JOURNALS OF PEACE

Come one, come all! We would like this to be our media event of the year. DONNA SHALALA is preparing her speech to give at 6:15, Gary Slaats is informing the press, and committee members are putting together an EVENT. So sit down and write out what Peace Corps meant to you. Call Rose Ann to get your name on the program. If you can’t do that COME AND BE IN THE AUDIENCE to hear what Kennedy and Peace Corps means to the rest of us. We need an audience especially between 6 and 6:30 pm. See YOU Monday, November 21 in the State Capitol Rotunda.

WINTER RETREAT

Camp Lucerne has been reserved for Feb 24, 25 and 26. We want to especially invite people from other groups, Milwaukee and Chicago and our own group, who can’t make it to Madison. Come part of a day or the whole weekend. It is an inexpensive weekend for winter fun, cross county, sledding etc. So mark it on your calendar.

DUES DUES DUES DUES DUES

It's time to pay dues. For efficiency of newsletter dates and dues collecting, we want everyone pay thru Dec of 1989. WE ALSO WANT TO ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO JOIN THE NATIONAL COUNCIL. For the vast majority of us it is $12 local plus $15 national for a total of $27. For people who have an expiration date other than 12/88 you may want to call Walt or Rose Ann to have your dues figured out for you. If you want information on economy memberships call Rose Ann.
Wanted: ex-Peace Corps members

Dear Ann: As a freshman at Notre Dame, I went to a lecture you gave. You touched this undergraduate's heart. It will be our secret just how long ago that was. You struck me as a caring person, and now I need your help.

The Peace Corps was founded in 1961. Since that time, 121,000 Americans have gone off to serve their country in 94 nations around the globe. That's the good news. Here is the bad news: More than 70,000 files of Peace Corps volunteers have been lost or mislaid.

It is essential that we find our missing colleagues. We are especially interested in those volunteers of the '60s who helped establish the standard of excellence that we are striving to maintain today.

The address is: Returned Peace Corps, 1319 F Street N.W., Suite 900, Washington, D.C. 20004.

Thanks, Ann — E. Timothy Carroll, executive director

Dear Tim: Here's your letter. Now get ready for a load of mail. You're going to be swamped. The Peace Corps does a great job and Notre Dame is a magic name to me.

Friends:

Thanks for the gifts, letters, and home made art
It helped having a crew, that showed an open heart.
Your cards formed a patch work, of well wishes on the wall
Giving more freshness than springtime, more colors than fall.
Yet more than the brightness, or the space they measure
They served as mementos, of a group to treasure.
They served as a tool, spreading cheer in the room
Wiping what remained, of dreariness and gloom.

RPCV's, must come from solid stock
For the dismay predictions, turned out to be crock.
The nurses and doctors, were both confused and impressed
This is not the average rate, for an immuno-suppressed.
Instead of sores and infections, and rising body heat
The U hospital witnessed, a small miracle feat.
It baffles the staff, that the patient is fine
The reasons are clear: there exists support and a positive mind.

So your efforts to reach out, were not all in nought
I was strengthened with each call, each card, each healing thought.
Rather than pain, this was a journey of discovery
Of realizing potential, and others' help in recovery.
I know when it's raining, in the dark of night
One can always dance, in puddles of moonlight.
Your warmth was a reminder, that the PC clan
Gave the push to say, "Yes, I believe you can".

