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## Report From Morocco

### Where We Are After 30 Years & Where We're Going

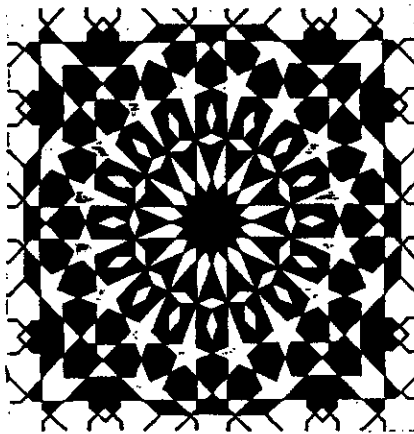
*The following is written by Darcy Neill, Morocco In-country Peace Corps Director. It is sadly submitted as a farewell message, as Darcy prepares to take the position as In-country Director of Thailand.*

Peace Corps Morocco will mark its 30th Anniversary with a Gala Anniversary Celebration in November to recognize the cooperation and achievements of the many Peace Corps volunteers, Peace Corps staff, and Moroccan counterparts who have worked together over the past thirty years.

More than 3,000 Peace Corps volunteers have served in the Kingdom, in more sites, sectors, and projects than can accurately be reported, but unmistakably, the contributions and efforts of those who have served in Morocco is impressive and commendable.

A tremendous amount of sup-

port for this commemoration has come from both American and Moroccan individuals and organizations. A commemorative stamp will be issued in Morocco marking the historical significance of the Anniversary. Other planned activities



marking the event include an exhibit of photographs and memorabilia at the USIS Cultural Centers in Rabat and Casablanca, and at the American Legation in Tangier; a roundtable discussion among former volunteers living in Morocco; and a roundtable discussion on "Volunteerism"

with participants from local and international organizations. Peace Corps Morocco is preparing an updated brochure for the 30th Anniversary. It is also possible that a celebration will be scheduled in Washington, to coincide with the November celebration ceremony in Morocco.

Returned volunteers from Morocco are strongly encouraged to join in the celebration. 1993 is an ideal time for RPCVs from Morocco to make a return trip. Coupling a visit to former sites with the opportunity to come together with Moroccan friends and counterparts could provide a rewarding experience as you re-evaluate your contributions and see where Morocco has moved since your time as a volunteer. Current Peace Corps volunteers are working with the staff to make this an important and noteworthy event, and many PCVs have

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offered their hospitality to RPCVs who previously lived and worked at their sites.

Peace Corps Morocco is truly looking forward to the participation of returned volunteers. The presence of RPCVs at the celebration in November would be a wonderful addition to the festivities. In addition, PC/Morocco also invites RPCVs to send photographs and memorabilia to be included in exhibits and displays. Pictures, artwork, stories, or other items which you would be willing to share will help communicate the lasting and strong relationship build between Peace Corps and Morocco over the last thirty years. November 1993, is designated *Peace Corps Month*, so staff and volunteers are already working to gather items of interest to include. Please let Peace Corps know if you have anything you would like to contribute.

Events scheduled for our 30th Anniversary will also serve as a platform to introduce or re-introduce Peace Corps, its philosophy, its goals, and its programming system to the Moroccan public. In its English programming, Peace Corps Morocco has been concentrating on addressing higher levels and more technical areas of English training. In the past, the concentration was on teaching English in secondary schools. As Morocco becomes more able to place its own English

teachers in the secondary schools, Peace Corps has phased out this aspect of the project to work with such under-served groups as the blind, and in underdeveloped facilities such as libraries and resource centers.

Our Orientation and Mobility volunteers work as teachers in schools for the blind, where they are instrumental in curriculum development. They work in conjunction with volunteers in the "English for Specific Purposes" assignments, who are placed in various government vocational and technical schools and ministries.

Other current projects include Maternal/Child Health, in which we place nurses, health-nutrition extension

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### ***"November 1993 Is designated Peace Corps Month"***

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workers, and nurse-midwives. In our Parks, Wildlife, and Environmental Education (PWEE) projects, volunteers work in natural resource management, environmental education, and rural planning. Veterinarian volunteers are working to reduce the incidence and spread of animal disease. Health/Sanitation volunteers are working to help reduce the spread of disease through the water supply.

