PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

June, 1990

This month we had the pleasure of greeting Jim Smith on his return to Madison. He is the winner of the prestigious J.F.K. award as the representative volunteer from Africa for 1990. The award was presented by President Bush at a White House ceremony. Chancellor Shalala and the Peace Corps Regional Office co-sponsored a welcome back reception for him at Union South on May 2. That evening, he appeared on live on Channel 3 television. Meredith Green graciously hosted a welcome by our RPCV group at her home on the evening of May 10.

A reprint of an article about Jim Smith is inside. He has surely found the Peace Corps a doorway to new opportunity and new career possibilities. Due to unsettled conditions in Liberia he will be unable to return for a third year of service. These are truly difficult times for the people of Liberia. I hope that they will soon reach a satisfactory resolution to their conflict.

Another Volunteer who was evacuated from Liberia made a splash in the media by appearing as a contestant on the WHA'BD YA KNOW radio show with Michael Feldman on May 12. So let's have a big round of applause for Shane LaBudda who along with his wife Denise McKenzie (also RPCV Liberia 89-90) is now living on Madison's east side. On the air, he was able to provide some first hand information on the civil war to a national audience.

Our only member from the Soviet Union IS BACK. Murat is in town. The phone tree announced a May 19, potluck at Kathleen's in his honor. Our June 1, potluck will be another chance to see this old friend and environmental crusader.

New constitutions have been sent to all voting members. Please get your votes in, if you have not already done so. It is important that everyone vote. Unreturned ballots count as NO votes. The official vote tally will be at the June 1, potluck.

As announced in last month's newsletter, the June 1, meeting will be a potluck at Donna Shalala's home. We can use her plates if we agree to wash dishes. I wonder who will be the person to have come the farthest to be there? Will it be Murat? Okay, so who will be runnerup.

June brings the annual camp-out. This year at Mirror Lake. For details, see the announcement inside this issue. Even if you aren't very active in the organization -- plan to attend some part of this event.

Have you considered the National Conference in Eugene, Oregon in mid-July. Some tickets are still available on the Peace Train. About twenty have already signed up. How about you? If you can possibly fit this into your plans, do it. Last year's conference in Kent State Ohio was an experience I will long cherish.
EDITOR’S CORNER:

If you haven’t seen the change on the back page, please note that our PO Box Zip Code is actually 53701 rather than the 53703 we have used for several years. Another example of Post Office efficiency?

Another change is that our "Loose Lips" feature has been dropped. Apparently, a comment in the last column infuriated several people, who let their feelings be known. Rose Ann then decided that the time had come to end "Loose Lips" and move on.

I have always felt that a social column was useful, especially for our out-of-town members who had been active while here. So I was supportive when Rose Ann agreed to do the column. However, it takes time to put together a column like that; time which I don’t have. (Besides, I am not socially active in our group.) If Rose Ann was willing to do the column, I was willing to let her do it as she wanted, even when the results bothered me (not very often). In the end, though, if the column is a divisive influence, it has to go.

The idea of censoring "Loose Lips" came up, but that wasn’t viable for several reasons. (1.) I instinctively oppose censorship. (2.) Rose Ann would have been PO’ed at any censorship, quite correctly. (3.) I have a very thick skin (or I wouldn’t be working where I am now), so I would not have known what to censor.

Since I still feel that a social column is useful, I’d be happy to have someone else submit one on a continuing basis (not necessarily monthly). If anyone is interested, please contact me.

All current (as of April 90), dues-paying, RPCV members (135) should have received a mailing asking for a vote on a revised constitution which would enable us to apply for tax-exempt, 501.c.3 status. PLEASE, if you have not yet done so, return the enclosed postcard with your vote. We need 90 affirmative votes to proceed. Without tax-exempt status, we will likely have to pay taxes on our calendar sales. Of course, we will not be able to lobby directly as a group (?) or support non-charitable groups such as RCCAG? - see article elsewhere in this issue) if we do become tax exempt.

Deadline for submission of material for the next newsletter is Tuesday, June 12.

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Next month’s meeting will be a potluck, with the best food in town, wonderful camaraderie, and a (short ??) business meeting. All of this occurs on Friday, June 1 at Donna Shalala’s abode, 130 N. Prospect on the near West side (between Regent and Old University), about 6 PM. Dishes and silverware will be provided, but we will have to wash them afterwards. Questions? Call Walt at 835-3083.