Sincerely,

Pat
DATES TO NOTE

December

3 Sun Regional Meeting in Dekalb
4 Sun BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
6 Tue GENERAL MEETING - 7:00 pm - Union South 227 N Randall Ave
7 Wed Christmas Party - Milwaukee -Xaverian Mission - 769-1431
10 Sat CHRISTMAS PARTY - 6:00 - Sophie Zermuehten - 233-7886
11 Sun BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
14 Wed Milwaukee Meeting - 7:00 pm 1756 N. Prospect - 271-9950
14 Wed Newsletter Deadline
18 Sun BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
25 Sun Christmas Day

January

1 Sun New Year's Day
8 Sun BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
11 Wed GENERAL MEETING - 7:00 pm - Union South 227 N Randall Ave
11 Wed Milwaukee Meeting - 7:00 pm 1756 N. Prospect - 271-9950
15 Sun BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
26 NCRPCV board meeting Austin, Texas
16 Mon Newsletter Deadline
22 Sun BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
28 Sat FREEZE FOR FOOD - volunteers needed
29 Sun BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union

February

2 Thr GENERAL MEETING at Union South - 227 N Randall Ave
5 Sun BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
8 Wed Milwaukee Meeting - 7:00 pm 1756 N. Prospect - 271-9950
10 Fri Obo Addy and Kukrudu - 8:00 pm Civic Center
Ghana, jazz and African rhythms
12 Sun BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union
16 Thr Newsletter Deadline
18 Sat BIRKERBINDER
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
26 Sun BRUNCH - 10-12 am - Lakefront Cafeteria - Memorial Union

* Additions thru 12/89 - Rose Ann Scott 837-4440 X444 or 241-0845
* BRUNCH on Sunday is where the discussion group business occurs between meetings, plus spirited chatter. Go left after paying.
SERVICES OFFERED
Don Sauer is experiencing a certain level of financial embarrassment due to his temporary retirement this past summer. He is looking for part-time work to supplement his regular job. He will do anything that is legal and doesn't require two perfect knees. "I can lift and I can do 'seat-of-the-pants' organizing and research. You know me--" Make an offer. Don Sauer 249-3360 (H) 266-7133 (W)

PERSONALS
THANK YOU!! Laura, William and Jim Good want everyone who has worked on their house to know how much it has been appreciated. Please reserve space on your calendar for the big housewarming party which is tentatively scheduled for May 1992.

HELP WANTED
RPCV'S of WISCONSIN need people to fill the following positions:
* HISTORIAN—to keep the organization scrap book current and document our activities.
* PROPERTY LIBRARIAN—to keep track of equipment and materials. (easy but essential, not a lot of time required)
* RETREAT COORDINATOR—to check with state park facilities and Upham Woods on location for summer retreat. Must be done before Jan 1, 89.
* FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS—to assist in decisions of responsible investing of our limited and hard earned resources. Contact RoseAnn Scott if you are interested in helping with any or all of these positions.

FOR SALE
1989 RPCV Calendars Support our group and give wonderful gifts to your friends and friends. Avoid the small crush and celebrate a new year of holidays. Available for the nominal price of $6.00. Contact RoseAnn: 241-0845

Kathleen Quinn
Wisconsin State Journal
Thursday, October 20, 1988

THORN TREE
Recoup Your Losses!
Laura Good is looking for campaign buttons from the recent presidential race. She is willing to reimburse you for whatever you paid for them. This offer is good until December 15. Buttons will also be accepted provided they've never been worn. Call 266-2018 for arrangements.
Mark ran from Gilbert to San Antonio, which was worse because they had 20 spinoff tornados there. He headed back home in record time to no damage.

---Rick and Masako have been scuba diving with gear they purchased on the mainland. They bought a little VW Rabbit convertible to sightsee and enjoy the Hawaiian sunshine. Real tough, as we watch our plants freeze!

---Jim and Laura's house has been an experience in urban archeology. Bob found ratings of spaghetti sauce mixes taped to the cupboard door. Lawry's—smoky, saucy, not so good; French's—very good Durkee's—pretty good.

Julie came and spent an afternoon sucking dog hair out of registers with an industrial strength vacuum cleaner until her allergies won out. Then came and found an infrared map of the world under the paint in an upstairs room. Bob and Jerry applied wall board to the ceilings—really handy having two tall guys—no ladders needed. Katya became a real pro at ripping carpet tack strip. Rudy and Lee dug out cracks and filled them. Meredith spent a lot of time cleaning up everybody else's mess. Don started ceiling repair, but really needed to do something destructive, so he ripped out the basement stairs. The odor of the house is changing from bad dog to sawdust, stripper and joint compound.

