FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you in advance for your support. As I said after the recent election, I feel quite humble and will need everyone's help and support in the coming year. Our continued success will depend on the diligent efforts of an active membership in arranging our programs and activities.

I wish to take this opportunity to tell everyone involved in the recent Pig Roast how much I enjoyed the entire event. In particular the cooperative efforts of many people involved in the various aspects of the preparation and roasting process. I was disappointed last year when we had only an imaginary pig. The scheduling of a RPCV Regional meeting at in coordination with this event provided a great opportunity to meet active RPCV's from other parts of the U.S.

On October 13, Julie hosted an event for new members to share their slides and tell us about their service. It gave the calendar committee a chance to see some great pictures which may grace next year's calendar. It gave me a chance to demonstrate that good slides will last over 25 years. My projects at that early time assisted Ecuador's jungle colonization. This type policy is no longer favored because of the resultant environmental damage.

This past week it was Madison's privilege to host a visit by the Dali Lama who was recently named winner of this year's Nobel Peace Prize. It made me think that dedication of one's life to be worthy of such a prize could change the world for the better. Are we doing as much as we can in the cause of peace?

At the November business meeting we will be challenged to work to influence national policies toward international development.

Now another great social event is just over a week away. The Halloween Party and Bon Fire and Meredith Green's on October 28. In the past this event has been famous for fabulous costumes. But we need not be afraid, these ghosts and goblins are dedicated to a more peaceful world.

We are still in need of a few good international citizens who are currently residing in the Madison area to present a game, a song, or a dance at Marquette School on December 7. If you know of someone from a Peace Corps country who might like a chance to share an afternoon with middle school students please let me know at 276-9453. (ASAP)

Until next time, Ken C.
EDITOR'S CORNER:

1. ELECTIONS - No surprises occurred, so it is now official. Next year's officers are:

   Ken Coffeen - President
   Deb Stapleton - Vice-President
   Buck Travicky & Gordon Malaise - Secretaries
   Kevin Neis - Treasurer

I would personally like to thank Rose Ann Scott and Hank Drennon for the fine job they did for us this past year. I'm sure the rest of the group appreciates their efforts as much as I do. Rose Ann should enjoy serving on the Deadwood Committee, although she will now take over as president of the Friends of Sierra Leone and is already planning how to whip that organization into shape.

This may be an appropriate time to mention a comment I read in the newsletter of our local Sierra Club chapter, a comment based on observations by the Sierra Club's national leadership. To quote: "Groups with 400 members tend to develop a core of 6-12 leaders, and the same is true of Groups with 4,000 members. Or 15,000." (The Muir View, July - Aug 1989) I was amazed when I read that statement. Since my only active experience with a volunteer group has been with the RPCVs of Wis - Madison, I'm used to the high levels of commitment which seem to characterize our group, as shown by the number of names in the committee listing to the left. All of our activity is taking place in a group with about 140 dues-paying members currently, many of whom do not live near Madison. Those of us who have worked in this group for some time probably take this level of commitment for granted. I have always wondered when I hear people outside our group comment on the level of activity we sustain. Now I have a better understanding of the feelings which underlie those comments.

Apparently we have somehow managed to harness the energy of many committed individuals in a very useful way. I'll let others try to figure out why we work the way we work. However we do it, let's keep it going!

2. Deadline for submitting material for the next newsletter is on or about Thursday, Nov. 16.

* * * * * * * NEXT MEETING: * * * * * * *

Next month's meeting will be Wednesday, Nov. 1 in Union South on the UW campus at 7 PM. Check the "Today in the Union" sheet on various bulletin boards in Union South for the room.

Future meetings are scheduled for:

   Thursday, Dec. 7
   Friday, Jan. 5 (Would be a potluck held at someone's house. Any volunteers?)
   Monday, Feb. 5
33 were present, with Nepal and Lesotho at last fairly represented. Many many were newguys. We have $1238 in our general account, w/ $45 to pay as promised to help meet the costs of the visit from the Ashoka/Nepal Fellow. Duncan Chaplin spoke about SWAPO. We MOVED and approved donating $50, to be sent through one of our members to a clergy group in Namibia. And there will be a benefit at the State St. Center on 9/22.

Rose Ann gave, in our name, $70 to Kristine Torres of the Centro Hispano, for emergency relief for 15 migrant workers stranded here without their wages. We MOVED and approved to reimburse Rose Ann.

On the Calendar: WorldView will come out w/a calendar ad in late Sept. We have cash on hand of $13,300; we've sold 1750 calendars; cash received is $5700; there's $500 outstanding. We were, mistakenly one hopes, given an incorrect bill, too high by $3000 (sic). Jim has dealt with it. We also agreed to let our errors (the printer's, mainly) go unremarked and unpunished. January could stand to be shorter, anyway.

