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The 30th Anniversary Conference and Celebration

Clare Shea's suggestions for special events

Clare (Debre Marcos 65-67) has made arrangements for a special tour of the Capitol for Ethiopia RPCVs, their families and friends, and she has a few more ideas to make the conference special.

Cornelius Heine, Executive Director of the Capitol Historical Society has agreed to lead a **specially prepared tour of the US Capitol** on Thursday, August 1 at 1 pm. Mr. Heine will put a Peace Corps/developing country twist on the tour. The tour is limited to 30 people. Call ☎ 202/543-8919 to make reservations. Plan to arrive by 12:45 pm at the tour desk which is located under the main steps of the East side of the Capitol Building where you will be met by Mr. Heine.

Before or after the tour you might want to **visit your Senator or Congressperson's office**. Most are available for photo opportunities if you call in advance to check their schedules. (Some may be on vacation.) To call your representatives, the main Capitol phone number is ☎ 202/224-3121. After the photo you might be able to get in a word about increasing the Peace Corps budget or about local issues of concern to you, your family or your community.

For a unique dining opportunity — you can have breakfast or lunch in the

House of Representatives Cafeteria. It is open to the public for breakfast at 8:30 am; and for lunch, before 11:30 am and after 1:30 pm. The Library of Congress Cafeteria is also a nice place to eat — just across the street from the Capitol, top floor, reasonable prices.

For aging Rock & Rollers — you may be interested to know that James Brown will be celebrating his freedom at RFK Stadium on Capitol Hill on Friday, evening, August 2. For ticket information ☎ 202/432-0200 or 202/898-0899.

A good club for late night partygoers — is the Kilimanjaro Restaurant. It will remind many of the Ilex Club in Addis in the late '60s. The Kilimanjaro is run by Kenyans, serves West African food; there is a small cover charge, and a great dance floor. Go to — 1724 California Street NW. For reservations ☎ 202/328-3838.

Unfortunately, Clare must be out of town on business during the Conference — Thanks for the ideas, Clare.

Last minute details

- ✓ Make your reservations to stay at the Holiday Inn Capitol NOW. The hotel will hold rooms at the conference rate through **July 15th**. Send or fax the Hotel Reservation Form to RPCV Travel, P. O. Box 8614, New Haven CT 06531; Fax 1-203-865-2034. You can also call Worldtech Travel ☎ 1-800-243-1723.
- ✓ Reconfirm your reservations at the restaurant you have chosen for Saturday evening dining.
- ✓ Call some old Peace Corps friends and tell them to meet you in DC August 1 for a great weekend. (It's never too late to register!)
- ✓ When you pack, put in some Ethiopian artifacts for "show & tell" on Volunteer Day and your National Dress for the Peace Walk on Sunday.

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Don't miss the E/E RPCV meeting and country update, Saturday Aug 3.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, August 1

Noon-8:00 pm— Check-in at the Church of the Epiphany, 1317 G St. NW. (For those in the DC area, check-in can be done at this site July 25, 26, 29, 30 & 31 from noon to 8:00 pm and on July 27 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

1:00 pm — Tour of the Capitol for Ethiopia RPCVs (see Clare Shea's suggestions on page 1)

Visit the Smithsonian, including the Air & Space Museum, National Gallery of Art, the Museum of Natural History, Union Station, the National Zoo. There is sooo much.

5:30 pm-7:30 — Congressional reception (for those who purchased a ticket in advance either when registering or at Check-In). This is your opportunity to lobby for your cause, visit with PC/Ethiopia's current Senator **Harris Wofford**, Senator Chris Dodd (RPCV Costa Rica) and the many RPCV Congresspersons and others who work on the Hill. Rayburn Office Building banquet rooms.

Evening — Time to begin to reconnect with old friends. Check out Clare's late night dancing suggestion.

Friday, August 2 — Volunteer Day

Starting at 7:00 am — Check-in at the conference site on the Mall near the Capitol.

8:00 am — Opening session and send off for Volunteer Day. Look for signs, etc. to learn the name and location of the DC recreation center where Ethiopia RPCVs will be working together on a comprehensive program of activities:

☆ World map mural (to promote geography literacy): **David Hartmann** (Wollamo Sodo 66-68) is our coordinator for this project. Kids at the center will learn about the world by painting a mural — you can paint, too!

