The following mission statement and goals were adopted in January, 1989 by the Board of Directors of the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers. Objectives and action steps to carry out these goals are being considered in the development of a long-range plan. Input into this process is welcome by any individual member or affiliated group of the National Council.

MISSION

The mission of the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers is to promote a more humane, interdependent, and compassionate planetary community. Having been privileged to live and work in other cultures, we are deeply respectful of the quest of all people for dignity and justice. We are proud of our own country’s promise and wish to see it honor its deepest ideals. To that end, we are committed to carrying out the Third Goal of the Peace Corps: "Bringing the World Back Home" and to making a difference—locally, nationally, and internationally.

GOALS

To carry out the mission and to further the work of the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers, the following goals are established:

1 - Foster a strong national network of RPCVs, affiliated groups, and supporters.
2 - Clarify and solidify an active decision-making process linking the individuals and bodies that make up the NCRPCV.
3 - Promote interests of RPCVs in sharing their overseas experience in other cultures.
4 - Provide services to PCVs, RPCVs, and prospective volunteers.
5 - Support work and programs of Peace Corps and contribute to its policy-making process to help meet Peace Corps’ three official goals.
6 - Increase public awareness of the Peace Corps and of global development issues.
7 - Strengthen RPCVs’ voice in U.S. policies on issues such as international development and foreign relations.
8 - Extend Peace Corps idealism and volunteerism into local community and international development activities.
9 - Promote world peace and international understanding.
33 were present, more or less, some of the time.
We opened to the sound of African drums from the room next door, and this music wove itself through all of the evening's talk. John brought his new laser cannon (and we were respectful, you betcha).

East High will be doing a model UN, with focus on Iraq. We had nothing to offer them: none of us served in Iraq, no Volunteer ever served in Iraq, and we all knew that of all the countries to go hundreds of miles to avoid, Iraq was in the first 10. And it's no better now. UN day should be quite a treat.

Wade the Bags reported on money: we have $1786 in our general account. We will be paying out $126 for newsletter expenses, and will be sending the Nat'l Council money for 35 memberships, collected with our own dues.

Calendars: 1933 calendars are theoretically sold, at a value of $10,618. $8615 has been turned in. And $850 has been billed but not paid. Members have 200 out, and the Univ Bookstore has 50. Profit will be ca. $2500.

Turn in all unsold calendars to Roseann; she has buyers for all of them (PC and RPCV groups).

Bush has appointed a Paul Coverdale as the new PC Director. He is a Georgia insurance man, who may well never have even left the country before. This is not an encouraging sign. It's of a piece with everything Bush has ever done in regards to PC. We will shortly be missing Loret more than ever.

National Council report by Meredith Green: the NC liked our proposal for a joint venture on next year's Calendar, and accepted it, with some modifications as dickered out by our reps and theirs. May 29 is JFK's birthday, and both the Kennedy family, and PC and the NC, would like this to be emphasized over his Nov 22 deathday. We are asked to help. Valerie Stats will be the new Chicago liaison, and we'll be asked to comment on her work, eventually. We are asked to get involved with the Biden-Pell grants.

Wade reported on an Edgewood HS student, Paul Wisensell, who's going to DC as part of "Closeup", to observe politics. We voted to give him $50 for expenses, with the request that he come talk with us after his trip, and consider PC before launching his career in politics.

Tony Mast was with us to discuss an Ecuadorian topic. (He'd come some months ago to ask our help in assisting some Indian groups who were being harrassed by the Eq. govt: they've gotten legal assistance, but the situation is still very fluid.) This night he spoke about the possibility of getting some authentic Eq. Indian musicians, one to start with, into the US, particularly the Chicago area, to play with Sotto Vento, etc, and expose US ears to the real thing. Al Kraus had suggested he talk with us because we have had experience assisting an Ecuadorian to get a short-term visa for the US. Don and Mike are our memory on this, and they'll work with Tony. (This was an easy job to delegate, because neither were present.)
The Freeze went fine, reported Deb, just like she'd been assured it would. She had not really believed this, especially since she'd originally thought she'd volunteered to work on a home canning project. $892 has come in so far, with some pledges outstanding. All will go to Oxfam. Thankyou notes to prize contributors were written by all of us, as part of the evening's business.

The Global Ed comm has been meeting, with effect. One interesting piece of news is that Char Thompson has the responsibility for a major project, preparing a TV series of 6 50-minute shows on Homes, all around the world. Yummy.

