

F R I E N D S

▶ The upstate New York home of wildlife rehabilitator **JANE CAMPBELL BEAVEN** (staff 64–67) has been as a wildlife refuge and rehabilitation center since 1990.

▶ Eritrea PCVs **MICHAEL COOPER** and **DEVRA COREN** are seeking financial support for projects in their communities through Peace Corps' Partnership Program Michael is seeking \$5,464 for the installation of electricity in the junior secondary school in Barentu. Devra is looking for \$3,148 for building materials to build a library in Serejeke. (Furnishings and books are already available.) If you would like to help, call the Partnership office at 800-424-8580x2227.

▶ **JOHN COYNE** (Addis Ababa 62–64), wearing his Forest Gump hat, was a witness to the explosion of TWA flight 800 over Long Island Sound. In an article in the *New York Times* Coyne was quoted as saying: "It was round, like a tropical sunset. There was a column of fire all the way to the water, straight down."

▶ Peace Corps Associate Director **PATTI GARAMENDI'S** (Metu 66–68) Office of Recruitment and Selection has been recognized by the National Performance Review for Innovation in Government with a Hammer Award for its use of the World Wide Web for recruitment.

▶ **DON LEVINE** (training 1960s) was co-instructor at the University of Chicago 1996 summer school teaching "Ethiopian Society and Culture."

▶ **MARY LOU AND LYNN LINMAN** (62–64) were featured in an article in the October 20, 1996 issue of the *Fresno Bee*. In the long article, that was accompanied by a photo of the Linmans, they spoke at length of their experience as Peace Corps Volunteers.

▶ **ED LYNCH's** (63–65) son Andy, who many Ethiopia IIs met at the 1984 Chicago reunion, began service as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Uzbekistan on September 25, 1996.

▶ *Horizons*, a quarterly journal published by Pi Lambda Theta, an international honor society and professional association, published in its Summer 1995 issue: "Sharing the Understanding: Lessons of Intercultural Living Continue to Affect Former Peace Corps Volunteers"* by **HILDA JO MANESS** (65–67). The Peace Corps has subsequently used reprints of the article for recruiting material.

▶ **LADENA "SERKALEM" SCHNAPPER** (63–66) is on the Honorary Advisory Board of Dimbulka Productions, and immigrant aid organization working to promote Ethiopian art and artists. At an organization fundraiser on December 5th at the Kennedy

Center in Washington, LaDena performed a traditional Ethiopian coffee ceremony.

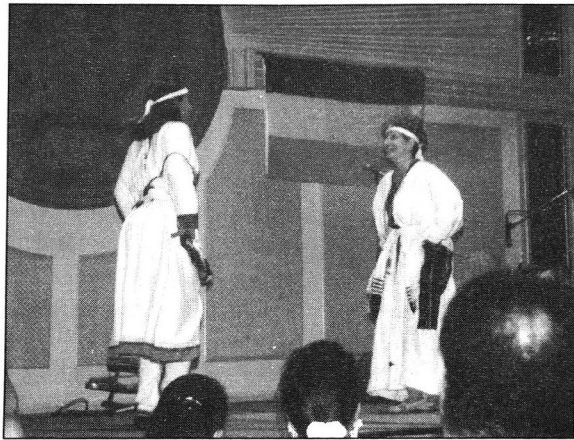
▶ In March, **DANE FARNSWORTH SMITH** (63–65) was named Ambassador to Senegal by President Clinton. From 1990 to 1993 he had been ambassador to Guinea, and at the time of his Senegal appointment was director of West African Affairs at the State Department and special presidential envoy for Liberia.

▶ On December 31, 1996, **HASKEL WARD** (63–65) was appointed associate magistrate in Griffin, Georgia. Haskel make history by being named the first black judge in Spaulding County. After living and working in government for many years in New York and Washington, he moved back to his home town in 1991 where he founded a consulting firm that advises corporations, government agencies and foundations on policy development, management program evaluation and economic development planning.

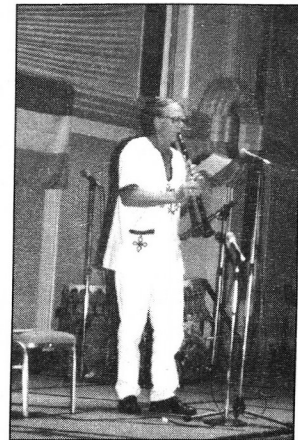
▶ Senator **HARRIS WOFFORD** (Country director 62–64) was on President Clinton's short list to become Secretary of Labor. Lobbying for Wofford were the AFL/CIO and Senator Edward Kennedy. The nod, however, went to Alexis Herman, White House Director of Public Liaison, who's nomination hit a major slow-down as her possible involvement with one White House scandal or another was probed.



