

THE DELEGATE

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We come from all over the world - we are all over the world. As young people we shared a common experience, and we are changed by it. Now is the time to renew old ties and to network with those of different years. This fledgling newsletter, The DELEGATE will be sent to you twice a year - in May and late in the year. Its success depends on you - your contributions will keep it alive!

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OUR FORUM

The Herald Tribune Youth Forum / the World Youth Forum began in 1947. The last delegates participated in (we think!) 1968. So for twenty years, some thirty young people each year shared the experiences we had - let's say 600 peoples' lives were touched by this, not to mention the lives of those who hosted us in families and schools. A project that would be worthwhile would be to write a history of the Forum from the time of its inception in 1947 to its demise in 1968.

The Forum changed as the years went on -- in the early '50's it was all Asian, and two delegates represented each country. In its later years, a summer program was added, taking young Americans to Europe. For each of us the Forum was as we knew it....so it would be most interesting to learn of the changes over the years. Please write and let the editor know and summaries will be printed in the next Delegate.

Since the disappearance of the Forum office we have mostly lost touch with each other. Early this year your editor contacted Lee Heubner, Publisher of the International Herald Tribune in Paris and asked him if he would be willing to help find other delegates by placing ads in the IHT. Lee most generously agreed to do this, and there are now 55 names and current addresses of alumni in our database.

Special thanks go to Chris Henze of the Trib. Chris did all the legwork that got things in motion.

THE FORUM'S LEADERS

Helen Hiatt Waller - the first Director of the Forum - was killed in a climbing accident in 1961 in the French Alps. She is buried in the little cemetery of Chamonix, in the shadow of the mountain where she died. Bob Huffman - the Forum's third Director - died in 1991. I have no news of Virginia Wieschoff (sp?) who directed the Forum in 1962. Perhaps some of you do.

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LET'S GET TOGETHER!!

The Greek delegate in 1960, Jordan Arzoglou, has invited us all to a Forum Reunion at his home in Corfou in late July, 1994. No actual date has been set as of yet - more information will be included in The DELEGATE at the end of this year...but there is a letter to you from Jordan with news of the reunion enclosed with this newsletter.

We hope that a year's advance warning will allow as many people as possible to come to Greece in '94. Jordan can house 40 of us....but there are rooms to be had in the surrounding area.

But Europe should not be the only reunion site....we hope that alumni in other areas will arrange regional get-togethers there, too. A list of names and current addresses is attached to this newsletter.

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WHO ARE WE NOW?

We were once 18 or 19 -- now we are in our late forties and fifties and older. We were students. Now we number among us the Indonesian Ambassador to Australia, the Norwegian Minister of Defence, the President of Stanford University, international civil servants, the Director-General of the Sri Lankan (Continues p2 col.1)

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Foreign Service, the head of the Fulbright Program in Indonesia, the highest-ranking woman in the Royal Thai Air Force. We are doctors, bankers, educators. We raise miniature animals, we write books - we do everything!!

WHAT DID THE FORUM MEAN TO ME?

It was that experience that changed my outlook - from that of a high school students to a young man with a global perspective - from a human being furrowing in the routine human agenda to one who began to contemplate deeper issues about the purpose of human existence, and of the individual's role among his fellow human beings and in the greater universe, both visible and invisible.

-Jacob O. Akindede - Nigeria '67

I have worked - and felt at home - in four countries. Blame it on the Forum!

- Cao Duc Thac, Vietnam '62

The Forum remains a unique experience and a formative one too. It has been wonderful to see, and to stay in touch with, a few Forum friends over the years.

-Emmanuel Cassimatis, Greece '62

ONE NIGHT IN BANKOK

In early April of 1993 I learnt from Leevi Latti, Finland '60 that Sahadya Hongskula, Thailand '60 was still in Bangkok. As luck would have it, I was scheduled for a trip to Southeast Asia two weeks later! I contacted Sahadya, now Sahadya Prebhavat, and we met at the Oriental Hotel. We laughed and cried and spent an evening remembering all the others from '60 and wondering where they are.....Sahadya is a Group Captain in the Thai Air Force, and is the highest ranking woman officer. She has one daughter - who just graduated from Johnson and Wales in Rhode Island with a Masters in the Hospitality Industry. But this was not all, two nights later Sahadya and her husband - an Inspector General in the Police, entertained me (Continues at top of page)

and Phil Perine to dinner. (Phil was the host of Knut Sogstad, Norway '60.) Over dinner that night it became obvious that the attempt to get Forum delegates in touch with each other should include those who hosted us, and through their kindness opened the doors to America to us. If any readers of The Delegate have names and addresses of host families, please pass them on!

-Gerry (Bray) Thompson, Rhodesia '60

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UPDATE ON THE DELEGATES

(Here are just some of the news items gleaned from the questionnaires...if you haven't sent yours in yet, please do so. We are creating a database and hope to enclose a printout with the late 1993 issue of The Delegate.

Lewis Andrews, USA '64 is an author and lecturer in Psychology, is married with one child. Published To Thine Own Self Be True in 1987. "I divide my time between writing about the spiritual dimension of psychology and lecturing around the US on "spiritual values and emotional health. I also have my hands full with a baby girl and a boy on the way. Any free time I have is spent campaigning for the reform of the American education system."

