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THE CONVERSATION CONTINUES

Conversations begun at the *Healing the Heart of America* conference continue throughout Richmond and in cities across the country from East Palo Alto, California to Fort Meyers, Florida. In November 32 community leaders from 12 cities, who took part in the June conference, met again in Richmond. Among those leading discussions was *Washington Post* columnist William Raspberry. This meeting marked the first stage in the development of a National Hope in the Cities Coalition. A further meeting will take place in New York in January.

At a preview of the new video, *Healing the Heart of America*, at the Richmond MRA centre on January 11, the executive editor, the city editor and other journalists from the *Richmond Times Despatch* engaged in a dialogue with a representative group from the community. They wanted to hear suggestions of how the paper could be a constructive part of the conversation. Following a showing of the video at a state-wide conference marking Martin Luther King's birthday, Mayor Kenney and County supervisor, Jack McHale, spoke of how *Healing the Heart of America* was helping build relationships of trust in the metropolitan area. One city worker commented, 'Until now the word 'racism' could only be used as a charge. Now we can talk about it in a conversation.'

The University of North Carolina, Wilmington, recently sent people to Richmond to explore how the Richmond experience might relate to Wilmington. Teams will be in action in Baltimore and Philadelphia in the coming weeks. In Chicago, one veteran Alderman plans to present a copy of the video to each of the 51 members of the City Council.

Please pray for all these developments and for the human resources needed for the many opportunities.

Rob Corcoran

TOWARDS BUILDING A FOUNDATION

A round table on 'The integration of ethnic minorities into the community' in Mannheim, Germany, in November, brought Saleha Khan and me, representing *Croydon Bridge Builders*, and two Croydon police officers, for exchanges with senior police and other officials of the region. Rotterdam police also attended and a researcher on racial issues in European cities. Organised by the Mannheim City official responsible for the Welfare of Foreigners, it was an encouraging step towards building a foundation on which the Europe of tomorrow can stand, with our many nationalities, faiths and cultures.

Russell Carpenter

MESSAGE EXPORTED

The Atlanta Journal has carried an article about the visit of Black Teens for Advancement (BTA) members to Germany. Headlined 'Anti-hate message taken abroad', it describes how 'BTA members took the same approach to solving violence in Germany that they use in Atlanta. They put the warring factions in a room and forced them to talk.' Now we are about to launch an initiative for high school girls, aimed at Generating Integrity, Responsibility, Leadership and Service (GIRLS).

George and Bernice Lemon

ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS FOR CAUX

Following the visits of several people to Israel in November, a group of Israelis and Palestinians is lining up for Caux next summer. Among those helping with it are Yehezkel and Dahlia Landau, who give leadership in the religious peace movement in Israel, and have been twice to Caux. Jeroen Gunning and I stayed with them on a visit to Jerusalem and Tel Aviv following the Cyprus consultation; and they also entertained Pierre and Fulvia Spoerri. During the same month, Naila Habiby Sherman, a Palestinian American, was part of a fact-finding tour, organised by Sis and Jerry Levin, to Jordan, the West Bank, Israel and Gaza. Naila reports her findings in the January issue of FAC. We all met a wide spectrum of people. Berta Passweg, who has represented MRA in Israel for over 40 years, provided us with hospitality and encouragement. We found particular interest in the *Regions in Crisis* session at Caux, and the *Women's Initiative for Peace* session. It will probably take more visits and some financial help to bring the delegation to fruition.

Bryan Hamlin

AUSTRALIAN YOUTH CAMP

For eight days over the New Year 55 people, mainly teenagers, participated in an MRA beach camp at Narrawong (400 km west of Melbourne). Daily programmes included excursions, beach activities, discussion groups, dramatic and musical presentations and forums on MRA. Two evenings were devoted to learning more about Australian Aboriginal culture.

It was organised mainly by some of those who were at last year's camp. Open discussions, free of ridicule, on relationships, morals and spirituality were a change for many. A meeting on 'New Beginnings' on New Year's Day generated a sense of momentum and vision.

Two from New Zealand were able to take part. We hope that people from other countries will follow their good example next year!

Christine Karrer Erik Parsons Rob Wood

STOP PRESS: NEW MEDIA VENTURE

One initiative which developed during the camp was the idea of a diverse quarterly magazine aimed at younger people but informative and vital reading for people of all ages. Initially it will be edited in Melbourne by women and men of three generations. Its success will depend on responsibility for input being shared world wide. The first issue will be launched during June in time for the Caux conference. We would be grateful for all your support and for details of potential subscribers. A sheet with more information is available from us at 'Armagh', Melbourne, (Fax: +61 3 822 6871); the ARG! at Tirley Garth, UK; or your World Bulletin distributor.

