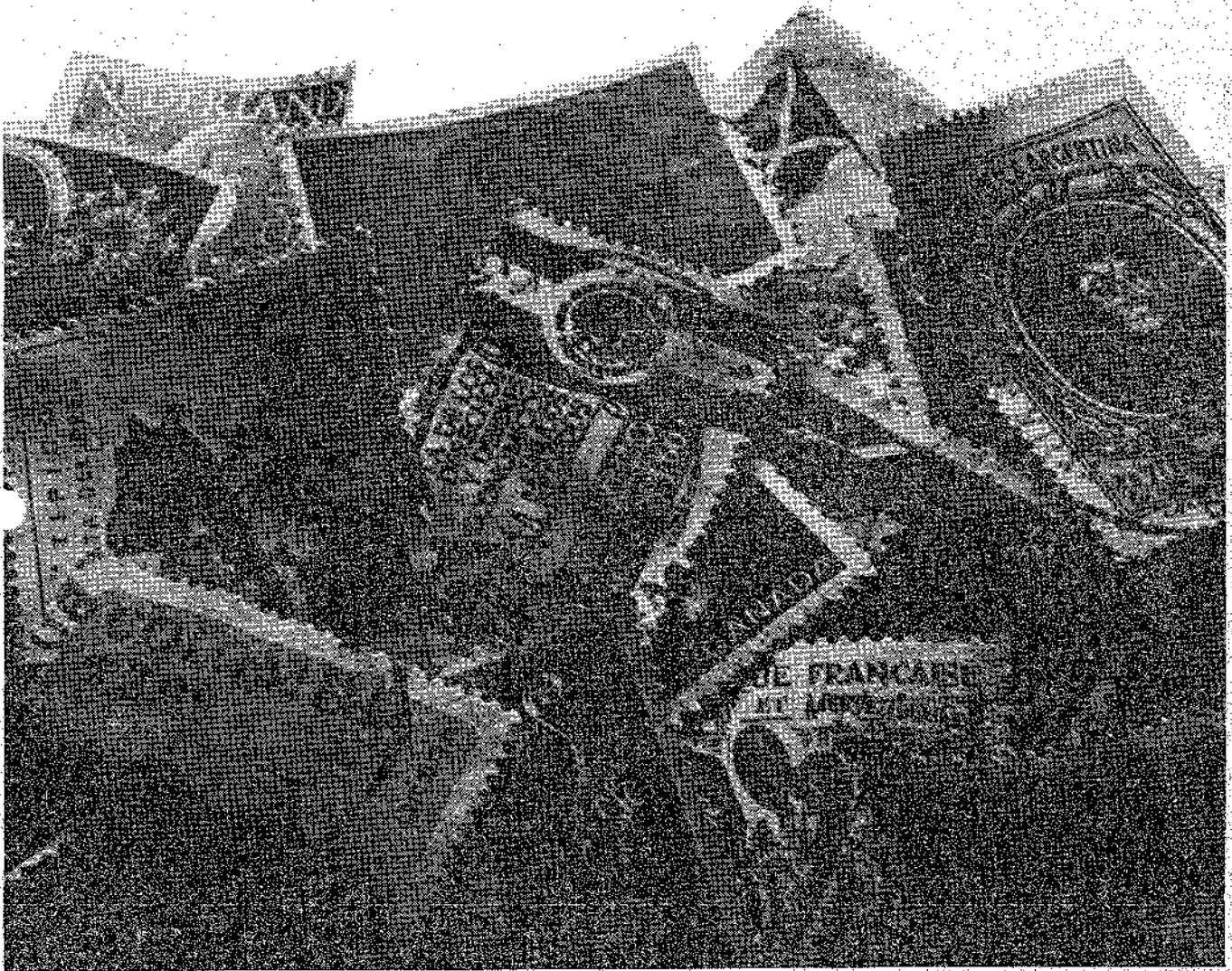


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*SPEAK OUT, TALK  
BACK.*

This journal is translated into several languages, we are told. But we have seen no evidence. May we have samples?

The editors have received encouraging compliments on issue number 7, but we are aware that we have not achieved complete internationality. We need comment on the relevance of the news and editorials we include, and on the interests and needs of members in Europe and Asia, Africa and South America, as well as Canada and Mexico, and Australia and New Zealand.

We need our readers' help in support of interdependence and internationality, detente and peaceful coexistence, and travel for friendship and learning.

Please--Servas editors, translators, coordinators, members in all countries: Help make this publication more helpful. You'll enjoy making it more enjoyable, by sending your reports and reactions.

## THE ATOMIC BOMB VERSUS CIVILIZATION

A world community can exist only with world communication, which means something more than extensive shortwave facilities scattered about the globe. It means common understanding, a common tradition, common ideas, and common ideals. ...The task is overwhelming, and the chance of success is slight. We must take the chance or die.

--Robert M Hutchins  
January 1899-May 1977

### WANTED: "PEN PALS" TO EXCHANGE LETTERS,

Your editor is interested in East-West cultural exchanges, socialist-capitalist trade (necessary for peace), solar and other promising forms of energy, pursuit of education by the retired, and what we are calling "The Concerns of Rosalynn Carter." (The US president's wife shares our interest in equal rights for women, mental health, welfare of the elderly.) I should appreciate letters on any of these subjects--in any language, for we have friends who can translate.

Others in USA who have invited Pen Pals to correspond with them include these:

Mrs. Lee Elmer, 212 Garden St., Great Neck, NY 11021.  
Lived in England and Austria, Member of SANE (Committee for Sane Nuclear Policy). Born 1920'  
Mrs. Lois Underwood, 7444 Juniper, Shawnee Mission, Kansas 66208.  
Teacher, born 1920's, member of People to People, lived in Zaire.