And Ken brought up the idea of an African Community camp, for kids. A summer camp experience in African culture. A week, including one overnight. Up to 6th grade. Using RPCVs, teachers with African experience, African students at the University. Perhaps in the summer of 1990, and perhaps with a global ed. grant from the NC. We have an expert on this in our own group, Jeff Cochrane, who did this very thing in Atlanta right after he returned to the States. He gave a slide show on his experience. This program made a very strong impression on the kids in Atlanta, and would here, too, if done well. We surely don't want to do all of this ourselves, but in cooperation with South Madison, and the African studies dept, etc, it could work very well, without begging our energies, and without us having to pay the insurance. We'll discuss this at Camp Lucerne.

Mark announces that Jo and he have a new son, Benjamin Paul; he handed out baby balloons.

REGISTER FOR THE WINTER RETREAT at Camp Lucerne by Feb 20.

We're going to have a Summer camping retreat, at Wyalusing on the Mississippi/Wisconsin junction, on a weekend at the end of June.

Buck reported on the Yamanja Day observance: it was very cold, 4 were present (2 semil-sceptical), and the candles on the boats were all extinguished by the wind before fading out of sight. But the celebrants earnestly trust they will escape drowning for another year.

We want to do another Parents' Brunch, prob on a Sat, prob during the week of April 14 (Volunteers Week). In the Great Hall of the Memorial Union. We'll make sure they give us enough food this time, and serve it quicker.

The Global Ed subgroups are organizing themselves.

Buck reported on Sharon. She's working in Managua now, doing office work for Witness for Peace. She'd really rather be out in the campo, but Managua is where she's needed presently, so she accepts with good grace. One bright light is that she is phonable! 011/505/2/51933 (office) 51459 (dwelling) both are direct dial #s

She has received one offer of marriage. (She was flattered, but said no thankyou) And she may return for a short visit to us in June! And she's going on an educational trip to Cuba in March. The situation in Nicaragua is economically terrible; our war on the economy is sadistically effective, though little reported here. And though the shooting war has cooled, there is still much tension on the border with Honduras. The Honduran army is itself becoming involved in the fighting.
DATES TO NOTE

February 18 Sat  CARNIVAL - Lake Park Pavilion - Milwaukee
19 Sun  BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union

24,25,26 FSS  WINTER RETREAT at Camp Lucerne - advance registration required for beds and meals - stopping by is OK - everyone is invited to pot luck Saturday night.

26 Sun  BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union

March
3 Fri  GENERAL MEETING and NO COOK POT LUCK - 6 pm at Meredith's 2975 Rimrock Road - 271-0998 - bring fixings for a large community salad and for sandwiches.

5 Sun  BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
8 Wed  Milwaukee Meeting - 7:00 pm 1756 N. Prospect - 271-9950
9 Thr  Baron Bliss Day
10 Fri  Greg Brown, Peter Alostroucko Concert - $10 adv - Barrymore

11 SAT  BARON BLISS PARTY & POT LUCK - 6 pm - Cowell's 231-1694
6126 Old Middleton Road - across from Rough Lee Park
Gina will cook the rice and would like complements for a CURRY, curries, yoghurt sauces, chutneys, fruits, vegetables. Also bring DANCE MUSIC, beverages, and wear clothing for a TROPICAL HEAT WAVE!!!!!!!

12 Sun  BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
15 Wed  Newsletter Deadline
19 Sun  BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
Constitutionally required Board Meeting at Brunch

26 Sun  BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union

April
2 Sun  BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union

3 Mon  GENERAL MEETING at Union South - 227 N Randall Ave

7 Fri  World Health Day  "Health For All: Pass It Along"
9 Sun  BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
9 Sun  National Volunteer Week - Twins Game in Minneapolis
11 Wed  Milwaukee Meeting - 7:00 pm 1756 N. Prospect - 271-9950
16 Sun  BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
16 Sun  Newsletter Deadline
22 SAT  EARTH DAY
23 Sun  BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
28-30 FSS  Regional President's Meeting Chicago
30 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. Go left after paying.

Other RPCV organizations have our permission to use any material of interest in this newsletter.
Marc and Jo and Hank had a baby boy, Benjamin Paul. He is a miniature Hank, and Mom is busy with 2.
Bob had a smashing half way to ninety birthday party. The guests matched a photo taken for their good bby pot luck when they left for Sri Lanka.
Mary was sick, but Dan was in rare form as he took Gina’s leftover red snapper head, decorated it with various leftovers, including a slice of bread in it’s open mouth, and headed home with his treal. ---Gina and Lee treated everyone to a piano duel.
'Song of India'. Patrick made a very grand fish soup, if you call oysters, clams, shrimp, and scallops fish.
It took 10 min to light the candles.
Stories of what people went through to find a recipe and then the ingredients and then to cook something Italian for the party are enough to fill the column.
And welcome to Kevin, a golden oldie returns!
Tim sent photos of his Eugene OR home. In front there are no windows and the back has pictures windows to view the lovely fog. If you squint hard you can see the mountains.
They will have sunny days to enjoy the view. The highlight is their "luxury mistresses bedroom". We will have to check out this living in Oregon. Janet is working for Blue Cross.
Meredith skied the Upper Peninsula with Jerry’s brother.
Ken is enjoying the statistics of 1 single male to 3 single females for his age group.
William’s bedroom is now drywalled and painted and Laura is finishing a window quilt with dinosaurs on it for his window.
Jank, Rose Ann & Ginger are TV stars. Chanel 27 interviewed them about Peace Corps.

