

Uruguay and Brazil continue their yearly meetings. These gatherings are a prelude to the South American regional meeting we plan to hold in the near future.

The complexity and versatility of socio-economic conditions make it sometimes difficult for an easy relationship to be established between Servas hosts and travelers, but we try our best. In recent years the number of hosts has increased from 32 in 1978 to 134 in 1984: This is due to each host contributing a small effort to spread the Servas idea. The number of travelers has increased as well, showing the inevitable pattern of overvisited areas, a strenuous situation for the hosts; while other regions remain neglected. Please; adopt a sensitive approach towards this problem: South America is a continent of great potentials, very interesting to visit. While our population growth is high, vast areas remain to be explored and developed. Latin passion vibrates, emotions surge and the heart, more often than not, overcomes the head. Here you might experience intense love, ... you might experience intense hatred. Here you can be treated as a dearest friend, or be robbed unless you are careful. SERVAS has its own Latin American characteristics. These are worth exploring. Help us develop at our own place and rhythm, do not impose imported models upon us, but try to discover the underlying culture which flourished here thousands of years ago: If you are planning a trip to South America, make an effort to learn Spanish, follow the indications in the host-list, be open towards any results and you can rest assured to have unforgettable experiences. SERVAS is still a young plant in South American soil, and we have to help it growing during its first tender years. If you know of any potential host or traveler in South America, please let us know.

Jorge Zoppolo, South American Regional Coordinator

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Costa Rica is a small country of some 2 1/2 million people, situated in Central America between Panama and Nicaragua. It's a democratic country without an army, reknowned for its peacefulness. We are looking forward to entertaining many more visitors in future.

Dianne Patterson, Costa Rica

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THOUGH I.T MAY BE UNESSENTIAL TO THE IMAGINATION, TRAVEL IS NECESSARY TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF MEN.

(Freya Stark: Persens in the Wind)



We, in Mauritius, are ready to welcome more and more travellers though our country is small but yet beautiful. It is our sole responsibility to accommodate you and give you all the facilities necessary during your stay according to the aims and objects of SERVAS INTERNATIONAL.

On December 31st 1977 the population was estimated at over 922,064, comprising predominantly Indo-Mauritian people of mixed and African origin, of European and Chinese descent. It is an island of approximately 720 square miles

T. Sibsurun, Mauritius

SERVAS IN INDONESIA by Flory and Mardjuky*

Believe it or not, we are the only SERVAS host in Indonesia (Population 148 mio.). No wonder we are swamped with visitors: in 1979: 27; in 1980: 28; in 1981: 46; in 1982: 23 and in 1983: 30 visitors. We live in Yogyakarta, the second tourist town in Indonesia after Denpasar/Bali.

In fact, Bali is more famous than Indonesia. Many people confuse it with Indonesia. We are surprised to receive letters asking: "Is Indonesia close to Bali?" or "Is Indonesia in Bali?" Bali, the last paradise, is only a small island (144 by 80kms), one amongst the 13,677 islands which make the Republic of Indonesia.

Indonesia is a colorful mosaic south of Singapore and north of Australia. In the 16th century Portuguese, Spanish, English and Dutch sailors came to Indonesia to buy spices; thus Indonesia is a country of many contrasts. Situated on the equator, it is tropical, but its Jayawijaya Mountains (4750 m) are topped with eternal snows.

If you visit Indonesia you will mostly meet moslems, but also christians, buddhists or animist friends. Have a chat with a Javanese and you will find his spirit to consist - like an onion - of many layers. There are animistic, hinduistic, Buddhistic; moslem and christian layers in the hearts of Javanese. Their belief is that any religion is good.

Switzerland has four languages

but Indonesia has 250 languages. Fortunately, we have a national language: Bahasa Indonesia. It is a simple language, without tenses, declinations or conjugations. Many Servas visitors have proved that it is easier to find english speaking people in Indonesia rather than in Muanthai or Japan.

The Republic of Indonesia was founded on August 17th, 1945. Before, it was occupied by the Japanese (1941-1945), and prior to that by the Dutch (1602-1941).

