. Referring to the Norwegian mediation which brought Israel and the PLO together, he called for greater Japanese involvement in conflict prevention and reconciliation.

Shidzue Kato, in her 100th year, described vividly the change that came in her life when she, 'an arrogant Diet member, always criticising others', apologised to her stepdaughter. 'When you clean your heart you learn how to help others,' she said. 'You grow spiritually. This is the secret of how to live for 100 years!'

The keynote speaker, Marcel Grandy, also spoke about apology – not least between husband and wife. Prof Kinhide Mushakouji, former Vice-Rector of the United Nations University, took up his theme. This simple but courageous act is a prerequisite for understanding between people, he said. Yukio Hatoyama, a popular young Diet member, said there was an urgent need for politicians to return to ethical and spiritual values, if they were to regain the trust of the Japanese electorate.

The New Zealand Ambassador, Maarten Wevers, described the recent far-ranging economic reforms in his country. Ryuzaburo Kaku, Chairman of Canon, said that similar reforms were needed in Japan to revitalise its society and economy. Shinyasu Hoshino, President of the National Institute for Research Advancement, pointed out that Japan is becoming increasingly multicultural. This could be an advantage, said Youichiro Ichioka, chief editorial writer of *Nikkei*. Naturalised Japanese, he suggested, might help break up vested interests in politics, industry and the bureaucracy.

Prof Matsuoka of Kanagawa University summed up, emphasising that Caux had been initiated by individual Swiss, not by their Government. 'What individuals decide will determine the course of the 21st century.'

Yukihisa Fujita

ALBANIAN TESTIMONIES

'Albania is the broken body on the doorstep of Europe and we must be the Good Samaritan,' said Papal Nuncio Ivan Dias to us. His knowledge of MRA goes far back. 'I have been part of you since 1965 in Denmark,' he said.

Meetings were arranged for us by Albanians who have taken part in MRA conferences. We were interviewed on national radio. We met Muslim leaders and Christian priests, some of whom had served long sentences in prison camps.

It was my first visit to Albania, joining Dick and Chris Channer in their pioneering work there. At times tears were better than words. In spite of the cruel repression, faces and stories stand out as strong testimonies of the willingness to forgive.

Bjørn Ole Austad

DARING TO BELIEVE IN ISRAEL

We have just spent 10 days in Israel and Palestine where people were digesting the implications of Benjamin Netanyahu's victory. The mood was sombre.

Our purpose was to listen to, support and inform those associated with MRA – Jews and Muslims and Christian Arabs. Almost everyone has some story of upheaval, bereavement, discrimination. It is a situation of such complexity that we hardly dared express that individuals seeking their Creator's guidance is the only answer. But a number of people told us of their attempt to do that and of encouraging results. A full report is available from either of us.

Jeroen Gunning Peter Riddell

THE RESILIENCE OF LEBANON

Lebanon's resilience is amazing. Seventeen years of war left 150,000 dead and a country shattered. But the lasting impression is the resolve to rebuild both the cities and the trust between the 18 different communities who make Lebanon such a vibrant country.

Charles and Juliet Danguy and I stayed in the homes of individuals from all communities, and they had numerous guests to meet us. Many referred to a new sense of national unity (as opposed to identifying solely with their own community), and Lebanese cared as one for the 400,000 Shiites made refugees by the recent fighting in the South.

Meetings took place in an Islamic Cultural Center, a Maronite Bishop's home, and the home of a Shiite Mayor. At a public meeting in Beirut, a young Christian mother told of fleeing for her life when attacked by a breakaway Christian faction. She met MRA at that point, and now says, 'You cannot build

a country with hate; if I love Muslims, I become a better Christian.' She has taken part in the Christian-Muslim dialogues which our friends have held throughout the troubles.

We met a group of business people who are working to provide good jobs so that Lebanese who have fled the war can return; and a Christian politician who is working with a Druze leader to rebuild hundreds of destroyed places of worship as a step to creating trust amongst previously warring communities.