The PCVs in Ethiopia are embarrassed by our own U.S. Ambassador David Shinn. It seems the Ambassador visits the Volunteers in the provinces wearing a safari outfit — shorts, pith helmet, and all — as if he were somehow left over from Evelyn Waugh's *ABYSSINIA DAYS*. Ambassador Shinn, this is Ethiopia, not Disney's Jungle World. Looking like a Great White Hunter is a bit passe, if not outright racist.



LaDena Schnapper, right, and dance partner



John Barnes



Courtney and David Arnold with old friend

Ethiopian New Year Celebration in Washington

By John Barnes

Two Returned Peace Corps Volunteers took part in a festive concert celebrating *Inkutatesh*, the Ethiopian New Year, (1989), on September 14th at the Capital Hilton Hotel in Washington D.C. The gala program was sponsored by the Center for Ethiopian Arts and Culture (CEAC) under the direction of Ato Tesfaye Lemma, the founder of Orchestra Ethiopia.

JOHN BARNES (Addis Ababa 66–68) played Ethiopian songs on the clarinet to which the guests spontaneously started humming along as the well-know songs brought back sweet memories.

LADENA SCHNAPPER (Dessie, Awasa 63–66), performed many ethnic dances so well that the Ethiopian women in attendance were in awe and jubilation! LaDena learned all the correct movements from expert dancers during her recent return to Ethiopia.

The program featured the Nile Ethiopian Ensemble which performed the songs and dances of many of the ethnic groups of Ethiopia. Also on the program was Ato Seleshe Damessae, renowned poet, composer, singer and master *krarist* with his *krar* students.

Also in attendance were **DAVID AND COURTNEY ARNOLD** (Asbe Tefari 64–

66), **CATHY BECKMAN** (Shashemane 66–68), and **LIZ BARNES** (Addis Ababa 67–69). John and Liz were privileged to talk with Ato Mamo Teseme, the founder and former curator of the National Museum of Ethiopia in Addis Ababa. He now makes ceramic "*Jebenas*," the black coffee serving vessels with the long neck. John was also completely surprised to locate a friend whom he had helped to find work with **HOWARD AND JOYCE WADE** (Addis Ababa 1966-1968). John and Liz were also introduced to the premier male Ethiopian vocalist, Tilahun Gessesse, who was in attendance.

"The entire Peace Corps family mourns the loss of Paul Tsongas, who was a profile in courage both as a public servant and as a man battling cancer. Through his deep commitment to public service, fostered in the early days of the Peace Corps, he became a model for thousands of future Peace Corps Volunteers.

Senator Tsongas once said that three things defined him: working as a young man in his father's dry-cleaning business in Lowell, Massachusetts; serving in the Peace Corps in Ethiopia from 1962-64; and being diagnosed with cancer in 1983. He said becoming a Peace Corps Volunteer brought a joy for public service that led to his political career.

Senator Tsongas served as a teacher, assigned to Ras Gobanna Dacheu School in Ghion, Ethiopia. He taught mathematics to ninth and 10th graders, and helped in a number of construction projects, including building a hostel for students of his school.

He was just the sort of Volunteer whom President Kennedy envisioned when he created the Peace Corps 1961. And like the former President, Senator Tsongas inspired those who watched him, whether it was to join the Peace Corps, to run for elected office or to make

PAUL TSONGAS

tough choices to resolve the nation's most pressing problems.

His courage in the face of cancer was extraordinary, as was his commitment to public service. As a fellow Bay Stater, I personally benefited from his example and appreciated the time and energy that he unflinchingly devoted to public service. He will be greatly missed."

Peace Corps Director Mark Gearan

"What [President Clinton] said of Tsongas is true: 'In a life devoted to public service, he set an unparalleled example of integrity, candor and commitment.' It is an example worth emulating."

David Broder, The Washington Post

"Tsongas was an unusual player on the national stage. He could be smug and prickly, but he told more of the truth than most and had far more humility and humor than the other Greek from Massachusetts. . . .

Political campaigns have evolved into an enormous bore where the only objective is victory and the constant

winner is ego. . . . Gone are gut feelings, common sense and conscience. Yet those three items were the pilings Tsongas used to build a run at the presidency. . . ."

Mike Barnicle Boston Globe 1/19/97

"Tsongas was a tough taskmaster . . . always willing to challenge conventional wisdom and unafraid to give people bad news if he felt it would fix an ailing system . . . [He] built a reputation on following his political conscience despite the odds. . . . Independent, thoughtful, passionate, he was as devoted to his family as he was to fighting the good fight."

Editorial, Boston Globe, 1/19/97

"He was truly an American hero."