Ruth, Matt, Ken, Peggy, Yvonne, Julie and Rose Ann were seen at Obo Addy.
Lena has endured the pox.
The State Historical Society requested to be on our newsletter mailing list.
And now the Isthmus has a story on Words from the Wierd, state historical society’s holdings prove life is strange. So ils us and the ‘Cheese Reporter’, anticircumcisionist, while supremacist and first offenders...
Julie had an invitation from a young man to share his bed on a ski trip to Rhinelander, but she ended up on the sofa and he slept with Yogi the dog, who slobered all over him - so there!
But Julie has come up with a new invention, a removable hickey.
The presidents meeting in Chicago was not in vain. Mark saw Linda’s doe eyes for CARPs prez Frank and told him. Well Frank and Linda are now living together.
Loret wanted to be reappointed director. Sue is looking for a country director’s job. Tim and Kaly are getting tired. Beryl checks up on old lovers thru Meredith and old lovers check up on Beryl thru Meredith.
Chicago group has hired a staff person. They are considering office space.
Diana is schmoozing in NYC.
The Freeze For Food went off with ease. Thank’s to all the advance work by Deb and her crew, Dave, John, Julie, Ken and millions.
Again the power and glory of our group shows through. Ken develops a great original idea, and another talented member, Jeff, has actually done Ken’s great idea. So begins the African Community Camp.
As Obo Addy says ‘The Russians are coming, the Africans are coming, the Italians are coming, but we don’t know when. We can’t control the future, eventually we’ll all die, so let’s have a good time now.’ The jist of his song ‘Good Time’ - or of another popular song ‘Don’t Worry be Happy’. 
Thanks to V.O. for the Freeze For Food ad in the Isihmus.

POSITION AVAILABLE
Mazomanie Elementary School needs someone to teach a 'Global Awareness' class for 4 weeks this summer. Must be DPI certified. Contact Marc Brand @ 255-1339

THERE IS NO WAY TO PEACE
PEACE IS THE WAY
A.J. Muste

WANTED
Host families for YFU (Youth for Understanding) students. Japan, Europe and Latin America need places to stay for the school year beginning in late summer 89. If interested contact Stan Nielson @ 222-2390 (or ask Meredith about it).

FOUND
A book titled Freaky Deaky by Elmore Leonard was left at myplace sometime in the last three weeks. Please call to claim. 271-0998 (or if you just want to read it.)

John Ashbaugh, Kathleen Quinlan, Mike Read, and Buck Frawicky see Rose Ann about settling up your calendar account.

Don't Worry... Be Happy!

Denny Knief RPCV Cameroon heads up the Rural Dev Center which is having a concert at the Barrymore 3/10/88 advance tickets are $10.00
FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS

This is a new column for members who are currently living outside the U.S. - or far from Madison - or are just too lazy to come to meetings. Since you can’t participate in the monthly free-for-all meetings for administrative purposes and have to take Buck’s word for what goes on there, and you can’t come to Sunday Brunch at the Memorial Union or to our wonderful pot lucks, this column aims to be the next best thing. (Well, maybe the next best thing after Loose Lips.) If you can somehow be induced, coerced or bribed to write about your activities, jobs, perceptions, thoughts, feelings, fund-raising ideas, etc., we’d be delighted. We’d like to know what you think of what we’re doing or what you think we could or should be doing, as well as what you’re doing. If you’re willing, we’d like you to be our eyes and ears and tell us about your life, your job, the land, the people - whatever - where you live. You can give us glimpses of the wider world as we struggle with cabin fever over the next few months.

There’s no particular format to follow. I tentatively plan to use whole letters, excerpts, or summaries, depending on what we get. Obviously, there are no rigid requirements. I will even correct your spelling, unless you request that I not. You may write to me, Lee Szabados, 606 D Eagle Heights, Madison, WI 53705, or to RPCV’s of WI/Madison at the address on the newsletter. Members are also invited to share letters of interest from nonmembers living elsewhere. All inappropriate material will be forwarded to Loose Lips.