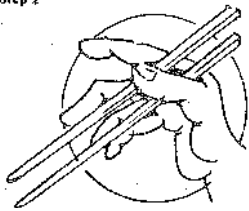
You can imagine how Soekarno (the first president) got headaches in his attempt to provide 70 million people with rice and school buildings in 1945.

How were Soekarno and Soeharto (the recent president), who are both Javanese, able to manage Indonesia? Javanese, the majority of Indonesia's population, have some sayings which support their spiritual force, e.g "Where there is a day, there is rice"; "don't do any work in a hurry, as it will eventually be completed"; "any difficulty is your life outfit" or "life is just a break to have a drink". Although there is a recession and inflation, Indonesian people keep surviving. Darwin's "survival of the fittest" does not apply to Galapagos only but also to Indonesia. Don't you believe it?

To come to Indonesia that has a GNP of US-\$ 220, but its people are always smiling and its suicide rate is much lower than in Sweden, West Germany, Switzerland or Japan. Why? Indonesian people believe that life is worth living, because there is another life after this present life. Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam and Christianity have assured us of it. In an Indonesian newspaper, we once read the following: "Japanese believe in nothing except Honda, but Javanese believe in anything including Honda".

If you ever visit Indonesia, please do visit our home (our address is available with your Servas-Coordinator). Please call Flory during office hours (7a.m. to 1pm.) from Monday through Friday, except holidays. She is working as an office manager Mardjuki, a former journalist, is now a teacher. You may spend one or two days with us; you should write us in advance to

Step 2

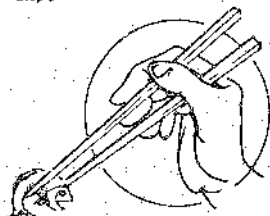


inquire about the vacancy of our spare room.

To close our article, may we quote once again the following story which an academic Thai friend of ours told us with a nice sense of humour, and which gives another twist to the old theme of two men and a girl on a deserted island: "If they were Germans, they would fight a duel over the girl. If they were Americans, one of the men would be a lawyer and would get the girl to sue the other man for alimony. If they were French, one would marry her and she would become the other one's mistress. If they were Japanese, as the deserted island has no telegraph, they would be unable to send a message to their head office for instructions, so they would do nothing. If they were Indonesians, they would sit down to musyawaroy (Indonesian style of discussion) to reach a consensus on what to do, and the girl would die an old maid".

Welcome to Indonesia with your national jokes. Servas-International Contacts for Indonesia.

Step 3



*Ich nocte gerne wt ssen,
ob auf dem. Mond auch mein
Herz schwere/os ware:
(Fin Schiller)*

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ANDALUSIA ? A world of peace. by Juan Carlos Arias Ranedo, Sevilla, Andalusia

As a young Andalusian, but yet a veteran member of SERVAS, I feel compelled to promote my region to Servas members who have not yet been in Andalusia, and who might harbor wrong or superficial notions about Spain's largest province. Due to the successive passage of numerous cultures which have

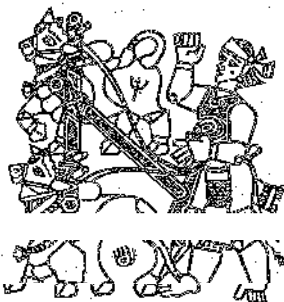
left vestiges behind them, Andalusia is a melting pot in which outstanding civilisations such as the phoenician, greek, roman, tartar, arabic and lastly

the christian, have flourished.

Monuments, traditions, gastronomy and a certain Andalusian way of life indicate the existence of open minded people who enjoy new experiences and welcome new concepts.

Fortunately, this coincides with the current Servas dynamic, and as the Servas host-list is steadily expanding, so does the number of Andalusian cities, able to provide hospitality to an ever growing number of visitors lucky enough to get acquainted with our noble land. Peace is ever present with -us, in contrast with other parts of the world where its absence is sorely felt. The Andalusians are peace-loving people always avoiding armed conflicts whenever possible.

Sarvodaya People in Servas
by Fran Garlake, England.