Former Senator Warren Rudman

"He was a gentle juggernaut who kept confounding political experts by standing for what he thought was right. . . . That choice [to resign the Senate] didn't surprise anyone who knew how his life genuinely centered on family and who knew his values had been formed more by his time in the Peace Corps than by his decade on Capitol Hill."

Editorial,

The Philadelphia Inquirer, 1/22/97

AS WE REMEMBER HIM . . .

PAUL TSONGAS, 21, of 40 Fairfield Street, Lowell, Massachusetts, received his B.A. in government, with a minor in history, from Dartmouth University in 1962. His summer and part-time work has been largely as a swimming instructor, but he has also worked for his father as a truck driver and general contracting laborer. He has some proficiency in masonry, carpentry, plumbing, and painting. In college he was on the varsity swimming team, and he also enjoys wrestling, baseball, tennis, and sailing. He has studied French and can speak Greek.



LOST & FOUND

When a query is received about an Ethiopia or Eritrea RPCV, the request is sent directly to that RPCV if we have his/her current address. We publish queries in The Herald for RPCVs for whom we have no current information. Can you help? Please respond to the contact person listed. ETHIOPIA & ERITREA RPCVs would also appreciate learning the addresses of lost RPCVs.

▶ **FOUND SAMUEL MANNA**, in Asmara, working as a city planner with UN Habitat project. He was PC staff in Addis Ababa 196?-65, managing the transient house. Later Samuel received 2 MAs in LA and has worked in Brazil, Saudi Arabia, & US.

Wayne and Laurie Kessler see him often and he speaks fondly of many old Peace Corps friends. To contact Samuel, write to him c/o Kessler, PO Box 2967, Asmara ERITREA.

▶ **LOST: MARCIA PERKINS**, Haile Selassie I Secondary School in Asmara 1964-66. Kassahun Checole says Marcia is "the reason I'm a good typist." Find him at Red Sea Press/Africa World Press, Inc., 110 Princess Road, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648.

▶ Atnafu Retta would like to hear from his Peace Corps teachers from the 60s in Assella, Arussi, music teacher **MACY** and English teacher **KANE**. His address: 3701 16th Street, NW Washington DC 20010; phone 202 291 3894

▶ The *Ethiopian Register* is starting a free classified ad service to find your Ethiopian friend's whereabouts, offer your house for rent, offer exotic Ethiopian objects for sale, etc. Send items of 30 words or less in English to:

Ethiopian Register
P.O. Box 580
St. Joseph, MN 56374

▶ Mesfin Haile Selassie has written for the family of Haile Selassie Gebray in search of **SUSANNE FLYR** (66-68). Susanne was a nurse at Ras Seyoum Hospital in Makalle, Tigray. The family had maintained contact with her for some time following her completion of service, but then lost contact due to a change of address. Contact: Mesfin Haile Selassie PO Box 33164 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

▶ Seeking **VERNON AND BECKY CRUZ**, PCVs 1966-68, originally from Chicago area; please write to Kidane Merhay, c/o Alem Meconen, P.O. Box 1436, Asmara, Eritrea.

▶ Elfinesh Worku was a student of Peace Corps in Prince Mekonnen High School in Addis Ababa in 1962-64. The teachers were Mr. [Gary Loren] Wilson (maths) and Mr. [Tom] Grange (English). She would like them to write to her at Heinrich-Fuchs Str. 122, 69126 Heidelberg, Germany.

▶ Joe Ciuffini (Harar 64-66) is looking for the following: **MR. & MRS. STEVEN CRABTREE** (Axum 1965/66); **MR. TAYLOR** (Makalle 1965/66); **MR. LUBIN** (Makalle 1967/68); **ALICE LEETH ADAMSON** (Makalle 1968). If you can help, contact Joe at 188 Cabot St, Newton MA 02158 or jmciuffini@aol.com

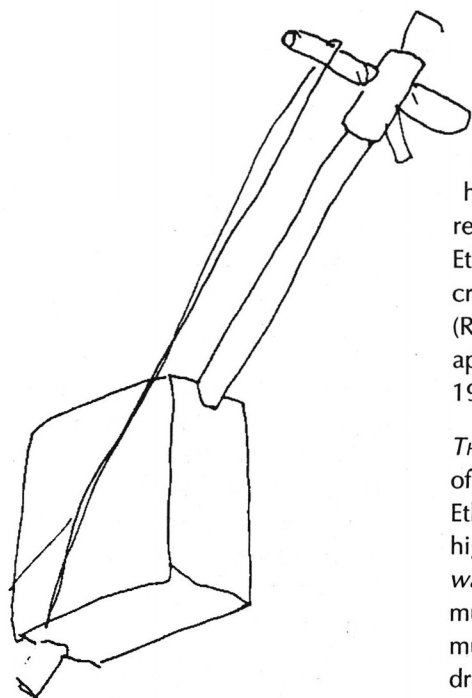
▶ Did you live in the area of Saganeiti or Debaroa, Eritrea during the 1960s? If so, see "From our mail"

WHO IS IT?