Sarah Cox (Mayor) Christine Karrer Erik Parsons

'FACING THE STEEP' IN NORWAY

The snowy valley of Østerdalen, Norway, was once again the site of MRA's annual Scandinavian New Year Camp. The old farm that hosted 50 people from five countries lies not far from Lillehammer, site of next month's Winter Olympics.

Our theme was fellowship, recognising the fact that if you know what a working fellowship is and how to create it, you know just about everything you need to know. The camp was meant to serve as inspiration for the participants when they are back in their own environs, to help each one to be the 'salt of the earth'. Meetings on jealousy and criticism blended with skiing, group discussions and late-night prayer meetings. As in previous years room was left for the unexpected, and once again this made the whole thing come alive.

Many participants had known each other for years; others were there for the first time. In the final meeting one person said, 'I have learnt downhill Telemark skiing here. If you want to turn, to change direction, you have to open your arms, stretch out and face the steep. That is also a spiritual experience.'

Gunnar E Johnson Axel Nelson

FARMERS' DIALOGUE AT CAUX

Ninety agriculturalists, mainly from Europe but also from USA, Canada, Ghana, Madagascar, South Africa, Thailand and New Zealand, took part in this dialogue earlier this month. Tom Ahima, Ghana's 'Farmer of the Year' in 1988, highlighted deteriorating terms of trade for Africa, making it the only region of the world to be worse off under GATT. The *Promise of the Veld* video, reinforced by the presence of David Kingwill, made an immense impact.

From Europe, Jan Oostergetelo, farmer and Social Democratic MP in Bonn, laid powerful emphasis on building a European Union where the spirit was more important than the economic organisation, and small countries would have as much a part to play as bigger ones. A party of 14 from Poland contributed greatly to a very spirited occasion, and declared their intention to hold a similar meeting in the Ukraine.

Visits to nine different Swiss farmers showed the

detailed care with which small farms are managed, and underlined the importance of these farms in providing employment in the countryside.

The farmers decided to meet again in January 1995 with wider representation.

Pat Evans

CAMBODIAN VISIT

Chris Mayor and I visited Phnom Penh in November. Although the situation in Cambodia remains fragile, the country is progressing slowly towards national reconciliation and economic recovery.

Many of the MRA team members, now in government positions or in parliament, are over-worked. During our meeting they took three decisions: a) to gather every Monday morning at 6.00; b) to create a national MRA association; and c) to organise an international seminar in Phnom Penh in March. Preparation of the seminar is well under way.

Alain Tate

GLOBAL FAX CONVERSATION FOR A CHANGE

For a Change has been a very useful instrument in our hands, but its untapped potential is enormous. As a means of developing it, we are starting an international conversation by fax in which you are all welcome to participate. It will take place every month or two as the need requires, and will be hosted by John Williams in Melbourne. Its main objective will be to discover how FAC can reach the people who should see it and to make sure it has the maximum impact. There is a fascinating process through which an article is crafted to meet a need. This can happen quickly or can take months. When it hits the target, the results have often been very moving. There are many questions involved and we want to tap the ideas which flash through your minds and which you may be uncertain what to do about. Please send them to John by fax at +61 3 830 5865, or by mail to 8 Green St, Burwood, Vic 3125, Australia. The first send-out will be at the end of February. If you would like to receive the first copy or two please let him know by then.

Mary Lean Ken Noble Michael Smith John Williams

DUTCH INITIATIVE

Not so long ago we made a list of all the Dutch under the age of 50 who had been to Caux or participated in recent MRA events in Holland. There were more than 80, and we realised that many of them did not know each other. So we invited them for an informal gathering in the Hague, starting with afternoon tea and continuing through dinner. At one point the 45 who came split into three groups to discuss: a) what appeals to us in Caux/MRA?; b) how can we apply it in daily life?; and c) how can we support each other? It was valuable to share our experiences, both good and less good. All were encouraged by this chance to get to know others, and various initiatives will follow.

Elisabeth de Pous

CAUX SCHOLARS PROGRAM LOOKS AHEAD

Recent meetings of the MRA Board and the Executive Committee of the Caux Scholars Program (CSP) recognised the basic success of the program, and affirmed a commitment to continue and strengthen it.

Of the 68 students who have completed the program to date, many have remained in touch and several have returned to help support the program or have involved themselves in other MRA activities.

We were all saddened by the untimely death of James Laue, the program's academic director, in September and feel it is important to find the best possible successor. The Executive Committee also thinks that more could be done to strengthen the curriculum and improve what should be a natural relation to MRA and Caux. We therefore decided in December that instead of mounting a program in 1994, we will work towards an enhanced program in 1995. Randy Ruffin has agreed to serve as program director and Bryan Hamlin as curriculum coordinator. Wilbur Wright will continue as program administrator. We hope to arrange an alumni reunion in the US in the coming months and plan a meeting in Caux in July of a group concerned with the program's development, possibly to overlap with the end of the first session. We want to ensure that the CSP is a good fit with the other training activities in which MRA is increasingly engaged world wide. Anyone with thoughts on this subject should be in touch with me in Washington.