"The independence we have won is only political, our real task is to bring social and economic freedom to the millions of poor people scattered in the 500,000 villages of our country. Bapuji (Gandhi) planned for this even before independence. We are pursuing this task, taking our inspiration from him", said Hari vallabbhai, answering one of the hundreds of visitors who come to the ashram. Bhai, who has now reached 60, has spent 36 years- in the service of the aboriginals in Chhotaudepur area of Baroda District, Gujarat. For many, it would be difficult to believe that Bhai comes from the ruling class, his father had been ruler of a Princely State, as his identification with tribals is total. He explains that he learnt simplicity, love for labour and struggle for justice from his time with Gandhi.

After independence in 1948, Bhai established Anand Niketan Ashram on the banks of the river Heran, 100 km north-east of Baroda. The area was totally inhabited by tribals, who survived on the results of their primitive agricul-

ture, fruits of their hunting, roots, fruits and flowers from the forest. Bhai's first associates were his wife and a few teachers from non-tribal villages. Now the ashram family has grown to 350 members. Bhai said "unless we learn to live together in

harmony

with people of different temperaments and backgrounds, we can-not speak of peace".

The tribal community with whom he started work was exploited and harassed by money lenders and low-level government officials. The society was crippled by alcohol and associated violence. So, fighting outside forces was pointless before harmony was created within the community. To bring this peace, Bhai first campaigned against alcoholism, and to avoid violence a system for settling disputes evolved, called the lok-Adalat or People's Court. Slowly new activities were added:

Co-operatives, Adult Education, Irrigation, Agricultural Extension, and more recently Bio-Gas, Farm Forestry and Legal- Assistance, in an attempt to cover all aspects of tribal life. Now around 1,500 villages, with a population of 1.5 million are linked to the ashram and new centres have been started in other states. Due to Bhai's experience of rural India and his knowledge of development work, he is often required to travel to different parts of the country, attending seminars and meetings, but he maintains "The People's Court is the dearest of all activities, because it brings 'peace' to so many families in a simple way

Bhai's service for the people has earned him their confidence. Local people and friends all call him "Bhai", meaning brother. He has been secretary of Servas India for three decades now, and 2,500 visitors from all continents have visited the Ashram. For Bhai, all the people visiting from different countries are members of AnandNiketan's extended family.

This feeling has its roots in one of the Sanskrit sayings: "For a broad-minded person, the whole world is his family". This is Bhai's message for brotherhood and peace.

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Things undreamt of are daily seen; the impossible is ever becoming possible. We are constantly being astonished these days at the amazing discoveries in the field of violence. But I maintain that far more undreamt-of and seemingly impossible discoveries will be made in the field of

NON-VIOLENCE

(Gandhi)

Like every year.**by Marco Lombardo**

Here I am again, punctual as I am every year, to convey my impressions of the journey concluded recently in both Denmark and Holland. This with the help of numerous Servas-friends in these countries.

As I did last year while travelling in the USA, I have been able to enjoy the hospitality of individual most open-minded people towards any problem, and have shared intense moments with them discussing a variety of issues, sometimes in other Servas-travellers company, who were visiting the same household as I was.

Holland's and Denmark's inhabitants are very open towards foreigners and will give them any help required; to underline this factor, let me tell you that I was invited by total strangers, not members of Servas, a fact which contributes to make someone far away from home feel quite at ease.

Bathing at night in the North Sea's icy waters, visiting Amsterdam with all its contrasts, the fishing villages, Copenhagen, the farms, all this provided me with thousands of images and emotions which I shall never forget, and which will have only confirmed and increased my enthusiasm for Servas, of which I think the world is in particularly sore need of in these difficult times we are living in.

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the one who gives Charity, does peace

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New York: Henriette Lund, a spirited and colorful pioneer of Lutheran social work died Saturday, May 12, at Beth Israel Medical Center here.

"She loved life. She loved people," said Ruth Wick of Stamford, Conn., once an NLC colleague. "She looked for other persons' needs and what she could do to help them".

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We are saddened to learn of the recent sudden death of Shri G.C. Sharma, India's Peace Secretary. He will be missed.