---And sly old Don! Moving in with Jane—what a smitten couple—and something else to ponder; Why does Lena call Jerry mama? ---Chris and Wade have done a glorious remodeling of their kitchen. They removed the wall between it and the back porch, with the back porch now a sunroom dining room. The kitchen appears twice as big. ---Deb says her father's dog looks amazingly like Buck—and her husband has a disease but she won't talk about it. ---The best underwear I have ever gotten into! ---says Bob. Wonder whose? Marks and Spencer's, a London department store, where he buys all his, so does Peter Jennings and Margaret Thatcher, we'll have to ask him to model.

---Hank wants help cleaning his kitchen floor. He figures he could scrap it up and make fruit roll ups out of it, or sell it as dehydrated food for campers. YUCK!

---Otto appeared at the pig roast! He is one of our members of longstanding.

---Also a fun contingent came up from Chicago for the pig roast mostly Mikes. Their escape to Wisconsin. There was great pondering of the world situation around the fire until 3 am. Then the campsite was overtaken by Buck's snoring. This caused an evacuation to distant areas. There was lots of good food, volleyball, and camarade, but the best spectator sport was watching who slept in which tents.

---And why did John turn down all others to ride with a certain someone to the pig roast?

---For everyone who did not help with the addressing of mailers, there must be a hot set of ears. The gossip poured with the licking of the stamps. Most of the stuff is not fit to print by Loose Lips.

---Tim Carrot has gotten 1,300 replies to his Ann Landers column.

---Scott went to the Amnesty International concert in San Jose. Saw Bruce Springsteen, and many other notables. It was Arias birthday and the crowd booed singing Happy Birthday to him. He has passed his motorcycle licensing and waiting for the vehicle. ---Buck and Jerry went to Washington DC for the 20th reunion of the Nepal RPCV's. ---Pat recovered from his bone marrow transplant in a record 27 days. When Julie tried to call him at the hospital, he was at the Como Park Zoo.
LOOSE LIPS

Max died! May he RIP. None should suffer such a bitter end.
---Hurricane Joan has us thinking of Sharon and Scott. Scott reported he endured heavy rains.
---Peter went to Guatamela to elope with Sharon, but all she would do is have breakfast with him. Some people just don’t recognize a good catch! Peter is trying to get his business Small Potatoes started. We are all tubering for him.
---Yvonne had some tall dark and blonde guy eating at her dinning room table. She had better check to see that George, Abe, Alex, and Andrew are not under her bed.
---Nicholas has become a citizen. Karen taught him to raise his right hand on cue, but he got so excited that he raised both for the judge.
---Jim and Luara held the Halloween party in there house of horrrrorrs. Ross for the fifth year in a row had the most disgusting costume, BUGS Bunny. Lena was a boyish looking devil and Hank a clown. Amazing how many costumes took on an international flavor.
---Tim is a professor at the UW, but is headed for Portland, where he will head up a Consortium of School Educators for Living in the Nuclear Age. Best of luck past Prez.
---The adventure committee took a Halloween hike to Lake Mills for a bon fire.
---Dianna brought Bob a spotted dick from England. Then she poured custard all over it. Some people are just too kinky.