☆ Cross-cultural awareness: Bring your artifacts, maps, clothing, stamps, photos (No slides, projectors aren't

available), music, musical instruments, games, and most especially your stories and remembrances. Do you know any games from Ethiopia you can teach? Any folk tales to tell?

☆ Paint-up/Fix-up: Work side-by-side with youth volunteers to improve the condition of the site.

There will be an activity for every one to participate. It will be an opportunity to give — and also an opportunity to visit with Ethiopia RPCVs in an informal setting. We'll see you Friday morning, bring your family, and friends.

5:30 pm — Conference session.

7:00 pm — Evening social. Box dinner for all registrants, Entertainment. (Tickets can be purchased for unregistered family members.)

After the social, and into the wee hours — Ethiopia RPCVs meet in the lobby/bar of the Holiday Inn Capitol for an evening of reminiscing, catch-ing-up, and, if you must, partying!

Saturday, August 3

8:30 am — Morning general meeting: speakers (including presidential candidate **Paul Tsongas** (62-64) Muhammed Yunis, founder and president of the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh — you may have learned about the bank on 60 Minutes, and Hernando De Soto, founder and president of the Institute for Liberty and Democracy in Peru), discussions of interest to RPCVs, and awards.

12:45 pm — Lunch on your way to the Ethiopia/Eritrea RPCVs meeting and country update. A suggestion:

The Pavillion at the Old Post Office, 1100 Pennsylvania Ave, NW (Metro: Federal Triangle) Terrific restored building, small boutiques and food court with the full spectrum of fast and ethnic foods.

1:45 pm — World Bank (H) Auditorium, entrance on G Street, NW just off 19th St. (Metro: Faragut West- about a 3 block walk), ground level entrance, down a few steps (arranged by **Nanci Stich Stern** (66-68)). Discuss which activities Ethiopia/Eritrea RPCVs should become involved in, which projects it

should support. We've begun to get ideas — lobbying, short term assistance, conservation, fund-raising for existing organizations... Bring your ideas. Make this an active, committed group. Chaired by **Frances Fisher LaCroix** (62-64), Steering Committee.

3:00-5:00 pm — Country update for Returned Ethiopia Peace Corps Volunteers, organized by **Russ Scoville** (62-64), moderated by **Jim McCaffery** (66-69), comprised of:

An historical brief on Ethiopia since the Peace Corps by **Phil LeBel** (64-66), professor of economics at Montclair (NJ) State College.

Summaries by participants or observers of the historic conference of 24 political organizations July 1-5, 1991, in Africa Hall, and agreements reached among them on establishment of a new representative government for Ethiopia.

Evening — Dine at the restaurant of your choice.

Sunday, August 4

7:30 am — (Wear your National Dress if it fits) At Arlington Cemetery look for the Ethiopian flag and gather with Ethiopia RPCVs for a commemorative walk past John F. Kennedy's grave, and then across the Potomac River to the Lincoln Memorial for a peace service. Then participate in forming the largest "Living World Map" adjacent to the Lincoln Memorial.

1:00 pm-5:00 pm — International Festival at the big tent at the conference site — enjoy food, music and dancing from around the world. (Conference registration or ticket required for admission.)

Photographer needed

Is there a photographer in the group who would be willing to take photos of the Ethiopia RPCVs at their Volunteer Day activities? The group will reimburse you for film cost and the National Council will buy some of the photos for the archives. Call Marian Bell ☎ 716/461-4954 if you are able to help.

Can't find teff in your local supermarket?

Would you like to buy some of those hard to find ingredients to prepare your own Injera and wat feast? While in DC shop at the Merkato, 2116 18th Street, NW, (lower level), in the Adams-Morgan neighborhood. Tamaru Degefa's small grocery store sells teff, all kinds of Ethiopian spices including berbere, and other ingredients for a variety of Ethiopian dishes. There are also cookbooks, free recipes, and crafts. If you're interested, ask about traditional Ethiopian clothing which they have in stock but not on display.

The Merkato is open Monday through Saturday 10-9, Sunday 11-9. Their phone — ☎ 202/483-9499.