Henry & Clara Bender, 527 Stillman Way, Fortuna, California 95540. Retired, interested in bicycling, music, Methodist Church. Hosts six years, Servas travelers New Zealand.

High school and college students of all ages and both sexes. Address "Pen Pal" in care of the editor.

### "PEACE AND THE SCIENCES"

That is the title of a report covering impressive addresses and comments by 14 scientists of as many nationalities, all concerned with the relationship between peace and science and education. About 100 pages, in English or German. Price, 40 Austrian schillings (ask any bank), from: International Institute for Peace, Mollwaldplatz 5, A-1040 Vienna, Austria.

## REMINISCENCES FROM SCANDINAVIA

Do Servas travelers really appreciate hosts' hospitality?

Our national secretary for Denmark, Birgitte Damsgaard (whom your editor will enlist as his campaign manager if he is ever a candidate for a UN position), has kindly provided pages 2, 3, and 4 of the remarks of several Scandinavian Servas travelers gathered at her fireside.

Unfortunately she left page 1 to our imagination, so we begin with some chap, a Baptist, sharing a couple of pints in a pub in Ireland with a big, warm monk, "most unlike what I had imagined monk to be". Some of their other educational experiences:

ULLA: I visited seven hosts in England and five in Scotland, all friendly and devoted to peace. I have also visited the US, and I have grown more and more enthusiastic about Servas.

ELISBETH: I stayed with the Oscar Wallis family of eight /Leicestershire/. They are active Friends, or Quakers, and I guess they assumed I was, too. They gave me a fine impression of English family life. I am looking forward to their visiting me on a bicycle tour of Denmark.

SVEND: I didn't write to hosts, but I phoned 14--each a few days in advance, of course--and was well received by 12. In London, though, I stayed in a commune where nobody talked with me, and the leader was really unpleasant. I'm glad that kind of experience is rare!

ANNI: We had only three days and wanted to see a lot, so we didn't use Servas. It would have been unfair to our hosts.

ELISE: Yes, we stayed with Servas hosts only where we knew we would have plenty of time for visiting.

MR. & MRS. SKOV JENSEN: We visited the Mueller family in Basel. They had not had any Servas guests before. We had a marvelous time, pleasant excursions, and interesting discussions. We were sorry we could not stay longer. Why, they even invited us to use their apartment on Lake Como.

NAN GOULD (an American): Ingrid Penny in the UK /Middlesex/ treated me just like a daughter. Served wonderful food. And we talked and talked. Servas is great.

ULLA: The Wirths /not in 1977 host list/ were marvelous to us, I remember. They spent all of three days showing us all around, and then sent us on to a commune. We were picked up at the bus station, adopted, and, again, shown around.

PREBEN: Roger Pellegrin in Toulouse was a generous host. He showed us the city. At meals he was an informative conversationalist. So was his housekeeper, on the subject of French workers! His aunt seemed genuinely interested in Denmark.

Before I went to Tanzania, I wrote to John Msasa, and he wroteback that I'd be welcome to sleep in his living room. But the bus service didn't make a visit possible, so I telegraphed him. I wrote to Navin Vibhakar in Moshi, and phoned later, but it was the wife of Mr. Shah /national secretary/ who picked me up. She was sweet, but I had the feeling my being there was inconvenient. Some people showed interest in foreign currency, but Tanzanian laws are strict. I got the impression that Asians live quite apart, and I was sorry to have missed Msasa.

OLE: Let's talk about the US. I had wonderful hosts there, and I talked about Denmark to classes in several schools.

IVAR: I found, as a rule, the Americans were too hospitable to share their anxieties, but they have them: unemployment, inflation, hopelessness about planning..

BIRTE: The cultural contrasts in the US interested me most. I stayed with both rich and poor, and they all were more hospitable than hosts I met in Europe. Those who had the least seemed to try to give the most.



## FRIENDSHIP FORCE:

### It should Become a Successful Cooperative Exchange

The Friendship Force, an organization given its initial impetus by US President Jimmy Carter, is designed to do by means of community exchanges what Servas has been facilitating since 1948.

When he was governor of Georgia, Mister Carter initiated an exchange with Brazil (mainly Atlanta with Recife) that was highly successful in internationalizing thousands. (Prejudice and parochialism accompany each other, inhibiting trade, cultural exchange, and peace.)

The Carters come from the tiny Georgia town of Plains, but they wish to belong to the world. Atlanta, their state capital, is fast becoming most cosmopolitan.

The initial Friendship Force operation got underway July 4: an exchange of 381 visitors each from Newcastle, England, and from Atlanta, for ten days.

Travelers (called "ambassadors") plus their hosts in the two cities thus total 1524 persons in this initial exchange. Add families, neighbors, and organizers, and at least 10,000 persons will experience an expansion of their friendships. Ten times that number will benefit from the "foreign exposure."

There will be four more exchanges before the end of 1977. The aim is for 100 exchanges during 1978. Provision is being made for a million US people to enjoy the overseas experience by 1980. This entails doubling the program each year.

Forty of the 50 US state governors are pledged to the voluntary, non-governmental program. State directors or committees are being appointed. Communities are volunteering their participation. Airlines are bidding for the business.



Cost of a typical trip is only about \$250, and some "scholarship grants" will be provided in each participating country. Funds will be sought from cultural and charitable foundations, banks, labor unions, corporations, and, eventually, "alumni" of the program. None of the funds are to come from the US government (that is, from taxes).

An effort is already being made to move away from the initial organizing effort of the president and governors and from unilateral US sponsorship to democratic, co-operative, worldwide control.

In housing the "ambassadors" in private homes, great effort will be devoted--through computer-aided sorting, as objective as possible--to matching hosts and visitors according to occupations, cultural activities and interests, and family and public roles.

