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MALTESE CONVICTION FULFILLED

Many traditional concepts are up for question in Malta, including family values. A 10-day visit by Annejet Campbell last month stirred a lot of interest.

She spoke to 120 'life skill' teachers at the Department of Education. The Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Social Development received her. The wife of the Speaker of Parliament arranged for her to meet the wives of nine MPs. And many discussions took place in homes around the island.

On her final evening, Annejet spoke to 250 parents and teachers at St Aloysio's College of the Jesuits. A lively question-time followed, with many asking about concrete family problems. It was chaired by a priest who had got to know MRA during his 37 years in India. He concluded the meeting by saying: 'The best way to thank Annejet Campbell is to call for a quiet time, to listen to the voice of the Lord in our hearts and ask Him about our families.'

This event was arranged by the President of the Old Aloysians, who is also President of the ex-alumni organisation for church schools in Malta. He is a businessman, whom we met as a result of his contacting the Caux Round Table last year, having read about their code of ethics in *The Financial Times*.

Annejet's visit saw a two-year-old conviction of Josephine's come to fruition. Charles and Kathy Aquilina were also here for some weeks and gave great support.

Josephine and Bjørn Ole Austad

CAMBODIAN DEVELOPMENT

The Second National Seminar on Buddhism and the Development of Khmer Society took place in Battambang last month. It was inaugurated by Queen Monineath Sihanouk, and funded by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation. Supreme Patriarch Tep Vong told the 350 participants that 'conflict within individuals is linked to conflict within the nation'. International Patriarch Venerable Maha Ghosananda asked, 'If a driver is not sober, how can he drive a car? If you don't calm your spirit,' he went on, 'you cannot bring peace to the country.'

Five of the Cambodians who addressed the seminar have been to Caux. *The Serene Smile* was shown on the first day. After the screening, senior Buddhist monks and Minister of Religious Affairs Hien Vanniroth spoke on the relevance of the film to Cambodia today.

The seminar issued a declaration encouraging Cambodians to rise to the challenge of developing a harmonious society based on Buddhist principles. The spirit of the occasion was in marked contrast to political tension in Phnom Penh, and continuing warfare in parts of the country.

Alan Channer

SEVENTH VISITING COURSE VISITS LITHUANIA

The seventh Visiting Course took place in Lithuania in October. Two Lithuanian participants of a previous course came to help. The father of one participant approached local organisations and raised the full cost of accommodation and food for faculty and participants. A local TV station came to film a news item, with pretty chaotic results; but the role play in preparation for it was most valuable. At the end of the six-day course, many spoke in appreciation. 'I felt that moral values were very complicated, but here I can speak openly and clearly about them,' said one. 'This has been a new start for my spiritual life,' said another. 'I have realised that I have to be responsible, and now I have the way,' said a university student.

Erik spent the week before the course visiting participants of the earlier VC in Vilnius, Kaunas and Panevezys. This was a busy five days, with radio and press interviews, a talk to 50 university students, to a school assembly and classes, to leaders of women's organisations, to academics and professional people. In Kaunas, 55 people came to hear him give a public lecture at the City Library, arranged by MRA friends and the local Vyduenas Philosophical Society. There was much interested questioning. 'If we can give the right help,' writes Erik, 'I believe MRA could take root strongly here, with benefit to Lithuania and far further afield.'

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SOUTH AFRICAN CONFERENCE UPDATE

We are grateful for the sense of support that we have received from friends from all over the world for the conference over Easter 1996. Rosemary Mattingley and Alice Cardel plan to join us at the end of the year. Kath and Finlay Moir will join us in January.

One real need is to reach South Africans both locally and abroad. We will be grateful to receive from any of our team around the world the names and addresses of SOUTH AFRICANS both abroad and in South Africa whom you would like to receive the invitation to the conference in Bloemfontein. We would prefer to send the invitations from South Africa as it will help us to get a comprehensive list to work with later.

We ask for your prayers for this whole venture in faith. We have a budget of US \$150,000 for the conference of which US \$18,000 has been raised so far.