The Pig Roast is coming soon (and by the time you read this, it'll be over). We confirmed responsibilities, and gave driving instructions to Mike Read's farm, past all the highway repair. On Sat. morning and afternoon, there will be a regional Presidents Meeting, to discuss Development Ed and Group Logistics. So the Saturday night conversation should be very cosmopolitan, not to say noisy.

There are 2 open jobs. One, in Guatemala, involves interviewing women, and does not pay well, but is short-term. The other, in England, is as a math-science teacher to 7th-8th grade kids of missionary parents, at $600/mo. Bob Cowell knows more.

Sharon Lewandowski is coming home! The second half of October. Cheers.

We arranged to represent ourselves at the Willy St Fair, and sell calendars. (Deb and Dave led it, with great success: we signed up a long list of people interested in Peace Corps, and we sold a respectable number of calendars. Does this perhaps count as a PC contract item?)

Hank Drennon, our outgoing VP, is the new campus recruiter for PC.

Brent invited us to his 40th birthday party. We agreed to do a Fast for A World Harvest potluck, as a breakfast on a large scale, at the Brands, with Jo leading. The New Member Slide Show will be on Fri, 13 Oct, 7:30, at Julie Olsen's house (322 Marston 255-7864). High Ropes is coming again! Oct 21, $15. Deb knows all (251-4192). (In fact, she and Dave are trying to get us into hang-gliding as well, and will soon have rousing stories, or cats, for us to examine.) And there will be a Halloween Bonfire Party at Meredith's on 10/28. Bring makings for s'mores (choc. & marshmallows), and effigies and costumes. 2975 Rimrock Rd, 271-0998.

We then moved, without adjourning, to the Red Oak Grill, to grill possible candidates for next month's elections, and had succeeded, against all odds, by 11.00. My, how difficult it's been this year.

And so to bed.
Returned Peace Corps Volunteers
of Wisconsin
(that is, Madison)
barbarian eaters of boar
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28 were present, and well-behaved for a change.

We have $1190 in our general account.

Regarding the Calendar, 1475 have been sold, for $7778. 605 are out to others, and 597 are out to ourselves. We have $15.011 on hand, and owe a bit over $10,000. Jim has successfully foiled an attempt by the printer to overcharge us. In charity, we insist that this was inadvertant, but it is nonetheless unsupportable. There will be a Mailing Party to hawk calendars through the post. Wed. 18 Oct, 7:00, Karen's house, 1032 Fiedler Lane, 256-2141. (Our very first junk mail! How exciting!)

Kathleen reported on progress in organizing a Cardinal Bar Benefit. We'll do it in early November, on a Saturday. We need to focus the aim, and we should focus the food. (Perhaps curry; but Canadian has an oblique appeal all its own. Maybe curried Canadian?) We passed around yellow sheets, listing those volunteering to cook, and citing our favorite destinations for the money. Hunger in Madison, and rain forests elsewhere (the ones here are in good shape) were two possibilities. We authorized KQ and Jo to pick appropriate local-global foci, and otherwise organize us.

Hank reported on the status of our grant request for Biden-Pell money. The Nat'l Council has money for global education work, made available by the Biden-Pell act. The Council is giving grants of ca. $5000 to RPCV groups which submit good requests. We decided at our Winter Retreat to make such a request, and intended the proposal, and the actual prose, to be a model for all others. At that time, we were thinking of the Lord of the Flies approach: working from a suggestion by Ken, we meant to draw up and implement plans for teaching school kids about village life in Africa, with modules on house-building, cooking, crafts, and so on. All at summer camp. This would be just the start, though: we saw vast glittering horizons of beckoning improbable effort: programs on worldwide house construction, music, food, bathing (this was especially popular).

This may seem a bit extravagant to you, in the cold light of autumn, but this was winter, by a fire. Hank and his colleagues have, to our relief, honed down the intellectual rhetoric of these ideas into something possible. Using our Calendar as the vehicle, we shall produce a school program on each of the countries featured, with workshops for the teachers. We'll ask for $5000, and will use the money mainly to hire ourselves to do the many lengthy tasks involved. It will be a good proposal, and stands a good chance of being approved. We submit it in November.

Also on the Global Ed front, Ken reports that Thursday Dec 7th is International Games Day in the schools. Marquette Middle has 26 classes, and seeks qualified foreigners, willing to demonstrate a game, a dance, a song, and to describe their country, in 15 minutes. Each one would rotate from class to class throughout the day. Contact Ken (276-9453).

The Cap Times and State Journal seek a series of articles by us on our Peace Corps experience, and they'd like to start in a couple of weeks. Over 10 of us promised to try our hands. Deb is leading us (251-4592).
Deb is also leading the Freeze for Food again. to our happiness. We approved up-front money of $250. The date is Jan 27.