---Then there are stories about Lena tucking Kathleen at night and giving her a bottle, of Scotch no less.
---Dean is getting married December 26 to a Liverpoolian. His job in Europe has gone from temporary to full time permanence.
---The calendar boo boo of 1988 was spelling Sierra Leone incorrectly, the boo boo for 1989 is putting Thanksgiving on the wrong day. We’ll have to plant one for 1990.
---John Meetz was heard tell of getting letters from Sharon.
---Jerry is taking a job in Detroit, after climbing around the Austrian Alps in December. The Red Oak Grill hooters attempted to get him to discover the Alps in his own abode, but the man has character.
---And welcome to the new people at the last meeting Josephine, Barbara, Henry and JoAnn.
---Anyone not hanging around the Red Oak Grill after the last meeting, missed a good one. Some people have snow blowers and tow ropes in their bedrooms for sexual aids. And Norm has this vacuum cleaner that really does a job.
---Bob has conjugal visits in Chicago.
---Rose Ann attended parents at UWO, where she discovered all the other parents were really old.
---Sophie has a full time sub job at LaFollette teaching German.
---And Wade is headed for Orlando for the National Council for Social Studies convention, and of course Chris and Luke are going along to see Goofy.
Light-years away from nineteenth-century Ohio, in
Nigeria of 1929, African women also used song to
ridicule, protest and pressure a man and the system he
represented.

In November of that year, women streamed into
Olok, Nigeria from throughout Owerri Province. Word
had been sent via the Ibo [igbo] women's network that it
was time to "sit on" Okugo, the arrogant Warrant Chief of
the Olok Native Court. "Sitting on a man" was the
figurative expression given a traditional process of
punishment during which women gathered in front of a
man's home to sing songs which outlined the women's
grievances or insulted the offender. The women would
dance and sing all day and all night, and sometimes, for
the most serious and unrepentant offenders, give
additional impetus to their words by dismantling the roof
of his hut until the man promised to cooperate.

Of course, the situation wasn't all Okugo's fault, but
the Ibo women had to start somewhere. Thirty years
before, Southern Nigeria had been declared a British
protectorate and the women's decision-making powers and
authority had increasingly been undermined. Before
colonization, the people west of the Niger River had
always made decisions by consensus, reasoning that the
justice of any decision should be clear to everyone
involved. They were aided in this process by an obi [male]
who looked after the happiness and well-being of the men
and by an omu [female] who, assisted by a council of
women, saw to the happiness and well-being of the
women. But when the British came, they incorporated
only the obi into their new system and gave him a
monthly paycheck while the omu was left unrecognized,
stripped of her power and voice. This situation grew worse
when rumors traveled through the women's network that
they and their property would be taxed as the men had
been under British rule.

One morning Warrant Chief Okugo approached
Nwanyeruwa, a married woman. He had asked to count
her goats and sheep and she had spat back an insult, "Was
mother counted!" In anger, Okugo attacked Nwanyeruwa
who immediately set in motion the women's network. It
was time to use their ancient form of protest.

The women prepared as their mothers and grand-
mothers before them had prepared for the traditional
settling of grievances: they bound their heads with ferns,
smeared their faces with ashes, and put on the short
loincloths tradition ordained. Each woman then picked up
a sacred stick wreathed with young palm fronds. These
sacred sticks were necessary for invoking the spirit and
power of their female ancestors. Thus attired, and carrying
their sacred sticks high, thousands of women marched on
the District Office. They danced, they sang songs of
ridicule and protest, they chanted, and they demanded
Okugo's cap of office, the symbol of his authority over
them. After several days of such protest, the women
secured written assurances that they were not to be taxed.
They also succeeded in having Okugo arrested, tried, and
convicted of physical assault on Nwanyeruwa and of
unnecessarily worrying the population.

News of this victory spread through the women's
networks and thousands of other women throughout
the region organized to "sit on" their local Warrant Chiefs.
Women throughout the area gathered together in their
traditional ferns, ashes, and loincloths, carrying the sacred
sticks of their ancestors, and singing and chanting their
demands.

Although they singled out individual government
representatives, the women injured no one. However, there
were reports of destruction of property in some regions
and in several villages the women released prisoners,
looted European stores and took apart the Native Courts.
The women's action spread throughout the southeast and
southwest quarters of Igbooland, approximately six
thousand square miles. Observing the rules of the ritual,
the women had no intention of hurting or killing anyone
and they believed they were safe from harm because of
their sacred sticks.