Randy Ruffin

PERSISTENT IN BUILDING BRIDGES

From Thursday March 17 to Sunday March 20 an 'international conference for Moral Re-Armament' with the theme 'Kindness will change the world' will be held in Lviv, Ukraine.

The invitation letter which is signed by the six members of the conference organising committee states: 'World wide, political and social systems come and go leaving behind them pain, human devastation and bitterness. Hatred ruins the world, it poisons relations between people and whole nations, it cankers human souls. Can we stop this? Can we change people? Can we change the world? Yes we can. KINDNESS can change the world. But only when we are persistent in building bridges, in healing wounds, in trying to understand and help each other. Only then will our common work help us to build that world which humankind dreams for.'

Conference registrations are due by February 10. For more information contact Andriy Vovkanych at: ul. Zarytskyh 4/3, Lviv, UKRAINE 290011; Tel: +7 0322 76 18 65; Fax: +7 0322 35 41 81 or Kees Scheijgrond in The Hague.

WEEKEND SEMINAR IN JAMAICA

At the instigation of Sir Howard Cooke, Governor-General of Jamaica, there will be a weekend seminar in the Blue Mountains overlooking Kingston on February 11-13. Sir Howard will introduce the theme:

'A search for spiritual, moral and economic growth'. Further information from Roddy and Anne Edwards, Fax: +1 +809 997 7001.

TRIGGERING NEW IDEAS

In order to encourage creativity, trigger new ideas, follow through on more general thoughts, as well as take a practical look at the evening programmes for Caux 1994, we welcome anyone to meet with us in Stockholm. We will begin with lunch on Friday, February 18 and finish at 14.00 on Sunday, February 20. Anyone wishing to spend a few days extra here is warmly welcome.

In order to use our time best, could all who have ideas about plays, films, music, art, etc. for the summer, communicate with us before our gathering. We would also welcome hearing from anyone who thinks that she or he may have a part in one way or another, even if it is not big, nor even certain. In that way we might get the outline of a picture to which each could contribute.

Sylvie and Gunnar Söderlund Vendela and Philip Tyndale Biscoe

PREPARATION FOR CAUX SUMMER SESSIONS

The next working meeting to prepare and coordinate the whole of the summer in Caux will take place from April 28 to May 1 in Yutz/Thionville. Please send us any points which should come on to the agenda. As usual, we hope that at least one person responsible for each session will be present. It will also be an occasion to review the daily programme, the need for manpower and for spiritual and technical leadership for the community/working teams. We expect to be about 20 participants.

Weekend programme and cost: Participants should arrive on Thursday, April 28. The first meeting will be on Friday at 09.15. We will end with lunch on Sunday. Further details will be sent to those coming. The cost is about FrF 230/240. Accommodation in private homes. If you prefer something different, let us know. Transport: rail - Thionville station; car - Motorway A31 (30km from Luxembourg or Metz); air - nearest airport, Metz-Lorraine or Luxembourg-Findel.

Applications by April 18 to 37 rue Drogon, F-57110 Yutz; Tel: +33 82 56 27 95 Fax: Réarmement moral, Paris: +33 1 41 10 80 67.

Charles and Juliette Danguy

'AN ENGLISH PILGRIM IN NORTHERN IRELAND'

In this pamphlet we have just published, Joan Tapsfield, a retired public servant, describes what she has experienced and learnt as an Englishwoman in 15 years of living in Northern Ireland. Single copies are £2.00 each (inc. postage) and are available from Grosvenor Books, London, or from us at 28 Lammas Park Road, London W5 5JB.

Ivan and Maisie Poulton

TRAVELLERS TO CAUX 1994

People intending to travel from Caux to other countries in Europe (especially by air) before returning to their own country are strongly advised to purchase their tickets before leaving home. Air travel within Europe, when purchased in Switzerland or elsewhere in Europe, is very expensive. Where visas are required it is essential that they be obtained from embassies in your own country before you leave.

Caux Travel Service

FACTS ON FAXES, PHONES AND ADDRESSES

Hong Kong: Because the lease on the MRA flat has come to an end, the address and tel/fax number in the World Address list are no longer valid. Faxes should be sent to +852 567 9696 and marked

'Attention: Moral Re-Armament'. Mail for Jenny Leung, Bekie Chan or Rachel Wai should be sent to their home addresses.