In a stroke of major luck, Linda Finch, the woman who is duplicating the Amelia Earhart flight, has agreed to fly the Peace Corps banner at each of her 31 scheduled overseas stops. She feels that her leap of faith and journey into the unknown is similar to that of a Peace Corps volunteer. Finch's older brother was a PCV in Ethiopia.

The Village Songs — don't miss it?

by LaDena Schnapper



Our very own **CHARLES SUTTON** (66-68) sounds like he's from a long line of *asmaris* as he sings and plays his *masinko* in *THE VILLAGE SONGS*, a recording that features Orchestra Ethiopia, the first folkloric ensemble created by Tesfaye Lemma in the 1960s. (Remember when Tesfaye and Charley appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show in 1968 with the group?)

THE VILLAGE SONGS includes arrangements of indigenous songs and dances of Ethiopia's peoples; instrumentals highlighting the exotic sounds of the *washint*, *hrar* and *imbilta*; traditional music juxtaposed with contemporary music and lyrics; and short "music dramas" by Tesfaye. This music will transport you back to those best days of your life in Ethiopia.

To order *The Village Songs* on either CD or cassette, contact:

The Merkato, 2116 18th Street, NW, Washington DC 20009; phone: 202-483-9499; fax: 202-483-9497; email: MerkatoUSA@aol.com.

Tesfaye, a creative composer and choreographer, continues his work with the Center for Ethiopian Arts and Culture in the heart of the Ethiopian community in Washington, D.C. A recent full-page article in *City Paper* praises his efforts in establishing a small museum of Ethiopia art and culture, the first Ethiopian folkloric groups in the United States — the Nile Ethiopian Ensemble, and now, a school teaching both *krar* (the 6-stringed lyre-like instrument) and Ethiopian dance.

Contact Tesfaye Lemma at the Center for Ethiopian Arts and Culture, 2116 18th Street, NW #401, Washington, DC; phone: 202-667-3638.

R e u n i o n s

Well, if you can believe it, July 17, 1997 will mark the 25th anniversary of those fateful first steps on the airport tarmac in Addis Ababa for the 1972 PC/Ethiopia Trainees. While it may seem like yesterday, many of us are now pushing 50!!!! Doesn't seem possible????

We'd like to determine interest in a 25th Reunion for the 1972 Trainee Group in particular; however, we're interested in gathering **ALL VOLUNTEERS FROM THE 1972-1975** time period or even earlier if interested. If you want more information or know of others who may want information about a reunion, please contact:

Jan Clymer (Finete Selam, Gojjam)
1923 Emerson Ave S
Minneapolis MN 55403
612 377 3313 (home)
612 298 1724 (work)
800 825 1700 (work)
612 290 2333 (fax)

We're looking forward to hearing from you and hope to get a 25th reunion organized for Summer/Fall 1997. If anyone has a copy of the "Mug Shot" book from the 1972 Trainee groups, please pass it (or a copy) on so we can track down all souls and let them be aware of the impending celebration.

ETHIOPIA I, II AND III Volunteers — and anyone else so inclined: We are thinking of a mini-reunion in the Washington, DC area in May or June of 1997. Anyone interested in participating please contact Ed Lynch (Nazareth 63-65) at 7 Broad Street, Denville NJ 07834, 201/625-1509.

Paul Reagan would like to organize a reunion for **ETHI 1S** at some location in the northeast. If you'd like to help, call him at 914/876-8705.



From our mail

Reading Ed Lynch's mail

The following is correspondence between Ed Lynch (Nazareth 63-65) and Senator Arlen Specter, Chair of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and J. Robert Kerrey, Vice Chair of the committee.

July 19, 1996

Dear Senator Specter & Senator Kerrey:

I recently read a news article indicating that your Committee is considering relaxing the ban on contacts between the CIA, the DIA and the United States Peace Corps.

Between 1963 and 1965 I served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Nazareth, Ethiopia. Since completing my service I have followed a career in the law appearing in Federal and State courts both as a representative of government entities and private citizens.

For the following reasons, I respectfully suggest that the Senate refrain from any modification of the prohibition upon exchange of information or communication between Peace Corps Volunteers and United States intelligence agencies:

1. To be effective, a Peace Corps volunteer must develop the trust of the people in his or her assigned community. This takes time, effort and complete candor. News media in developing countries will certainly carry extensive reporting of any possible connection between the CIA and the Peace Corps. I seriously doubt that Peace Corps Volunteers can develop that trust with host country nationals in the face of such publicity.

