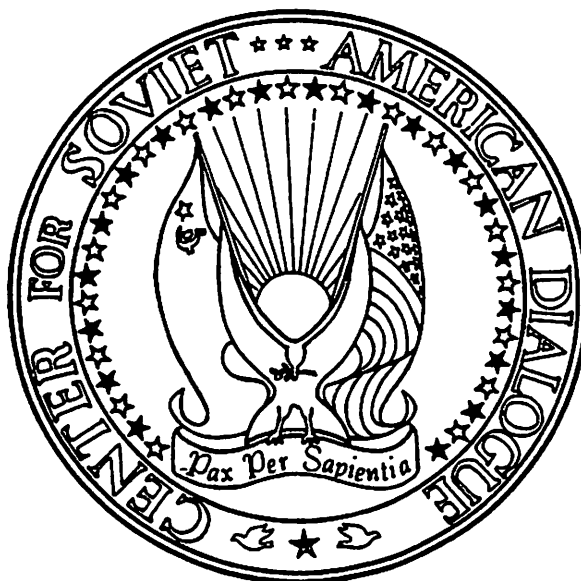


# **The Soviet-American Citizens' Summit**

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# TOWARD A NEW CLEAR ENERGY, DISARMING THE SOUL

by Noel McInnis

(taken from *The Summit Document*, Introduction)

For five days 100 Soviet citizens have joined with several hundred Americans in rising above the old energies of mutual distrust, competition and fear, to establish a new, clear energy of co-creative, co-operational partnership. Together, we have enlarged our dream of disarming the world's nations by addressing also the larger issue of "disarming the soul." Thus many of the projects born during the Summit will facilitate personal disarmament -- relinquishment of the hostile attitudes that sustain political violence.

In an interview with *The Summit Daily*, Program Director Barbara Marx Hubbard characterized the week's accomplishments as "the dawn of a new relationship." As evidence of this dawning, she cited Genrikh Trofimenko's observation that our Citizens' Summit has produced not only projects but a "spirit of empathy pervading and underlying our relationships."

Barbara cited several breakthroughs that have originated or been significantly advanced at the Summit:

- √ A dozen Soviet delegates, including laymen as well as clergy, were admitted to the annual Pentagon Prayer Breakfast on Wednesday morning. "This is the first group of Soviets to be allowed in the Pentagon," Barbara noted. "They were greeted with affection, and they returned to the Summit exhilarated." Another Soviet delegation attended the National Prayer Breakfast on Thursday, which was addressed by President Reagan.
- √ Cosmonaut Georgy Grechko has been asked by Congressman Torricelli to testify before the House Space and Technology Committee. In addition, Toricelli has introduced a bill which would establish a commission to study and propose a joint US-Soviet manned space mission to the planet Mars. Toricelli asked permission to visit the Soviet Mir satellite, a request that Grechko will take back to Russia.
- √ Robert Muller has asked the Center for Soviet-American Dialogue to conduct a future citizens' summit for the U.N. Non-governmental Organizations.
- √ Significant progress has been made on an earlier proposal to convene a joint US-USSR Citizens' Council that would meet separately with General Secretary Gorbachev and President Reagan once each month. As currently proposed, this Council would represent peace issues at the same level of authority as the U.S. National Security Council.

"But most significant of all," Barbara said, "a new process has been initiated to promote human creativity and our joining to create together. We are overcoming the tyranny of bureaucracy. Until now, there have been no structures in which citizens can participate responsibly. The new structure of citizen summitry changes this situation."

Barbara envisions an ongoing series of citizen summits, in Moscow, the U.N., South Africa, the Middle East -- and then a global summit in 1992 "to celebrate the whole world as a new world."

"Governments govern every day. Let's have citizens joining every day, too. Let governments continue to do what they do -- and let citizens do the rest. The old game of lose-lose has been played out. The new game of win-win has begun. Citizen summitry is an embodiment of the new game."

## **VOICES OF THE CITIZENS' SUMMIT FACILITATION TEAM**

*from* Marshall Jones  
ICA Consultant

We're in a whole new ballgame — past the cold war towards a new restructuring of what used to be called the East-West conflict. The real issues are between the North and the South. This insight requires that we look past the cold war defensiveness towards a willingness of both sides to see the necessity of cooperating. But if the two superpowers cooperate to dominate the Third World, rather than clearly perceiving that they need to genuinely serve the Third World's interest in development, the result will be "imperialism squared."

At the Conference, there was a great sense of good will, yet internally you realized that you don't have to like the Russians to get along with them and cooperate. This Conference woke me up to the fact that I had better care about the success of the experiment in the USSR, help undergird it and open it up so that they can become globalized and have a new way to give their gifts to the world.

There was a new spirit of cooperation, which both the Americans and Russians were caught up in. Americans saw that it was possible to work with the Russians and that they were not all hard-nosed Breshnevs. Although they were stone-faced on the outside, they were dancing or crying inside.