Future meetings are scheduled for:

    Monday, July 2
    Tuesday, Aug. 7
    Wednesday, Sept. 5
ANNUAL TRADITIONAL JUNE FAMILY CAMPOUT

JUNE 22, 23, & 24, 1990

MIRROR LAKE STATE PARK

To get to Mirror Lake State Park just take I-90-94 northwest from Madison about 50 miles to the Lake Delton/Baraboo exit at US 12. The park is just a short way south on US 12.

The park offers swimming, canoeing, biking, and hiking on woodland trails rich in scenic beauty and varied wildlife. The campsites are shaded by tall trees. Bring the family, bring your bike, canoe, raft, fishing pole, swimming suit, binoculars, camera, and don't forget your tent. The cost is $2.00/adult/day and 75 cents/child/day. Children under seven are free.

Bring an item to share at a Saturday evening potluck. You can stay the weekend or just come for the day on Saturday. We especially want to encourage people in the organization who live outside of the Madison area to come to this event.

Vehicle admission stickers are required for cars and trucks entering the park so car pooling can be helpful to save money. An annual sticker is $14 and daily it is $3.50.

If you are planning to attend please call Doug Hemken or Ken Coffeen to help us to get a fairly accurate count of the number to plan for. 257-0683 or 274-9453

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Mail to: 1990 Conference, West Cascade PCCVs, P.O. Box 5462, Eugene, OR 97405

National Conference of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers
1990 Conference
July 20-22
Eugene, Oregon

Peace as Policy

REGISTRATION — Please duplicate and complete conference registration information for each registrant.

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REGISTRATION FEES — Includes all state and local taxes.


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Bush revives commitment to Peace Corps

WASHINGTON — Paul Coverdell gets approximately one-thousandth the publicity and attention Dick Cheney receives. The budget he manages has about the same relationship to that of Cheney’s Defense Department.

But Coverdell is not fretting, for his agency is unlike Cheney’s in another respect. As much as Congress wants to cut the Pentagon, it seems eager to increase the Peace Corps that Coverdell heads.

No mystery why. As Coverdell told the House Foreign Affairs Committee, “In many ways, it is as if the Peace Corps has been in training for this historical moment.” With democracy and freedom breaking out around the world, the demand for Peace Corps volunteers is soaring. And eager legislators keep pressing Coverdell with offers of help.

John F. Kennedy’s project for sending American volunteers to work with people in poor countries went into deep decline during the 1980s, when the reigning Reaganites thought of Wall Street as a better venue for youthful ambition. The Peace Corps struggled to stay alive, with then-Vice President George Bush offering backstage support to the political ally, Loret Miller Ruppe, he had persuaded President Reagan to name as Peace Corps director.

Coverdell, an Atlanta businessman and former Republican legislator, is also a longtime Bush backer. He was, in fact, the first person outside Texas or the Bush family I ever heard talk seriously, back in the 1970s, of wanting to see Bush become president.

That Bush would place a man with Coverdell’s political credentials and managerial ability at the head of the Peace Corps speaks volumes about his commitment to the agency. He’s backed it up with bucks. The $16 million budget increase Bush proposed for fiscal 1991 (to $181 million) is the biggest year-to-year jump the Peace Corps has received in more than 25 years.

It will be needed. Twenty-six additional countries have requested Peace Corps volunteers and Coverdell is planning to service 15 of them in the next two years. In 18 months, the Peace Corps will expand its range of countries as much as it did in the preceding 20 years.

Poland and Hungary head the list of Eastern European countries that will receive Peace Corps volunteers. But Coverdell is determined not to ignore the nations of Africa, Asia and Latin America. Uganda, Namibia, the Ivory Coast, Chile, Panama and Uruguay are all priorities.

That’s where the money is needed. It costs $1 million in overhead to open up a country-program and about $29,000 annually to support each volunteer. Unlike other agencies, Peace Corps has plenty of enthusiastic friends in Congress. Many senators and representatives have learned from their own overseas travels that the volunteers are not only the largest American presence in many countries but the best-loved.

While pushing his slim staff to deal with the challenges of rapid expansion, Coverdell is also trying to reshape its focus — in ways that reflect his own background as well as the changing world. As an urban businessman with a long history of environmental advocacy, the new director is steering more of his programs to burgeoning Third World cities, placing volunteers in social service, environmental and small-business-development projects.

“We are maintaining our traditional interest in agriculture, health and education,” Coverdell told me. Indeed, the first contingent of volunteers for Poland will be English teachers. “But as we expand our programs, we are going to emphasize urban development, small-business development and environmental action, as so many of these countries wish.”

The Peace Corps has never been a massive effort and probably never should be. Its greatest impact lies in the personal interaction between a helping American and the people she or he is inspiring and assisting.