Number of SERVAS hosts 1983

(compiled by Servas Denmark)

Country	No. of Hosts	N° of trav incoming	N°of trav. Outcoming
Algeria	28	3	1
Antigua	2	5	-
Austria	67	300	68
Australia	210	-	122
Bangladesh	3	-	-
Belgium	127	?	?
Bolivia	12	?	-
Brazil	25	33	1
Canada	220	?	180
Costa Rica	15	17	8
Denmark	220	250	800
Dominica	1	3	-
E.S. & K (UK)	395	?	294
Fiji	1	?	-
Finland	80	?	54
France	300	?	332
Germany	679	?	294
Guatemala	5	6	2
Guadelupe	27	8	3
Ireland	52	100	35
Italy	295	580	206
Jamaica	10	7	-
Japan	250	70	19
Korea	41	31	-
Madagascar	1	2	-
Mauritius	15	6	4
Mexico	81	100	13
Netherlands	100	?	?
New Zealand	411	?	?
Norway	69	76	58
Malta	16	14	10
Portugal	45	38	21
Puerto Rico	5	24	2
South Africa	30	24	27
Spain	40	240	10
Sweden	202	?	160
Switzerland	117	259	109
Tahiti	2	5	?
Thailand	5	30	2
Uruguay	20	?	12
USA	1773	?	1601
Tanzania	?	6	?
Ghana	21	2	-
Zambia	20	10	-
Zimbabwe	2	14	?

Antigua 8, 'Algeria 18, By Birgitte Domsgaard, Danmark, 1982

Argentina 14, Australia 207, Austria 69, Barbados 1, Belgium 127, Belize 1, Bolivia 12, Brazil 31, Canada 260, Chile 5, Costa Rica

Curacao 12, Denmark 225, Dominica 1, Dubai 1, Ecuador 1, Egypt 2, Finland 83, France 345, Guadelupe 27, Fed. Rep. of Germany 679, Singapore 1, Spain 80, St. Kitts/Nevis 4, Sweden 200, Switzerland 118, Tahiti 1, Thailand 6, Trinidad 8, Uruguay 30, USA 1700

Venezuela 4, Virgin Islands 2, Indonesia 1, South Africa 20, Greece 32, Guate

mala 7, Haiti 3, Portugal 44, Kuwait 1, Puerto Rico 6.

Some figures are unknown, others may not be mentioned here.

Total number of hosts in approx. 95 countries: 6000

Notes from the Peace Secretary Jo Graham

The **1983** Servas International Conference in Nahariya/Israel approved the appointment of a national peace secretary in each Servas branch country. At present there are seven: Canada, Denmark, USA, Great Britain, Ireland, Mexico, New Zealand. Other countries are urged to notify Servas International peace secretary, Jo Graham, as soon as appointments are made.

Many Servas members responded to the article "What about our Children?" in SIN 19 and offers were made to help translate it into Hindi and French.

Booklets are still available from Parents and Teachers for Social Responsibility, Box 517, Moretown, Vermont 05660 USA.

The ancient Roman symbol for peace was the open palm of the hand. Some countries, like some people, are shaking a fist at everybody around the world. What a fist cannot do is to accept or offer an extended hand. There are no fists in Servas: there are only open hands and open doors.

THE PEACE BOOK

This colorful book for children and adults tells of a little boy who sets out to tell the world "All children want to live... listen to LIFE crying out inside you..."

Pope John Paul II said: "It is my fervent wish that everyone in the world would open their hearts to let the PEACE BOOK". (Bernard Benson, New York 1982).

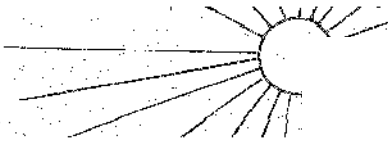
Hiking along transalpine paths.



Our Italian Servas secretary, Luigi Uslenghi, feels that the Alps of Western Europe should become an instrument to promote friendship among people.

He comes up with the following attractive suggestion: Rediscover ancient pathways linking France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, Northern Europe and the Mediterranean, the Orient and Occident, while crossing the Alps. The Peace Book could be named PATHWAYS TOGETHER.

This proposition attracts individuals of leanings such as the ones who - enjoy walking, - enjoy meeting others, are sensitive to testimonies of the past, - love nature.



We should require people who propose classification of races to state in the first place why they wish to divide the human species. (Sherwood Washburn, 1911 US anthropologist)

Conference in Stockholm should be supplemented by such an initiative.

