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'GLOBAL ETHICS' IN COPENHAGEN

The Caux Round Table held its 1995 Interim Meeting in Copenhagen during the UN World Summit for Social Development. Six business leaders from Denmark, Norway, Finland and the UK joined 13 CRT members from Japan, America and Europe.

Members of the CRT state one of their purposes as being 'concerned with the development of constructive economic and social relationships between their countries, and with their urgent joint responsibilities toward the rest of the world. They believe that business should assume an important role in creating a better world in which all humans can find shelter, food and a satisfying life.'

They made this approach known at a presentation arranged by BUSCO (Business Association for the World Social Summit, headed by Olivier Giscard d'Estaing). Under the theme of 'Ethics and Corporate Citizenship', Ryuzaburo Kaku, Chairman of Canon, spoke on the concept and practice of Kyosei - living and working together for the common good - while Stephen Braswell, Senior Vice-President of the Prudential Life Insurance Company of America, explained the content and outreach of the CRT *Principles for Business*.

Since the *Principles* were launched at Caux last July:

- 5,000 English copies have been used.
- the Japanese version is much in demand following an article in *Nikkei*, Japan's equivalent of the *Wall Street Journal*, featuring Mr Kaku. Japan's five major economic organisations have asked for copies, while the Japanese Chamber of Commerce will recommend that all local chapters study it. The Japanese Chapter of the ICC will feature the *Principles* in its magazine, and *Kaizai Doyuka*, the Organisation of Corporate Executives, will hold a special meeting for Mr Kaku to address 250 people.
- the French version has just been launched.
- *Business Ethics*, a US magazine for business people and investors interested in ethics and social responsibility, has carried the *Principles* in full.

Under the headline, 'Global Ethics', Copenhagen's *Christian Daily* commented how encouraging it was, when the need for ethics has been discussed so much that the concept has become hollow, that the business and industrial leaders of the CRT are taking concrete steps. The paper noted their awareness that companies needed to be responsible not only to

their shareholders but also for the societies in which they operate.

The CRT plans to develop its concerns further and enlarge its outreach at its next meeting, July 19-22, in Caux.

Maarten de Pous

AMONG TWO THOUSAND

Twenty-five participants in the UN Summit - from Benin, Brazil, Ecuador, Indonesia, Japan, Peru, Philippines, Tanzania, Samoa, United Kingdom and Venezuela - came to a dinner at the MRA home in Copenhagen to meet a group of Danes.

Ambassador F M Kasaura of Tanzania, who came straight from having delivered his government's statement at a plenary session, said, 'You are putting into practice here what we are talking about.'

At the Summit opening, with 122 Heads of State and Government present, UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali stated that never had so many world leaders come together to make a commitment to eradicate poverty, create employment and strengthen the social fabric of society.

The presence of more than 2,000 NGOs is perhaps the best guarantee that the Summit's proposals will be followed up and implemented.

Alice Cardel Keld Jørgensen

FOCUS ON UNEMPLOYMENT

The special issue of *For a Change* on unemployment, due out on 22 March, is a powerful collection of human experience. Chris Evans' lead story, 'The search of a work-friendly society', looks at questions such as the gap between 'employed' and 'unemployed'. 'Governments are discovering the limits of their ability to fill the gap,' he concludes. But he finds hope in the voluntary action of people, individually and collectively. The issue contains stories of people across the world who have come to terms with the pain of losing their jobs, some of whom have found worthwhile occupations in quite different fields. I hope we can reach widely with this issue, dealing as it does with such a crucial need.

Tom Jones

BRAZIL HOSTS THE AMERICAS

Last month the MRA centre in Petropolis, rich in greenery and flowers, was host to an 'Encuentro de las Americas' (Conference of the Americas). Participants came from 11 countries of North and South America, and from Europe and Asia.