A plan to broaden each ambassador's experience provides for about a four-day stay with a host and then either a stay with a different host or free time to travel at one's own expense. Nearly all the visitors from Newcastle have chosen the extended host experience. They will be entertained with a view toward education and sociological understanding, and will be asked to work together in one evening's program to entertain hosts. Servas members fit naturally as hosts and ambassadors and volunteer aides of such a program. All interested should write to Friendship Force, P.O. Box 1753, Atlanta, GA 30301, USA.



The whole Friendship Force idea is both democratically promising and pregnant with problems. The slogan "You can make a difference" is attractive. So also are subsidizing travel, avoiding expensive hotels insulated from the populace, providing for counterpart contacts, and monitoring and publicizing of benefits.

But there are difficulties with domestic US politics, danger that corporations will seek to use the program to benefit themselves, suspicion that the US is trying to Americanize the world, and the usual bureaucratic problems.

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And since Friendship Force is seeking co-operation (as Servas is) in Eastern European countries, where life is socialized in aspects private in the West, there are other problems.

But Servas is fully democratic and works co-operatively, and I have no doubt of Friendship Force's intentions in this direction. Actually, government is up to now somewhat involved in Friendship Force; in this sense Servas is less socialized. Time will tell which one the socialist countries will sooner welcome.

formally, perhaps even experimentally, Servas has been launched in several Eastern European countries. After our overtures, published in our most recent issue, we are glad to report the receipt --too late for inclusion in this issue--of two replies from government sources.

We hope that detente embraces individual and family friendships--and contacts through friendship societies, peace committees, and such groups described to us as "public rather than governmental"--as well as trade and cultural exchanges that are governmentally controlled. Your editor had an hour with Friendship Force Executive Director Wade Seal, and met two other staff members, beyond whom are numerous volunteers. All seem as wholesomely enthusiastic about international friendships as Servas folk are.

Hosts and travelers in both programs are not trying to export any way of life or propagandize for any political system. Most of us look to the UN for insurance of peace. We oppose the divisive aspects of nationalism and seek relief from the waste, burden, and menace of armaments. Friendship Force is a splendid idea that had to start someplace. Modern means of travel and communication permit international friendships. Those means must be used to prevent catastrophe.

Former US President Eisenhower, in one of his frank moments, remarked that the people of the world will some day demand peace so strongly that governments will have to get out of the way and let them have it.

Perhaps that time is now.

The columns of Servas International News are open for discussion. Members and any others involved in Friendship Force, or with information or ideas to submit, please write. Friendship Force has just been launched, and we shall try to keep abreast of its progress.

*Already US newspapers have printed an interview with one of the ambassadors from Newcastle, a 21-yearold reporter.*

*"We were always told that Americans are very brusque and unfriendly; that if you spoke to somebody on the street you'd be arrested, and that the food was of poor quality," the Friendship Force visitor said. "We found that completely wrong."*

*But at least some of his impressions of the US fit the stereotype: "Everything is much larger--the cars, the roads, the buildings."*

*With his Atlanta host, an information officer for the Georgia State Senate, he observed a legislative committee meeting in the capitol and toured two universities soon after the group's ten-day visit began on July 4, US Independence Day.*

LATE UPDATE: A California travel agency has asked the US Civil Aeronautics Board to make the new co-operative venture abide by all the same rules which govern commercial tour operators.

One rule prohibits advertising of charter flights not yet approved by the CAB.

Friendship Force said a halt would destroy the plan's credibility and kill it. In answering the complaint, the newborn group revealed that flights are already being planned to and from Caracas (November), Santo Domingo, Mexico City, and Tel Aviv (January).

Local Friendship Force formation has begun in 43 of the 50 states, and applications from the public are being accepted in Hartford, Connecticut; Des Moines, Iowa; and Nashville, Tennessee.

Activities are underway or imminent in Argentina, Barbados, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, and Uruguay, plus London, Dublin, and Hamburg.

And read this story:

#### SOME COMMENTS BY THE EDITOR

SERVAS is the dream of homemakers, stamp collectors, pacifists, nomads, Esperantists, stubborn advocates of brotherhood.

But never has so much had to be done with so little, to spread international understanding and the goodwill on which justice and peace on earth must be based.

Our current international headquarters is the apartment of President Reva King in a modest neighborhood of New York. This publication has no budget. All pro-Motion is done by volunteers. Instead of paying for hotels we share one another's homes. And we discover friends; the variability, stupidity, and wisdom of man; the world's craving for enduring peace.

But it would be nice to be able to afford pictures of more Servas activities. To send copies to libraries and schools. To offer trips as prizes for essays on ways to peace. To include pungent short stories and verses. To send more representatives to Denmark for the biennial Servas conference in August 1978!

ARE YOU THE READER who is able to aid such developments? Are you the one, or one of several--in the USA, Switzerland, Japan, Israel, an Arab land, Germany, or wherever this publication goes--believing in travel-with-study and able to aid worthy students capable of contributing in needy areas? Knowing Servas and willing to serve humanity through us?

If you are, send a contribution--or put a provision into your will--for our cause.

(If you know of such, send him or her this magazine with this column marked.)

Once upon a time a very rich man entertained me in gratitude for my giving his dissolute grandson an appreciation of literature. He said that he intended in his will to insure the young man's in-come so long as he lived.

I said, "That will confirm him in laziness and keep him a parasite on the rest of us." The old man looked at me wrath-fully and walked away. Two years later he and his grandson died.

The fortune is gone now, dissipated. The old aristocrat's big home is now a rooming house. The grandson's wise widow now says, "The only insurance for your children is to improve the world for all children.

That is Servas philosophy.