As is suggested that there should be increased contact across the East-West frontiers in Europe to decrease existing lack of mutual confidence. Such a campaign might have the simple motto: When you go abroad next time, visit a country in Eastern Europe'

In our opinion the root of the evil is lack of mutual confidence. The cure is thoughtful travels. Many organizations have pointed to the importance of increased contact between people on both sides of the 'Iron Curtain'. We appeal to peace activists to join a campaign with the motto:

**WHEN YOU GO ABROAD
NEXT TIME, VISIT A
COUNTRY IN
EASTERN EUROPE.**

(from Servas Denmark)

The aim of this action would be to:
- experience happy days of international friendship,
- rediscover the routes which used to link countries together, develop an awareness of the real oneness of life, of the work, the effort, the value, be it individual or collective, of the men and women who for centuries, on either side of mountains, have been steadily trampling over the same earth, the same stones,
- try to assimilate to the present the authentic values of the past,
- learn to rejoice together.
Those attracted to the idea for summer 1985

write to:

Luigi Uslenghi, Servas Italy,
Via Ragazzi del 99, 2-28100, Novara, Italy.

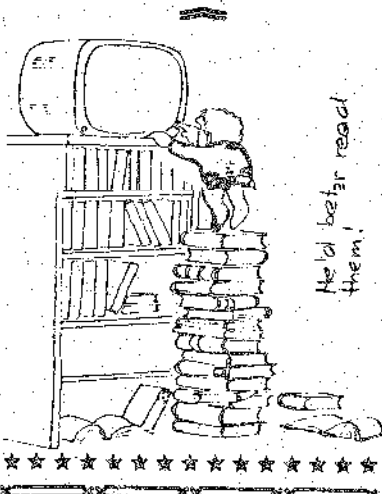


Etudes Diplomatiques: 1907 La Conference de La Have, by G. Hanteux (Extracts)

cont. from SIN 20
Weapons are not the only instrument of war. Men, finances, industry, transports, all of these are simultaneously tools and Weapons. One can kill with a scythe, with a spade, with one's fist

or even with one's nails. Where shall disarmament stop?
In the end, things will remain such as they always have been: Great powers will remain great powers, and small nations will remain small nations. Today as tomorrow, with or without text, if the former do not engulf the latter, it is due to moral motivation relinquishing the use of the iron guntlet.

At this point shall I formulate my second objection, which might leave Bismarck indifferent, but which concerns to a high degree the future of the free world Arms limitation negotiated through inter-national agreement, creates a right of interference favouring the strong and disadvantaging the weak. The new right would, by virtue of the signed and ratified agreements (and which certain nations were not even given the choice to either accept or refuse) entitle every state to keep an eye on his neighbour's business; furthermore all nations would be come suspect to one another. A reciprocal control, a permanent inquisition will become the rule. Any stockpiling would become a menace. Distrust would forever upset the relationship between nations, and would give vent to



FROM OTHER PEACE

ORGANIZATIONS

A "Peace Barge", owned by Service Civil International will soon begin year-round travel on France's 8000 kms of navigable rivers and canals and those of 7 other Western countries. If permission is granted, the Peace Barge will also travel the rivers of 8 Eastern European countries. (Jo Graham)

CREATE CONFIDENCE BY TRAVELING TO EASTERN EUROPE

The Danish Section of War Resisters' International suggests that a popular parallel to the Stockholm Conference on creating confidence between East and West should be established and is convinced that the official Security

tensions, reproaches, denunciations and disputes. To establish international limitation will mean adding fuel to the already existing difficulties, it will be a permanent cause of conflict, it will keep a dynamite-filled kettle on the fire. A limitation of strength will be, in effect a limitation of basic rights. And who will lend an ear to the voice of the invaded, of the despoiled, of the supervised? Which court will judge the judges, who will control the controllers?

The limitation thesis claims to speak in the name of Peace, but the anti-thesis does so as well; furthermore it speaks on behalf of freedom, equity, common sense and caution.

Great powers will be the ones to rejoice: They will be at last in possession of the legal means to meddle with the affairs of smaller nations. Protocol in hand, the jurists of the mighty nations will proceed to ventilate and expropriate the property of others.

