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Initiatives

CONCERNED WITH THE HUMAN FACTOR IN WORLD DEVELOPMENT

Portugal Receives Development Grant

Rotary International has awarded a \$190,000 Health, Hunger and Humanity Grant to the Rotary Club of Lamego, Portugal for the Lamego Human Development Project. The Lamego Project was initiated by the ICA in 1979. The local Rotary Club has been involved in the project, which works with a group of 14 small villages in the Montemuro mountains, since March, 1983.

The grant will enable livestock upgrading, a model catchment tank and irrigation system, and health training, especially first aid and midwifery, dental care and decay prevention. It will also provide funds for construction of training facilities.

Two special work camps are envisioned, one for Rotarians and their wives from other nations, in June, and one in July and August for volunteers from Germany. Their activities would include working with the health care and construction programs, as well as other ongoing work of the project.

Rotarians Assist Peruvian School Project

West Coast Rotarians arrived in Peru last November to participate in a work camp to help the people of Dignidad Nacional build a school. Led by Len Farr of Coos Bay, Oregon, the 3H (Health, Hunger and Humanity) team met Ken and Judy Hamje of the ICA in Lima and took a tour of El Agostino, the largest barrio of Lima. For most of the group this was their first exposure to real poverty, and they began to understand the ICA's emphasis on rural development as a way of slowing the influx of the poor to the city, where conditions were no better, and possibly worse.

The team went to the ICA Training Center in Azpitia, and from there to Dignidad, where the people were holding a town meeting to decide whether to tax themselves \$1 per family in order to pay their local unemployed workers \$1 a day to work on the school. Perhaps encouraged by the presence of the "gringos", they decided to do so, and the next morning 15 of the Rotarians met with 15 hired Peruvian workers, the Peruvian contractor and the Hamjes, to begin work. Other members of the Rotarian team worked in the health program.

"The name of their community, Dignidad Nacional, was a fitting one because they gave real meaning to the word dignity," according to Jim Christianson, a volunteer from Pelican Rapids, Minnesota. "They were as dignified a people as I have ever met and could have taught many of us gringos a lesson or two about how to treat one another. The only people I heard even raise



their voices at one another the entire four weeks were Norteamericans. I learned from the Institute that when two people work together in cooperation, either result is more than doubled. And, third world people must be the origin of plans and change in their communities, not the target of it."

The town of Dignidad is a fast growing new town located some 80 km south of Lima. Started on a sand dune by people from the surrounding areas looking for work, the town now has 5,000 inhabitants trying to create homes for their families in desert conditions.

The town has water and electricity as a result of the hard work of the town leaders. In 1985 the people organized a series of work days to build a kindergarten for the children. School for the children from the third grade up is in the next town where class sizes average 50 children.

The new school being built is a single-level building in a square around a patio. It will have 14 classrooms, girls' and boys' restrooms, a director's and secretary's office, staff room and playground. While at Dignidad, the Rotarians were able to complete a portion of one wing of the school, digging trenches by hand and mixing cement in a wheelbarrow.

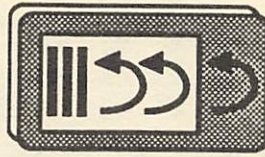


Program Highlights

Facilitation Methods Series

"Envision a new community order where group decision making is the rule, not the exception," commented Jess Sixkiller, Director of ACTION, a statewide Arizona organization, after participating in one of the Facilitation Methods Series. John Goodson, Attorney in Phoenix, sent a mailing to friends and co-workers inviting them to participate in both the Level One and Level Two series being offered in Phoenix. "The ICA techniques, if used in an organization, will prevent discord, lawsuits, and eventually even wars."

Locally sponsored seminars can be arranged where the sponsor can ensure 10 or more participants.



Changing Images in a Changing World

"Education and Equity: an Unanswered Question," was the theme of the 6th Annual Education Conference at Chapman College, Orange, California on February 27-28. ICA staff led two one-hour workshops as part of the conference program. These were practical demonstrations of Imaginal Education in action, focussing on the theme "Changing Images in a Changing World."