"Your elected editor began a long working life as a reporter, and in age there is a tendency to revert. I am going to indulge it. I cannot afford a lot of fact--finding trips, but as your editor I am unhappy working in the dark. And many of the letters Don Fawcett and I do receive are from SINews readers asking questions we find hard to answer. I am becoming a reporter again, 52 years after first reporting for the Berkeley Gazette in California--and becoming, for the first time, a Servas traveler, after many years as a Servas host. I'll report what I learn in future issues. Meanwhile, co-operate a bit yourself, on paper. Write. Help us help Servas. - HCS



DETERRENCE?

**TO: EVERY SERVAS VOLUNTEER IN THE  
WORLD**

**SUBJECT: WHAT Do You WANT?  
(AND WHERE ARE YOU HIDING?)**

The goal of this publication is ever more adequately to serve. This is the name itself, as well as the policy, of our organization. To serve the cause of international understanding and peace. If this is the "mouthpiece" or "house organ" of such a movement, you must use it, report to it, inform the editors of your work, comment on their work, write. You are not doing it. Instead you devote the time you can spare to laborious personal correspondence, and depend on accidents of vacation times and travels, with faith in the common sense and good

will of those unpredictably able to attend each international conference. The way Servas has grown--without financial benefactors, without paid office staffs or workers in the field--is marvelous. Fine; let's remain all-volunteer. BUT national Servas organizations are being built. Let us have (that is, let our readers around the world read) something about each one--about its successful and its unsuccessful efforts.

Servas growth is accidental, without policy. Finances are undoubtedly honest but utterly unclear. No one knows what to try next. Must every new volunteer coordinator "reinvent the wheel"? SINews is not intended to be a medium of self-expression for the editors, but a medium of communication for you. Use it.

## **Impressions: Poland & Hungary 1977**

While I was living in India, Saudi Arabia, Italy, and Brazil (my husband was on UN Food & Agriculture Organization assignments) and touring East Africa and South America, an understanding of each country's people became my travel goal.

When the opportunity came to tour Poland and Hungary with a Servas group, I knew this was my chance...and the experience proved to be all I had anticipated.

Some of the group extended their trip to include Czechoslovakia. My only regret is that my two-week vacation did not allow me to visit that country with them.

I soon realized that the words "communist" and "capitalist" really apply to governments, not to individuals. Except for language, people are much the same everywhere. Those we met, though, seemed to be more hospitable, kind, and generous than any I had met elsewhere. My suitcase filled with gifts hasn't even been unpacked, and yet since my return I have already received more than ten "Dear Friend" letters and cards.

I'll always cherish in my memory segments of Polish life I would not have seen had ours not been a Servas tour. I was entertained in more than a dozen homes and small apartments. People's hospitality said more than the words of a common language could ever have said.

(But the fact that our tour leader, Lydia Tabor of New York, is a native

Poland who speaks the language fluently helped much to make the trip a success.)

In Poland there is political disagreement over soviet influence, but, it seems, not over socialism. Yet Poland is the one Eastern European country where agriculture is based on private farming, with 85% of all lands owned privately.

Life in Hungary has evidently improved a lot. The Soviet Union represents, among other things, a source of needed raw materials and a ready market for goods. Everyone works, we were told, and with no unemployment, crime is at a minimum.

A speaker at dinner in Hungary gave us food for thought, saying it is unjust for us in the US to think all countries in Eastern Europe are alike, and for our newspapers to publicize a negative factor in one country as if it were common to all the socialist countries.

On the other hand, I wasn't always happy to hear the impression people in these countries have of the US. More than ever I realized that a first stage in peace is knowledge.

I don't want to leave the impression that our group missed seeing all the so-called tourist attractions. We visited the ballet, the Auschwitz concentration camp, palaces, resorts, the opera...but, most important, thanks to Servas, people.

--Ethel Bliss  
Hartford, Wisconsin

More than h.million saw the  
US Bicentennial Exhibition  
in Moscow in 1976. And now:  
SOVIET EXHIBITION COMES TO LOS ANGELES

The most important and comprehensive Soviet exhibition ever seen outside the USSR will be on display in Los Angeles for three weeks in November.

Science (including the Soyuz space vehicle), arts, sports, education, and more will be included. All 15 Soviet republics are preparing exhibits. The Ukraine and Armenia will be featured on their national days during the showing.

The mammoth 60th Anniversary USSR display, in reciprocation for the American Revolution Bicentennial Exhibition, will constitute an outstanding example of peaceful competition and cultural exchange. It is of significance to those who see detente as wholesome and a contribution to peace, as well as to those who simply want to learn about the USSR.

In June, Servas representatives attended the organizing meeting of the Committee to Welcome the Soviet Exhibition to Los Angeles. Plans are underway for Servas hosts in the area to provide accommodation for some of the visitors expected in southern California November 9-27.

*What would you like to show or tell to readers around the world? Send it to us for our next issue!*

### WORLD PEACE ASSEMBLY

The World Assembly of peace in Warsaw May 6-11 brought together 2000 delegates from around the world.

**Dr. Max** Habicht of Zurich, esteemed lawyer, peace-builder, and an international sponsor of Servas, represented the World Federal Authority Committee, of which he is honorary president, and other international non-governmental organizations including Servas.

Another Servas member and former Servas International conference keynote speaker was listed among representatives of national organizations: Pastor Konrad Llbberth of the German Federal Republic.

### WHERE DO ALL THE TRAVELERS GO?

Some big-city Servas hosts feel burdened with requests from too many travelers.

Others in outlying areas, meanwhile, complain of a lack of the contacts they hoped for when they joined Servas. So we call this to travelers' attention: Visits to small towns and rural areas in any country will acquaint you with its living history and national traditions better than city experiences alone will. Get off the beaten track, into the countryside among farmers and "real people."

(American travelers reporting on a 20-month trip, in US Servas News: "Quickly, we learned that the most gratifying visits were where the hosts hadn't had many visitors." Travel co-ordinators, inter-viewers, and advisors, take notice.)