A final objection is the following: Conflicts would most likely disappear from the planet if humanity were united and single. Will the future encompass this huge and unique centralization? Would it be compatible with the complex variety of races, cultures and climates? At any rate, for the time being, this is not the case. Nations exile in the history of weapons procurement and deployment, certain years mark a new stage in the process of military confrontation. 1983 was such a year. Once new deployments are made, they are rarely reversed: they usually prove to be points of no return.

The SIPRI YEARBOOKS describe what is going on in military expenditure in the



The SIPRI yearbook 1984

arms trade and in the technological arms race, and also gives an account of the progress (if any) in the attempt to arrest or reverse the process of militarization. The fifteenth yearbook covers developments up to January 1984.

All Sipri data come from published sources: references are listed.

The World Armaments and Disarmament Sipri Yearbook 1984 is distributed in:

and the principle of a "Nation" is the main, the most powerful and the most active of levers in international politics. Not only do people not remotely think of merging and uniting, but rather tend to the opposite to split and break up. Everywhere provinces are sew to want to attain national status; secondary ethnical groups demand their autonomy. Dialects and jargons perpetuate themselves and resist absorption by the dominating tongues. Europe is dividing and subdividing itself. In intellectual, moral, social and economic differences cause world wide sources of friction and potential conflicts. Civilisation it-

self, it would appear, cannot progress without crushing somebody in its course; but this somebody, before dying, resists. People are not to be easily destroyed and their death pangs cause lasting conflicts.

It is not easy to detect, in the melting pot of the future, indications of this elaboration towards unity, announced by both socialists and pacifists. To avoid unjust annexations, to resist oppressions, a country's national armed force is... the most efficient guarantee of security and independence in a free world.

Pacifist propaganda, unless it gets tangible results within @-e near future, will fall into derision, its noblest aspirations will be muzzled, and a just cause will be compromised. (End)

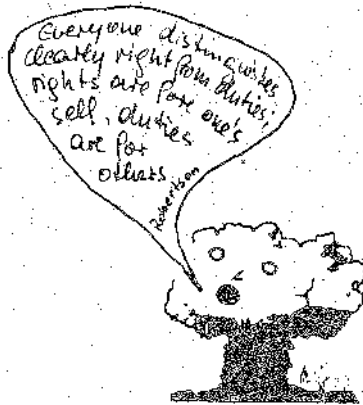
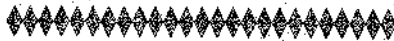


Scandinavia: Almqvist & Wiksell Intl., Drottninggatan 108, Box 45150, S-104 30 Stockholm/Sweden

USA: Taylor & Francis Inc. 242, Cherry Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106-1906/USA

Rest of the world: Taylor & Francis, 4 John Street, London WC1N 2E/UK (What about eastern countries editorial comment)

countries?



SIRNY's comment...

IF IT IS SAFE:

- * dump it in Tokyo
- * test it in Paris
- * store it in Washington

BUT

- * keep my Pacific nuclear-free!

(The Movement for a Nuclear-Free Pacific)

Since the end of World War II, the islands of the Pacific have given vital support for nuclear weapons development. On August 6, 1945, the U.S. bomber "Enola Gay" took off from Tinian in the Northern Marianas, and dropped the atomic bomb on the people of Hiroshima. From that initial use of nuclear weaponry until today - when thousands of nuclear warheads are deployed throughout the world the Pacific Islanders have continually been the victims of the nuclear and military strategies of larger powers.

U.S. nuclear weapons testing in the Pacific ended in the early 1960s, but was replaced with the testing of nuclear weapons delivery systems, also in the Marshalls. The people of Kwajalein were evicted from their homes in 1964 so that their island, the largest atoll/lagoon in the world, could be used as target for long-range missiles fired from California, 4700 miles away.

The French and the Japanese governments are also active in the Pacific. Even now, the French test nuclear weapons in their Polynesian colony, where over seventy nuclear bombs have been detonated since the early 1960s. According to an independent French study, the testing leads to more than 40 cancer cases each

Protect environment for our benefit.
(Chin. calligraphie by Wou Zuoren)





TUNISIAN WEDDING

by S.C. Aksel*

Traveling to remote corners of the globe I have had many strange and fascinating experiences but none equal to my visit to Jerba, Tunisia, a remote island of great beauty in the Mediterranean. There two eras collide, the medieval and the modern, and there I "discovered" a colony of Jews whose origins go back to ancient times.