Joe of the Community Action Commission was present to thank us for our work in sponsoring the Hmong Garden on Muffy’s estate. He passed around a very kind letter of appreciation.

Buck reported on the Pig Roast. We vowed to consult experts (Samoan lawyers, perhaps) for next year’s pig. And Marcy, as hostess, must never again get her hands wet washing up. Also, we’ll return to August next year: October is too cold. Income was short by about $100, and we voted to cover it out of our funds.

We had Elections. The new officers, elected secretely but unanimously, are: Pres. Ken Coffeen; VP Deb Stapleton; Secs, Buck Trawicky and Gordon Malaise; Treasurer, Kevin Neis.

Sat Oct 21 will be another hit at the High Ropes Course. Come, and lengthen your life while diminishing your expectancy. Call Kevin or Deb. It’ll cost $20, probably.

And, on the same day, Brent and the Wisconsin Chiropractors are hoisting a gala of Brazilian samba in the Milwaukee Domes, to benefit Sira, here learning chiro to use among the poor of Bahia. Call Brent (244-0289).

We were told to come to Bob and Diana’s wedding reception, and to sign the quilt we’re having made for them. (We did, and saw Bob in a suit. It’s the first he’s ever owned. And he’ll probably keep it. The downhill slide begins.)

Muffy is having a Halloween Bonfire on Oct 28, Sat, at her house (2975 Rimrock Rd. 2771-0996). Come and stare at Ross, who will surely wear another disgusting costume. Last year he was a bulemia clinician.

Plan on going to Eugene next summer for the National Conference. We’re all taking the train, and so is everyone else.

And you’ve already missed the new member slide show at Julie’s.

Buck is having a party on Thanksgiving Saturday. Come. 1250 Jenifer. Sharon is back.

Birdsong is necessary for plants to grow properly! This is from pp134ff of Secrets of the Soil, by Thompkins et al, authors of The Secret Life of Plants. Lovely. So stop slingshotting those songbirds. Go for the birdwatchers instead, if you must.

Then we adjourned to the Red Oak Grill, and talked loud to distract all those annoyingly studious bookworms.

—Buck
THORN TREE

MIL GRACIAS TO BOB AND DIANA
Thanks for the bike that you made available for our use. Eric is getting excited about getting some exercise, and this should do the trick. Meredith

THE TURNERS RETURN
Tim and Janet Turner and their daughter, Laura, will be in Madison briefly and will greet us all at an open house from 7 to 9 pm on Tuesday evening, October 24th, at Meredith’s house (2975 Rimrock). Everyone is welcome to stop in and say hello.

GAIA Pottery: Coffee mugs and bowls, handmade, signed and dated. Order now for the holidays. Prices reasonable. Contact Meredith: 271-0998

Terry—you are no longer in Nepal; it’s time (past time) you fulfilled your promise to provide our group with an updated constitution. We wait impatiently.
# Dates to Note

**October**

- **21 SAT**  |  ROPES COURSE 9 AM TO 4 PM - ROGERS MEMORIAL HOSP - OCONOMOWOC
- **22 Sun**  |  BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
- **28 Sat**  |  HALLOWEEN PARTY - 7:30 pm - BON FIRE, costumes, apple dunking BRING CARAMEL APPLES, POPCORN BALLS, BURNABLES, WOOD, LOGS to Meredith Green's, 2975 Rimrock Road - 271-0998
- **29 Sun**  |  BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
- **30 MON**  |  RESULTS - 7 PM - UNION SOUTH - 2 CENT FOR HOUSING NOW

**November**

- **1 Wed**  |  GENERAL MEETING - 7:00 pm - Union South - 227 N Randall Ave PROGRAM: "GLOBAL POVERTY; FROM DISPAIR TO SOLUTION", VIDEO PRODUCED BY JEFF GOLDEN
- **5 Sun**  |  BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
- **8 Wed**  |  Milwaukee Meeting - 7:00 pm 1756 N. Prospect - 271-9950
- **11 SAT** |  CURRY CUISINE BENEFIT AT THE CARDINAL BAR - 5:30 P.M.
- **12 Sun** |  BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
- **15 WED** |  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- **19 Sun** |  BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
- **23 Thr** |  Thanksgiving Day
- **25 SAT** |  BUCK'S BASH - ALL NIGHT AT 1250 JENNIFER STREET - 3RD FLOOR
- **26 Sun** |  BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
- **27 MON** |  RESULTS - 7 PM -

**December**

- **1 FRI**  |  HOLIDAY PARTY WITH ELABORATE GIFT EXCHANGE
- **3 Sun**  |  BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
- **7 Thr**  |  GENERAL MEETING - 7:00 pm - Union South - 227 N Randall Ave
- **10 Sun** |  BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
- **13 WED** |  MILWAUKEE MEETING - 7:00 PM 1756 N. PROSPECT - 271-9950
- **15 FRI** |  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE
- **17 Sun** |  BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
- **18 MON** |  RESULTS - 7 PM
- **25 Mon** |  Christmas Day
- **31 Sun** |  BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union