United States: The area prefix for the Hendersons' fax number in Portland, Oregon, should be 503 not 502.

Germany: Thomas and Christa Bräckle's new address in Berlin is : Pualsenstr.9, D-12163 Berlin; Tel: +49 30 824 1079. Fax: +49 30 823 9679. Heinz and Gisela Krieg's new address is: Katzbachstr. 24, D-10965 Berlin; Tel: +49 30 785 3673.

Japan: Please note that the address of the MRA office in Tokyo has changed to 5-49-2-102 Sendagi, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113. Tel and fax as before.

Fiji: Suresh and Leena Khatri's phone number in Suva is +679 30 1753. Fax: c/- +679 30 2256.

Calendar of Events

JAN '94	<i>Dar es Salam Tanzania</i>	"Creators of Peace" - A Women's Initiative (Planning Meeting)	Jan 13 - 18
	<i>Petropolis Brazil</i>	"Meeting of the Americas"	Jan 23 - 30
	<i>Panchgani</i>	"Creative Leadership"	Jan 18 - 22
	<i>Caux</i>	"Farmers' Dialogue"	Jan 5 - 9
	<i>Melbourne Australia</i>	"Effective Living" training course - Phase 1	Jan 30 - Mar 12
FEB '94	<i>Panchgani</i>	"Creative Leadership"	Feb 4 - 8
	<i>Kingston Jamaica</i>	Weekend seminar	Feb 11 - 13
MAR '94	<i>Phnom Penh Cambodia</i>	Seminar/ Round Table	Mar 18 - 20
	<i>Tokyo Japan</i>	Seminar	To be confirmed
	<i>Melbourne</i>	"Effective Living" training course - Phase 2	Mar 13 - Apr 23
	<i>Lviv Ukraine</i>	"International conference for Moral Re-Armament"	Mar 17 - 20
APR '94	<i>Tirley Garth England</i>	"Life of Belief" course	Apr 4 - 9
	<i>Shillong India</i>	"Learning to live Together - Frontiers of Hope"	Apr 7 - 24
	<i>Panchgani</i>	"Creative Leadership"	Apr 26 - 28
MAY '94	<i>Yaounde Cameroon</i>	"Pan-African Conference for MRA"	May 22 - 28
	<i>Panchgani</i>	"Family Seminar"	May 25 - 29
JUN '94	<i>Sri Lanka</i>	"Asia-Pacific MRA Regional Consultation"	Jun 22 - 30
JUL '94	<i>Caux</i>	"Creators of Trust and Peace" - summer conference	Jul 8 - Aug 28

The deadline for the next Bulletin is Tuesday, February 15, 1994.

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NB: This is the document referred to in the piece 'STOP PRESS: NEW MEDIA venture' at the top of page 2 of the Bulletin. Those responsible for the new magazine would be grateful if you would hold it ready to copy and send to any who may ask for it.

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NEW YOUTH MAGAZINE

Here are some of the collected points as of 18/1/94 - they are by no means complete! The improvement and implementation of the ideas mentioned below will depend on your feedback and ongoing dialogues being developed with us. We want to produce a first-class quarterly product attractive to a large young audience across the world, including those in other international organisations, whilst embracing the importance of moral and spiritual integrity.

Any city, country or continent with a committed group could take on, with our editorial team, the responsibility to compile and edit later editions of the magazine. Could this be taken in turns?

The language we use should at all times be inclusive of those without an MRA background. One suggestion which has come up for a possible name is GLOBAL EXPRESS. To date we have received one gift of AUS \$ 50 for our "MRA youth magazine" fund. We welcome any contributions - however small - from individuals and MRA corporate bodies who are able to support this venture.

We hope to have the first issue out by June, in time for the Caux-conferences. The deadline for written contributions is Monday, 2nd May.

AIM: To link young people around the globe who wish to broaden their horizons, sustain their spiritual and philosophical growth and find meaning in life in order to make a difference to the world.

SOME COMPONENTS

1. INSIGHT OUT: "Contemporary revelations", colourful expressions of ancient truths - personal encounters with God, with people, with the world, that have changed your life, loosened your mindset or opened your heart - in prose or poetry - getting those insights out. (Jean Brown)
Initial topics include "A crash in time saves nine" by Jim Coulter.
 2. LETTER FAX LINK: A to and fro discussion on current issues facing young people, news and philosophy.
 3. PROJECT PAGE: Are there individuals or groups launching specific projects with opportunities for support?
 4. FAITHFULLY FINANCIAL: How do we creatively support the dreams and visions we and others may have? What are the meeting points between faith and finance?
 5. POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE: Are you at the edge of something exciting? Just write a postcard and tell us about it.
 6. RECENT REVIEW: Film, book and music reviews and analysis from around the world.
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