The Bush budget aims at adding 1,000 volunteers to the Peace Corps by 1992, taking it up to 7,300, and Coverdell envisages the 12,000 volunteers by the end of the decade. Finding volunteers is not a problem. More than 14,000 applied last year for the 3,200 training slots that were open.

Peace Corps is no longer a new idea. But old ideas that are sound can gain renewed energy from strong leadership and presidential sponsorship. That’s what’s happening with the Peace Corps now.

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DATES TO NOTE

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MAY

19 Sat  POTLUCK for Murat (Honorary Member from Soviet Union)  
       6 pm at Kathleen Quinlan's - 1858 Jenifer Street

20 Sun  BRUNCH - 9 am-Noon - Lakefront Cafeteria, Mem. Union

27 Sun  BRUNCH - 9 am-Noon - Lakefront Cafeteria, Mem. Union

Also Sun  GLOBAL EDUCATION MEETING - 7 pm - Eagle Hghts. Comm. Ctr.

28 Mon  Memorial Day National Holiday - USA - A day to honor the 
       dead and to visit burial sites.

29 Tue  Peace Corps Founders Day - John F. Kennedy's Birthday

29 Tue  RESULTS - 7 pm - Memorial Union

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JUNE

1 Fri  POTLUCK MEETING - 6 PM - At the home of Donna Shalala  
       130 N. Prospect  
       Bring a dish to pass - Brief business 
       meeting - NEW CONSTITUTION VOTE COUNT

3 Sun  BRUNCH - 10am-Noon - Lakefront Cafeteria, Mem. Union

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13 Wed  Milwaukee Meeting - 7 pm - 1756 N. Prospect - 271-9950

15 Fri  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

22-24 FSS  FAMILY CAMP-OUT - Mirror Lake State Park - $ 2.00/nite/ea  
       Many Activities - Potluck Saturday eve.  
       (See announcement elsewhere in this issue)

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JULY

1 Sun  BRUNCH - 10am-Noon - Lakefront Cafeteria, Mem. Union

2 Mon  GENERAL MEETING - 7 pm - Union South - 227 N. Randall

8 Sun  BRUNCH - 10am-Noon - Lakefront Cafeteria, Mem. Union

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16 Mon  NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

17 Tue  AMTRAK PEACE TRAIN - lv. Columbus, WI for Eugene, OR

20-22 FSS  NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS  
       Theme: Peace as Policy  
       Saving Cultures, Saving Forests  
       Old Problems, New Perspectives  
       Take New Global Bearings

       International Fair - Job Fair - Registration $90.00 - Until  
       6/1

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BRUNCH on Sunday is where the discussion of our group business occurs 
between meetings, plus spirited chatter. Nice days (+50) on terrace.
Our Global Education teacher's manual is taking shape. Photos have been chosen for the '91 calendar and important issues have been identified. The following most generous members have chosen to work on these issues and help to write them up for the manual. We would like to have simple issue statements completed by May 21, with a brief statement of objectives and we NEED YOUR INPUT...VOLUNTEER AND CALL THE CONTACT PERSON LISTED...

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We will need future help in the development of lesson plans, organization and editing, chasing down matching funds, community outreach, teacher workshops, ad infinitum...

We wish to have a prototype finished in time for the National Conference in July and we need your help not only in meeting that deadline but in order to produce a useful manual that reflects our experiences in Peace Corps countries. Thus, even if you do not see your country listed above there are insights that we all have in regards to the issues. VOLUNTEER. If you have "pet" issues that you feel should be covered, please call and find out how you can include them in OUR manual.

A SAMPLE ISSUE-STATEMENT IS ATTACHED.  

May 18th Mission Statement
Mr. Smith returns from Liberia
Peace Corps veteran named top volunteer

By Phil McDade
University reporter

A month ago, Jim Smith was digging ditches in Liberia, West Africa.

A week ago, Smith was at the White House, meeting President Bush.

Now Smith is back in Madison, looking for a job. Don't expect him to stay unemployed too long.

Smith, a 1987 UW-Madison graduate, was named earlier this year as a John F. Kennedy "Representative Volunteer of the Year" by the U.S. Peace Corps. Smith has spent the last 2 1/2 years in Liberia, working on water development projects.

A native of Hartford, Smith was one of the five Peace Corps volunteers honored with the Kennedy award. Kennedy founded the Peace Corps as president in 1961. Smith received the award last week during a White House ceremony with Bush.

"I never went into the Peace Corps expecting that such a great honor would come out of helping people dig latrines," he said during an interview.