In the US, comment by some travelers that the country is bourgeois and too conspicuously affluent has irked some of our hard-working unprivileged members.

At the same time, a US "proletarian" visiting the USSR was "turned off" by luxurious museums and recreational facilities, curt bureaucrats, and workers becoming professionals

Not everyone can be pleased, but more of us can try to dig beneath the surface of societies to find our common humanity, aspirations, and need for enduring peace.

### WANT THIS 1978 DIARY?

Housmans' World Peace Diary provides an international directory of peace organizations, and much more: calendars, sun times, metric conversions, maps of the continents (and the London underground), dates to remember, weights and measures, pages for notes and accounts...

And we will mail this handy pocket diary --1978 edition, available in November--to all who send us more than US \$2, the basic subscription or donation mentioned in the form on page 15 Give today, to:

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SIN is glad to exchange information and articles with all peace organizations, especially those listed in 'Housmans'

GREECE AND OTHER NEW  
COUNTRIES

When a US Servas traveler wrote in January that he was teaching in Athens and wanted to become a host there, European Co-ordinator Antonie Fried enlisted his help in recruiting Greek hosts. He was enthusiastic about the possibilities:

"I have contact with many of my students' parents who are both financially able and philosophically sympathetic. I may be in an excellent position to recruit," wrote the American, Gary Norman Sea. By canvassing universities and schools and placing articles in newspapers, he said, "I think we can start producing -results by the end of March."

By March his enthusiasm was a bit shaken. Because of a strike, teachers had left Athens for a long Easter vacation, and he could not contact them. And he felt that perhaps the idea of "organized hospitality" was an American-Northern European invention, foreign to Greek nature. "Greeks are naturally hospitable, and an organization /such as Servas/ may seem like an imposition." Nevertheless, "my spirits are in no way dampened."

In the report Gary sent to the European Servas Conference in Berlin in May, he revealed the number of Greek hosts was still zero. Why? "Greeks offer friend-ship and hospitality spontaneously. They come to you, but you cannot force your-self on them. Sitting in a Greek taverna and just looking pleasant, you may be offered drinks, food, and invitations to Visit...in a sense the keys to the village. It is so spontaneous and easy that one wonders sometimes whether a Servas is altogether necessary in Greece."

Other factors, too, were making it difficult to establish Servas there:

"The Greek family unit may be four generations living in the same house. And the older, more conservative generations usually determine who is offered hospitality. The family is also conservative sexually. A lone, male traveler may not be accepted in a home as an overnight guest because of the husband's jealousy. A lone female traveler may be looked down upon because she seems to have broken away from supervision by her family.

"Younger people here in Athens usually have come from a village and have no

real home in the city. Those who could afford to have guests either leave for the islands or to travel abroad during holidays and summer...or are not truly representative of the Greek people."

Gary intends to stay in Greece another year, and to continue to work for Servas though "it may take a bit more time and effort than previously expected." That effort must be admired and appreciated.

For Antonie Fried, Gary's experience in Greece has helped form a strong belief that Servas must operate in various ways to succeed in various cultures. Use of a co-ordinator system, instead of having foreigners write to individual hosts, seems suitable in Japan. And in Latin America, where hosts are not accustomed to answering many letters or do not like to write in their limited English, they are quite hospitable when travelers who have received no replies to letters appear at the front door.

To overcome difficulties in establishing Servas in new countries, Antonie feels, overnight stays are not essential:

"For Servas, dialogue is most important - meeting people and talking with them. So I think we should start winning people who are willing to meet foreigners as 'daytime hosts' or 'guides' or on a 'coffee and conversation' basis.

"This has always been looked upon as an exception to Servas rules. But rules can be changed. Daytime visits leave uncertain hosts free to get rid of visitors after some hours if they wish, or to invite them to stay longer..

"This would also help in countries with political difficulties. If, for instance, a host in Hungary has to go to the police with an overnight visitor to register, one thinks twice before becoming a host. But if visitors are not to stay overnight, one need not be so cautious.

"There are different ways of life all over the world, and different forms of hospitality. Servas is an international organization in which individual member countries should find their own ways according to their cultures and needs, provided only that they accept as the uniting link the Servas idea Of world peace through understanding."

Servas International News, your national secretary, and Antonie would welcome your views on this subject.

## H<sub>2</sub>O + UN + SERVAS

The UN Water Conference in March was called "one of the least politicized of all UN conferences" in a US radio network broadcast.

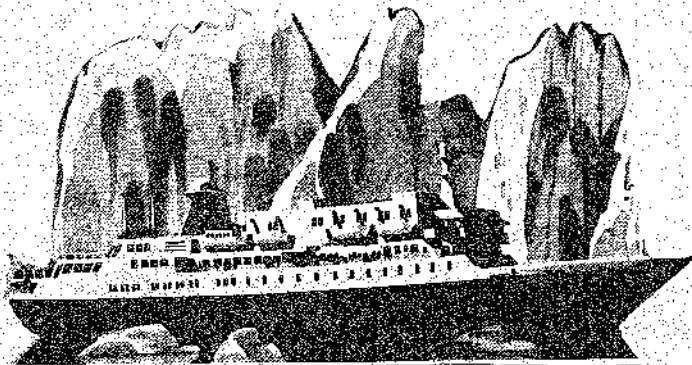
Servas South America Co-ordinator Marcelo Lorenzo reports in person:

I attended the Water Conferency held by the UN in Mar del Plata, Argentina, as the delegate of our dear Servas organization. It was my first official UN mission, and I carried it out, I sincerely believe, with zeal and dedication; that is, with the same spirit that motivates -11 of us who work for Servas.

Today, for the first time in human history, we are confronted by the prospect of a worldwide lack of water in the amounts and of the quality necessary to supply the needs of a fast-growing world.