2. Peace Corps Volunteers are not trained for gathering intelligence. Their primary skills are technical and are designed to promote self help and development on the part of host country nationals. An intelligence gathering or

transmission function would be inimical to Peace Corps duties.

3. If the American public believes that there is a connection between the CIA and the peace Corps, the pool of potential qualified volunteers for Peace Corps service will be greatly reduced. This comment is not meant to disparage the CIA, but rather to simply state a fact.

4. From its inception, the Peace Corps has steadfastly maintained an absolute ban upon its Volunteers becoming involved in host country politics. There are many good reasons for this ban including the shifting nature of governments in the developing countries, the safety of Peace Corps Volunteers, and the distraction to the primary function of the Peace Corps. Inevitably, host country governments and nationals will interpret a connection between the CIA and the Peace Corps as meddling in politics.

5. Peace Corps volunteers serve in varied environments. It is impossible to insulate these Volunteers from communities in which there exist enemies of the United States. To publicly draw a connection between the CIA and Peace Corps Volunteers would expose the Volunteers to extreme danger of physical attack, abduction or assassination. This danger cannot be overstated. It existed even during the early days of the Peace Corps of the 1960s. It is much more evident at present. No good reason has been advanced by proponents for the relaxation of the ban on association between the Peace Corps and government intelligence agencies.

May I respectfully request that your Committee adopt a strongly worded statement reaffirming the separate identities, functions and integrity of the United States Peace Corps and the United States intelligence agencies.

There is no demonstrated need nor justification for a blurring of the bright line which rightfully divides these agencies.

Respectfully yours,

Edmund E. Lynch (Nazareth 63-65)

July 29, 1996

Dear Mr. Lynch:

Thank you for your letter of July 19, 1996 regarding the policy governing interactions between the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Peace Corps

Under current regulation, the CIA is prohibited from employing or using in any capacity Peace Corps members or trainees. Such individuals may not be used within five years after the person is separated from the Peace Corps, or in a country for which they had been trained or had been assigned while with the Peace Corps — and only then under extraordinary circumstances requiring a waiver by the Director of Central Intelligence.

The Committee has no intention of relaxing this prohibition. I share your concerns and appreciate your communicating your views.

Sincerely,

Arlen Specter, Chair

August 21, 1996

Dear Mr. Lynch:

Thank you for your letter regarding the possible use of Peace Corps Volunteers as informants for the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)>

Current CIA policy is not to use American journalists, clergy, or Peace Corps members as agents, nor to use American news or journalist organizations for cover. Further, CIA Director John Deutch has stated he has no intention of so using such individuals or organizations.

However, there may be extremely rare occasions when an exception to this policy should be contemplated. The circumstances that would call for such exceptions would have to be genuinely extraordinary and would involve immediate risks to lives or a vital national interest. For Peace Corps Volunteers, the circumstances which would permit such a waiver of policy are further circumscribed. Nevertheless, there are imaginable scenarios where only a member of the press, clergy, or the Peace Corps would have the access necessary to prevent the loss of life. For this reason, I do not believe the CIA should be absolutely proscribed from using members of any profession as agents or using any profession as cover.

Again, thank you for writing.

Sincerely,
J. Robert Kerrey

September 3, 1996

Dear Senator Kerrey:

Thank you for your letter of August 21, 1996.

I respect the position you set forth therein.

Based on my experience as a Peace Corps Volunteer and as a lawyer, I suggest that any modification of the bar against interaction between the Peace Corps and the Central Intelligence Agency would be counterproductive.

Peace Corps Volunteers should not be lumped together with journalists or members of the clergy in this analysis.

CIA involvement with church or media representatives would prompt substantial concern over Constitutional issues of separation of church and state and a free and independent press.

When President Kennedy proposed the Peace Corps and the Congress passed enabling legislation, no authorization was given for an intelligence gathering function. To implement such a substantial change in mission, there should be a clear signal from the White House that

this is a necessary and welcome development and the full Congress should have the opportunity to debate and vote the question.

One particular concern which has yet to be addressed is the substantial danger this proposal would create for peace Corps Volunteers in the field. This danger would flow not only from actual interaction between Peace Corps Volunteers and members of the CIA, but also from a potential requirement Peace Corps Volunteers do so.

Peace Corps Volunteers live in a variety of settings. Invariably they must rely upon host country nationals for their support and security. Volunteers do not have the benefit of the protection of the United States Marines or secure compounds available to members of the Foreign Service or other governmental agencies. If it became known in developing countries that Peace Corps Volunteers had some unspecified connection with the Central Intelligence Agency, a Volunteer would be a most inviting target for abduction, harassment or assassination by those individuals who see the CIA as a sinister force and symbol of American interference in their country.

