

OTHER INTERNATIONAL NEWS -

Children & the Environment Book: PC kids in UK, USA and elsewhere have been conducting interviews with distinguished environmentalists to get answers for the kids' concerns raised in the book. Response is extraordinary: for the first time, we are finding out how much we *don't know* about the Environment! Terrifying, but also comforting to feel that we are not being blinded by statistics and beginning to see a clear picture. The interviews are being transcribed and will be taken, along with all the other material, to Prague where the book will be put together by the Central European Tour Groups. First copies to be ready by October.

Youth Meetings proliferate: everyone seems to be having Youth Summits this year, many in an effort to give a Youth Perspective at UNCED! Among the many we know of are:

- the World Link Global Youth Summit(GYS), Rio 1992 (A Los Angeles group);
- UNOY: Intl. Working Group, Holland, Aug.; African Continental Youth Assembly, Dec.;
- the New World Youth Convention, August 4-10, Creston, Colorado;
- the Voice of the Children hearings, founded after the Bergen Conference in Norway last year; canvassing children's views and getting adult responses. Now operating in 31 countries;
- Moscow Intl. Youth Forum, July 20 - August 4th;
- International Youth Camp, Tranemo, Sweden, "working for a democratically elected World Youth Parliament"
- Global Youth Conference, "Today's youth creating Tomorrow's world" - Kyoto, Japan, August 20-24.
- Environmental Youth Alliance - Regional Conferences across Canada, followed by National Youth Conference, and an International Youth Conference in Costa Rica, March 1992.
- Earth Train: "A 10 year global campaign conducted by Youth leaders to inspire and enlist their peers into service on behalf of a sustainable planet!" The first stages starts in the US in Oct. 91. Other stages occur in different parts of the world at roughly 6-monthly intervals. The Earth Train will give leadership training to 100,000 people and enlist a further 1 million young people each year to enter into service of the planet..." San Francisco organizers include members of Hands across America & Earth Day teams.

All this in addition to our own Leadership Seminar in Washington!

Networking Meeting: Youth & Adult representatives of many of the above groups will gather in Vermont, Sept. 26 - 30 to discuss how youth can make the maximum impact on government policy through their activity. Diplomats & government reps. are being invited. Clause 22 of the World Summit for Children Declaration committed 160 governments to "partnership" with children. Response from govts. so far has been vague....

PC International welcomes its first Intern(s)! PCI is now fully "interned" up to the summer of '92: Analia Penchaszadeh will join us from June 27 - August 31; Eve Gordon from Aug. 21 - December 15; Rick Staropoli December 1st - June 30 '92. From September, there will also be a Soviet intern. Their prime responsibilities will be to produce the PC Intl. Update, and to organize PC Tours, in particular, the European Enterprise programs. We are still looking for a location: we are looking at a disused Police station in the center of a beautiful village close to here. It's a great building, masses of space, fine location - but what would we do with all those cells ?! Suggestions please, on a postcard to... along with all your summer news to -

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- Peace Child International Update - May / June 1991 -

- Headlines:**
- Perth transformed by Peace Child show;
 - PC Nigeria makes big plans for '90/'91
 - Canada plans Native American show/tour for '92;
 - PCI welcomes its first intern;
 - PC Israel secures new funding;
 - Bold new plan for '92 Festival project in Europe
 - Green Luminaries interviewed for C & E Project;

Nigeria: Great plans & an important appeal: Under the slogan, "Promoting Inter-cultural Understanding, Peace and Unity" now with a Prince amongst its directors, PC Nigeria plans an ambitious tour of a "City at Peace" performance through 3 states climaxing at the Hotel Presidential in Lagos on 28th September. Rehearsals start on 20th August and the 1st performance in 18th September - Peace Day!

In order to mount the show, PC Nigeria urgently needs the assistance of an experienced PC Director and/or youth, able to pay his/her own way to Nigeria.(about \$1,800.) This is an amazing opportunity for a young PC Alum. and/or director to help in the creation of a whole new Peace Child movement in Africa. Director, Ada Amoji writes: "I intend to spread the Peace Child gospel to other African countries like Ghana, Liberia, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Zambia, and Kenya where I have contacts..." - and she will!

