

ANYTHING TO DECLARE ?

25th January.

Since we left London on the 30th October, 1969, the whole journey has cost approximately £131,000. This is an average of only £23 per person per week (including air travel and living expenses). This astonishing figure has been made possible by many savings. In Melbourne, for instance, so many companies gave food that our lunches cost an average of 2d. per person per meal! In Papua-New Guinea, almost all the local transport was given by the Administration and two private companies. In Hong Kong, we used a magnificent church centre, Morrison House, overlooking the harbour. Most of us stayed there and we were able to enjoy Christmas there with our new Chinese friends. We were charged less than £100 for our 2½ week stay. In India, the Coco-Cola company in various cities gave all the drinks.

The New Year found us in Singapore. From there we moved for a second time to Malaysia, to Ipoh and Penang, which our hosts felt are the key to the racial situation in the country. At the end of January we go to India, this time to the South, to Madras. Then we go to Panchgani to assess the last 18 months and to look ahead to the future.

Some of the cast stayed in Australia, New Zealand and Papua-New Guinea. They hope to send a charter plane to the 25th Anniversary of Caux next July. Others plan to stay on in Hong Kong, Singapore and Malaysia to bring delegations to Caux and Panchgani. Some will also stay in India. Others have joined us in Australia and will be coming on to Europe.

This journey has gone on considerably longer than we at first anticipated. Our original budget of £100,000 was to last 8 months. At the time of writing we have some £7,000 left in our funds in Europe, which we expect will be used up in the next couple of weeks with the charter to India and other items. We reckon we will need a further £25,000 to pay for the travel of the main force through Malaysia, India and back to Europe. Also to provide some sort of support for those whose conviction it is to stay on in these parts. Our hosts in Hong Kong are already planning to send £1,000 towards this. Any further contributions can be made payable to:

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