Please keep in mind that I do not at all agree with uninformed attacks upon the CIA. This agency performs a vital function in promoting the security of all American citizens. Rather a proposal to link the CIA and the Peace Corps will not further the goals of either organization.

I am encouraged that you refer to an exception to the bar upon CIA/Peace Corps contact as being "contemplated." If this thought goes further, I would most appreciate the opportunity to testify before your Committee to further explicate my views based upon my personal experience as a Volunteer in Ethiopia and my subsequent work as an attorney.

Respectfully yours,
Edmund E. Lynch (Nazareth 63-65)

NOTE: Following the hearings, the Committee on Intelligence did not recommend any changes to the existing prohibition of contact between the Peace Corps and the CIA. Testifying eloquently at the hearings on behalf of the Peace Corps position of no contact between the agencies was former Peace Corps Director Senator Paul Coverdell (R-GA)

Energy department

I am interested in geothermal energy. If you run across anything on use of geothermal energy in the Rift Valley, I would appreciate hearing about it. Also anything on other energy development in Ethiopia.

Thanks
Larry Simmons (Nazareth 62-64)
<simmons@up.edu>

Now that's a small world

7/16/96

I am happy to tell you that my son Chris is now in PC training in Kazakstan and will be involved in environmental projects. I suspect that there are a reasonable number of second generation Volunteers out there.

John Woods (Jimma 65-68)

7/18/96

My wife and I have been concerned that we have received very little mail from Chris since he left on May 29. We had thought he was just a poor letter writer and we were kind of upset. This evening we received a phone call from Gloria [Gieseke] Curtis, who was a Volunteer in group 2 in Asmara. It just so happens her daughter Donna is also a PCV in Kazakstan and has been there for a year. She speaks Russian well and was a tutor for the new Volunteers in their training. Among the people she worked with was my son.

Chris knew that Donna was going to speak to her parents on the phone and asked her to have her parents (Gloria

[and Don, India 64-66]) call us and let us know what's happening. One thing we found out is mail is very unreliable. Not only have we received no mail from Chris, but it is unsure whether he has received the about 10 letter we have mailed (between me, his mom, and his sisters). Apparently he is doing quite well, but Kazakstan is not a place that works very well these days. I would say, in fact, that it works much worse than Ethiopia worked in the 60s.

Anyway, it is a small world when one 60s Ethi calls another 60s Ethi to report about their offspring PCVs in Kazakstan.

John Woods (Jimma 65-68)

From a PCV

Things here in Ethiopia are great. Although we've lost 50% of our group to ETs, those who are still here are thriving. I guess it is a "love it or leave it" situation. The second group arrived here last summer and they seem to be doing much better than we were at this time last year. We attribute this to a better PST [pre-service training]. I guess it comes with being the first group in 20 years that there were many things that simply weren't known. Certainly, the second group has benefited greatly from our experiences. I can't believe I only have six months left. The time has flown by.

Kate Collins
(Arjo, Wellega, Ethiopia 95-)

Did you live in Saganeiti or Debaroa?

I am trying to get in touch with any Peace Corps Volunteers who might have been working in Eritrea during the 1960s particularly around Saganeiti or Debaroa. I am doing research on environmental change in Eritrea from around 1870 to the present day, and would like to know if there might be

anyone with landscape photos of the central highlands area dating from that period.

Many thanks in advance for any assistance you might be able to provide me with regarding this matter.

Best regards,
Pauline Boerma
Oxford University
Environmental Change Unit
1a Mansfield Road
Oxford OX1 3TB
UK

Cash Flow Report — Ethiopia & Eritrea RPCVs

8/2/95 Through 4/16/97

INCOME

Dues-includes "Rebates to NC"	1,505.00
Rebated fr NPCA	6,652.50
Rebates to NC	-620.00
Donation	150.00
Reimbursement	75.00
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Total Income	7,762.50

EXPENSES

Affiliation fee	800.00
Bank charge	168.00
Bklocker proj	154.10
Check charge	9.50
enCorps:	
Kessler stipend	2,250.00
enCorps (exp):	
misc	500.00
phone	184.75
Total enCorps (exp)	809.75
Hospitality	258.81
misc	6.25
Postage	341.63
Publications	67.67
Reproduction	127.39
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Labels	25.46
Postage	371.75
Reproduction	1,218.31
Shipping	654.33
Total The Herald	2,269.85
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Total Expenses	7,137.95
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Conferences bring old friends together

Photos from the 35th Anniversary celebration in Washington, March, 1996

In the foreground: Ellen McCartney, wife of Jim McCartney (Malale, Tigre; Goba, Bale); son and wife, Joann, of George Fredenberg (Yirgalleem, Goba), Paul Reagan (Nazareth), Rusty Miller Rich (Dira Dawa) and Joan Corboy (staff spouse) [all 62-64].