Some special things for children visiting DC

C & O Canal boat rides, from Foundry Mall, 30th & M Sts., NW, \$4 adults, \$2 children and seniors. ☎ 472-4376

Capital Children's Museum, 3rd & H St. NE (Metro: Union Station) Hands-on museum. \$2 adults, children, \$1 seniors. ☎ 543-8600

Cheshire Cat Book Store, 5512 Connecticut Ave, NW, exclusively for children. ☎ 244-3956

Insect Zoo, National Museum of Natural History, 10th & Constitution Ave. Tarantula feedings three times a day. ☎ 357-1500

Washington Dolls' House & Toy Museum, 5236 44th St, NW (Metro: Friendship Heights). Displays and items for sale. ☎ 244-0024

F r o m o u r m a i l

Just wanted to let you know that I won't be able to attend the wonderful conference. Give my regards to all.

For your information, on my third trip to Ethiopia, I attended the XI Annual Ethiopian Studies Conference in Addis March-April 1991; presented a paper at Addis Ababa University, gave a lecture at the Yared Music School; and spent some time continuing my music research. I left Ethiopia 35 days before Menghistu's departure. It was so good to be back but the uncertainty of Ethiopia's future is difficult to bear — particularly for all Ethiopians and others who have been to Ethiopia.

If I get the chance, I would like to interview Aster Aweke, the Ethiopian popular song artist who currently lives in Washington, DC. Do you know her? And I am trying to plan a one month USA State Department sponsored tour for my former masinqo teacher, Oto Alemayehu Fantay. Any ideas who I might correspond with in the State Department?

— Cynthia Tse Kimberlin 62-64
Adi Ugri, Asmara

In July, 1990 I returned to Ethiopia for two weeks as a member of an Earthwatch expedition, studying baboons in the Awash Valley in Kereyu National Park near Metahara. I became acquainted there with some staff/students from Addis Ababa University and some Kereyu tribesmen who acted as our security guards.

Everyone old enough to remember when the Peace Corps was there agreed that they had very fond memories of the Americans. The University people particularly wanted Americans back to teach English, as they said the students were very unhappy at the level of English ability of their eastern European teachers.

With the recent end of the war, it seems to me that the best way to assist the people is by doing direct action projects in terms of creation of

small self-sustaining businesses (like Ploughshares in Seattle which has a fish/farm project near Addis), and in encouraging the Peace Corps to explore returning to Ethiopia as English teachers.

I would be glad to work with anyone else who is interested in doing something similar.

— Lee Gallery 64-66
Dire Dawa

Re: Gerry Jones' alarmed objection re. the title of the newsletter: How politically correct you folks turned out to be!

— Jim Solomon 63-65
Massawa, Jimma

I would appreciate it if you could circulate word about another Ethiopian/Eritrean restaurant that has superb food and superb dining. I refer to the Mesob Restaurant, located in Arlington, Virginia at 2832 Wilson Boulevard. The proprietor is Maleke Gabre, born in Adi Ugri, Eritrea, and a student of my colleague Beany Kogan who served there 1964-66. Maleke has been in business two years and I'd like to help him out with more PCV customers. Maleke also is a former famous musician, guitar-player to be exact, who performed 15 years ago in the nation's leading band at the Addis Ababa Hilton. His music is an extra bonus in eating at his restaurant.

— Neil Kotler 64-66

...write me explaining how to apply for a scholarship in the USA. It would be to the greatest assistance and pleasure, if you would be able to attach me with some one who can possibly offer me or help me in my scholarship.

— Gedlu Tessera
(12th grade, 18 years old)
Bale Rign
Dinsho Tawon

Do you know any organizations, etc. which could be recommended to help Gedlu? Ed.

F R I E N D S

Kathy Johnson Coskran (65-67) and **John Coyne** (62-64) will be talking about their PC/Ethiopia experiences on NPR's All Things Considered on either July 31 or August 1 (locally broadcast at 5 pm). They will be featured along with three other RPCV writers in conjunction with the celebration of the Peace Corps' 30th anniversary by the National Council.