Doesn’t this sound like a great idea? Don’t you feel like sitting right down and writing us a long, newsy letter? Don’t procrastinate. We’d love to hear from you!

To start the column off, Buck’s contributed a letter from much loved and sorely missed member Sharon Lewandowski, a Witness for Peace in Nicaragua. I’ve left out the parts about how Buck doesn’t write often enough, but none of us do. We do think of you often, though, Sharon, and we’ll try to do better.

"November 18, 1988

"After months of preparation, study, and training, I am finally ready to begin Witness for Peace work. Tomorrow I leave for Jalapa, on the Nicaraguan-Honduras border. This is where WFP began in 1983, when the first U.S. citizens started keeping watch on the border, hoping to stave off what seemed to be the imminent U.S. invasion. Witness for Peace has evolved much since then and has become much more politically sophisticated (and less arrogant), but the people of Jalapa have never let their guard down from contra attacks, harassment by the Honduran army and fear of a U.S. invasion. That fear is becoming more intensified now in the final months of the Reagan administration. Now with 4-6,000 contras along the border, Honduran troops deepening their military structure near the border, daily overflights and shooting at guard posts, the people live in an almost constant state of fear. Recently, a hospital with 2,000 beds was discovered in Puerto Lempera in Honduras near the border, leading to even more suspicions that an invasion is imminent."
"I lead my first delegation to the area on January 21, Inauguration Day. Since most people think that any U.S. invasion would occur before then, my delegation may have quite a lot to see."

"I'm still nervous about my Spanish, although I passed a test with supposedly rigid standards... at this point, it will just take practice to atune my ears to the accent and the rapidity of speech.

"In Managua, I live in the garage of the Witness for Peace house, along with six other people (4 women, 2 men). I sleep on top of a very narrow bunked under a leak in the roof. Privacy is a thing of the past. Since sleeping/living conditions will be even more crowded in the campo, I expect that the WFP ideal of "revolutionary celibacy" will be the norm for me as well.

"...Pray for me so I can do a worthy job here. Pray for Nicaragua, 4 years of a Bush presidency does not bode well for this embattled country."

Thank you, Sharon, and we will.

P.S. Although Hawaii is a state, it's still pretty foreign – as are Illinois, Texas, and Pennsylvania, etc............(hint)

Arabs added to Ethiopia woes

The world is aghast and shaken by the tragic famine in Ethiopia and other African countries. The televised pictures of children and adults dying of starvation in the streets before your very eyes, with flies feeding on their dying bodies, is a horror of Holocaust proportions.

Of all the reasons analysts give us for this catastrophe, only drought couldn't be prevented. But how about the indifference of the nations of the world when they saw this coming? How about the negligence of the country's own government, busy and spending huge sums of money parading and celebrating its tyranny instead of feeding its own people? And how about ignorance? The Ethiopians and many other African peoples are ignorant of improved farming methods known to the world. They know nothing about the new technology that makes the soil yield more and better crops. They know nothing about modern irrigation.

And here is an interesting and tragic story that should be told for what it might teach us: The Israelis, who are among the top world's experts on how to produce foods in the desert and arid lands, and who literally made the desert bloom, offered to share their knowledge with others, especially the Africans where they dispatched Peace Corps-like volunteers to help and teach; teach how to use new inventions to sustain life.

Everything went very well until, upon the insistence of the Arabs, all (Third World) African nations broke diplomatic relations with Israel and expelled the Israelis from their countries. What stupidity, and what an example of biting the hand that feeds you!

One wonders where are the Arabs now? Where is their help? After all, they are at least partly responsible for this catastrophic situation. One also wonders why the media fails to report this story.

– Victor Jacoby, Madison

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Check here to request more information about the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.
The Power to Make a Difference

By Suzzanne A. Cabanero, PT
(Special to the Forum)

There are people on earth who have influenced the direction and course of our lives. They have knowingly or unknowingly left a part of themselves that has enriched and profited others. They are path builders. They are great thinkers. They are people who gave and shared whatever talents and God-given gifts they had to others. Their lives are living testimonies of human will and courage, faith and belief in a power that exists in all of us. The power to change and make a difference in the world.

Donna Icenogle is one such person. Her tremendous influence in shaping so many minds is worth remembering. Perhaps, her story will be an inspiration to many people who desire to make something out of their lives. And so this bond of hope will continue to link our lives together.