Water covers 70% of the earth's surface, impregnates its atmosphere, and fills vast unexplored depths between the land masses. But unfortunately less than 1% of these enormous supplies of water can be used for human consumption. The rest is made up of salt water in the oceans, snow and ice in the polar regions, and subterranean water at great depths.

The need to provide potable fresh water is so urgent in some countries that to mention one instance--Saudi Arabia, with reach technical assistance, is planning to use icebergs from the Antarctic to make up in part for its shortage of the precious liquid. Transport will be by sea, by means of giant tugboats, which may take almost a year to reach their destination. The icebergs are to be en-closed in giant plastic wrappings, with the main aim of minimizing heat caused by friction with the water



We should not neglect to mention the de-salinization plants that are turning sea water into fresh.

In short, human effort and ingenuity are going to have to be applied in many ways to the task of getting pure water, before we all become fully aware that water is practically synonymous with life. The liquids we drink, the foods we eat, and our own bodies themselves are made up largely of water.

At the same time that modern industries have been spreading across the world, bringing new techniques for drawing vast quantities of water from the earth, storing it, and distributing it, consumption of water has increased markedly.

Because world population continues its rapid shift from the countryside to the cities, all our technical progress and all improvements in the standard of living tend to create new demand for water.

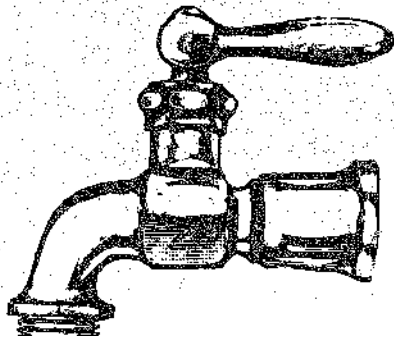
But the growing demand is not the only cause of shortages. Waste is another important consideration. The common citizen who forgets to shut off a faucet is only one of the guilty ones. Many methods of irrigation are notorious for the waste of water they entail. And it is calculated that in some urban areas half of all water distributed is lost because of faulty faucets and damaged piping.

Add to these recurring causes of loss the massive contamination of important sources of clean water. One of the worst examples is our own Rio de la Plata in Argentina. Along its banks great signs not only proclaim that drinking the water is absolutely prohibited, but also warn that even bathing in the river poses grave dangers to health.

The use of insecticides and other chemicals in agriculture is poisoning some of the major sources of water. The same can be said of industries labeled "dirty," which spew an enormous amount of contaminants into rivers and streams, producing pollution and killing animal life.

According to some estimates, one fifth of the world's urban population and fully three quarters of the rural population lacks safe drinking water. It is also calculated that to guarantee a supply of water adequate to meet the demands of 1990 would require an extraordinary mobilization of efforts; money amounting to some \$60,000 million US; and considerable political force.

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As a footnote we raise world consciousness that water is a valuable resource which in limited quantities; (a) exists only in limited quantities; (b) should be allocated to different uses according to priorities; and (c) must not be allowed to go to waste as a result of faulty administration or carelessness.

can point out that requirement is to raise world consciousness a valuable resource (a) exists only in limited quantities; (b) should be allocated to different uses according to priorities; and (c) must not be allowed to go to waste as a result of faulty administration or carelessness.

Moreover, it is essential to realize that the contamination of streams, rivers, and other sources of water constitutes a serious and immediate threat to hopes of reaching the twin objectives of economic development and improvement of living standards throughout the world.

Now for my personal observations: The opportunity to meet and deal with members of other non-governmental organizations was pleasant indeed. Above all I must single out NGO Secretary Virginia Souerweinand her assistant. They were continually involved in meeting all our little needs, solving our problems, getting material to us, planning meetings, and supporting us so that our rights Beyond that, there was a clear distinction

would not be misinterpreted, as happened to me.

in financial matters between us and the governmental delegates attending: we who were paying our own expenses (travel, meals, lodging, making copies of our respective organizations' publications) vs. those with all expenses paid, living like princes, and taking the conference as merely a social event, even to the point of taking part--as spectators, to be sure--in a parade of models in a night club. All this while millions of people are waiting for hard, productive work on the part of their representatives to solve the acute problem of water.

I'd like to point out, though, that the delegation of the USA made the friendly gesture of attending a meeting in the NGO conference room, where we enjoyed interesting conversation about the problem. How nice to be able to count on a country's public officials to keep their minds on the actual business they were sent to perform!

As for specific Servas concerns: I personally distributed a great many Servas pamphlets in English as well as Spanish, mostly to delegates from Latin America and Africa. Unfortunately I was not able to fulfill the requests of several African delegates for booklets in French. shall take a lesson from that experience and hope it can benefit all of us, for any future conference.

I hope every one of those pamphlets will serve as a fertile seed, bearing fruit and contributing to the development and further advancement of the beautiful idea that is SERVAS.

--Marcelo Lorenzo  
Representante Servas  
meetings UN South America

### SUGGESTION TO UNUSED HOSTS

many US colleges and universities leave their foreign students homeless for periods of three to 15 days. They close their residence halls for holidays and between academic sessions. Is this the custom in other countries as well? Strong suggestion: Co-ordinators (and individual hosts, where appropriate) should communicate with local colleges' housing authorities or foreign-student advisors now, and offer home stays for

How much better, as an example, for a student from Iran to learn about the US holiday of Thanksgiving across a local family's dinner table than to spend the weekend (and needed funds) at a hotel.

Does this suggestion take Servas hosts outside the regular Servas routine? Of course. But no member should, simply on that account, miss such an opportunity to give and receive, to teach and learn.

foreign students at those lonely times.