WE MUST HELP PEACE CHILD NIGERIA! If you, or someone you know, could drop everything and get out there, call me and/or get in touch with PC Nigeria direct: C/o Federal Government College, P.M.B. 5126, Port Harcourt, Nigeria. The person we originally hoped would go has dropped out, so we are now urgently seeking an alternative.

Scotland: Two Princesses for Perth Premiere! Princess Alexandra, the queen's cousin and a very popular member of the British Royal Family, visited a dress rehearsal of *Peace Child* in Perth. She spent an hour chatting with the children. Two days later, the Crown Princess of Jordan came to one of the shows. She wrote to me: "I cannot tell you how much I enjoyed every aspect of attending the performance of *Peace Child*. The play and everything it stands for was enormously moving..."

The theatre was almost sold out for its 8 performances, each night getting a standing ovation from a moist-eyed crowd. The reviews were among the best we've ever had: "In 20 years of Perth Festivals, I have never seen anything quite like *Peace Child*. Nothing approaches its raw and restless energy and its wonderfully fresh vitality." "An artistic and organizational triumph! The play is based on a firm grasp of current political realities. You'd have to have a heart of stone not to be moved by it."

The Bishop of St Andrews, a prime mover of the show, wrote to me: "It was a triumphant success last night and I don't think Perth will ever be quite the same again." In a Cathedral sermon published by Scotland's top newspaper, "The Scotsman" he said that *Peace Child* created a "Practical Pentecost" in the way that it allowed children, and adults, to "communicate across the barriers of language and culture, a new message of peace, understanding and friendship."



MORE PROGRAM NEWS -

Canada: Great Newsletter from PC/Toronto Chapter: Plans are taking shape for the "Native American Peace Child" reports Ilene Cummings. "It will be very different from any previous PC, perhaps being set in the past instead of the future!" Keith McNair, famous co-director of the Toronto-Volgograd exchange, has won "very positive support" from the Christian Island Reserve where he has a home. Plan is for a 3-week workshop session this summer with kids from Christian Island and Toronto working together. A Study Guide will be published in the fall and a tour of a fully rehearsed piece mounted through Southern Ontario in the summer of '92, (nicely timed to coincide with the 500th Anniversary celebrations of the "discovery" of America!)

Congratulations! The newsletter reports that Holly Beamish, interpreter on last year's Volgograd tour, has just returned from a 2nd visit bringing with her Sergei Kudryavtsev, the technical director. They plan to get married this summer!

Israel: Egypt/Israel kids workshop: Yael reports that she has secured funding from her same Swiss source ("More than last time!") - for new workshops starting January '92. Meanwhile, she is creating a seminar with Israeli and Egyptian kids - an idea initiated by Nir Boms (Noordwijk '90) who is now in the army. Note: if you have not yet seen the PC Israel video, do order a copy from us: I show it all the time. It is inspirational! - the real essence of Peace Child!

Small World! Yael was passing through Prague station one Sunday morning and she noticed a group of kids. Even before she saw the T-shirts they were wearing, there was something about their shining faces that looked familiar - something in the eyes! They were the Czech kids returning from Perth! She introduced herself and had a great time chatting with them.

Jordan: Peace Child in '92: The Crown Princess is personally taking the initiative to launch a Peace Child in Amman in 1992. Initially she suggested April, but PC people would prefer July-August, yes? I plan to go to Amman in the fall to make detailed plans. The Jordanian kids were a great addition to the Perth show: the kids in Hungary and Czechoslovakia have invited the Crown Princess to send a delegation to the Central Europe Summer tour.

USA: City at Peace Program for 4-H courses: The DC City at Peace cast have got themselves a summer engagement playing for 4-H courses coming into Washington. Director, Carlo Grossman faces the difficulty of putting together multiple casts to cover for those going on holiday or on Intl. PC programs!

Leadership Forum opens June 24th. Excitement in the US office mounting as this PC initiative starts this week-end. A full program now drawn up includes rope course simulations, seminars with Environmental Protection Agency official, a congressman from New York, a seminar on Bias Awareness; meetings with a Middle East scholar from the Brookings Institute; with Gary Lee, former Washington Post Correspondent in Moscow; director of speech-writing for James Baker; a human rights lawyer; an evening with Chic Streetman & Steve Riffkin; a National Symphony Orchestra concert and much, much more!