*BRUNCH on Sunday is where the discussion our group business occurs between meetings, plus spirited chatter. Nice days - on terrace.*
LOOSE LIPS

DEB AND DAVE SOLD CLAENDARS AT THE WILLY STREET FAIR. KEN CONSIDERED IT (THE FAIR) AS HIS INITIATION INTO THE PRESIDENCY. BRENT WAS THERE WITH SERA'S SONS CLINGING TO HIM, THERE ARE NOT SUCH HAPPENINGS IN BRAZIL. A RPCV FROM BOSTON ON HIS WAY TO MINNEAPOLIS CAR BROKE DOWN, SO HE GRABBED HIS BIKE AND PEDDALED INTO MADISON, HEARD THE FAIR, MEET DAVE AND DEB SELLING CALENDARS, AND STATED HE HAD ALREADY BOUGHT ONE IN BOSTON. SMALL WORLD.

BRENT HAD HIS BIRTHDAY PARTY. HIS MOTHER'S MOTOR HOME WAS THE MAIN ATTRACTION. SHE GAVE TOURS, TV ON THE DASH SO SEE CAN SEE WHAT IS BEHIND HER, CUT CRYSTAL DECANTERS, FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS ON THE TABLE, A QUEEN SIZE BED, A JACUZZI WITH A SUN ROOF. SHE WORE AND OUTFIT WITH A LEOPARD ON HER BODICE AND HER FRIEND HAD A MATCHING OUTFIT WITH A GIRAFFE. OH YES, BRENT DID HAVE A NICE TIME.

KITTY WANTS DON TO SHAVE HIS BEARD. SHE THINKS HE'LL LOOK LIKE TOM SELLACK.

THE PIG ROAST WAS A SMASH, THANKS TO MIKE AND MARCY. GUESTS WERE FROM MI, MO, IN, AND WI. THE PIG RITUAL SPELLBOUNDS EVERYONE INTO ALL NIGHT BOUNDFIRE SITTING, AND FRIVOLITY. THANKS TO BOB AND ANDY FOR PROPERLY PREPARING THE PIG FOR THE PIT.

ANYONE WHO DID GET INTO THEIR TENT EARLY WAS ENTERTAINED ALL NIGHT BY FIRESIDE CONVERSATIONS. THE NIGHT ENDED AT 6 AM WHEN BUCK FIANLY WENT DOWN MUTTERING SOMETHING ABOUT CELESTIAL SEASONINGS.

MIKE WORE HIS DRY CLEANER PRESSSED BLUE JEANS- THAT CHICAGO GUY DOES NOT KNOW HOW TO GET DOWN!

MARK ATTEMPTED TO CAMP IN FREEZING WEATHER WITHOUT A SLEEPING BAG.

BOD AND GINA HELD A 40 DAYS FOR WADE AND CHRIS.

LENA HAD HER THIRD BIRTHDAY PARTY AND EVERYBODY LEFT WITH THEIR FACES PAINTED.

KAREN IS DUE IN JUNE AND GETTING MARRIED IN NOVEMBER.

BOB AND DIANA GOT MARRIED BY SHIRELY ABRAHANSON AT THE POLITICALLY CORRECT EAST WING OF THE CAPITOL, IN FRONT OF NO WAR MEMORIALS. JIM WAS SO TOUCHED HE HELD LAURA'S HAND THE REST OF THE EVENING. AFTER THE CEREMONY THEY HAD A 3 FORK DINNER AND A DANCE. AT THE CUTTING OF THE CAKE DIANA'S FATHER EXTOLLED THE VIRTUES OF THE COUPLE IN A WAY ONLY A BRIT COULD. THE DJ WAS THE MOST SURPRISED WHEN EVERYONE'S FAVORITE MUSIC WAS BY PASTY CLINE. JOHN WAS THE FAVORITE GUY ON THE FLOOR, AND HIS BACKWARD DANCING CHEEK TO CHEEK WITH JULIE WAS DETERMINED TO BE OK BECAUSE THEY WERE CONSENTING ADULTS.

NORM IS VERY BUSY IN HIS HARDWARE STORE DOING EVERYTHING, REORDERING, CUTTING WINDOWS, MIXING PAINT, CUTTING PIPE, KNOWING EVERYTHING ABOUT EVERYTHING.

SHARON IS BACK BUT ONLY BUCK HAS SEEN HER.

PETER IS ALSO BACK FROM INDONESIA. BUCK GET AN ANSWERING MACHINE!

KEVIN HAS BEEN SWEATING CALCULUS.