Lebanon's future depends on the resolution of broader Middle East problems. But our friends have chosen not to remain victims of this situation. Twenty will come to Caux this summer.

Charles Aquilina

FOR THE LOVE OF TOMORROW IN LAO

Eighty Laotians living in France recently took part in a reception at the MRA centre at which the Lao version of *For the Love of Tomorrow* was launched. The event included traditional music and dances and the best variety of Laotian dishes. Also present were the venerable monk responsible for Laotian Buddhism in France and Germany and representatives of some of the aristocratic families which at one time played an important part in the history of the Laotian kingdom. (The video cassette of the Lao version is available from 22 22 Avenue Robert Schuman, 92100 Boulogne-Billancourt, France for 100FRF or US\$20, plus postage)

Alain Tate

CRISS-CROSSING SWITZERLAND

Bill Porter, Chairman of the International Communications Forum, and I have criss-crossed Switzerland to inform 30 leading media personalities about Caux, and to invite them to the Forum meeting there in July. Chief editors, directors of the television stations, the director of the national news agency, senior journalists, and radio producers all (bar perhaps two!) showed great interest. Many plan to come or send a representative. All Swiss editors have now received the press kit and pictorial.

Andrew Stallybrass

1996 CAUX SCHOLARS UPDATE

We have accepted 24 students and one guest scholar for the Caux Scholars Program. Ten come from the US, one from Canada, and the rest from Cyprus (a Turk and a Greek), Bosnia (a Muslim and a Serb/Croatian), Egypt, Rwanda, Nigeria, Liberia, South Africa, Sri Lanka and India. Larry Hoover will return as Academic Director, and will be joined by

Rabbi Dr Marc Gopin and Dr Michelle LeBaron from George Mason University, and Dr Barry Hart of Eastern Mennonite University. Dr Bryan Hamlin will lecture on MRA and conflict resolution, and other guest faculty will include Dr Farooq Hassan of Pakistan, and Jean Nicholas Bitter of the International Red Cross.

A number of the students need scholarship help. We have raised about \$23,000 from over 50 donors, for which we are deeply grateful, and hope to raise more.

Randy Ruffin

TIME TO ACT

We have already received applications for two-thirds of the bed-nights available for the Caux summer, and are close to the total number who came last year. Please send in your applications now, even if it is for August. The special events are filling up faster, and we would like to ensure you realise that the in-between times will have an equally interesting programme.

The secretariat is now in Caux, so please do not send messages or mail to Geneva.

Eliane Stallybrass

URGENT - FACILITATORS NEEDED!

We are grateful to those who have offered to be community facilitators for the European-hosted period in Caux (June 28 to July 16). We need 25 more, and invite you to consider being one! There will be training sessions at Caux on June 25 & 26. As long as you will be in Caux for at least a week, we would be glad to have you. I look forward to hearing from you. Tel: +49 30 824 1079 Fax: +49 30 823 9679

Thomas Bräckle

CAUX JUBILEE FUND

As of June 10th, the Caux Jubilee fund stands at CHF600,000 world wide. Over CHF300,000 have already been received at the MRA Foundation offices in Luzern. We are most grateful for all the generous giving. However, we are still a long way from the target of 5,000 X CHF1,000, so the effort still continues. We welcome new ideas from all those involved in this undertaking to reach our dream goal of CHF5,000,000 for Caux.

*Theri Grandy and Christiane Garin
(Swiss coordinators of the Jubilee Fund)*

CAUX - '96 EVALUATION: '97 PREPARATION

We French will host a gathering at the end of October to evaluate Caux 1996 and prepare Caux

1997. Caux 1996 will have brought a new dynamic in the way we prepare and carry conferences. How can Caux 1997 benefit from this and from our common objectives, which we hope will have clarified during this summer?

We hope for the participation of those on whom we can count for Caux 1997, especially the younger generation. And of non-Europeans, though we understand the difficulty which they face in attending. We hope that those who are carrying Caux 1996 will be well represented.