Dan Close (Bekoji), Arusi 66-68)



Bessie McCoy Fultz (Dilla 64-67), Terry Graham & David Graham (Dilla; Jimma 64-66)

GINNA COON



Barbara Buckingham (Harar), Ginna Coon (Derder), Emily [Cotter] Richardson (Harar) [all 64-66]

Get together in San Diego

As always ETHIOPIA & ERITREA RPCVs will be having a gathering of its members for updates, business and socializing at the annual National Peace Corps Association National Conference in San Diego July 10-13.

Thursday evening, July 10 beginning at 7:00 pm, has been set aside for country-of-service groups to get together for dinner and socializing. We hope that there is a spot where we can share injera and wot and old stories. Plans are in the works, but we will definitely be gathering.

On Friday, July 11 at 10:45 am the Peace Corps will present regional updates of their activities — there will be an update on Africa. Here you will be

able to learn what is happening with the new programs in Ethiopia and Eritrea and what the plans for the future are.

On Friday, July 11 at 3:30 pm RPCV country-of-service groups will provide briefings. At this time ETHIOPIA & ERITREA RPCVs will have a meeting and program.

Of course the conference will offer many more activities, programs and entertainment which traditionally are inspiring, renewing, informative, fun and sometimes quite wild!

San Diego is a great city to visit. Town & Country Resort is just minutes from Sea World, historic Old Town the San Diego Zoo, museums and Balboa Park.

Conference organizers are urging RPCVs to bring their families — there will even be some special activities for family members. There will be sessions free to school-age children of conference registrants. Adult guests who want to attend workshops should register. Non-registrant guests can purchase tickets for the scheduled meals. Sign-up early — get a discount on the fees and **help us know how many to expect!**

The registration form, full conference schedule, late breaking news and e-mail question can be found at the NPCA web site at <<http://www.rpcv.org/>>

Here's the form in person.



REGISTRATION

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Please use separate forms for each conference participant. For information about special family rates, check the 'Family Plan' under Information Requests.

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CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____ COUNTRY _____

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COUNTRY OF SERVICE _____ YEARS: 19__ - 19__

VOLUNTEER STAFF OTHER

INFORMATION REQUESTS

- VOLUNTEER DAY 5K WALK/RUN FOR PEACE REUNIONS
 CAREER FAIR GRAND BAZAAR CHILD CARE *
 SPECIAL NEEDS * FAMILY PACKAGE *

* PLEASE SPECIFY NEEDS _____

RESERVATIONS

- ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK (PAYABLE TO "NPCA") FOR \$ _____
 PLEASE CHARGE \$ _____ TO MY CREDIT CARD (MASTERCARD OR VISA ONLY)

CREDIT CARD # _____ EXPIRATION DATE _____

DATE _____ SIGNATURE _____

CONFERENCE SITE, HOUSING & TRANSPORTATION

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Rates are per room, per night, and do not include taxes. Register directly with Town & Country Hotel, 500 Hotel Circle North, San Diego, CA 92108 and please specify that you are registering for the NPCA conference. TEL: (800) 77-ATLAS (772-8527)

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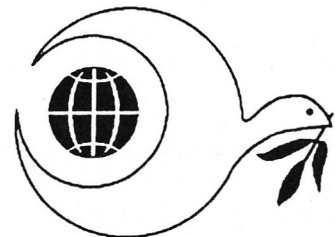
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JULY 10-13 IN SAN DIEGO

FYI...

The following notices are reports of communications received by E&E RPCVs. They do not constitute endorsements.

▶ Wayne Kessler (Asmara 64–66) and Leo Cecchini (Asmara 62–64) have joined with six others (including five Eritreans) to form N'FETN (Let's Try), a small business development company in Eritrea. Their goals: 1) To develop and operate new income generating projects, such as broiler chicken production and animal feed production using fish silage; 2) to invest in Eritrean projects including a berbere mill and a commercial ceramic pottery; 3) to provide business management training to ensure these efforts start on a sound foundation. If you would like more information contact: N'FETN ENTERPRISES, P.O. Box 2967 Asmara, Eritrea, email: wayne@gma.gemel.com.er or tewelde@gemel.com.er, Phone/Fax: 291-1-125145.