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## New in Norway

A Viking lady (born during the 1920's) who spent three years at sea as a radio officer is now co-ordinator for Norway:

Inger Amundsen  
Bjornekollen 29, IV 1344 Haslum,  
NORWAY Telephone 53 34 20  
(Haslum is near Oslo)

Inger's father was a founding member of Servas. She herself has been a host since 1955, but is having her first experience as a Servas traveler this summer while touring Austria with a choir. She says, "I see Servas travel as a pleasant alternative for all devoted to peace, the making of friends, and wider horizons."

## T H E Y A N K S A R E C O M I N G

US passports--number issued & predicted

	1978
	3,115,000 1977
	2,885,000
1976	
2,405,000	
1975	
2,300,000	

(The United States expects to receive, on the other hand, more than 5,000,000 travelers from other countries in 1977 -- even more than in the US Bicentennial celebration year of 1976--not including those from neighbors Canada and Mexico.)

### CHILDHOOD WISDOM

The American Friends Service Committee in Florida recently initiated a peace poster contest in the schools of Dade County. The display of entries in a hall at University of Miami in Coral Gables in June included this verse by a student in the seventh grade (age about 12):

What is the purpose of fighting Or  
is there reason at all?

Is it just an excuse for violence Or  
response to a battle call?

Is it a noisy end of argument, A  
last attempt to win?

No, it's a stupid way for people  
To lose their friends and kin.

A tarantula on a bank of the Jordan River, according to a story, asked a frog for a ride across. "Jump on," said the frog, and began to swim.

Halfway across the river, the tarantula gave the frog a vicious sting. The frog exclaimed, "Now I cannot swim, and we shall both drown! Why did you do such a stupid thing?"

"Because," explained the tarantula, "this is the Middle East."

(No Servas traveler from anywhere in the world, of course, will ever treat a Servas host anywhere in the world the way the tarantula treated its benefactor. True?)

## WORLD PEACE THROUGH LAW

"The Law of the World" is the subject of the World Peace Through Law Center conference in Manila August 21-26. Panels will discuss every conceivable aspect of international jurisprudence. We hope to receive and publish a summary.

Lawyers, judges, law professors, and law students--more than 100,000 in 144 countries--are members of the Center, established by the American Bar Association. World president is Charles S. Rhyne. The Center's address is: 400 Hill Building, Washington, DC 20006, USA.

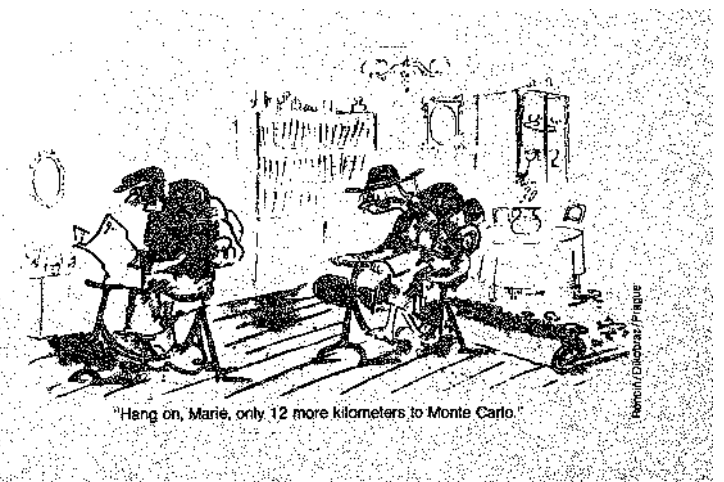
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comments, opinions, travel  
reports, cartoons, or photos?

(Oh...yousay you'll send them to the editor this week for the next issue of SINews? That's fine.)

## HUMAN RIGHTS ON TV

Three USA and three USSR speakers debated human rights on US television June 12 for 90 wonderful minutes. Moderator (Edwin Newman) always fair; both sides pun-gent, critical, informative, no winner; magnificent alternative to name-calling.

The two teams (Hesburgh, Kaiser, Dershowitz vs Zivis, Borovik, Mishin) warmed up to almost cordial conclusions: that human rights include more than civil liberties, that ignorance and prejudice are widespread and dangerous, that with-out undue compromise detente is still inevitable, that more such discussions are most desirable. We fully agree.--HCS



## SERVAS MEMBER DISCOVERS NEW ZEALAND

A friend and I traveled through one of the most beautiful countries in the world early this year, and were hosted by several of its citizens, who are nicknamed "Kiwis," after the rare kiwi bird found in that island country.

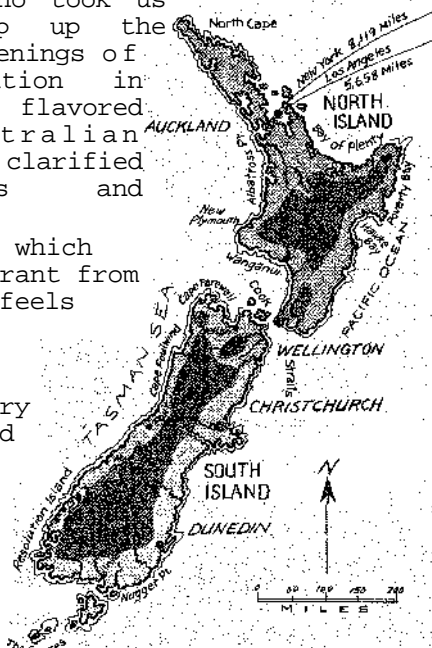
The nation is New Zealand, about the same size as Japan, but with only 3.3 million people, in sharp contrast to Japan's 125 million.

After 18 hours of travel from northern California, upon arriving in the largest city, Auckland (750,000), I was pleased to see no smog, and surprised to find that even "straight" /non-"hippie"/ adults scorn formal attire and often go barefooted and in shorts to markets, theaters, small restaurants, etc.