I met Donna during my third year in Physical Therapy school. She was a Peace Corps volunteer who chose the Philippines as her base in sharing her knowledge and skills in Physical Therapy. She was well-loved and highly respected by the students and her co-teachers. Donna shared her enthusiasm and love for the profession. She taught us many techniques in treating patients that proved to be crucial in the practice and art of healing. She challenged our minds to think and encouraged each one of us to be confident in our methods of treatment. Most of all, Donna instilled in our minds the value of patience—to wait for results and never give up so easily in the face of obstacles. This lesson of patience was most important. In the Philippines, the role of Physical Therapy is not as widely understood or appreciated as that of the doctor’s or the nurse’s. In fact, many people have a very sketchy idea of what Physical Therapy has to offer. In the midst of this glaring lack of knowledge and/or appreciation for the profession, it is important to be patient. With very little support from the medical community, we have learned to work patiently, to strive in an environment of indifference and to persist with dogged determination to make a mark no matter how small.

Donna left the Philippines some time in 1952. My classmates and I missed her. She left wearing our hearts on her sleeve. But she did not walk away without giving each one of us that vital gift of shared remembrance. Several years later, as full-fledged physical therapists practicing in the United States, my classmates and I carried with us her treasured memories. We remember her and wish that we could somehow get in touch with her. But even if we don’t, we will always keep her gift with us no matter where we are.

Donna and many others like her who work through the Peace Corps have been more than ambassadors of good will. People like her are models of human courage, beacons of light who make a difference through the goodness that they unselfishly share with others. Imbued with idealism and the stamp of missionary zeal, she left the comfort of her home and family in the United States to mean something in the hearts of Filipino students who hungered for the kind of knowledge that she could give. I was one of those students. And so were many classmates and friends who cherish her as a friend and as a mentor.

Reaching for the Stars

By Suzzanne A. Cabanero, PT

Long before the last trill of a sad song has faded, the music lingers hauntingly sounding a death knell that even frozen hearts could hear.

Alas, such is a man’s life powered dust on the ground a short epitaph its only memory.

And long before the seasons pass in a confusion of melting snow, colored leaves, blazing heat from the sun, a spring of hope we aspire—that the silence of the brook shall not run dry that the thrill of love will not soon die.

What is man but a creature so divine? a speck of dust among the heavens a figure in the shadow illumined a torch of light that equals the moon a spark that sets the sun afire. Alone in the immensity of space the grandeur of the universe he thunders and reaches for the stars!
# Development and Environmental Issues in the Tropics

A Lecture Series  
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This lecture series is being offered as a one-credit course during Semester 2, 1988-89, for UW-Madison students, Envir St 400, Lecture 2. Discussion sessions will be held during the weeks when there is not a featured speaker.

The public is invited to attend any of these lectures.
REGIONAL CONFERENCE: Kevin Kuschel and Paul Kinsley attended the NCRPCV presidents' meeting in DeKalb, IL in December. Gary Krukar suggested we sponsor a representative to attend at least one such meeting each year. It was agreed to pay Paul and Kevin $100 to cover lodging and travel. Kevin and Paul let us know what they thought of the meeting and the workings of the National Council. They said that unfortunately much of the time was spent on issues of little importance to the local RPCV groups, particularly the Saturday panel discussion that centered on Illinois issues. The most important topic of sharing group activities and networking between the groups was left until the last minute on Sunday when everyone was anxious to head for home. Another problem at the meeting was the implication that if all our members had not joined the National Council, we were "not doing our job as good RPCV's". Since a number of people in our group have intentionally not joined the National Council because they feel it does not represent them accurately, it was felt that this was an inappropriate guilt trip on the part of the National Council board members. Kevin and Paul did say that the social activities were enjoyable -- especially the Greek dinner and retsina.

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of Dec. 27th, we had $1,685.93 in the account. Of that, the $298 that was raised at the Jamaican relief benefit has been sent to Jamaica, care of Project Accord of the Jamaica Council of Churches.

COW UPDATE: Gary received an update from Fr. Emil on the 2 cows (remember Carnival last year -- funds raised went to a Boys Town in Honduras). Fr. Emil says, "I got your letter about a week or so ago. (This was written Sept. 30) I am really slow in getting it answered. No, we don't have the two milk cows yet. Reason. There is a cattle ranch not too distant from here. They have pure breeds and they are adapted to the climate. They will not be selling young cows for a couple of months yet. The farm team wants to wait (for them) and I really think that is reasonable. The one in charge of our farm operations is one of our own boys who is graduated from the agricultural university in La Ceiba. They know more than I do. Also, the money is in the bank. It is NOT used. I definitely understand when a donation is given for a specific purpose."

PC VIDEO: Paul has a video from PC-Washington, "Let it Begin Here". It sounds like something that would be good to view at one of our future meetings.