US chapters step in to host a Georgian dance troupe: when a Soviet program at a Virginia dance school got cancelled, 3 US PC chapters agreed to host the dancers for a week each. Princeton, York & Buffalo are busily filling up their weeks with lucrative performances.

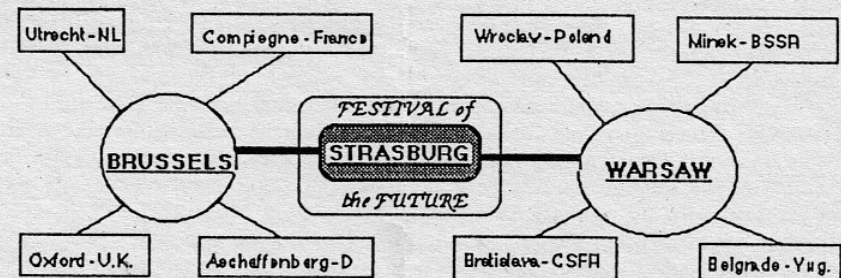
USSR: Five Soviet cities gear up for exchanges: Nishni Novgorod, Leningrad, Samara, Rostov on Don and Krasnoyarsk. This year, all five US tour groups will take off on a single chartered plane on July 17. Should be a great experience!

Finland Exchange for '92? Valentina Ivanova writes suggesting an exchange with Salo in Finland, a city with which her town of Rzhev has close ties.

Japan: Yoshiko and the team have put together a meticulous schedule for their 6-week program which will undoubtedly result in superbly professional performances in Nagasaki, 7th August, and Hiroshima, August 10/11. Germany, Taiwan, USA & USSR kids make up the foreign contingent. **Yokohama:** I received an invitation for this important Peace Messenger City Festival in August. A gigantic children's Peace Musical will be one of the attractions!

Central Europe Tour: Rosey and I are just back from a tour through the 4 host cities for this tour; (Zagreb, Pecs, Olomouc, Prague). Everything's looking GREAT! In Zagreb, 68 kids turned up for the audition, all speaking pretty good English, 64 totally acceptable! Maddening we could only choose 24! In Olomouc, director Josef Josefik called a press conference to announce the program and 30 people crowded into his small office (a record for a PC Press Conference??) In Pecs, through an excellent team of translators, we finally got a sense of the unusual Hungarian approach to Peace Child: they are taking a 19th Cent. Hungarian drama about a young man's search for happiness and translating it into a modern kid's search for Peace. It's a weird tale, full of witches, sandals that walk by themselves, and goblins. Every time I meet the director, I feel sure I am going to walk out shouting: "This isn't Peace Child!!" - Rosey felt the same way; but after a day, we both came away thinking: "This could be the most interesting Peace Child experience ever..." Definitely very Hungarian!

Europe '92: Bigger Festival planned: A first meeting in Brussels was held Monday 17th June to brainstorm a continuation of the "Hub-and-Spoke" PC Tour idea being tried in Prague this year. The rough plan is to bring 320 kids to two hubs for a preliminary orientation: they will then split into 8-10 groups and go to different Western and Eastern European cities to prepare a PC play. The groups will bring their plays together for a final Festival of the Future at a central location like Strasbourg, Brussels or Prague on 19-23 August. Major sponsorship is currently being sought. (Note: the cities & nations indicated are just a guide: no definite locations have been fixed.)



The New PC Study Guide: - will definitely be published and ready for distribution by the 10th Anniversary on 30th October. The new script calls for the setting up a new UN Agency OF children, rather than FOR children. It's a great story with strong characters, a great new song by David Gordon ("World so blind") and some powerful moments of drama. It will also allow casts to explore any theme, from the environment to Israel, from unemployment to the situation in Yugoslavia - where it is being tried out for the first time this summer.

Peace Day 1991: September 18th: Again, PC Tours, chapters and members are being invited to list their 10 Priorities for Action and send them to the PCI office by September 1st for compiling into the 1991 list of PC Priorities. We have done this annually since 1989: no concrete results as yet, but we are laying down markers: We know that kids want to have a World Youth Corps, want the UN to be more effective, and want an end to the spending on arms. What else? Write me for the full Info-pak.