Cyrus Ansary, Iran '50 lives in the Washington, DC, area and is President of Investment Services International, an investment banking firm. Cy is also Chairman Emeritus of the American University, President of the Ansary Foundation, and received the Cyrus A. Ansary medal from American University in 1989. He graduated from American University, holds a JD from Columbia University and studied at the Sorbonne.

Jordan Arzoglou, Greece '60 - our kind host for our 1994 reunion - is currently with UNESCO where he works on the planning of translation and printing. He has also worked in a investment bank and as a consultant to printing firms. He has a BA from Harvard, an MA from San Francisco State University, and has studied at Berkeley and the Sorbonne. Jordan has two children, and lists his hobby as long distance running!

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Cao Duc Thac, Vietnam '62, lives in Brunei where he lectures in economics. He is divorced with two children.

Emmanuel Cassimatis, Greece '62 is a medical corps officer (a Colonel) assigned to the Office of the Surgeon General. He lives in Maryland, is married to a civil servant, and also has two children.

Carlo Cristofori, Italy '66 lives in Luxembourg where he is an international civil servant. He graduated from Harvard in 1972 and has one daughter - lists himself as "head of a single parent family in Kramer vs. Kramer style"! He notes "since 1979 I've been closely involved with the Afghan resistance movement as a publicist, policy advisor and secretary of a political action committee set up by the Italian Socialist Party. Much love to all, and three cheers for the Trib!"

Ginger da Silva, USA Summer '64 has been with Radio Hilversum in Holland since 1986/ She is currently the producer of a daily program of world news. This spring she has been in Beirut making special programs on the reconstruction of the Lebanon. Before working in radio she taught in Isfahan, Iran, and worked in an electronics factory in California. She has two daughters.

Jayantha Dhanapala, Sri Lanka '57 entered the Sri Lankan diplomatic service in 1965 and has had postings in Beijing, London, Washington, New Delhi and Geneva (as Ambassador to the UN). He is currently Director General of the Foreign Service in Colombo. Jayantha has a wife and a daughter who is a Developmental Economist and a son who is a UNHCR officer in Cambodia.

Johan Jorgen Holst, Norway '56, is Minister of Defence in Norway. He has his AB from Columbia and a Magistergrad from the University of Oslo. He has worked at Harvard and the Hudson Institute as well as the Norwegian Defence Research Establishment. Has been Minister of State for Foreign Affairs in Norway (1979-81) and more recently Director of the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs. He is married to Marianne Heiberg and has five children. He was formerly

married to Judith Perry Holst, Canada '53.

Regine Berrevin Moretto, France '62 currently raises miniature animals (she sent a great picture of a very small horse!) and has been a translator Italian/English. She received her BA from Moravian College and has studied in Bologna. She is married. She says she is "Nearly fifty years old, still young in heart and still expecting a lot!"

Tamar Liebes Plesner, Israel '60 is married to **Ulrick Plesner, Denmark '48**. Tamar has a PhD in Communication from Hebrew University where she lectures. Ulrick is an architect with offices in both Israel and Denmark. They have three children. In 1993 Ulrick received the first prize for best commercial center in Europe (in Barcelona).

Sahadya Hongskula Prabhavat, Thailand '60 is, as noted elsewhere, a Group Captain in the Thai Air Force. She says she "followed in her father's flight path!!" She has worked for the South East Asia Treaty Organization, has been secretary to the Speaker of the National Assembly of Thailand and is presently the Deputy Secretary to the Royal Thai Air Force. She is married to an Inspector General in the Thai Police, and has one daughter, Bongkojkes.

Ethel Silverman Siris, USA '63 is a physician and professor of Clinical Medicine at Columbia University in New York. She is married to a psychiatrist and has two children.

Irini Spanidou, Greece '63 lives in New York City and is a writer. Her first novel God's Snake was published in 1986. Her second, Fear will be published in 1994.

Ertan Tezgor, Turkey '65 is currently Head of the Department of Aviation Affairs in Turkey. He has served in the Turkish Diplomatic Service in Athens and Beijing, and has been in Aviation Affairs since 1985. His BS is from Ankara University. He is married to a researcher in Classical Archeology, and has one son who is studying in the USA. He says "I am always honoured that I participated in the World Youth Forum. I am still carrying beautiful memories. With this initiative, I am very excited".
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Gerry Bray Thompson, Rhodesia '60 - and the editor of this newsletter - is currently Deputy Executive Director of the Council on International Educational Exchange in New York with responsibility for all University exchanges and special responsibility for the Asian region of the world. She is married to an American Banker, and has a 25 year old daughter who is a sculptor. They live in Manhattan, and have another home in Verbier, Switzerland where they plan to live "as soon as they can!" Gerry has a BA from Smith College and an MA from the University of London (School of Oriental and African Studies).

Krisantha Weerasuriya, Sri Lanka '68 is at present on sabbatical in Geneva, and is usually a professor in the University of Colombo, Faculty of Medicine, School of Pharmacology. Krisantha is married to a biochemist and has two sons.

Suzanne Reeder Warner, UK '62, is advisor to the Deputy Chairman of British Telecommunications, Plc. She is also a Director of Warner Consultancy and Training Services. So as to shed light on the subject of her name, she notes that she was "Reeve" from 1967-90 and is still known professionally as Suzanne Reeve. She has two sons, and her husband is a management consultant. She has been Executive Director of Food from Britain, Acting Chairman of the Economic and Social Research Council and Assistant Secretary in the Department of Health and Social Security. She has a BA from the University of Sussex and a Diploma of Criminology from Cambridge University.