WEDDING BELLS: Mary Barclay just let us know that she is engaged to Dick Piriwitz!! They will be getting married July 22nd. Congratulations and best wishes to both of them!!!
22. Pe / Grace

Above: Xin: Keeping still, Mountain
Below: Li: The Clinging, Fire

This hexagram shows a fire that breaks out of the secret depths of the earth, blazing up, illuminates and beautifies the mountain, the heavenly heights. Grace—beauty of form—is necessary in any union if it is to be well ordered and pleasing rather than disorderly and chaotic.

The Judgment
Grace has success.
In small matters
It is favorable to undertake something.

Grace brings success. However, it is not the essential or fundamental thing; it is only the ornament and must therefore be used sparingly and only in little things. In the lower trigram, fire yields a line between two strong lines and makes them beautiful, but the strong lines are the essential content and the weak line is the beautifying form. In the upper trigram, the mountain, the strong line takes the lead, so that here again the strong element must be regarded as the decisive factor. In nature we see in the sky the strong light of the sun; the life of the world depends on it. But this strong, essential thing is changed and given pleasing variety by the moon and the stars. In human affairs, aesthetic form comes into being when traditions exist that, strong and abiding like mountains, are made pleasing by a lucid beauty. By contemplating the forms existing in the heavens we come to understand time and in changing demands. Through the contemplation of the forms existing in human society it becomes possible to shape the world.

The Image
Fire at the foot of the mountain:
The image of grace.
Thus does the superior man proceed.
When clearing up current affairs.
But he dare not decide controversial issues in this way.

The fire, whose light illuminates the mountain and makes it pleasing, does not shine far; in the same way, beautiful form suffices to brighten and to throw light upon matters of lesser moment, but important questions cannot be decided in this way. They require greater earnestness.

The Lines
Nine at the beginning means:
He lends grace to his toes, leaves the carriage, and walks.

Six in the fourth place means:
Grace or simplicity?
A white horse comes as if on wings.
He is not a robber.
He will woos at the right time.

An individual is in a situation in which doubts arise as to which is better—to pursue the grace of external brilliance, or to return to simplicity. The doubt itself implies the answer. Confirmation comes from the outside; it comes like a white winged horse. The white color indicates simplicity. At first it may be disappointing to renounce comfort that might have been obtained, yet one finds peace of mind in a true relationship with the friend who courts him. The winged horse is the symbol of the thoughts that transcend all limits of space and time.

Six in the fifth place means:
Grace in hills and gardens.
The roll of silk is meager and small.
Humiliation, but in the end good fortune.

A man withdraws from contact with people of the lowlands, who seek nothing but magnificence and luxury, into the solitude of the heights. There he finds an individual to look up to, whom he would like to have as a friend. But the gifts he has to offer are poor and few, so that he feels ashamed. However, it is not the material gifts that count, but sincerity of feeling, and so all goes well in the end.

Nine at the top means:
Simple grace. No blame.

Here at the highest stage of development all ornament is discarded. Form no longer conceals content but brings out its true value to the full. Perfect grace consists not in external ornamentation of the substance, but in the simple fitness of its form.

1. This hexagram shows transfigured beauty—clarify within, quiet without. This is the tranquility of pure contemplation. When desire is cleansed and the will comes to rest, the world-as-idea becomes manifest. In this aspect the world is beautiful and removed from the struggle for existence. This is the world of art. However, contemplation alone will not put the will to rest absolutely; it will awaken again, and then all the beauty of form will appear to have been only a brief moment of exaltation. Hence this is still not the true way of redemption. For this reason Confucius felt very uncomfortable when men, by contemplating the oracle, he obtained the hexagram of grace.

A beginner in a subordinate place must take upon himself the labor of advancing. There might be an opportunity of suddenly eating the way—symbolized by the carriage—but a self-contained man scorns help gained in a dubious fashion. It thinks it more graceful to go on foot than to drive in a carriage under false pretenses.

Six in the second place means:
Lends grace to the board on his chin.

The board is not an independent thing; it moves only with the chin. The image therefore means that form is to be considered only as a result and attribute of content. The board is a superfluous ornament. To devote care to it for its own sake, without regard for the inner content of which it is an ornament, would bespeak a certain vanity.

Nine in the third place means:
Graceful and moist.
Constant perseverance brings good fortune.

This represents a very charming life situation. One is under the spell of grace and the mellow mood induced by wine. This grace can adorn, but it can also swamp us. Hence the warning not to sink into convivial indolence but to remain constant in perseverance. Good fortune depends on this.