HE ALSO GOT 20 TICKETS TO THE DALAI LAMAI, WHERE A TRUP OF US LISTENED TO HIM SPEAK OF HUMANITY, PEACE, AND HIS CAT, LIKE ALL ANIMALS INCLUDING PEOPLE, WANT THEIR FREEDOM. IN THE CASE OF HIS CAT TO GO OUT AT NIGHT AND BRING BACK 'DIRTY THINGS'.

SCOTT HAS REPORTED FROM THE EQUATOR IN ECUADOR, HAS NOT BEEN SO COLD SINCE HE LEFT THE STATES, HE IS THERE FOR 3 WEEKS, MAY GO TO THE AMAZON JUST TO THAW OUT. PLANS TO BE BACK IN FEB?

MEREDITH HAS A 1/2 TIME JOB WITH PLANNED PARENTHOOD.

WALT REPORTS STATE COLLEGE PA TO BE SMALL, BUT GREAT FOR CANOEING.

PEACE CORPS HAS RETURNED TO HATI, INCREASED VOLUNTEERS TO PAKISTAN, IS SIGNING UP HUNGARY, AND CHECKING OUT POLAND AND BOLIVIA.

AND FROM JOHN: LIGHT OVER THE WATER HEARTFELDT: HERE IS A LIFE THAT ALMOST BEGAN. TO MY FAMILY OF FRIENDS IN THE RPVC'S OF WISCONSIN, LOOKING FORWARD TO TO ANOTHER LIGHT- ON ANOTHER DAY-
World Bank policy hurts Third World

This week, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund are holding their annual meetings in Washington, D.C.

There continues to be a Third World debt crisis that resulted from the recession of the 1970s driving interest rates up, and the simultaneous drop in commodities prices, which left Third World countries unable to pay their debts to Western Banks. In their attempts to solve the problem, the IMF and World Bank imposed adjustment policy requirements on these countries, which caused severe cuts in social programs, such as health care and education. As a result, half a million people died last year unnecessarily, most of them small children. In Brazil alone, 1,000 children die every day because of policies Brazil follows to pay the huge sums it owes, and two-thirds of the population suffers from malnutrition.

It is my hope that the IMF and World Bank will act consistent with recent comments from their leaders and adopt the following proposals:

One. That social indicators such as the under-5 mortality rate and female literacy rate will be used as targets for improvements in bank-supported social programs.

Two. That the adjustments benefit the poor, specifically the poorest 20 percent of the population, including programs allowing access to credit, land and irrigation.

Three. That a commitment to ending poverty be a major criterion for allocation of assistance to these countries.

— Leslie Yankovich, Madison

NEWSLETTER POLICY:
Since we’re always trying to get new members, I’ll send three copies of our newsletter to anyone we think will be interested. After that, you have to pay to stay on our mailing list. Details can be found on the back page. ONE EXCEPTION: contacts in other RPCV organizations can continue to receive our newsletter if they will send us theirs.
Lurching Towards Peace

MUUKURA, UGANDA — Hundreds of villagers in this tiny railway station community in eastern Uganda stood stony-faced recently, listening to President Yoweri Museveni apologize for the deaths of 69 young people from the area two and a half months ago. Museveni admitted that troops from the National Resistance Army (NRA) had been responsible for the incident while on a mission against anti-government guerrillas in the east African nation. The young people died of suffocation after being herded into closed boxcars on the railway line, which has been unused since guerrillas began attacking the trains more than a year ago.

In a somber speech preceded and followed by dirges, the president reiterated an earlier promise to punish NRA offenders who are being held under arrest.

For many Ugandans, the mid-July killings were one more blow, in a country that has known little peace since the reign of terror began by Idi Amin in 1971. But Museveni’s personal appearance in Mukuru is seen as both an attempt to placate bereaved families and to repair his own frayed human rights reputation.

What is already being called the Mukuru massacre is regarded by Western diplomats in Kampala, Uganda’s capital, as one of the most disturbing actions by the Ugandan military since it began its three-year campaign against guerrilla opponents.

The conflict stems partly from persistent regional differences, with widespread fears in the north and east of economic and political dominance by southerners. Museveni, whose basis of support is in the south, has been only partly successful at creating an inclusive government. In addition, Uganda still suffers from a general breakdown of order and institutions in the wake of Amin's rule.

The London-based Amnesty International has periodically called attention to what it says are instances of rights abuses. In northern Uganda, stories have surfaced of NRA soldiers locking people in grass thatched huts before setting them on fire and of burning crops in a scorched earth policy designed to deny food to government opponents. There is also criticism of detentions without trial of suspected rebels from the war zone.

Museveni’s visit to Mukuru was the third time in a month that the killings have received prominent government attention. Twelve days after the incident was reported internationally, Army Commander, Major General Salim Saleh acknowledged the deaths. “It may be criminal negligence or mass murder,” said the army chief, who is also the president’s younger brother. “Someone will have to die for this.”