One of the results that came out of the group on "THE NEW COSMOLOGY FOR A NEW WAY OF THINKING" was the Global Cultural Institute, which would have two locations, one in the US and the other in the USSR. The intent is to promote planetary thinking which transforms both cultures. Everyone saw that thinking globally and acting locally was vital to this concept.

I talked with a retired Russian General and Medical Doctor who thought that we must rid the world of every form of nuclear technology. This does not mean just halting all means of making warheads, but also dismantling nuclear power plants. Only then will we really rid the world of nuclear weapons.

The ICA's role was to serve the process in a selfless posture, not to promote the ICA name or LENS methods, but to help facilitate someone else's process. The methods started with proposals, so we had to deal with the Vision and Contradictions when they came up. We were able to adapt to the situation and see what was necessary because of our experience and discipline in life methods.

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*from* Dr. JoAnn Cannon  
Inward Bound Ventures

"It was striking how few women were part of the Soviet delegation. As many women at the Conference began to talk of it quietly, it was painfully clear to us, how few women are present in our own government, in international decision-making bodies, and at top levels of many organizations. We heard speeches and saw publications on the necessity of the Brotherhood of Man, the Global Family of Man, and innumerable references to Mankind . . . Yet so little consciousness among the presentors or listeners of how language subtly, yet truly, shapes our world. It is not just Woman's Presence that is often missing, but the true hearing of Her Voice, Her Heart, and the Value of Her. I would predict that if we do not give conscious intention to the rise and the value of the Feminine in all aspects of our life, should Soviet-American cooperation accelerate, we will not only have "imperialism squared", but "patriarchy squared"! It is a Future our planet and Earth-Kin cannot afford to have!"

from Jan Ulangca, ICA Consultant  
Public Radio Announcer, WSKG-FM, Binghamton

*Reflections on facilitating at this Conference:*

In addition to the facilitator, each workshop group had a distinguished Soviet co-chair as well as one or more US co-chairs. Working with them meant a shift for the facilitator who is used to taking full responsibility for a group. The co-chairs varied widely in their experience with group methods.

- 1) The strength of the co-chair was their knowledge of the subject matter. The strength of the facilitator was their skills with group processes. Both were important.
- 2) It is important to build a leadership team. In this case, it included all co-chairs, the facilitator, the interpreter and an assistant assigned to help the group. It was important to talk through with the co-chairs about the product needed from the next session in order to get their input on what we all hoped the group would experience.
- 3) The facilitator is not up front of the group all the time. Some of the most important work may be done from the back of the room. One mode is one co-chair starts the session, the introduces the facilitator to say a word regarding the process to be used during the session. The presiding co-chair and facilitator act as a team to lead the group through the process.
- 4) As a facilitator, you act out a style of service — to the co-chairs, the group, and to the larger purposes of the conference. Play any role, do any task to see that all of these come off.
- 5) Watch for and state the emerging consensus of the group on important issues. Then get feedback from the group, ie. "Is that what I hear us saying?"

We have seen before that skilled facilitators can help an individual to bloom and a group to become productive and exciting. At this Conference, we saw that, by enabling consensus and cooperative projects, facilitators can make a major contribution to the peace of the world.

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from Robert Griffin  
ICA: Washington D.C.

On Thursday evening we reflected as a facilitation team on the significance of the Summit and our role in it. Deep gratitude was expressed for the life methods of the ICA that we had been preparing ourselves with for the last 20 years. It was a gratitude in our own confidence with these methods and an affirmation of their usability in almost any setting where people show up. We talked of the role of the ICA in empowering what Conferences can be in our time. We continue to be addressed that this kind of a network is in place in society, where people get contacted in a lot of different ways. Its like wherever we go we always find people who know of us and our work.



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Dear Colleagues,

Greetings and our sincere thanks for your ongoing support of the work of the Institute of Cultural Affairs. Your participation in the human development effort of the ICA is a part of bringing about peace, justice and reconciliation in this world.

The world watched with hope and fascination as President Reagan and General Secretary Gorbachev met last December in Washington. Another joint meeting of Americans and Soviets took place February 1-5, 1988. The event did not involve Heads of State, but leading innovators in many fields who came together in the first Soviet-American Citizens' Summit. The ICA played a key role in the Summit, in the creation of the initial flow of task forces and plenaries for the event, the training of task force facilitators, and working with the leadership team during the Conference to ensure the success of the whole Conference process. ICA staff also worked with members of the Global Family in producing *The Summit Daily*, *The Final Report*, and all other Summit printed communications.

Our gift to you this month is a short summary report on this Summit, featuring reflections of several members of the facilitation team. We hope the perspectives of these colleagues bring refreshment to your own planet-view, as we journey in partnership towards bringing about the necessary future.

Your contributions to the ICA have contributed towards the task of releasing people to be truly planetary citizens. Thanks again for your support.

Yours Sincerely,

Ashleigh Norment  
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