Pieter Horn

FOR A CHANGE IN FEBRUARY/MARCH

I have just read the first proofs of the Feb/March issue of FAC, designed in teamwork with the *Hope in the Cities* network. I am enthusiastic.

The main feature - on Chicago - is by Karen Elliott Greisdorf. Notable contributions are Father Christian Delorme's Caux lecture on 'Inter-faith Dialogue'; ex Ohio Governor John Gilligan's guest column; Michelle Hemenway's interview of Lillian Cingo (South Africa); Idrees and Lorraine Khan of Cardiff (Wales) on their inter-faith marriage; and a review by R D Kernohan (former Church of Scotland *Life and Work* Editor) of Peter Hannon's book *Whose side is God on?* Rob Corcoran writes the editorial and from his home town, Richmond, Virginia, comes the remarkable story of how it was decided to place a monument to Arthur Ashe on Monument Avenue, a place formerly reserved for heroes on the Southern side of the American Civil War.

David Locke in London has to decide the final print order for this issue on 2 January 1996.

Tom Jones

SWISS RAILWAYS' SPECIAL OFFER

The Swiss Railways have made a special offer in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Caux conferences. A concessionary 'Swiss Transfer Ticket' is available between a frontier railway station or railway station at a Swiss airport, in both directions. It is valid for one month and available from January 1st. For example, the return fare

Geneva airport-Caux will be 55CHF instead of 77CHF; Zürich airport-Caux 80CHF instead of 141CHF; Basel railway station-Caux 80CHF instead of 125CHF.

You must possess the concessionary ticket before you arrive in Switzerland. Please apply to the MRA Office in Geneva. Users of this ticket will then pay on arrival in Caux at the Travel Office. If it would help to have a small supply of these tickets available at the secretariat in your country, this can be arranged. Then each secretariat would collect payment from ticket purchasers.

Further information is available from Charles Danguy: 37 rue Drogon, F 57110 Yutz, France; Tel/fax: +33 82 56 27 95.

Caux Travel Service

FAMILIES IN CAUX

Every conference we try to staff the two playrooms with volunteers supervised by us. However, we are never sure how many we can count on for a given time and if they speak the appropriate languages. Also we do not know when there will be children to look after! So we need your help:

1. If you know of people planning to come to Caux with their children please let us know well ahead of time. Please do not wait until they have sent in their application.
2. For the sake of these families (whose stay stands or falls on how their children get on!) please help us to find volunteers. We can help you with information and invitation letters. *

NB If parents expect to carry responsibility during conference sessions, they need to plan to have someone attached to their family who can look after their children outside playroom hours.

This winter there is no New Year's conference, in order to concentrate on next year's Jubilee Family Conference (already being prepared by the Dutch!).

Happy New Year!

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Calendar of Events

DEC '95	<u>Asia Plateau</u>	Creative Leadership	Dec 13 - 17
	<u>Tirley Garth</u>	Families' conference	28 - Jan 2
	<u>Krakow Poland</u>	Foundations for Freedom - regional meeting	Dec 28 - Jan 3
JAN '96	<u>Bateman's Bay Australia</u>	Summer camp for teenagers	Jan 8 - 14
	<u>Asia Plateau</u>	Creative Leadership	17 - 21
	<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>Asia Plateau</u>	Creative Leadership	14 - 18
APRIL '96	<u>Bloemfontein South Africa</u>	Healing the past - Building the future	Apr 4 - 8
	<u>Asia Plateau</u>	Creative Leadership	16 - 20
	<u>Paris (Boulogne)</u>	Caux '96 Council and preparation meeting	20 - 24
MAY '96	<u>Asia Plateau</u>	Families conference	May 15 - 18
	<u>Asia Plateau</u>	Youth camp	21 - 30
JUNE '96	<u>Asia Plateau</u>	Creative Leadership	Jun 4 - 8
	<u>Caux</u>	50th Anniversary celebration	29 - Jul 3
JULY '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
AUGUST '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

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