But they were wrong. The British, blinded by both a
racist and sexist Victorian perspective and knowing
nothing of the Ibo women's custom of sitting on a man,
saw only frenzied mobs consumed by savage passions.
They called out the police, the soldiers, and even the Boy
Scouts to crush the women's rebellion. In mid-December,
the troops fired at the women, killing more than fifty and
wounding another fifty. The women were stunned.
Though here and there protests continued into 1930, most
of the rebellion ended abruptly in the face of such
barbarity.

As the victors, the British wrote the history of the
1929 action. While the Ibo people called the action Ogu
Umunwanyi, "the Women's War" the British called it the
"Aha Riots," falsely conveying the image of irrational and
violent action with the word "riots" and erasing women
from the picture altogether.
The Milwaukee Public Museum, located in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, offers a vast collection of natural history and cultural artifacts. The museum is renowned for its Sci-Fi-themed exhibits, which span a wide range of scientific and technological topics.

The museum's permanent exhibits include the Chinery Collection, featuring a diverse array of insects, and the Human Culture Gallery, which explores the history and culture of human societies. The museum also hosts temporary exhibitions and educational programs throughout the year.

The Milwaukee Public Museum is a great destination for anyone interested in natural history, science, and cultural heritage. Visitors can explore the exhibits, participate in educational programs, and attend events and lectures on various scientific topics.

By Karen Kotecki

Ceremony Opening
Exhibits Opening

Museum Brings Rain Forest to Wisconsin

The Milwaukee Public Museum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, brings a rain forest exhibit to the city, providing visitors with a unique and immersive experience. The exhibit is designed to educate and inspire, allowing visitors to learn about the diverse ecosystem and the important role that rain forests play in our planet's biodiversity.

The rain forest exhibit features a variety of interactive displays and educational materials, including a simulated rain forest environment with various plant species and animal habitats. Visitors can explore the exhibit and learn about the importance of rain forests, their role in the global ecosystem, and the challenges they face.

The Milwaukee Public Museum's rain forest exhibit is a great opportunity to learn about the natural world and the importance of preserving our planet's biodiversity. Visitors of all ages can enjoy the exhibit and gain a deeper appreciation for the beauty and complexity of our natural environment.

By Lisa Johnson
Junkyard, Natal

The use of dangerous pesticides has been under investigation by South Africa's Weekly Mail newspaper for several months. Reporters Eddie Koch, Si Nyemane and Ernest Siders published the following stories in recent editions of the paper.

Vast quantities of chemicals used to make Agent Orange appear to have been dumped in South Africa by multi-national companies in the wake of a worldwide ban on 2,4,5-T, the most dangerous ingredient of the notorious defoliant.

The chemical 2,4,5-T produces dioxin, one of the most toxic poisons known, and is banned for sale and use in most of the Western world and many parts of the Third World. South Africa is one of the few countries that still allow it to be used.

Government officials say only small quantities of old supplies of 2,4,5-T are available in South Africa and that no ban has been imposed on the substance as these will soon be depleted. But massive amounts of 2,4,5-T have been found in rainwater at two sites near Pietermaritzburg in Natal.

Natal-based Chemwatch, an environmental group monitoring the use of herbicides in South Africa that contain the ingredients of Agent Orange, recently revealed that samples of 2,4,5-T in the rainwater were found to be 10,000 times higher than the limit considered safe in the United States.

The findings, contained in a secret South African Department of Agriculture report obtained by Chemwatch, have sparked fears that pollution of the air and rain by 2,4,5-T and 2,4-D has reached crisis proportions.

Agent Orange, a mixture of equal parts of 2,4-D and 2,4,5-T, was used by the U.S. armed forces to destroy vast tracts of forest and jungle during the Vietnam War.