Subsequently, Museveni summoned Mukuru-area representatives of the National Resistance Council, the Ugandan parliament, to a meeting where he placed them at the head of joint civilian/military committees which will be in charge of supervising the drive against rebel forces. And the presidential appearance at Mukuru was part of a larger tour of the northern and eastern regions to dramatize what the government is calling “the end of the rebellion.”

But the response of the Mukuru villagers is an indication that the government still has some way to go before winning their confidence. According to survivors, some of whom were in the crowd for Museveni’s speech, the deaths on June 12 and 13 were a culmination of weeks of harassment by government troops in their dragnet operation against guerrillas.

Samsoni Okurut says peasants in his nearby village of Agirigiro were rounded up on July 5 and marched to an abandoned primary school where they were beaten before being marched to Makuru. He says other groups of villagers who were forced to converge on the railway center had similar stories. Most said they had been rounded up in the early mornings when they went to cultivate their fields. Finally, the survivors say, they were crammed into the railway cars. When people began to faint and vomit in the hot, airless compartments, older people were removed, but the others, some as young as 12 years old, were left to die.

The Mukuru incident, Museveni told the crowd at the station, did not happen on instructions of the military High Command, which the president chairs. “It was a mistake whose cause will be found,” he says.

Alibina Agayo, whose teenage son was one of the victims, was unconvincing. “Is it a mistake,” she asked, “to lock people in a windowless thing like that for days?”

Local people also chaffed at Museveni’s sometimes hectoring tone in the speech. “You should stop banditry,” he warned, “so that we stop movement of soldiers.” And he accused villagers of having an “ambivalent” attitude towards the government’s dealings with the rebels – a charge that echoed earlier government complaints that guerrillas are shielded by local supporters.

In practice, villagers often find themselves caught between the warring armies. Depending on the situation, both the rebels and the NRA have acted against local populations for allegedly helping the other side. The result is people who feel helpless to alter their plight.

Although Museveni is advising peasants to leave areas of conflict, those around Mukuru say they have nowhere to go where they can expect to find food and shelter. So, they say, they hope the government’s announcements that the rebellion is over turn out to be more than politicians’ mouthings.

- Ikebesi Omoding

Tuska Nagata/World Bank

Ugandan officials are trying to revive economic ventures, such as this tea plantation that have been disrupted by war.
Third Midwest Presidents' Forum, Pig Roast Held

by Mark Zober

Presidents' Forum Considers RPCV Issues

The third meeting of the Midwest Presidents' Forum was held in conjunction with a pig roast at the Reid's farm north of Madison, Wisconsin, on Saturday, September 23.

The Forum is an advisory body to the National Council of RPCVs, which is made up of 10 regions. The midwest region includes states from Iowa on the west to Michigan on the east. Presidents or their representatives from local groups are invited to attend regional meetings. The agenda is to help define and implement the objectives of the growing national RPCV movement.

Representatives from RPCV groups in St. Louis, Chicago, Michigan and Indiana, as well as from Madison, of course, sat in the Leeds Elementary School basement to deliberate such issues as our local global education programs, membership growth, the need for enhanced public relations and the agenda of the National Council. We were joined by Steve Warner, NCRPCV board member, Denver, and Kitty Theurmer, director of development education for the NCRPCV.

The most interesting decision was the establishment of a regional nominating committee to identify and support midwest candidates for the NCRPCV board of directors. Don Sauer of Madison and I have agreed to serve on this committee. It is hoped this will strengthen the movement by helping to assure strong, capable, representative leadership on the national level. Next year, eight positions are available on the 21-member board, so if you are interested, contact me for details.

The Day Simon Barely Finished

Simon lay on a wooden picnic table with want ads for a sheet, awaiting a spicy rubdown. He was being prepared for a ritualistic ceremony as the principal actor in the Madison RPCV Pig Roast.

The Madison Pig Roast combines the elements of a temporary tent city, all-night campfire rap session and marshmallow roast, gourmet country dining extravaganza, volleyball tourney, family picnic and hay ride. The setting was the farm of Big Mike and Marcy Read in Leeds township, 15 miles north of Madison, Wisconsin.

A six-foot pit was dug to receive the honored guest. The fire roaring out of the pit, with accompanying somber silhouettes of the guardians of the rite, made an eerie sight. Simon would remain, heated by hot rocks and covered with unhusked corn and earth, in his final resting place, to be dug up for Sunday brunch.

By noon on Sunday, it was time to pull Simon from the pit. The specialists went to work only to discover that Simon was not quite done. Not to fear. While the Bar-B-Quers finished the job, more than 100 RPCVs, APCs (after-Peace-Corps spouses and significant others) and offspring were treated to more volleyball, hay rides and trips on a classic 1930's fire truck. Marcy and her crew kept working away in the kitchen, assuring we would have the gastronomic experience of a lifetime. For those who eat a more kosher fare, Big Mike whipped up a fantastic dish of bass and collards on rice that would bring back fond memories for our West African veterans.