▶ The June 3rd issue of *The New Yorker* had an insightful article on the murderer/suicide of two female students at Harvard — the murderer being a young woman from Ethiopia. The article, entitled "Diary of a Murder" is by Melanie Thernstrom.*

▶ The August, 1996 *State Magazine*, a publication of the Department of State, Bureau of Personnel, features Addis Ababa as the "Post of the Month" in an eight-page spread of photos that are a

combination of scenic shots and candid shots of embassy personnel posing around the country.*

▶ In a recent publication, the Catholic Near East Welfare Association featured an article by Asseged Fesseha entitled "Temqat: Celebrating Epiphany in Ethiopia." The short article, with beautiful full-color photos, tells of the contemporary observance of Temqat.*

▶ World Vision, an international humanitarian agency, sent teens to Ethiopia during the summer of 1996 to work and to learn. For more information contact World Vision at 206/815-1000 or PO Box 9716 Federal Way, WA 98063-9761.

The February 1996 British edition of *Elle Decoration* featured Ethiopia in a 4 1/2 page travel department entitled "Great Escapes." Great photos!*

▶ The June, 1996 issue of *National Geographic* has a 23-page article entitled "Eritrea Wins the Peace."

▶ The International All-Ethiopia Solidarity Conference will be held on May 24–26, 1997 in East Lansing, Michigan. Open to all, its purpose is to provide a friendly and respectful forum for the discussion of all issues currently facing Ethiopia. It is the hope that out of this Conference could emerge progressive and workable ideas which could be pursued on behalf of Ethiopia as one community regardless of various political or social affiliations.

The Conference has been called by an independent Task Force, formed in accordance with the resolution passed at the Adwa victory centenary, held on March 1-2, 1996 in East Lansing, Michigan. The Task Force conducts fund raising activities to finance its operations. Financial contribution from prospective participants is welcome.

For an invitation packet, just send your mailing address to Daniel Teferra, Task Force Chair <AESO@aol.com>.

▶ Refugee Voices is an organization that works to bring the voices of refugees to this country to the larger U.S. public. After 9+ years of operating independently, the RV has just become a program of Immigration & Refugee Services of America. For more information, to volunteer: Refugee Voices, 1717 Massachusetts Ave NW Ste 701, Washington DC 20036; 800/688-7338, 202/347-3507; fax: 202/347-3418; email: <RV@IRSA-USCR.org>; home page: <www.IRSA-USCR.org>

▶ **Ethiopian Art Exhibition in New York** "Drawing on Tradition" — Historic and Modern Art of Ethiopia featuring ancient icons, crosses and scrolls, plus contemporary paintings are at the Wright Gallery, 116 West Houston Street, New York NY 10012, 212/674-6379 through March 29, 1997.

▶ The Sunday, November 10, 1996 *Washington Post* travel section featured "In Search of the Queen of Sheba: And other mysteries of Ethiopia, a Third World land with more than a few

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surprises." In the lengthy, honest article, writer Jennifer Parmelee states: "Welcome to Ethiopia, a land that is romantic, mysterious, beautiful and an earthly paradise for the history buff or bird watcher — but not highly recommended for the faint of heart, the Type A or the comfort-driven." Has lots of travel details.*

► In the second of a series "Feeding the World," *The Philadelphia Inquirer* featured an article on food production in Ethiopia — "Ethiopia outstrips food supply: Persistent famine has plagued much of Africa. Relief programs now emphasize self-sufficiency."*

► Salem Mekuria, the Ethiopian-born filmmaker is trying to make the complex history of her native land comprehensible to American audiences with her film "Deluge." It was filmed in Ethiopia between 1991 and 1994 and completed in January, 1997. The story is told through the lives of her brother Solomon and her friend Negist who became

victims in the student movement against the Mengistu regime. The film is available for \$40.00 by calling (617) 524-5028. Weysero Salem teaches at Wellesley College near Boston.— *John Barnes*

► Laurie Kessler writes that the UNVOLunter program has opportunities for assignments at the University of Asmara. All positions require a Ph.D and experience. They are in the areas of law, accounting, political science, computer science, mechanical engineering, statistics and chemistry. Additionally, UNVOLunteers is looking for a demographer for the Department of Town Planning, and for a person with solar energy experience for UNICEF. All are 1 year assignments. The university pays round-trip transportation, low cost-housing and local salary of 1800 birr/month. For more information and to inquire if there are positions in other areas of expertise email <Sandrine.Tiller@undp.org> fax 291-1-

181081 (Program officer in Asmara) or Mandinda.Zimba@undp.org (Program officer in Addis.

The Peace Corps has some official relationship with the UNVOL program and has some information about open positions. You might also call them in Washington at 202-606-3370 or 800-424-8580x2234



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If you would like to submit an article for publication, it would be appreciated if it is submitted on disk (labeled as to software and computer used) as well as hard copy. Any articles would be most welcomed.

As you can see, we now have the capacity to print photos, consequently any photo submissions would also be welcomed. They need to be clear, and the images large enough to be easily seen. All photos will be returned.

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