Our first hosts, Bob and Kata Groves, made us feel like members of the family. But when their son asked if we were ready for tea, I made the mistake of thinking literally of a cup of tea, when actually we were being invited to have dinner. Remember in countries with a British heritage: "tea" can be lunch, dinner, a snack, or the beverage.

Our bus ride took us south to enjoy the hospitality of Les and Brenda Gregory, who took us on a boat trip up the Wanganui River. Evenings of intense conversation in their home were flavored with good Australian wine. They clarified local issues and introduced us to the word "pom," which refers to an immigrant from Britain who still feels allegiance to the mother country.

We traveled by ferry to South Island and visited Jean and Charlie Barnhill in the Nelson area, New Zealand's fruit and vegetable capital. Our



hosts were sheep-ranchers, now retired, who have taken up "trekking" or "tramping" (hiking with back packs) as a serious hobby. They prepared us to leave the tourist trail and head for the forests.

The land is crisscrossed by beautiful trails, with well equipped huts. We spent four days walking the Milford Sound Trail. I strongly recommend it to hikers.

Then by bus we reached Dunedin and the home of Doctor James Hanan. His words about the pro's and con's of the country's socialized system of medical care reassured us that even foreign visitors can get treatment free.

I thank Derek and Moira Lippyeat for making me aware how easy it is to hitch-hike in their country. From their home in Christchurch (most beautiful, surely, of the three New Zealand cities over 300,000 in population), I spent the next three weeks touring the country by thumb.

Rodney and Sarah Faulkner and their three beautiful children were my sixth Servas host family, on their sheep and cattle ranch in Gisborne. They gave me a demonstration of the skills of their well trained sheepdogs. Because of the vast numbers of sheep (60 million) and "cattle beasts" (five million), plus government subsidies, meat and dairy products are inexpensive (milk nine cents a pint) as well as being New Zealand's principal exports.

While visiting in Gisborne I had the opportunity to see a community of Maoris and hear something about their relations with the white settlers (Pakehas). The racial problem does not seem intense, but there are some social conflicts. Thanks to my Servas hosts for gracious hospitality. Now one non-Servas note:

I salute the institution known as the pub! In a country where shops are closed at five p.m. and on weekends and there are few evening cultural and social activities, New Zealand's marvelous pubs are the meeting places and centers for political discussion and more--right up to their closing time of ten o'clock.

--Michael Belsky  
Pacific Grove, Calif.

(Note: The New Zealand host list warns that the area of Nelson, popular with travelers, has only two Servas hosts, who may not be able to accommodate all those who would like to visit. Prior notice is definitely required.--Asst. Ed.)

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## Servas Meets in Europe

Servas representatives from more than ten countries attended the 1977 Servas European Conference in Berlin May 28-31.

Principal organizer of the conference was Servas European Co-ordinator Antonie Fried of Landau, German Federal Republic.

Servas Peace secretary Graham Thomas of London gave the keynote speech, which posed the question, "Is ours a peace organization or a friendship organization?" Excerpts appear at right.

Pioneering Servas **organizers in** Eastern European countries were unable to attend the assembly because of cost and schedule conflicts. But Jozsef Zonal was nominated to become national secretary for Hungary, and authorized to contact that nation's Peace Council in furthering the development of Servas as a recognized non-governmental organization there.

Servas national secretaries present in addition to Antonie Fried were Barbara Acquah, England, international vice-president; Birgitte Damsgaard, Denmark, secretary; Denise Waech, Switzerland, treasurer; Sylvia Strassner, Austria; Rose Canepari, Italy; Jaime Martin, Spain; and Lasse Tomasson, Sweden.

Other executives and delegates taking part besides Graham Thomas were Hans Werner Emrich, F.R. Germany, assistant peace secretary; Marie-Elisabeth Daru, France; and Jan Krzminsky, Netherlands.

Countries from which guests and observers attended include the US and Portugal.

Servas International President Reva King has summarized conference proceedings in her June Circular Letter to Servas representatives around the world.

## HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY PEACE SECRETARY GRAHAM THOMAS TO THE 1977 SERVAS EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

When I joined Servas 13 years ago I was immensely attracted by its positive and practical approach to peace-building--open to all, active in the sense of demanding that members should give as well as receive--and its simplicity and trust in appealing to the better side of our natures. It was unpretentious--not claiming to be the means by which world peace could be achieved, *but* willing to serve anyone who shared its desire to see a world free from hatred, prejudice and injustice.

...those of us who have had a long-term commitment to Servas...are aware of the vision that its founders had: to create cells of peace-builders throughout the world and link them together by a travel system. This vision has never been fully realised, but many of us still see that faint glimmer and carry on in hope that with more **effort--more enthusiasm and courage--some day** it will shine through.

/Since the time Servas/...was formed almost 30 years ago...the dangers facing mankind have increased.../but/ as Bertrand Russell wrote in Has Man a Future?

The hatred, the expenditure of time and money and intellectual ability upon weapons of destruction, the fear of what we may do to each other, and the imminent daily and hourly risk of an end to all that man has achieved is a product of human folly. It is not a decree of Fate. It is not something imposed by natural conditions. It is in our hearts that the evil lies, and it is from our hearts that it must be plucked out.

### RECRUITING IDEA

This suggestion came out of the recent Servas conference in Berlin:

Representatives in all countries should ask members of Greek descent to recommend potential hosts in Greece. The names and addresses should be forwarded to:  
Antonie Fried

Rudolf von Habsburgstr. 50  
674 Landau/Pfalz  
F.R. Germany

We remind our readers of an earlier suggestion: Ask Arab students in your country if their families in their home countries would enjoy visits from "approved Servas travelers regardless of race, creed, or nationality." Names of prospective hosts in countries where our organization is not already represented should be sent to the international secretary of Servas:

Birgitte Damsgaard  
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2500 Valby, Denmark