The main theme was: 'How to create a team, and keep it united and effective.' Brazilians outlined their work for clean elections during the recent election campaigns. Laurie and Elsa Vogel told of all that has developed in Brasilia since they started there with practically nothing two years ago. Now, as they move to Europe, they leave behind a team of friends. Tita Aquino from Nicaragua described the growth of a team in the capital, Managua, that is learning to care about the country's needs. Eliezer Cifuentes, a Guatemalan exile who has helped them, said that his commitment is to develop MRA throughout central America.

Maureen Watz and Fidelina Fischer told of the work of the Americas Group in Minnesota. 'MRA and its four absolute standards have been painted in colour for me this week,' added Maureen, a lawyer. 'I have been inspired.' Maria Jesus Muñoz from Spain said, 'You have shown me that forgiveness begins with myself. As a nurse I fight for life, but I have rejoiced when a terrorist was killed in my country. Now I feel ashamed.'

Favela leaders took the participants to visit the 'Factory of Hope', a huge project aimed at transforming the living conditions of the 100,000 people who live in one of Rio de Janeiro's most deprived and violent suburbs. Coordinators of the project attended the closing session of the Encuentro.

We planned for the coming year. Columbians will have a campaign in Cali and Bogota during March. The Puigs will be there, with others from Brazil, and will then go on to Peru. In Costa Rica there will be a gathering during Holy Week, to which groups from Nicaragua and Colombia will come; help would be welcome from other North and South American countries. A Uruguayan newspaperman, Lino Cortizo, and others are planning an initiative to give moral and spiritual content to MERCOSUL, the newly established common market linking Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay.

Volunteers in Spanish-speaking countries are now sending out *Noticias y Perspectivas*, the yearly MRA publication in Spanish. It was printed in Lima, Peru, thanks to unprecedented international teamwork. Translators in several countries gave their services. We now hope to produce the magazine at least twice a year, and would welcome contributions.

Luis Puig

PARAGUAYANS RESPOND

After the 'Gathering of the Americas' four of us visited Paraguay, a country emerging from years of dictatorship. We were invited by Dr Nimia Monzon de Ferreira, founder of many women's organisations, and Elva Bernal Garcia, who works with co-operatives.

Our 24-hour trip took us through the Argentine Province of Misiones, which in the 16th Century was

part of the highly-developed Jesuit Indian State, destroyed by force thanks to European power struggles. Within hours of reaching Ciudad del Este in Paraguay, we were interviewed about MRA by the local TV. It was broadcast as part of the national news. The next days were full of meetings, large and small. Nimia had arranged a launching of MRA at a local hotel. The room was packed. The Governor of the State came to pay his respects. The TV was again present. When Celia told of her fight against corruption, there was applause, and a solicitor responded: 'I will fight along with you.' Towards the end we proposed a quiet time, and everyone reached for pencil and paper. Many spoke to us of the hope they had found that evening.

*Celia Pairetti Argentina Maria Jesus Muñoz Spain
Rohini de Mel Sri Lanka Hanni Blundell Switzerland*

SIX-DAY MRA COURSE IN TAIWAN

'From a changed life to a life changer' was the title of a 6-day course in Taiwan last month. Each of the 18 participants had been interviewed twice before being accepted. They studied the character of a life-changer, teamwork, relationships and prayer. They heard from a Taiwanese Christian minister and a Buddhist monk, both of whom had been active in the Clean Election Campaign, about the role of faith and prayer in their lives. 'In this course I have wept tears of liberty,' said a teacher. 'I have been so self-centred, so materialistic. I know now that life is not just for ourselves.'

MAHARASHTRIAN WRITERS AT ASIA PLATEAU

In India, 28 Maharashtrian writers came to Asia Plateau for a 3-day seminar. They form a group called 'Jagriti' (Awakening), which aims to bring social change through writing. One who came full of suspicion wrote later: 'There was nothing new about what was said; this has been the teaching of our religious books and saints. Yet we saw total harmony between the principles and their implementation. In our commitment to Jagriti's goal of a value-based society, we have established an intimate relationship with Asia Plateau.'