This from a newspaper clipping dated October 31, 1990 sent by Ron Haxton — **Judee Johnson Kleffman**, 49 of St. Paul (Ghion, Addis Ababa 62-66), coordinator of the Minnesota Studies and International Development program at the University of Minnesota, died Monday at University Hospital in Minneapolis. She had undergone surgery and radiation treatments for a brain tumor and seemed to be recovering when she

died of a blood clot....She became coordinator of MSID in 1985. The program allows students to live and work in six Third World countries.... The program had doubled in the past 3-4 years due largely to Judee's efforts."

On June 10, 1991 **Bill Tilney** (Addis Ababa 62-64) was sworn in as Mayor of El Paso, Texas. Bill, who was originally from East Los Angeles, was with the Foreign Service for many years before settling in El Paso.

On Saturday, August 3 from 8 am until 12 noon **Presidential Candidate Paul Tsongas** (62-64) will have a table set up at the 30th Conference site. Drop by to learn more about his candidacy and to receive campaign materials and a free copy of his book, "A Call to Economic Arms: Forging a New American Mandate." If you would like to help out at the table call: Chris

Naylor in DC ☎ 362-6570 or Anna Whitcomb in Boston ☎ 617/482-6255.

Harris Wofford (Country Director 62-64) was appointed by Governor Robert Casey of Pennsylvania to complete the term of Senator John Heinz. Harris has received the official nomination of the state Democratic committee for this fall's special Senate election. Anyone who wishes to help or contribute should contact Citizens for Senator Wofford ☎ 202/544-1247.

Roberta and Tom Worrick (71-73) were among the 16 killed in the plane crash near Gembela on August 7, 1989 which also took the life of Congressman Mickey Leland. At the time, Tom was Deputy Director of USIA in Addis Ababa. Roberta, who wrote under the name of Maria Thomas was an award winning author. A book of Maria's stories and a novella will be published in September of this year by Soho Press entitled "African Vistas."

Please send your news to share with friends to the Ethiopia Herald. Think of it as your opportunity to make up for all the Christmas cards you haven't sent recently. Ed.

LOST & FOUND

Hagos Kafil is trying to find **Jim Berger** and **Judy Hodges** who were Volunteers in 1963 and 64. He is also interested in making contact with any other former Volunteer friends from Debre Zeit, Dire Dawa, Jimma, and Alemayu. Hagos can be reached at 1027 Southern Avenue, Kalamazoo, Michigan 49001, ☎ 616/345-2850.

This from **Testfaye Livanso** — "I am looking for one of my best Peace Corps teachers who taught me world history when I was a 9th grade student in Ras Abate Buyalew Secondary School, Hossana, Kambata District, Shoa

Province, Ethiopia in 1969-70. Her name was **Susan** and she was from Minneapolis, Minnesota. I am presently a Ph.D. student in statistics in Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma. My address is 23-4 NVP, Stillwater, OK ☎ 74075 405/744-3369."

The Herald has received a letter written by **Wolde Yohannes Dorry**. He is trying to locate his health teacher from Makele, **Gwen Clark**. In 1966 she had returned to her home in Sacramento. Write The Ethiopia Herald if you can help locate Gwen.

Peace Corps & National Council to cooperate

A statement of cooperation between the Peace Corps and the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers was announced on June 11th. The agreement reinforces cooperative efforts supporting volunteerism at home and abroad, promoting a higher level of intercultural understanding among US citizens, and recruiting the best candidates to serve as Peace Corps Volunteers.

For Your Information...

According to the 30th Anniversary Edition of the "Peace Corps Times," (a publication of the Peace Corps for PCVs) Ethiopia had 2,908 Volunteers during the years 1962 to 1977. The Volunteers "served in the fields of agriculture, business, education, health and urban development. They did everything from assist tribal women in marketing their home-made artifacts to teaching thousands of students a year English, carpentry, business trades and electronics." In the 30 years since the Peace Corps got its start, more than 130,000 Volunteers have served in more than 100 nations.

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The Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc. under the leadership of Dr. Tsehaye Teferia is seeking support. The tax-exempt organization provides social services, educational programs, and vocational training to refugees and immigrants from the Horn of Africa and other countries to aid them to build successful, economically independent lives in their new homeland. Contact ECDC at 3213 Columbia Pike, Suite 101, Arlington, Virginia 22204 ☎ 703/685-0510. (Dr. Tsehaye was a language and cross-cultural instructor for Peace Corps groups training in the Virgin Islands, Addis, Bahirdar, Jimma, Awasa and Dire Dawa.)