Simon finally consumed, we disassembled the tent city and headed home with cherished memories and a lot of work ahead of us.

The Movement Is Worth the Investment

This was a wonderful form of fellowship, a productive time and a meaningful way to reconnect. It only strengthens my conviction that the movement is worth our personal investment in time and financial support. We are continuing to grow and will become a major force educating our communities about economic and social development issues affecting the countries and regions where we served.

Not only do we want to bring the world back home; we want to make this a world worth living in.
Ride the Peace Train to Eugene, Oregon

The Peace Train departs Chicago at 3:15 p.m. on Tuesday, July 17, 1990, headed for the National Conference of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers in Eugene, Oregon. Be a part of it! The return trip departs from Eugene on Monday, July 23, arriving in Chicago on Wednesday, July 25.

___ Sign me up for the PEACE TRAIN! Enclosed please find my check for $50.00 (50 percent non-refundable) per person to reserve ___ seat(s) in Coach for departure from Chicago on July 17, 1990.

___ I(we) would like to depart from (city) ___________ and join the group in Chicago. Send information and rates.

___ I(we) prefer to return from Eugene on (date) ___________ to arrive in (city) ___________ on (date) ___________.

Rates: Coach from Chicago, round trip: $264.00
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NCRPCV Prepares Re-Entry Kits for COS Conferences

The National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers is preparing re-entry kits for distribution to all volunteers at their close of service conferences. The first kits will be in Peace Corps hands by next month, and the National Council hopes to have a routine annual distribution of the kits as part of the normal Peace Corps system by next spring.

The kits are designed to help guide volunteers toward a successful and effective return to the U.S. and to suggest ways for volunteers to contribute to the Peace Corps’ third goal of bringing the world back home. They also provide information on the local RPCV groups, the "Friends of . . ." groups and the National Council. Each volunteer will be invited to join the National Council and one of the affiliated groups, and of course will be invited to attend the National Conference in Eugene, Oregon.
October 1, 1989

Returned Peace Corps Volunteers

c/o Meredith Green
2975 Rinrock Rd.
Madison, WI 53713

Dear RPCV

As the garden season draws to a close, we would like to thank you for your support -- both financial and personal.

When we chanced upon Bob Meredith at the Peace Corps table at the Coliseum last Spring, he said he knew someone who might have land to share for gardens. He gave us Meredith Green's name and phone number.

We checked it out. The offer was indeed real. Soon you donated money for tilling and fencing.

But that is only part of it. You gave time and help in clearing, cutting tree limbs, digging post holes and erecting the fence.

The "Rinrock" garden is unique. It is the only CAC gard. that comes complete with a warm family and friends, dog and cats, a welcome sign for children, a place for a potluck meal, AND a community support group -- the RPCV.

The gardens have thrived, and the gardeners hope to return next year.

What can we say, but THANKS!

Sincerely,

Judy Siegfried
CAC Garden Program Coordinator

(on behalf of each of the garden families and CAC. especially the G.P. staff: Joe Mathers, Ken Strege, and Chaua Her.

Plant a seed, grow a community, and harvest good health."

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Many thanks for your gift of $200 to the Pragat Shikshan Sanstha, Phaltan. This is an informal acknowledgment. I'll send an official receipt after my return to India.

I am enclosing a copy of our latest report -- that is, up to May 1988. I'll send the report for last year as soon as it is ready.

I'm also enclosing a number of copies of the brochure we have put out.

I mentioned to Karen on the phone that I am having a video done of our slides. Karen mentioned that she might be able to help pay for copies. I think the charge will be $10 for each additional copy. For five copies plus postage, I would figure the cost to be about $65. Would it be possible for you to send me a money order for this amount to my sister Cathy Myers? (I don't know if this will cause an accounting problem.)

Anyway, her address is 1421 N 16th St, Escanaba, MI 49829. I will send you a receipt from India if that is necessary.

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I am grateful for your continued interest and support. Again many thanks. (By the way, if you do send the money for the video copies, one copy is for you).

Sincerely,

Maxine Berntsen, Ph.D.
Director

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1421 N 16th St
Escanaba, MI 49829
June 27, 1989

Returned Peace Corps
Volunteers of Wisconsin

C/O Karen King
725 W Washington, #30
Madison WI 53715

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ATTIBETAN PRIEST

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The blood of children

In a recent town meeting in Madison with Rep. Bob Kastenmeier, I was touched by how many of my retiring neighbors were concerned enough about Social Security and Medicare to come and express their opinions. They had a real sense of government policies affecting their well-being.

This event provided an interesting contrast to the recent situation in Venezuela, where World Bank and International Monetary Fund policies affected the well-being of people enough to have them break into terrifyingly destructive riots.