Digging latrines, developing farming methods, and teaching reading and English are among the many Peace Corps challenges readily accepted by Smith and fellow UW-Madison alums. The university is the nation's top producer of Peace Corps volunteers. Even Chancellor Donna Shalala is an ex-Corps member, having served in Iran in the early 1960s.

"It's pretty neat to be heading a university that provides the most and the best Peace Corps volunteers," Shalala said at a campus reception honoring Smith and his award.

Smith is in Madison, visiting his girlfriend and applying for jobs. He also met with Peace Corps officials while in Washington, D.C., to talk about job prospects. Civil war in Liberia has prevented him from returning to the country.

For Smith, the idea of joining the Peace Corps first came up in high school when he read "The Ugly American." The book is a fictionalized account of American development projects plundering a Third World country. It inspired him to think of ways that he could help developing countries.

In college, Smith deliberately took courses aimed at being useful in the Peace Corps. He majored in physics and astronomy, taking a healthy dose of technical and scientific courses.

"A technical skill is rare in the Peace Corps," he said.

He was assigned to Liberia, a country of 2.4 million that is the size of Ohio. The country is mostly rural, with little in the way of modern development outside the capital of Monrovia. It is one of the poorest countries in the world, with a per capita income of less than $400.

Based in Tappita, a city of 8,000, Smith was in charge of building water and sanitation projects for five villages near the city. He helped build nine wells to provide drinking water for the villages, and those wells and other sanitation projects have led to a marked decrease in waterborne diseases among the villagers.

"It's a brand new idea for them because they're always used to drinking surface water from streams and ponds," he said.

Smith's role in the projects was primarily that of a supervisor. The villagers had identified their water problem and, with Smith's help, came up with a solution for it. They did most of the construction. It is all part of the Peace Corps philosophy that volunteers should help people in countries such as Liberia to develop the knowledge and skills for whatever development they think is necessary, Smith said.

Except for a brief trip to Europe while in high school, Smith had never traveled abroad before going to Liberia. His notions about developing countries were quickly shattered.

"These people in the Third World and Liberia in particular — they don't sit around and think about how bad life is," he said. "They have a lot of dignity and pride in their traditions. They're not so destitute that their spirit is completely broken and they're waiting for someone to come in and help them."

Having served his required two years in the Peace Corps, Smith decided last year that he liked it so much that he signed on for a one-year extension. But he won't be going back to Liberia.

A few days after Smith was called back to the United States to accept his Peace Corps award, a festering civil war in Liberia broke out. The U.S. State Department on Friday called on all 115 Peace Corps volunteers to leave the country to insure their safety.

"It's a huge disappointment: I didn't leave the country prepared to not go back," he said. "All the people there — my host family — are expecting me to return. It's probably the biggest disappointment I've ever had."

But he plans to eventually return. Smith said he will enroll in graduate school in fall 1991 to study urban and regional planning, focusing on developing countries. Once out of graduate school, he hopes to get a full-time job with the Peace Corps. He hopes that will eventually lead him back to Liberia and the people he has met and helped.
THE RUSK COUNTY CITIZENS ACTION GROUP

The RCCAG was incorporated with the state back in 1976. Our main focus has been on education in order to protect our natural resources. This newsletter is an attempt to give you "the rest of the story" on mining as proposed by RTZ (Flambeau Mining Co.). Please remember that WE are your neighbors, we care about our community. RTZ will be here only until the ore is gone. We will stay, because this is our home. RTZ has unlimited funds which they will use to try and discredit what we have to say. The only weapon we have is the truth. We ask only that you consider what we have to say, and why we say it, and consider why RTZ says what they do. It is not too late to stop this mine. We cannot let ourselves be pushed around by this foreign corporation--the stakes are much too high.

For more information please contact:
RCCAG, N3386 Co GLadysmith, WI 54848
or call 532-3868 or 532-3852.

The Good Neighbor Spotlight

Kennecott Copper Corporation is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the British-based Rio Tinto Zinc (RTZ) Corporation, the world’s largest mining company. RTZ has mines all over the world, from South Africa to Chile, from Australia to Papua New Guinea.

Has RTZ been a good neighbor? Ask the local residents of Papua New Guinea, where CRA, an RTZ affiliate, developed the Bougainville copper mine. RTZ did not bother to consult the landowners when they began plans for constructing their copper-gold mine. They simply pushed all the landowners off their lands without any compensation. When the mine got underway, RTZ dumped its mine waste into the Java River and deprived the local people of their drinking water and their traditional fishing area. Environment Minister Perry Zeipi described the pollution in the river as "dreadful and unbelievable."