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Grassroots International is an independent development and information agency which channels humanitarian aid to democratic social change movements in the Third World. Through the Eritrean Relief Association, Grassroots International funds a food distribution service, and a well-digging and hand-pump production project to areas controlled by the Eritrean independence movement. For more information and to offer support write: Grassroots International, P. O. Box 312, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139 ☎ 617/497-9180

News from the Horn

5.9.91 The US invites Ethiopian Government and rebel representatives to a peace conference in London around May 20th.

5.21.91 Rebels are within 40 miles of Addis Ababa to the west and a new front opens near Dekemhare, 25 miles south of Asmara.

5.21.91 Fighting between government forces and rebels has halted famine relief for 1 million drought victims.

5.22.91 Mengistu Haile Mariam resigns as President of Ethiopia and leaves the country for Zimbabwe.

5.24.91 Asmara falls to Eritrean rebel forces.

5.24-25.91 14,500 Ethiopian Jews are airlifted to Israel.

5.27.91 Acting President Lieut. Gen. Tesfaye Gibre-Kidan agrees to cede control of Addis to advancing rebel troops.

5.28.91 The Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front enters Addis Ababa at the urging of US Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs.

5.31.91 Two are killed by the new rebel government troops in Addis Ababa as thousands protested the new government and the US involvement in Ethiopian affairs.

6.8.91 The Office of the UN High commissioner for Refugees reports that links with most Ethiopia border areas remain severed and that the situation in refugee camps is "desperate."

6.16.91 Isaias Afewerki, leader of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, and Meles Zenawi, leader of the Tigrean dominated Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front, agree that Isaias will attend the upcoming conference to set up a provisional Ethiopian government as an "interested observer."

6.30.91 A conference will convene in Africa Hall in Addis Ababa on Monday to form a more broadly based provisional government. Not being discussed — the independence of Eritrea. To give time for Ethiopia to stabilize politically, the Eritreans have agreed to wait up to two years for a UN-sponsored referendum on independence. The Oromo Liberation Front, which has dropped its demand for a separate state, and the Amhara-dominated, Washington-based Coalition of Ethiopian Democratic Forces will both participate in the conference.

7.1.91 Meles Zenawi urges the convened political factions to quickly resolve their differences so that a provisional government can begin to address the problems of the country. Isaias Afewerki sits in the gallery reserved for observers to emphasize that Eritrea is not part of Ethiopia.

7.5.91 At the conference, there is agreement that Eritrea should have the right to determine its future. (It was agreed in mid-June that the referendum would be delayed for up to two years.) (One of the conditions of an alliance between the Eritrean People's Liberation Front and the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Democratic Front was the right of Eritrean self-determination.) No agreement was reached on access to the port of Assab for the rest of the country.

7.6.91 A transitional government comprised of former rebel groups is formed to prepare for Ethiopia's first democratic elections to be held within two years and to draft a new constitution. Eritrean leaders do not join the alliance.

From the New York Times, June 25, 1991 —

Washington Journal

Picking Ethiopian Food: It's a Political Decision

by Karen De Witt (Ghion 66-68)

The Asmara Restaurant in the Adams-Morgan neighborhood a few miles north of the White House was once billed as an Ethiopia-Eritrean restaurant. Now it is strictly Eritrean.

The political and ethnic allegiances among the disparate ethnic groups in the thriving 50,000-member Ethiopian community here are being stretched to the limits these days in the wake of last month's ouster of the Marxist Government of Mengistu Haile Mariam. Nowhere is that more apparent than in the community's dozen or so restaurants, concentrated on 18th Street and Columbia Road in Northwest Washington.

Eritreans, by and large, go to Eritrean-owned restaurants, Amharas go to Amhara-owned restaurant. Tigreans, Oromos and others from about 80 Ethiopian ethnic groups disperse themselves wherever they feel most comfortable.

There are Ethiopian restaurants that won't play Eritrean songs, and Eritrean restaurants whose patrons turn off Ethiopians of other ethnic groups. The politics among the groups has become so fragmented that some are boycotting one another's restaurants. And whichever one a non-Ethiopian diner tries, he or she may be served up a lesson in political correctness.