17. Sui / Following

Above: Tu: The Joyous, Lake
Below: Ch'ien: The Arouse, Thunder

The trigram Tu, the Joyous, whose attribute is gladness, is above; Ch'ien, the Arouse, which has the attribute of movement, is below. Joy in movement induces following. The Joyous is the youngest daughter, while the Arouse is the eldest son. An older man defers to a young girl and shows her consideration. By this he moves her to follow him.

The Judgment
Following has supreme success.
Perseverance furthers. No blame.

In order to obtain a following one must first know how to adapt oneself. If a man would rule he must first learn to serve; for only in this way does he secure from those below him the joyous assent that is necessary if they are to follow him. He has to obtain a following by force or cunning, by constraint or by creating factions, he invariably arouses resistance, which obstructs willing adherence. But even joyous movement can lead to evil consequences, hence the added stipulation, "Perseverance furthers"—that is, consistency in doing right— together with "No blame." Just as we should not ask others to follow us unless this condition is fulfilled, so it is only under this condition that we can in turn follow others without coming to harm.

The thought of obtaining a following through adaptation to the demands of the time is a great and significant idea; this is why the appended judgment is so favorable.

The Image
Thunder in the middle of the lake:
The image of following.
Thus the superior man at nightfall
Goes indoors for rest and recuperation.

In the autumn electricity withdraws into the earth again and rests. Here it is the thunder in the middle of the lake that serves as the image—thunder in its winter rest, not thunder in motion. The idea of following in the sense of adaptation to the demands of the time grows out of this image. Thunder in the middle of the lake indicates times of darkness and rest. Similarly, a superior man, after being tirelessly active all day, allows himself rest and recuperation at night. No situation can become favorable until one is able to adapt to it and does not wear himself out with mistaken resistance.
Controversy Threatens Independence Plan

UNITED NATIONS - The continuing impasse over the number of peacekeeping troops to be included in the United Nations Transition Assistance Group (Untag) is threatening the April 1 deadline for implementation of Security Council Resolution 435, the long-stalled Namibian independence plan.

For the past month, passage of the required enabling resolution has been blocked in the Security Council by demands from its five permanent members – the United States, the Soviet Union, China, France and Britain – that the military component of Untag be reduced from 7,500 to 4,500 troops as a cost-cutting measure. The troop cuts are opposed strongly by the Namibian liberation movement Swapo, by the Organization of African Unity (OAU) and by the Non-Aligned Movement. The groups argue that cuts will enable South African army and police units in Namibia to intimidate pro-Swapo voters and to continue providing arms and sanctuary to the Angolan rebel movement Unita.

The Security Council’s Permanent Five, who are responsible for financing 57% of the Untag operation, are insisting that costs be held to about $400 million. According to estimates, full deployment would cost $650 million to $800 million.

The behind-the-scenes dispute, which included an unpublicized January 6 meeting between UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar and the foreign ministers of Botswana, Mozambique and Zambia, erupted into the open on January 16, when the Security Council instructed Perez de Cuellar to “re-examine requirements necessary for Untag in order to identify where possible tangible cost-saving measures.” (see Africa News January 23)

On January 20, the OAU issued a strong public statement charging that “at a time when the Namibian people are anxiously awaiting free and fair elections, the reduction of Untag military personnel will deprive them of the right to freely choose their representatives.”

A January 23 statement from the 49-state Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement took an even tougher position, terming the proposed troop reductions “sinister and unacceptable” and charging that “the motive for the contemplated reduction of the military component of Untag can only be aimed at strengthening the hand of the South African Administrator General and his forces to manipulate the electoral process.”

One ranking UN official said Perez de Cuellar was “making the best of a lousy situation.”

The ecumenical Council of Churches in Namibia, whose members represent about 900,000 of the territory’s 1.5 million people, also voiced strong opposition to the cuts. In a January 16 telex to Perez de Cuellar, the Council warned that reduction of the Untag force “will seriously jeopardize the Namibian independence process.” In a second message to the UN leader, the Council declared, “it is to our disappointment and beyond our understanding that the Security Council (and particularly the five permanent members), who knew all along what the costs would be, should now appear to renounce on their own commitment.”

On January 23, Perez de Cuellar acceded to the Permanent Five’s demands and reduced the military component of Untag to 4,650 troops. Under the new deployment, the force will consist of three enlarged battalions of 850 soldiers each, supported by 1,700 logistics troops and a headquarters staff of 100. The reduction, outlined in a report to the Security Council, increases the number of unarmed military monitors from 200 to 300 and provides for an increase in the civilian police component of Untag from 360 to 500. The total cost of the Untag deployment is set at $416 million.