NEXT STEPS IN CONSULTATION PROCESS

The Support Group for MRA's Consultations met in London in late February to discuss future directions. A dozen friends from around Europe joined in our deliberations and we benefited greatly from written insights of over 50 participants in previous Consultations. Most of these expressed enthusiasm for the process and offered thoughtful suggestions for the future. Our relaxed and wide-ranging discussions led to considerable clarity about next steps. The April *World Bulletin* will announce details of a somewhat unusual Consultation which is being proposed for a European location beginning on October 26.

When the Coordination Group began, we decided to review their role and mandate in 1995. Indications are that their service to the world force is greatly appreciated. Many hope their contribution will increase and that they will help us come to more timely decisions on various matters. Others suggest that they be granted, or perhaps simply exercise, greater authority. It is appropriate, therefore, that we take a fresh look at how the CG can best help us respond to what God is asking of MRA globally. We propose that this review take place in Caux this summer at a special Consultation, July 26-27. At this meeting we will also select new members for the CG to replace those whose terms are expiring.

As you may recall, we asked the original group of six to serve for either two, three or four years, thus helping to set up a regular rotation based on three-year terms. Luis Puig and Vijayalakshmi Subrahmanyam served through 1994. Yukihiisa Fujita, Michael Henderson, Joan Holland and Chris Mayor will serve through 1995, while Joan and one of the three men (still to be decided) have agreed to stay on and serve through 1996. Philippe Lasserre joined in 1994 and will serve through 1997.

The immediate need is to find replacements for those completing their service this year. However, we also hope to develop a list of candidates who would be willing and able to take up three-year terms during the coming few years.

May we ask you, therefore, to take time to consider carefully who might be ready to undertake this important service for our world force. You may like to consult with others in your region. Also, if any individual feels a sense of conviction to offer himself or herself, please do not hesitate to make this known. The Support Group in reviewing the nominations will respect the confidentiality of the process and will contact those suggested to ascertain their availability, and seek guidance with them and their colleagues. Please send nominations by May 1 to Robo Ukoko-Orogun at 12 Palace Street, London, SW1E 5JF, UK (Fax: +44 171 828 7609).

Participation at the special Consultation to be held in Caux, July 26-27, will follow the usual pattern. Given the subject, it would help if participants were familiar with the CG's work. Those representing different regions and our various global initiatives should also bring the perspectives of colleagues with convictions about MRA's contribution into the next century. The Support Group will work to ensure a balanced group of about 25 people. Alice Cardel will coordinate preparations. Please let her know by June 2 who would like to attend. Her address is 401 East 88th Street, Apt. 5F, New York, NY 10128, USA. (Fax: +1 212 370 0534).

Consultation Support Group

CO-WORKERS NEEDED IN BRITAIN

Some of us in Britain have been actively seeking to remove some of the obstacles - spiritual and practical

- which may prevent more people from working with us in the different programmes we are undertaking in and from this country. We are looking to deepen our spiritual life and commitment, and to enhance the quality of our corporate life, addressing attitudes which block trust and effectiveness. Simultaneously we are praying for 6-8 young people to work with MRA, for a year or more, and are offering a thought-through framework covering programme, finance and other practical questions. Although these 6-8 will work in three distinct areas of MRA's outreach in Britain, we envisage that they will also operate as a group to some extent.

We would welcome any suggestions of individuals who might wish to take up this opportunity, from any part of the world. Documents are available from me in Oxford, outlining in more detail the thinking behind our proposals, and including a 'public' document which can be used with any person (young or older) who may like to consider taking a year for an adventure with MRA.

Edward Peters

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

Once again this year journalists accredited to the TV-Symposium in Montreux will stay at Caux. As always we shall depend mostly on volunteers for the running of the house, specially for posts like the phone, night-phone and night-watch, reception - also service and housekeeping.

The Hotel school SHMS will leave just a few days before (last exams on June 2nd!), so it will take a good team to rearrange Mountain House. We are hoping to hear from some of you either of your coming or of your good suggestions.