Ethiopians are riven by numerous issues: whether Eritrea, a territory that most nations still consider just the

northern province of Ethiopia, should become independent; what the makeup of the government in the Ethiopia capital of Addis Ababa should be; who should control that government, and how other ethnic groups fit into that plan.

"This is a very emotional issue," said Shimlias Asafa, a taxi driver who is Amhara, a member of the minority that accounts for one-quarter of Ethiopia's population but that until last month dominated the country. "We are the same blood, same culture, same people who have been operating under a misguided Marxist-Leninist ideology. We are one country."

But at the Asmara Restaurant on Columbia Road, owned by an Eritrean, Tesfamichel Berhane, such sentiments were derided. "They never cared about a united Ethiopia before," Mr. Berhane said, referring to Amharas.

"They don't come to our restaurants anymore," he added.

These people with high cheekbones, delicate features and dark, expressive eyes may seem of a piece to Americans, who may think of Ethiopia as a land of famine. But their politics separate them.

The political ideology is strongest among the Eritreans, who have fought for independence for nearly 30 years. The province developed a separate identity in the decades it was controlled by Italy, and its inhabitants

maintain that Eritrea was unfairly handed over to Ethiopia by the British, who seized it in World War II.

In the crowded coffee bar of the Addis Ababa Restaurant on 18th Street, Gezahegne Bekele, an Amhara and an economist who works for the General Accounting Office, sat at a table of Ethiopians who argued about the separatism of the Eritreans and the new, United States-backed Tigre-dominated Government that now controls Addis Ababa and the southern part of the country.

"Where does this Government get its legitimacy?" he asked. "It doesn't include all the various views of all Ethiopians."

The Tigreans, who make up 10 percent of the country's population, generally favor a unified Ethiopia. The Amharas were glad to see Colonel Mengistu and his Communist Government depart but are wary of the Tigreans and adamantly oppose Eritrean separation.

At the Addis Ababa Restaurant, Mr. Bekele lamented the current fragmentation in Washington's Ethiopian community. "It would be a shame to make the Ethiopian crisis simply an ethnic crisis," he said. "We have eight million people in a country of 50 million close to starvation. We could lose three million people unless we get substantial emergency assistance. The masses of Ethiopians have that in common."

Going Home —*thoughts following a trip to Ethiopia in March*

Mark Lewis Brecker
Asmara 1964-66

As April approached, it was time to go home, really home! I'm not sure why I had to combine all the elements of home: a. mother, b. religion, c. the past, d. the hope for the immediate future, but I was determined to maximize all of these.

My two years in ASMARA over two decades ago as an American-Jewish (very American, very Jewish) teacher seemed to my decade and a half of lawyering quite idealistic. How densely could I pack home-style baggage so that 19 days could bridge a lapse in more than a score of years?

a. mother? Why not? Hey, many Volunteers' years approached the sky when being 70+ was, unlike today, almost ancient. But the war? The rebels? No way would she ever allow *anyone* to be molested in her presence. Besides, living in New York City (adjacent to Central Park) constituted survival training at its best.

b. religion — Where else the week of Feseka but Jerusalem, Beer Sheva,

Tiberias, and Tzfat (Safed), that most mystical village of the Messiah's expected appearance. Such a change of pace and place beats a change of dishes, pans down!. Step two was fulfilled.

c. the past — Cairo and Jeddah. Jeddah??!! What relationship: "past" and "Jeddah?" Well, some pasts are historical, others personal. The latter can be very recent, but not recent enough. So, on to the shadows of the Pyramids before catching the hegira to Jeddah. My cousin, born in Eritrea and now a Doctor of Engineering, earns his daily bread at that Saudi seaport. His Vatican wedding, with his dear departed uncle, Father Tecla, officiating, seems so long ago. Father Tecla, may G-d rest his soul, was the Pope's consultant on world refugees. How could I go home and pass by so close to (yet, far from) my adopted cousin without seeing his newborn, Josief Joshua, in his mother's arms?

d. the hope for the immediate future — The plane from Jeddah to Addis flew high over Asmara. I could see, barely, but could not touch; yet my mother could sense my simultaneous frustration and exhilaration. But the capital had no dearth of Eritreans, fixating on home, and plenty of Beta Yisrael, longing for home after an absence of several millennia. Addis was jittery, but hopeful, and there existed an almost universal consensus that a cessation of conflict, long overdue, was at hand.