Since then the defoliant has been blamed for a spate of babies being born with tiny hearts, small lungs, too many toes and stumps for legs, both to the wives of Vietnam veterans in the U.S. and to villagers in Vietnam.

Mystery surrounds the origins of 2,4,5-T supplies in South Africa.

Government and industry sources are tight-lipped on the issue and Farm Ag, the only South African company known to be distributing herbicides containing 2,4,5-T in South Africa, refused to tell the Weekly Mail where its supplies came from.

Farm Ag director Frank Richardson would only say the firm was using up old stocks of the chemical and would no longer market products containing 2,4,5-T once these were used up.

He said the Department of Agriculture's registrar for fertilizers and stock feeds, Dr. Max Orban, had full details of which company supplied Farm Ag with 2,4,5-T.

But Orban told the Weekly Mail he did not have this information and said that even if he did, he would be prevented by law from divulging information about products registered with his department.

Orban would only say that he thought stocks of 2,4,5-T were bought up in Europe and the US about four or five years ago, before the chemical was banned in those countries.

The only company in the world that is known to have produced 2,4,5-T recently is located in New Zealand and jointly owned by Dow Chemical, the American company that sold Agent Orange to the U.S. army, and a local company called Ivor Watkins. The firm closed down at the end of last year but may have sold off its old stock.

The World Health Organization estimates that at least 10,000 people per year are killed in the Third World by pesticides — many of whose ingredients are banned in the West.

Dow had a plant in South Africa before it disinvested in April last year and sold out to a local company, IC Chemicals. But it still has active interests in the country and supplies herbicides to the South African chemical giant, Sentrachem, through IC Chemicals.

Agricura, a Sentrachem subsidiary, distributes herbicides throughout the country under the Dow's trade mark, Tordon.

One of Agricura's herbicides, known as Tordon 225, contained 2,4,5-T and carried the Dow logo on its labels. But Agricura's manager of marketing services, N.C. Anderson, said this version of Tordon was no longer produced by his company.

Loyd Morgan, manager of IC Chemicals' agricultural division, confirmed that his firm was supplied with Dow herbicides, but said Dow had stopped supplying 2,4,5-T after it was banned in the U.S.

He said it was possible that Farm Ag had bought the chemical from the Dow factory in New Zealand but had no evidence of this. Morgan said France was another possible source of old stocks of 2,4,5-T.

Dow has been the subject of a huge lawsuit in the U.S., as hundreds of Vietnam veterans attempted to obtain compensation from the company for diseases suffered by them and deformities that afflicted their children.

Although it is not certain who sold the supplies of 2,4,5-T to South African firms, it is clear that the country was seen as a market that could soak up large supplies of the herbicide because no ban applies there.

The United Nations' World Health Organization estimates that at least 10,000 people per year are killed in the Third World by pesticides — many of whose ingredients are banned in the West.

The UN's Food and Agriculture Organization, concerned by the massive amounts of toxic chemicals that are dumped each year, recently passed a resolution that Third World countries should give prior and informed consent before allowing dangerous pesticides to enter their territory.

Chemwatch said the levels of 2,4,5-T... continued on page 8
T found in Natal’s rain were up to three times the amounts recorded in Vietnam after its forests were subjected to bombardments from the air of more than 4 million liters of Agent Orange.

A toxicologist at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency told South African reporters that the amounts of 2,4-D found in the samples was far higher than the minimum standards laid down by U.S. federal agencies and that they would “take action” if such quantities were found in the U.S.

The Chemwatch representative told Weekly Mail that the 2,4,5-T found in Natal was combined with heavy doses of 2,4-D. “In effect this means that many areas of the province were hit by rainfalls of diluted Agent Orange,” he said.

The level of 2,4,5-T in the Natal samples was 69,000 picograms per liter while the U.S. safety limit was 70 picograms per liter, he said. A picogram is one trillionth of a gram. As a guide to the levels of 2,4,5-T in the air, these measurements were an “absolute minimum.”

