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THE SERENE LIFE PREMIERES IN CAMBODIA

On May 10 Lor Chandara writing in *The Cambodia Daily* reported:

More than 800 people filled Chaktomuk Theater yesterday to view the world première of *The Serene Life*, a 24-minute video highlighting the message of the Venerable Maha Ghosananda.

The Khmer-language video, directed by Englishman Alan Channer and produced by David Channer, aims to emphasize the importance of Cambodians making a connection between their traditional values and present-day social and environmental problems....

The film's footage was shot in Kandal, Takeo, Battambang and Siem Reap provinces. Maha Ghosananda, a two time Nobel Peace Prize nominee, believes that the health of society is directly related to the inner lives of the people who compose it, as the video shows.

The Serene Life is expected to be shown on TVK in Cambodia and at least 300 copies will be distributed to pagodas, government agencies and ministries and non-governmental organisations throughout the country. Copies dubbed in French and English will also be made available.

Tep Vong, leader of the nation's Mohanikay sect of Buddhism, one of the two primary branches of the religion in Cambodia, said he was pleased with the video. 'It will help foster a more peaceful Cambodia,' the senior monk said.

The première was attended by 300 monks and 200 nuns who were preparing for a 400-kilometre Dhammayietra (peace walk) led by Maha Ghosananda at dawn the next day, the Foreign Affairs and Religious Affairs Ministers, a Member of the Central Committee of the CPP, foreign diplomats and student leaders. News of the event was broadcast on TV Kampuchea.

NEW CENTRE IN ZIMBABWE

In Zimbabwe, for several years MRA has held training camps for the prefects of secondary

schools. Many schools now see this training as an important element in preparing their prefects to take leadership. As a result, almost every weekend for the first three months of this year, a camp has been held either in Harare or Gweru, bringing together the prefects of several schools.

Meanwhile work is proceeding apace on the new MRA centre in Harare. Steven and Georgina Sibare have searched long for a place big enough for the meetings, seminars and other activities that the MRA centre hosts. Last year they found a 12-acre property, 15 minutes' drive from the city centre. Now they have been living there for several months, together with their sons Farai and Ngoni, and are working to create adequate accommodation and facilities. The phone number is +263 4 2260456. Letters are best sent to the MRA Box – Box 2142, GPO Harare, Zimbabwe.

CITY LEADER DECORATED

Aad Burger has been received into the Order of Orange Nassau, a respected decoration in the national life of the Netherlands. The citation, read by the Mayor of Utrecht, mentioned Aad's 15 years' membership of the Utrecht municipal council, his chairmanship of the Labour Party's Utrecht branch, and his voluntary service with MRA since 1952.

STUDENTS VISIT JORDAN

As part of the continuing programme of university visits between Europe and the Arab world, six students from Europe visited Jordan at the end of March. They were the guests of the Jordan University of Science and Technology in Irbid. They met a wide range of Jordanians, including the Deans of Students of four universities. 'We had fascinating conversations with Jordanian students, reaching to the deepest levels,' writes one participant, Douglas Paine. 'The visit has given me inspiration for my life at home, particularly how I can be more sensitive to Arabs and Muslims in Britain.'

CO-WORKERS

We have five or six people who have applied to spend a year with MRA in Britain as part of our co-workers programme, starting in September. They come from the USA, Ukraine, Czech Republic, Germany and Australia – and are all women. We are grateful that they will help us with our outreach in this country, including with the schools programme. It would be terrific if there were two or three young men who could join the programme. Any ideas welcome.

Edward Peters

SEMINAR FOR YOUNG UKRAINIANS

Twenty young Ukrainians, mostly aspiring to go into politics, took part in a seminar in the west Carpathian mountains at the beginning of May, entitled 'The capacities of a young political leader in a post-communist open society'. The seminar was organised jointly by Foundations for Freedom and the so-called 'School for Young Politicians' in Kiev. Themes included: principles in politics; trust-building; corruption; and peace-making. The seminar was largely funded by the Soros Foundation and the British Embassy in Kiev. Several of the participants will be coming to Caux or to other FFF courses this year.

Edward Peters

INTERNET LINKS LONG LOST FRIENDS

David Howell in London recently received an e-mail message from a Brazilian friend he had not heard from in 20 years. His friend had read about MRA through the World Wide Web (www), after looking up MRA using the Internet's Alta Vista 'search engine'. This lists MRA in the Twin Cities, 'What is MRA?', 'Caux', and a variety of other web sites about MRA.

Internet surfers can now read up-to-date information about MRA, Buchman, Caux '96 and other MRA centres on <http://www.mra.org.uk/> This site also

includes chapters from Rex Dilly's book *Discovering Moral Re-Armament*. Articles and photos from *For A Change* are now on the world wide web at <http://www.mra.org.uk/fac/>

These two sites have been set up by computer wizards Roger and Patrick Spooner who have also designed the pages.

Michael Smith

.....PROVIDES HOME FOR GLOBAL EXPRESS

Now you can read *Global Express* on the internet! Check it out at:

<http://www.ozemail.com.zu/~jmchong/netc1.htm>.

It is linked to the MRA UK homepage and was set up by Jit Mun Chong (1996 Effective Living Course participant from Malaysia) and Erik Parsons.

Laura Trevelyan

REPORT OF CAUX 50TH PLANNING IN PARIS

A report of the recent Caux 50th planning meeting in Paris is being distributed. Some will receive it with this *Bulletin*. A supplement to the report, which is especially relevant to the three-week core groups and those responsible for the special events, is available from your *World Bulletin* distributor.

BLOEMFONTEIN CONFERENCE REPORT

The Bloemfontein conference report is now available, and bulk orders are being offered at a very reasonable price. Please apply to MRA South Africa for details. The conference video made by TV producer Jan Horn is also now available.

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