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Sabbath Day — May 25, 1991. I pick up what many claim to be their Bible (the New York Times) and find two dreams come true, overnight. Who would not find great joy in one or the other: the freeing of Asmara; the return home of Beta Yisrael, Falasha no more. And few else, but I, could find such ecstasy in both!!

Ethiopia/Eritrea RPCVs membership

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Dates of Peace Corps-Ethiopia/Eritrea service and city/town of service

Group # and type of project

Other Peace Corps service - as staff or Volunteer - and years

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c/o Marian Haley Bell
330 Brooklawn Drive
Rochester, NY 14618

Who you'll see at the 30th —

Of the first 200 registrations for the Conference received by the National Council, 40 were from Ethiopia RPCVs! This is a listing of those we have heard from who are planning to attend —

Jed Abrams 66-68
Barbara Baluta 65
Jane Campbell Beaven staff 64-66
Kathy Beckman 66-68
Marian Hely Bell 62-64
Sue Hundt Bergan 66-68
Alan & Sue Boyd 64-66
Mark Lewis Brecker 64-66
Barbara Buckingham 64-66
Charles Lewis Clark
Leo Cecchini 62-64
Dan Close 66-68
Ginna Coon 64-66
Chuck Coskran 65-67
John Coyne 62-64
Virginia Velser DeLorme 64-66
Karen DeWitt 66-68
Bill & Maggie Donohoe 62-64
Robert Douyard 63-65
Sidney Feldman 66-67
David Forster 66-68
Bessie Fultz 64-67
Natalie Garrett 64-66
Betty & Bill Graff 63-65
Dave Gurr 62-64
Dorothy Gustafson 64-66
David Hartman 66-68
Roger Hartman 66-68
Jane Hazlett 72-74
Avis Johnson 73-75
Steve Kastan 66-68
Adrienne & Eldon Katter 62-64
John Kulczycki 63-65
Frances Fisher LaCroix 62-64
Phillip LeBel 64-66
Lynn & Mary Lou Linman 62-64

Dick Lipez 62-64
Carol MacDonald
Lee Maloney 63-65
Robert & Susie Mayer staff 65-67
Jim McCaffery 66-69
Tom McCracken
Kathleen Moore 65-67
Cora Moorhead 62-64
John Pettit 66-68
Jack Prebis 62-64
Michael Prewitt 66-68
Irene Rasmussen 68-70
Herb Resnick 62-64
John Rex 62-64
Carol Miller Reynolds 62-64
Emily Cotter Richardson 64-66
Karen MacDonald Rosenthal 67-68
Bob & Lynn Roundy 66-68
Dannie & Daryl Russell 63-65
Sarah Pentico Samuel 66-68
Jackie & Don Schlenger 66-68
Russ Scoville 62-64
Diane & Howard Shapiro 66-68
Louise & Warren Siegel 66-68
James Skelton, Jr. 70-72
Jim Solomon 63-65
Nanci Stich Stern 66-68
James Thompson staff 65-67
Fuller Torrey staff 64-66
Jon Triesault 66-68
Paul Tsongas 62-64
Marvin Vimande
Gayle Bradshaw Washburn 63-65
Roger & Susan Wehrell 68-70
Claire & Harris Wofford staff 62-64

Position available in Ethiopia

Refugees International, a private, non-profit refugee advocacy organization based in Washington, DC, seeks a field representative to work in Ethiopia, monitoring the refugee situation. Individual should: be familiar with the country, speak Amharic, be able to seek out information in the refugee situation. Expenses and a small monthly stipend are offered. Departure date: as soon as possible. Please call Patti Madigan at Refugees International if you are interested: ☎ 202/547-3785.

Roommate needed

Lee Maloney (Dessie 63-65) would like to share a room for the Conference at the Holiday Inn Capitol. If you are interested, call Lee at her home in Sugarland, Texas ☎ 713/491-1897, weekdays before 1 pm and any time weekends.

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