In a recent report from UNICEF, it was estimated that a half a million children died last year as a result of the debt crisis. Civil unrest has also broken out in many Third World debtor nations.

The decisions the World Bank and IMF make about the Third World debt crisis will have a profound impact on the quality of the lives of millions of our neighbors in the world. The business-as-usual "structural adjustments" have forced the debt to be serviced with the lifeblood of children.

Hundreds of U.S. congressional representatives and parliamentarians from many other industrial countries have asked that the World Bank take the poor into account in making its debt policies. A policy that requires debtor countries to decrease child mortality as part of the way it manages its debt is an example of a policy that works.

U.S. Sens. Bob Kasten and Herb Kohl, and Rep. Kastenmeier deserve special thanks for making their views on this subject known to the bank through our secretary of the Treasury.

As a debtor nation, we must not become complacent about this seemingly faraway problem. If we do, we could very well wake up one day to find that the "structural adjustment" monster has devoured our own Social Security system while we slept in splendid isolation.

- Jeffrey Golden, DeForest

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Certification of Appreciation
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Community Action Commission
Garden Program

Greetings from Winona MN!

Hello!

Dear Friends:

Thanks to God and your support, I have been able to get my student visa. I am currently enrolled in Winona State University. I am taking 14 credits. I am taking physics, math, Spanish, Microeconomics, and American Communication. I am set up for my first school year (junior status).

I am really grateful with all of you. I appreciate what you have done for me. Thank you very much.

God bless all of you!

Samuel Zepeda

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NEW MEMBERS:

GOLDEN, Jeff 6242 River Rd., De Forest, WI 53532.
Home: 846-5723 Work:

KIRSCHLING, Frank 1026 Fiedler Lane #4, Madison, WI 53713.
Home: 258-9679 Work: Tunisia 1986-88

MEAGHER, Peter 742 Oneida Pl., Madison, WI 53711.

METZ, John Dept of Geography, UW-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI 53490.

NEUMAN, Martha 516 S. Ingersoll St., Madison, WI 53703.

REGNER, Kurt & Joanne Leovy 922 High St. #3, Madison, WI 53715.
Home: 255-7546 Work: Sierra Leone 1982-84

ADDRESS CHANGES

CONSTANS, Patricia 514 Stang St. #1, Madison, WI 53704.

DANIELSON, Linda 1220 Jenifer St., Madison, WI 53703.

FURMAN, Leanne 9249 Samantha Ct., San Diego, CA 92129.

GROGAN, Stuart & Eliz. Wrenn 1169 Dorwood Dr., Lake Geneva, WI 53147.
Home: Work: Ghana & Botswana 1980-84

Also note that Mark Visocky's home phone number is 703/378-8311 and Kathy El-Assal's is 608/643-2512.
NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION INFORMATION

All RPCVW, Inc. members receive the newsletter on payment of annual dues shown below. To avoid record-keeping hassles, we would prefer that our members pay through December of the year of joining ($1 a month for each month to December), then pay for a full year membership at that time. Reduced rates are available for those in extreme financial circumstances.

You can also join the National Council of RPCVs through us by paying a further $15. We strongly encourage all members to join the National Council, which provides a way to affect national issues.

☐ I want to join RPCVW, Inc. and am enclosing $____.
  ___ Individual - $12 for one year (or $1 per month to next January)
  ___ Joint - $17 (Two people receiving one newsletter)
  ___ Overseas Individual - $20
  ___ Overseas Joint - $25

☐ I am also enclosing $15 for National Council membership.

☐ I do not want to join, but I would like to receive the newsletter and am enclosing $7 (50 for overseas) to cover the costs.

☐ I'M MOVING! Please change my mailing address on your records.

NAME: ____________________________ COUNTRY OF SERVICE: __________
ADDRESS: __________________________ SERVICE DATES: ________

TELEPHONE: _______________________

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RPCVs OF WISCONSIN, INC. - Madison Chapter
P.O. Box 1012
Madison, WI 53703

marked ATT’N: MEMBERSHIP!

QUESTIONS? PROBLEMS? Call me at 608/835-3083 most evenings and weekends. Or try 608/262-2470 weekdays and ask for me - Walt.

RPCVs of Wisconsin, Madison
r/o Meredith Green
2775 Rimrock Road
Madison, WI 53713

Dear Friends:

Thank you for the very special article in your September newsletter. It has been an unbelievable and exciting experience for me these past three years as president of the National Council. Your thoughts are very much appreciated.

We have indeed come a long way. Your group there in Madison deserves some special recognition of its own with the support you have given to the National Council and to me personally. You are a unique group, one with a very special place in my heart. Thanks for all you have done. I hope we can continue to work to see what we can yet accomplish.

Thanks!

With love,

Katv Hansen