Creating our Future in Education

One of the most innovative, stimulating and popular educational conferences in the country will be presented once again by New Horizons for Learning (NHFL). The third annual "Creating Our Futures in Education" Conference will be held at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, June 16-20, 1987.

This year's focus is "What's Working Now?" in teaching thinking skills, multicultural education, parent education, international educational reform, and teaching the basic skills in innovative and effective ways.

Twelve Master Teachers from different school levels, colleges, universities and businesses will demonstrate ways to teach and reach the diversity of students in every classroom.

Current Program Schedule

Facilitation Methods Level One

March 27-29	Phoenix
April 3-5	Los Angeles
April 8-10	Denver
April 24-26	Seattle
May 12-13	Seattle
May 15-17	Tucson
June 5-8	Seattle
July 24-26	Houston
August 19-20	Seattle

Imaginal Education

March 27-29	Seattle
April 10-12	Houston
April 23-25	Denver
April 24-26	Los Angeles
August 21-23	Houston

Facilitation Methods Level Two

May 15-16	Los Angeles
June 5-7	Phoenix
August 26-27	Seattle

Volunteer Orientation Labs

May 9-10	San Francisco
May 22-24	Houston

Machakos Simulation Game

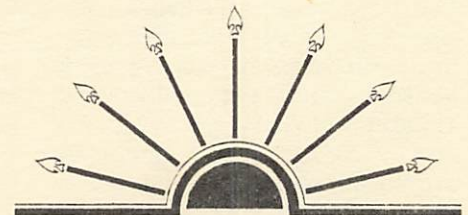
May 15	Denver
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Vision Quest

June 26-28	Houston
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Western/Southwestern States Annual Planning & Retreat

July 3-12	Seattle
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ICA will be facilitating several workshops and dialogues during the conference.

Major speakers include Dr. Asa Hilliard III, Georgia State University: "What's Working in Multicultural Education," Dr. Arthur Costa, California State University at Sacramento: "What's Working in Teaching Thinking," and Dr. Luis Alberto Machado, former Minister for the Development of Intelligence in Venezuela: "Education Now: Moving to the Great Synthesis".

Brochures and registration forms are available from your nearest ICA offices. (Credit for the conference is available through Pacific Lutheran University.)

New Horizons for Learning Conference
June 16-20
Tacoma

Methods Samplers
June 22-28
following the New Horizons Conference
Seattle
Call or write Seattle about special rates & offerings!

What's new

San Francisco Bay Area Think Tank

How can the learning process be improved?

One day Think Tanks involving innovative educators with shared values are being organized over the next few months in Seattle, Denver, Austin, Los Angeles and San Francisco to address the question of improving the learning process.

The San Francisco Think Tank is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, at the California Institute of Integral Studies.

The event is co-sponsored by the California Institute of Integral Studies, represented by Dr. Liz Campbell; the California Health Research Foundation, represented by Dr. Andrew Mecca; The Elmwood Institute, represented by Dr. Fritjof Capra; the Institute of Noetic Sciences, represented by Dr. Willis Harmon; The Institute of Cultural Affairs, represented by John Oyler and Don Cramer; the International Women in

Seattle Multi-Cultural School

Scheduled to open in September, the Seattle Multi-Cultural School is a joint educational venture among Antioch University, the Seattle Urban League, the New Horizons for Learning, and the ICA. The School will apply ICA's Imaginal Education methods in concert with multi-modal learning skills. It will be available for students from the 4th to 12th grades.

Students will help keep their tuition fees low by participating in the basic maintenance of the facility and in money-making ventures of the program. Entrepreneurial adventures being explored are a small specialty shop with handmade crafts from many countries and a preschool involving older students as assistants to the adult teachers. Eleventh and twelfth graders will participate in an apprenticeship program with businesses in the community.