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Since the late 1970’s the traditional landowners of Bougainville have asked to be compensated for the displacement from their lands and the destruction of the Java River. RTZ has refused to negotiate any of these compensation claims. After years of petitioning RTZ and the government, the local people took up arms to shut down the mine.

The government of Papua New Guinea responded by sending in 400 troops and 120 police to the island. Since 1988 around 30 Bougainville landowners have been officially reported killed. RTZ has been sitting on the sidelines of this conflict claiming that the "affair" has nothing to do with the company. Is this the kind of neighbor you want on the Flambeau River?
Earth Festivals and Interracial Dinners

Earth Day weekend featured a variety of events to increase awareness about the environment. One of these was the Environmental Forum at Memorial High School on April 21. Sponsored by the American Association of University Women, and assisted by other groups (mostly women’s groups), the Forum featured 2 dynamic speakers (Hugh Ilits and Spencer Black) and a smorgasbord of workshops, each of which focused on a particular environmental issue.

I attended the recycling workshop, along with about a dozen others. We had far too little time (1 hour) to discuss the issue in depth, but we learned something from our discussion leader about current recycling technology and from each other as we exchanged “individual action” ideas. Briefly, here are a few items that may be of interest to you:

1. The Madison schools still use all disposable dishes and utensils for serving lunches to students. That is a lot of garbage produced each day. What can we do? Write to the school board to urge a change in this policy.

2. Even better than recycling is re-using. A suggestion for cutting down paper wastes, especially in offices: instead of tablets, use the back sides of used paper for scratch paper. Keep a supply of used paper in a special drawer for this purpose.

3. For those times when you do need tablets, recycled paper tablets are available. A variety of products made from recycled materials were on exhibit at the workshop.

The Environmental Forum, which I had heard about at the April RPCV meeting, was in the true spirit of Earth Day in promoting environmental awareness. It is too bad that it was not better publicized; only about 100 people attended. But every little bit helps. Each of us can do our little bit.

A similar event, sponsored by a sixteen churches and other local groups, took place on May 6 at the Orchard Ridge United Church of Christ. In addition to songs and stories, it had workshops on topics such as “Converting from a wartime economy,” “Being a socially-conscious consumer,” and “Current peace and environmental legislation.” I learned some interesting and useful things there, but will defer discussion of them to some evening in the Red Oak Grill.

One final note: At 6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month, the “Friendly Supper Club” meets at the Bonanza, South Towne, restaurant. There are no officers, no dues, and no agenda other than a round of self-introductions. With emphasis on interracial mixing, the group promotes itself with mottos like “Just to break bread together” and “Bring a friend—make a friend.”

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JOHN ELDER

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.
FROM THE EDITOR:

I would like to have the following motion voted on at either of the next two meetings, if space is available on the agenda.

Motion

No motion to donate our funds to any other organization shall be entertained unless a short description of that organization and the amount of the requested donation have been published previously in our newsletter.

I raise this issue because of concern over something which occurred at the last meeting, a meeting that I did not attend. It seems that Gordon asked for a $100 donation to the Rusk County Citizens Action Group, a request which was approved. I happen to have grappled with the main issue involved in this request about 15 years ago and concluded that I did not oppose the mining activities which RCCAG is trying to stop. Thus, I strongly oppose the donation. If I have the time and if Gordon can respond, I'll lay out the two sides of this problem in a future newsletter.

However, I have a more general concern which leads me to submit this motion. My major concern is that I had no knowledge that this issue would be raised at the May meeting. If I had known of it, I might have made more effort to attend. But even if I had been at the meeting, I would have had another problem. This issue would have been raised without warning. I would have been trying to respond in an impromptu manner while I was angry that the issue had been raised at all. I do not think on my feet very well under those conditions (there are reasons why I would never consider a law career), so I would have been at an extreme disadvantage in trying to make my points. In fact, there would probably have been points worthy of discussion which I would never have remembered. Gordon, on the other hand, would have come in knowing what he wanted to say and with his arguments laid out for us in a reasonably logical manner. Not to mention that supporting a mining project is an extremely unpopular position to take nowadays.

By passing this motion, we force anyone who wants to donate our money to an organization to give advance notice of their intention. Thus, if the donation is questionable, both sides of the issue can have an equal chance to be heard. Our current system, which is heavily biased in favor of the person requesting the donation, needs to be changed. In any event, we do this now for requests for donations from our calendar sales. This motion would simply make this procedure a general rule.

By the way, if this motion is passed, it will need to be enforced to be effective.

Other RPCV organizations have our permission to use any material of interest in this newsletter.
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