Judeo-African legend relates that Jews first came to Jerba in King Salomon's time and that, following the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 C.E., kohanim (the Jewish priests) carried one of the Temple doors to Jerba and encased it in the walls of the synagogue called La Ghribas (the wondrous). As I toured the island, I was intrigued by the sight of women covered from head to foot in caftans, veils hiding all but their dark eyes, and men dressed in long flowing jellabas (robes), their heads covered with turbans, their bare feet in baboushes (pointed slippers). They strolled under the Moorish archways shading the narrow, cobblestone alleyways. Some tended little shops displaying a colorful array of hand-woven rugs, embroidered blouses and dresses, ceramics, blankets and copper vases.

WEDDING CARAVAN

The serenity of this medieval setting was interrupted by a noisy procession of automobiles followed by horse drawn buggies: Their occupants waved, inviting us to follow them. "What is this all about?" I asked the guide.

They are announcing a Everyone is invited: You,

"Me , a total stranger?"

"Yes", he replied. "It's our here. Everyone is welcome."

A short while later, we arrived at the synagogue of La Ghriba, to my surprise a spot routinely included in tours of Jerba. Step-

ping off the bus, we walked past a white stone wall and through a blue archway that framed the pathway to the synagogue. A bearded, elderly man, wearing a robe and yarmulka, greeted us and pointed inside, where a few -men and women, seated separately on wooden benches, were praying.

A member of the congregation approached me and asked something in Hebrew, a language I do not

year among the native population. Despite continuing protests from the people, the French have made no concessions, other than to switch from atmospheric to underground testing in 1975. Nonetheless, underground testing causes destruction to both the environment and to the health of the Polynesian people.

Japanese scientists have been dispatched to try to convince the Micronesians that the proposed dumping would not harm them.

The people of the Pacific, however, cannot be so easily persuaded. "If it is safe", they inquire, why don't you dump it in Tokyo?" Polynesians ask the French to test their bombs in Paris; Micronesians demand that the U.S. take their nuclear weapons back to Washington.

The success of the movement (Nuclear Free Pacific Movement) would be a victory not only for the Pacific peoples, but also for the cause of nuclear disarmament internationally. The worldwide peace movement will achieve a major breakthrough when the Pacific - a region vital to the development and basing of nuclear weapons - can become truly pacific again.

Disarmament Newsletter
Disarmament Newsletter

(Activities of Non-Governmental Organizations)

The United Nations Department for Disarmament Affairs has been informed by various NGO's about a multitude of activities around the world. The following list covers only a number of events of international character, and it does not imply any judgement by

either the United Nations or Servers on these activities. Additional information may be obtained by writing directly to the addresses given.

Peace groups from Europe and the United States organized various activities during the Stockholm Conference on Confidence and Security-building Measures and Disarmament in Europe since it began in January 1984. Activities include rallies, hearings, seminars, dances and follow-up meetings. Contact: Secretariat for the Stockholm Conference, c/o Rainer Santi, IKFF, Packhusgrand 6, 11130 Stockholm, Sweden.

A meeting of the International Trade Union Committee for Peace and Disarmament (Dublin C. tee) was held in Glasgow, Scotland, on 12 and 13 February 1984. More than 30 representatives of 22 trade union organizations from 15 European countries attended. The C.tee and its members emphasized, in particular, the renewal

of the Geneva negotiations between the United States and USSR as an immediate objective. Contact: International Trade Union Comm. for Peace and Disarmament, Dublin, Ireland.