Hazelmere Dam near Verulam in Natal. The Farm Ag factory is located on the banks of the dam. Chemwatch has produced a dossier linking the use of 2,4,5-T and 2,4-D to the apparently high rate of birth defects in Natal. Numerous medical studies have provided strong evidence to show 2,4-D causes fetal damage and kidney and liver cancer. The discoveries have sparked a storm of protest by environmental groups, trade unions and political parties.

The Chemwatch representative said the government had more than enough evidence to justify an immediate embargo on the use of both chemicals.

The South African Chemical Worker’s Union has committed itself to a campaign around the issue. “We believe that if we don’t investigate the use and manufacture of the chemicals we will have failed in our duty to protect the lives of our members as well as their health and safety,” said Sacwu education officer Abel Majola.

### Putting Poison in Perspective

A South African government committee responsible for protecting the population from poisons has issued a press statement on Agent Orange that “puts the toxicity to man and beast of the products in perspective.”

The Interdepartmental Advisory Committee Safeguarding Man Against Poisons (Indac) said the dangerous element of the Agent Orange used in Vietnam was dioxin, a highly toxic substance produced during the manufacture of 2,4,5-T.

Indac chairman Dr. III Weise said products on the South African market containing 2,4,5-T have been tested and found to contain less than half the amount of dioxin considered by the World Health Organization says the safety limit of dioxin is 0.1 milligrams per kilogram of 2,4,5-T; all products in South Africa have dioxin levels below 0.5 milligrams per kilogram. Agent Orange used in Vietnam had dioxin levels of 45 milligrams per kilogram.

“Supplies of 2,4,5-T on the South African market are being rapidly depleted because international manufacture of this herbicide has been terminated,” said Weise.

Indac has recommended that existing supplies of 2,4,5-T may be used up because it has low levels of dioxin.

The committee says 2,4-D, the other ingredient of Agent Orange, contains no dioxin. “The toxicology of 2,4-D is not under suspicion,” it said.

“This herbicide is currently used internationally, although it is subject to certain local use restrictions to prevent damage to sensitive crops. It is not banned anywhere in the world.”

A Chemwatch representative acknowledged that dioxin levels in South African herbicides were much lower than those found in Agent Orange. But he said 2,4,5-T was volatile and produced higher levels of the deadly poison in hot climates.

Medical literature on the effects of the herbicides indicates that dioxin is not the only element of Agent Orange suspected to cause cancers and birth deformities.

A seminal study by Dr. Sheila Hoar and Dr. Aaron Blair based on observation of farmers in Kansas found those exposed to 2,4-D for more than 20 days a year ran a sixfold higher risk of developing a cancer known as non-Hodgkins lymphoma.
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NOTE: Duncan's home phone number is not the same as that given in the last
   newsletter. I believe the number given here is correct.

LECLERC, Scott  Arpatado Postal 63, Puriscal 6000, Costa Rica.
                  Sierra Leone 1982-84
NOTE: Scott's address as given in last month's update is no longer
   current. The address given above is the latest I have. Once again,
   Scott, I apologize.

I have a home phone number for Alan & Emily Kraus: 414/534-2064.

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Our next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 6 starting at 7 PM. As
usual, the meeting will be held in Union South on the UW-Madison
Campus. Check the bulletin boards for a sheet titled "Today in the
Union". This will list the room where we will meet.

Future meetings are scheduled for:

   Wednesday, January 11
   Thursday, February 2
   Friday, March 3 (Potluck at site
   to be determined)

Deadline for submission of material for the next newsletter is
Wednesday, December 14. I apologize for not observing the
submission deadline for this issue, but unusual circumstances
occurred.
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 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)
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   ___ Overseas Individual - $20
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☐ I do not want to join, but I would like to receive the newsletter and am enclosing $7 ($15 for overseas) to cover the costs.

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

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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.