Perez de Cuellar acknowledged in his report that the reductions “will not be wholly satisfactory to either side, nor to me.” Nevertheless, he described the report as “the best available prospect” for implementation of Resolution 435, and he reserved the right to return to the Security Council for additional troops if necessary. One ranking UN official said the Secretary-General was “making the best of a lousy situation.”

The report acknowledges, however, that the cuts make it impossible for Untag to meet its original responsibilities. Under the new definition, Untag will no longer be responsible for policing the ceasefire between South African and Swapo forces in the territory or for patrolling the northern and southern borders.

Nor has the report ended the dispute at UN headquarters. OAU Secretary-General Ide Oumarou reacted to the cuts by saying, “There is a huge possibility today of seeing Namibia become independent under conditions that are neither free, regular nor democratic... We are disappointed and very seriously disturbed by the recommendations.”

For its part, Swapo has indicated that it will push for a debate in the Security Council on the Secretary-General’s report before the enabling resolution is drafted – even if that delays the April 1 deadline for implementation of the UN plan.

“We don’t trust South Africa, and we have every reason to be mistrustful,” Swapo Foreign Secretary Theoben Gurtubab said in an interview. “During the negotiations [over the UN plan in 1978], we fought hard for a substantial military component to Untag, and we don’t want to see it diluted at this critical juncture,” he said.

-Mika Flashman

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I was recently contacted by the Rainforest Action Network to see if there was interest in coordinating local activities in Madison. Is there any interest in our group becoming a Rainforest Action Group? I'll discuss at the next meeting. Bob Peerweth

RAINFOREST ACTION NETWORK

WELCOME!

Dear Rainforest Action Group Contact,

Welcome to the rainforest movement! Thank you for your concern about the rainforest issue. The rainforest movement is growing rapidly as more and more communities begin Rainforest Action Groups. These groups are the heart of the grassroots effort to save the rainforests.

The enclosed manual and materials will give you a start in setting up a Rainforest Action Group (RAG). The manual will give you some ideas for events and activities your RAG can organize, but don't limit yourself. Brainstorm different activities with your group. Be creative, and most of all, have fun.

Appendix I of the manual describes the relationship between the Rainforest Action Network and the community organizing groups associated with it. Review the appendix carefully, and also make sure that the other members of the group review it. Then, we ask that you sign and return the enclosed Agreement Form in order to

1) be officially recognized as a group associated with the Rainforest Action Network,
2) call yourself a "Rainforest Action Group" or "RAG" if you choose to, which most groups do,
3) use our resource materials in your organizing work,
4) indicate which geographical area your group will be operating in, and
5) to acknowledge, as the group's contact, your group's willingness to abide by the policies and conditions of Appendix I

In Appendix I, we have described a relationship which we feel will clarify important issues such as liability while still allowing the greatest autonomy for all the groups. If you have any questions, please contact us. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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SOMETIMES I'D LIKE TO ASK GOD WHY HE ALLOWS POVERTY, FAMINE, AND INJUSTICE. WHEN HE COULDN'T DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

WHAT'S STOPPING YOU?

I'M AFRAID GOD MIGHT ASK ME THE SAME QUESTION.
EDITOR'S CORNER:

1. **Membership** - I thought I'd pass along some information about membership as we reach the end of our major dues collection period. As of this writing (Sunday, Feb. 12) we currently have 93 members with 4 others receiving the newsletter. 63 people who were listed as members this past December did not renew their membership yet. As some of these people are active members, I expect this number to drop a little. Of those 93 members, many have joined us through the National Council and have paid dues to some time other than Jan. 1, 1990. I'd like to remind those people to check their mailing labels to determine when their memberships expire. Hopefully, you'll be interested enough in our activities to want to rejoin at that time. One other point. 46 people who did renew their memberships for 1989 also included $15 for National Council memberships. The National Council should have received this information by the time you receive this newsletter.

Because of the different times that people join us now, our membership list will be changing throughout the year. For instance, two people have their membership expiring with this issue. I think Karen King (who provides the mailing labels) and I can keep on top of things.

2. **Freeze for Food** - A heartfelt thank you to everyone who assisted in another successful Freeze for Food run, especially to Deb Stapleton for organizing it. We appreciate your efforts.

3. **Deadline for submission of material for the next newsletter** is Wednesday, March 15.

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Next month's meeting will be Friday, Mar. 3. As usual, the Friday meeting will be a potluck. Meet at Meredith Green's (2975 Rimrock Rd., 271-0998) at 6 PM for dinner. Bring something for a community salad and fixings for cold sandwiches. Business meeting will follow.

Future meetings are scheduled for:

Monday, April 3  
Tuesday, May 2  
Wednesday, June 7

RPCVs of WISCONSIN MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

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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 us 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
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