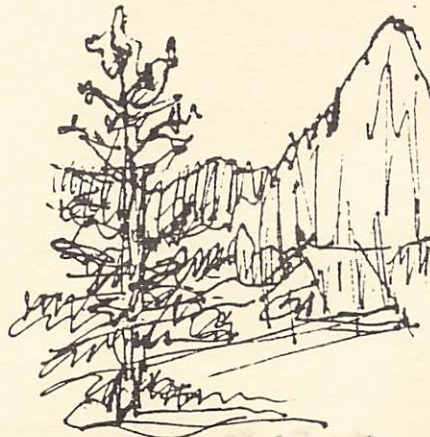
Leadership League, represented by Lonnie Green; and World College West, represented by Dr. Richard M. Gray.

There will be 25 to 30 participants in the Think Tank as each co-sponsor is selecting three to four participants. Documentation of the dialogue will be available to participants and will be input for the "New Horizons for Learning" Conference in Tacoma, Washington from June 16-20, 1987.

The Residential Learning Center

The Residential Learning Center is an ICA program in Seattle for 7th through 9th grade children who desire a residential learning environment as a supplement to regular school programs. It will open in the fall and offers the option of attending the Multi-Cultural School.

Youth will reside in family households of nine to ten youth and staff members. They will share in practical chores and leadership roles. Building a personal ethic which embraces a vision of planetary unity is a major emphasis of this program.



The Kaleidoscope of Learning

Professional educators met in Atlanta last July under ICA sponsorship to research current thinking in learning processes and to update the Imaginal Education methods and curriculum developed by the ICA and used in human development work around the world.

Products from their work include the "Kaleidoscope" and a bibliography. The Kaleidoscope is an image which holds the basic presuppositions of Imaginal Education, as well as operating values and tools available for enhanced learning. The bibliography of writings is critical reading for educators and trainers. Copies are available for \$5.00 (\$2.50 for ICA members). Call the Los Angeles office and ask for Bruce Robertson.

Sangre de Cristo Youth Ranch

A summer camping program has been developed for children in grades 4 to 6 by Dr. John and Barbara Wilson. It will be staffed by volunteers and the ICA. The ranch is 8,500 feet up in the Sangre de Cristo Mountains north of Taos, New Mexico overlooking the Rio Grande River Valley. Animal life includes elk, deer, raccoons, coyotes, bear, rabbits, chipmunks, horses and llamas.

The Wilsons have developed this youth ranch to bring young people together from diverse racial, cultural and religious backgrounds in a setting which encourages cooperative effort and social responsibility, and fosters spiritual growth. Recently John and Barbara attended a medical conference in Moscow, and hope that there will be students from Russia participating in the program.

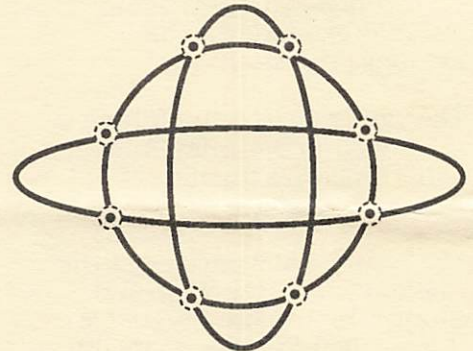
National ICA Board Meets in LA

For the first time, members of the national ICA board met in Los Angeles. Their February 28 meeting included reports and a discussion of new marketing plans. Saturday evening they were hosted by George and Georgianna McBurney at their home in Malibu. A champagne brunch the following day gave the board members an opportunity to visit the Los Angeles house.

Computer Talk

'Ecotalk' on 'Econet' - -dialogue through computer communications - -is rapidly replacing the telephone and postal system for colleagues and staff of the ICA. Offices in Belgium, Germany, Austria, Ivory Coast, Spain, Taiwan, Australia, Hong Kong and Mexico are now connected, as well as all offices in the United States and Canada. Colleagues in Kansas, Texas, Louisiana, Michigan, Ohio and many other places dialogue regularly. Conversations focus around program schedules, curriculum development, Machakos game marketing, international development networks, travel plans and current 'news', to mention a few topics.

All that's needed to be a part of this dialogue is a computer, modem, telephone and \$15 a month. If you are interested, write Farallones Institute, 15290 Coleman Valley Road, Occidental, CA 95465, or phone 707-874-3060. You can also contact your ICA office.



The ICA

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