This gathering will be held in the maison St Gérard in Haguenau, 30 km North of Strasbourg. Participants should arrive at dinner time on Wednesday October 30, and depart after breakfast on Monday November 4. It will cost 235FRF per person per day (45 FRF extra for single rooms). Nearest airports: Strasbourg, Luxembourg or Frankfurt a/Main (then train to Strasbourg). Nearest mainline railway station: Strasbourg. Nearest local rail station: Haguenau. More information will be sent to the distributors during the summer.

Philippe Lasserre

WE NEED YOUR THINKING

Since 1952 it has been our privilege and challenge to have our MRA home in Stockholm - Alnäs. The list of how it has been used is very long. Now we want to look at the future of the two houses and the annex. It is not financial difficulties that make us do this, but more a sense that we need to find clarity on the years ahead, including whether we should keep Alnäs. We feel it is essential that many friends ask God about its future, even if they have not been here. Please take it into your prayers and guidance. Any thoughts can be passed on to me at fax +46 54 54 4789.

Ove Jensen, for the Board of MRA in Sweden

TIMELY NEW BOOK

'Is it possible to forgive your enemy?' the Russian interviewer asked Leif Hovelsen on national television earlier this year. 'This is the most important question in Russia today,' he added.

Many of us know from experience the power of God to forgive and make things new. But it is not easy to persuade the secular world of the relevance of this dynamic to the challenges of our time. In this context, a new book is timely. It is *The Forgiveness Factor - stories of hope in a world of conflict* by Michael Henderson (Grosvenor Books, USA 300pp).

The book tells the story of MRA in the lives of people and the shaping of events since World War II. Whereas Garth Lean's *Frank Buchman - a life* took the story to 1961, Michael brings us to the present day.

He focuses on the field of reconciliation. He sees forgiveness not just as a personal experience but as a force bringing Europe together, laying foundations for peace in certain African countries, creating the basis for industrial partnership and easing racial tensions in American cities. Chapters include 'Japan: struggle for the soul of a nation'; 'Cambodia: after the killing fields'; 'Europe: the ethnic crisis that disappeared'.

MRA's struggle for an 'unselfish capitalism' is laid out in chapters on the Caux Round Table, Jim Beggs, Robert Carmichael and Llanwern Steel.

Perhaps the most telling chapter is 'Citizen-diplomats around the globe', which brings alive the choices and cost behind the miracles. 'Walking the Talk' introduces Spyros Stephou and Graham Turner. In 'Giving everyone a place at the table' we meet Hari Shukla, Sushobha Barve and the Emir of Kano. 'Getting beyond bitterness' contains the passionate stories of Stanley Nichols-Roy, Abeba Tesfagiorgis, P J McClean and Ratu Meli. In 'Following an inner Compass', General Lagu, Yusuf Al-Azhari, Hassouna and Douglas Johnston tell of being wonderfully led by God.

Michael has created a meticulous book of outstanding significance. Rajmohan Gandhi and Joe Montville of the CSIS write forewords. The appendix provides a history of MRA, both triumphs and difficulties clearly described.

Copies will be available in Caux in late July, and there will be public launchings in America and Britain in the Autumn. It is an important book for libraries.

Hugh Nowell Dick Ruffin Gordon Wise

QUARTER PAGE IN HOLLAND

Holland's prestigious newspaper, the NRC, last month published a quarter-page article headed, 'The elite of a good example: Moral Re-Armament – ideology of reconciliation.'

Written by Jeroen van der Kris, a young historian, it covers the origins of MRA in Holland and its post-war work, then tells of more recent initiatives in family life, inter-faith relations and industrial management. It quotes Ms Yvonne van Rooy, former Under-minister for Foreign Affairs, who was

FINAL WEEKEND EVENTS AT CAUX 96

Friday, August 23rd - 17.00hrs: The final Caux Jubilee Lecture, by Professor Walter Hollenweger, Swiss playwright and theologian, on the theme: 'Tolerance and conviction: dilemma or opportunity in the inter-faith dialogue.'