Margarit Küng

CAUX 50TH COUNCIL MEETING

The Caux 'trio' would like to announce the next meeting of the '50th anniversary council' in Caux, May 3-4, the Wednesday and Thursday before the Swiss MRA Foundation meeting on the Friday, and just after the Spring planning meeting for Caux '95 in Yutz.

If you plan to come, please let me know in Geneva. Any ideas can also be faxed or posted.

Andrew Stallybrass

CAUX CULTURE

A detailed report of days spent thinking for the evenings and non-speaking elements of the Caux conferences has been sent to those responsible for the various sessions and departments. The report includes creative ideas, suggestions and proposals for Caux '95, '96 and '97 and is available to anyone interested: apply to me at Alnäs, Djurgårdsvägen 220, S-115 21 Stockholm.

Philip Tyndale-Biscoe

A 'REMARKABLE TESTAMENT'

Nearly half the copies of Arthur Strong's *Preview of a New World* have gone out worldwide. Sir Laurens van der Post describes it as a 'remarkable testament...a kind of anthology of contemporary meaning... It was wonderful of you to undertake such a task. Thank you.' Omran El Shafei, former Head of the Diplomatic Corps in Geneva, calls it 'a fascinating history of a nation which turned from isolation to the forefront among nations'. Dr Robert Alvarez, publisher of the Administrator's Digest, a professional publication for librarians, has sent the book to the Directors of North America's 32 largest libraries. In his covering letter he writes: 'I have handled thousands of noteworthy books, but I have never

seen anything to match Arthur Strong's.' Arthur offers the book as a gift but asks for postage to be paid by the recipient.

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Calendar of Events

MAR '95	<u>Copenhagen</u> Denmark	Caux Round Table interim meeting	Mar 6 - 9
	<u>Tirley Garth</u> UK	Restoring the Human Spirit in Our Cities	Mar 11 - 12
	<u>Tirley Garth</u>	Planning meeting for Caux Cities Consultation	Mar 12 - 14
	<u>Gatchina</u> Russia	Meeting with Moral Re-Armament	Mar 31 - Apr 3
APR '95	<u>Caux</u> Switzerland	Caux Work Weeks - general work week followed by garden work week	Apr 15 - 29
	<u>Ontario</u> Canada	The Media and Ethnicity - International Communications Forum	Apr 21 - 23
	<u>Yutz/Thionville</u> France	Caux 1995/96 planning meeting	Apr 27 - 30
MAY	<u>Caux</u>	- Meeting of 50th Anniversary Council	May 3 - 4
JUN '95	<u>Yaoundé</u> Cameroon	Pan-African Conference for Moral Re-Armament	Jun 5 - 10
	<u>Caux</u>	Montreux TV-Symposium journalists stay at Caux	Jun 7 - 14
JUL '95	<u>Caux</u>	Caux Scholars Program	Jul 6 - Aug 9
	<u>Melbourne</u> Australia	Life Matters - eight-day Study Course at Armagh	Jul 7 - 16
	<u>Caux</u>	Unity with Diversity, A Consultation on Europe	Jul 8 - 16
	<u>Caux</u>	The Society of Tomorrow	Jul 18 - 26
	<u>Caux</u>	Caux Round Table	Jul 19 - 22
	<u>Philippines</u>	Asia Pacific Youth Conference	Jul 24 - 31
	<u>Caux</u>	Special Consultation to review Coordination Group	Jul 26 - 27
	<u>Caux</u>	Caux Conference for Industry and Business	Jul 28 - Aug 2
AUG '95	<u>Caux</u>	Restoring the Human Spirit in Our Cities	Aug 4 - 11
	<u>Caux</u>	Regions in crisis, Regions in recovery - Learning from one another	Aug 14 - 24
SEP '95	<u>Tirley Garth</u> UK	Foundations for Freedom - International Course	Sep 7 - 26

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