The Winter School of the International Youth and Student Movement for the United Nations (ISMUN) was held in Warsaw from 29 February to 4 March 1984 on the subject "Youth and Ways to Peace". The gathering was attended by approximately 70 Students and representatives from youth organizations in Eastern and Western Europe. ... Ms. Ingrid Lehmann, Coordinator of the World Disarmament Campaign' also spoke on "The role of youth in the World Disarmament Campaign. Contact: ISMUN c/o Palais des Nations, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland

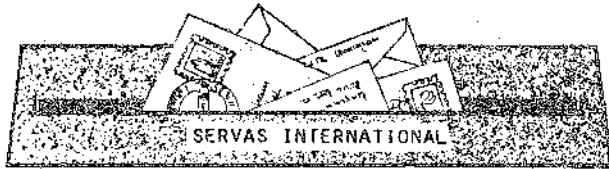
A delegation of the American Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control met with Soviet lawyers

to discuss ways of improving the process of negotiations and other nuclear arms control issues. The meeting, which was held in March 1984 in the United States, followed the meeting between these two groups held last July in Moscow when the delegations decided on four areas of future study and the preparation of draft papers, namely: improving the nuclear arms negotiation process; improving compliance mechanisms, such as the standing Consultative Commission; equality and equal security; and not first-use of nuclear weapons. Contact: Lawyers Alliance for Nuclear Arms Control, Inc., 43 Charles Street, Suite 3, Boston MA 02114, USA.

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"The greatest hope for peace lies in ordinary people demanding of their leaders that they commit themselves to the cause of peace with all the intensity that is now devoted to preparing for war. This will only be done if ordinary people are alerted to the danger we all face. There can therefore be no more important task for the media than bringing this message to the people in a creative and informed way." (Foreign Minister William George Hayden of Australia)..





I have read with great interest tJx article "The Jews of Kaifeng" in SIN 19. ... I visited Jerba/Tunisia recently and had this fascinating experience when I attended a Jewish wedding there.... If the article (A Tunisian wedding is of interest, you have my permission to reprint it. ... Many thanks for that fine issue of SIN and all good wishes to our fine organization.

Sophie C. Aksel, Brooklyn.

Dear Reva,
Thank you so much for bringing to my attention the article in SIN that pertains to trees. It is always reassuring to read positive articles about reforestation programs. As you know I am still very anxious to see the Tree Project get underway, and we are working to that end. Your support of that effort is deeply appreciated. Sincerely yours,
Sally Swing Shelley, Chief NGO Section, -e Dept. of Public Information. -
We have received a number of other letters expressing the writers appreciation and satisfaction with the contents of SIN in general

Below we print an exception, an extract of a letter received from Israel:

"Dear Sirs,
Servas host for quite a number of years, but also as a traveller, I wish to express my disappointment with SIN 20 in particular, and Servas in general, in the following respects. Personally I am always willing to host any person, including the "Armament producer, even the military person, condemned somewhat childishly by your correspondent (p. 6) for armament, pro-Arab, pro-Israeli, - Green anti-nuke, pro-USSR and other movements, many have their justification but not within Servas or its publications. Specifically, SIN 20 is so full of mistakes .. Then, CSSR: there is no such country; I assume the CSR is meant and not a 16th Soviet state...)

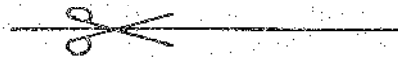
Look at the pro-USSR bias: Antonie Fried's article on Servas- difficulties in Eastern Europe conveniently does not mention the USSR, the unsigned article "Travel in the Soviet Union" describes the possibilities of car travel in the USSR in glowing terms. Did you try it, of course not. (how do you know? eds.) Finally, three of the six SIN 20 correspondents have typical Jewish names, while the only non-Latin characters used are Arabic.... Sincerely Dr. i4. Kadmon, Jerusalemi

TUNISIAN WEDDING (cont. from p.7) understand. "He's asking if you want a prayer said for you," my guide explained. "Yes, of course," I replied. A covering was placed on my head and the prayer was intoned. I could sense a contribution was in order, but I had no time in offering one. -

At the PLAZA that night I strolled to the plaza where I was told the townpeople gathered to chat over mint tea, turkish coffee, and - wine. Noticing a group of university students speaking English, I sat down near them and struck up a conversation. When I mentioned my visit to the synagogue and expressed my surprise at finding an active Jewish community on Jerba, Sami, one of the young men, said, "Why are you so surprised? Here many Jews live. I am Jewish, too."

How can I meet more Jewish people and learn about your community?" I asked him. "My cousin," Sami replied, "is getting married. We are in the middle of a weeklong celebration. I invite you to come." I now felt at home among friends, longer outsider. And I realized how strong is the bond between Jews, especially when meeting in distant corners of the world.

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