Saturday, 24th: An open day, widely advertised in the region. A fireworks display in the evening.

Sunday, 25th: Closing meeting.

impressed by the commitment to social responsibility of the employers she met at Caux. Though not uncritical, the article is written with respect and objectivity.

Maarten de Pous

RUSSIANS MEET IN GATCHINA

In Gatchina last month, the local cable TV carried film of the third MRA conference to be held in the city. The conference, convened by Irina Roganova, brought Russians together from as far away as Moscow, and Western Europeans from Finland and elsewhere. Participants visited Tschaikevsky's Petersburg home, now the home of 'The Citizen Community', and heard about this project from Ken Rundell, one of its initiators.

Bill and Rosemary Carey

ADVANCE NOTICE OF CONSULTATION

There could hardly be a more important question than enlistment and training. We in Australia have agreed wholeheartedly to a suggestion from the Support and Coordination Groups that we host a Consultation on it in 1997. We look forward to welcoming people, including those specifically committed to these tasks, in March or April. While training and enlistment includes people of all ages, a particular emphasis will be on the younger generation. We would also like to consider in-service (continuing) training. This is a preliminary notice and further ideas will follow. We hope that at Caux this year, and in our countries, lively exchanges of views will take place to explore these vital topics.

*John Mills Rob & Cheryl Wood Chris Mayor
David & Jane Mills Jean & Mike Brown*

UKRAINIAN MPS TO VISIT BRITAIN

We plan to bring 12 young Ukrainian MPs to Britain for a 12-day programme in February 1997. The British ambassador in Kiev has granted £22,500 towards this out of his small projects budget.

This official funding is a great encouragement. It comes on top of grants of £1,300 from the Kiev embassy towards our recent FFF seminar in Ukraine, and £6,000 from the Moscow embassy which covered the full cost of the recent Visiting Course in Novosibirsk plus an extra sum for further training of young Siberians.

We still need an estimated £15,000 from other sources by the end of September to cover our next three months' programmes, including the International Course at Tirley Garth, for which we have accepted 24 people so far.

Edward Peters

CHANCE FOR A SABBATICAL

We are going to work in Europe for 12 months from January 1997. Robert and Veronica (18) will come with us. This leaves a lovely four-bedroom MRA house near beach, schools, shops and Opera House available in Sydney. More important, there is a lively "team" here including David and Jane Mills and the Chantharasy family. Sydney is Australia's largest city and reaches out to the whole Asia/Pacific region. Who would like to grasp this opportunity?

Peter and Rosemary Thwaites

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Japan: Yukihsa and Leiko Fujita's new address is: 1-1-16 Tabata, Kita-ku, Tokyo 114. Tel: +81 3 3827 1020. As their new home is near the MRA office, the office address is more convenient for mail.

United Kingdom: Gordon and Marjory Wise now have one permanent address: 6 Stockwells, Taplow, Maidenhead, Berks SL6 ODB. Tel/Fax: +44 1628 781526.

Internet correction: the Internet homepage address of *Global Express* should be:

<http://www.ozemail.com.au/jmchong/netc1.htm>

Grosvenor Books London: GB has moved to 12 Palace Street, London SW1E 5JF. Tel: +44 171 828 0274 (direct line); Fax: +44 171 828 7609. The existing fax number for 54 Lyford Road (+44 181 871 9239) will continue to be used by Geoffrey and Veronica Craig and by David and Kirstin Channer.

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Calendar of Events

JUN '96	<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 and Industry focus and Communications Forum	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
OCT '96	<u>Sydney Australia</u>	International Communications Forum	Oct 25 - 29
NOV '96	<u>Minnesota USA</u>	Farmers' Dialogue	Nov 14 - 17
APR '97	<u>Victoria Australia</u>	Global Consultation on enlistment and training	TBA

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