These projects, in addition to the University/TEFL, ESP, and O&M projects, allow PC/Morocco to evenly distribute its resources among the education, agriculture, and health sectors. In line with

this program objective, staff assignments have been reorganized so that each sector has its own APCD and a full-time program assistant. Each team will thus be better able to address all facets of project development, training, and support for the sector's volunteers.

As Peace Corps Morocco returns to its pre-Gulf War levels of between 125 and 150 volunteers, and as we prepare for our upcoming celebration in November, I have made the very difficult decision to leave Morocco for a new assignment. I will be leaving Morocco on 15 May, to assume the Directorship of Peace Corps Thailand. It has been a challenging three years and, as I am sure is the case with you, Morocco has left an

indelible mark on my heart and mind. Maybe I'll follow my suggestion to you...and *spontaneously* show up for the 30th Anniversary Celebration!

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## From Morocco...

Our theme for the 30th Anniversary Celebration is *Peace Corps Morocco...Then and Now*. We point with pride to the FOM (Friends of Morocco) organization and its commitment to the third goal of Peace Corps. We in Morocco can truly represent the *Now*, but you can help u highlight and honor the *Then*.

Hope to see you There.

Darcy

*Ed. Note: We will all miss Darcy, and want to say thanks and wish her well at her new assignment.*

*Photographs, stories, drawings, and memorabilia for the 30th Anniversary can be sent to the Peace Corps Morocco Desk for forwarding to Morocco. Address your packages to:*

US Peace Corps  
Morocco Desk  
1990 K Street N.W.  
Washington DC 20526

## Health Study

A 4 May report from Marrakech, from the Moroccan Press Agency (MAP), says that Peace Corps volunteers took part in a workshop on health education in the rural world. The workshop was sponsored by the Moroccan Ministry of Public Health.

It was a cooperative effort made to coincide with Peace Corps Morocco's 30th Anniversary Celebration, and focused on small hydraulic projects in rural areas.

The workshop agenda included discussion and debate on methods and techniques of projects for health education, assessing community participation and the roles of Peace Corps volunteers and Moroccan health agents.

## Here We Grow Again.....

*U. S. News & World Reports* writes that "whether it's a reaction to the greed of the '80s or the recession," that applications to the Peace Corps have jumped after more than a decade of decline.

The report says that 164,000 applications were received in 1992--a forty-three percent increase over 1991--and 17,438 students, technicians, and senior citizens ultimately applied for 3,330 slots.

Also in 1992, 1,000 MBAs vied for only 100 positions helping develop business in the former Soviet Union.

*U. S. News* says that, though the directorship of Peace Corps is still vacant, that the position will go for the first time to a former volunteer.

## 30 Years

Peace Corps went to Morocco in 1963, two years after its creation by President John F. Kennedy. Over 3,000 volunteers have served in Morocco since the signing of the agreement by the Moroccan Foreign Minister and the U. S. Ambassador, on 9 February 1963, at Rabat.



*In the beginning, 1963...*

# Ash Khabarna?

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The following information was submitted by our readers to help us keep track. If you have news about you, your friends, other Peace Corps volunteers, former Peace Corps-related persons, or any other Moroccophile, send it in for the Ash Khabarna column.



Elaine Chao (Former Peace Corps Director) was married to Kentucky Senator Mitch McConnell, in February of 1993. They were married at the chapel of the U.S. Capitol.



Dave Frederick (Rabat 1986/90, In-Country Director), was saluted by the USAID as an outstanding volunteer during National Volunteer Week. Dave has been working on the establishment of a Habitat for Humanity program in Morocco since 1991. Habitat is an organization that builds low-income housing for people in the United States, as well as around the world.



Karen C. & Richard F. James (Oujda 1985, Rehab/School for the Blind), can be found at 716 N. Montana Avenue, Boseman MT 59715. Karen is working on her degree in cultural anthropology (emphasis on the Middle East) at Montana State University. Richard works for Dana Designs backpacks, hosts a weekly

program for public radio, and is active in several worthwhile organizations.



Rob Jensen (Ouaouizerht 1988/1990), is a master's candidate in wildlife conservation at the University of Minnesota, and is returning to Morocco to do his thesis field work on Barbary macaques in the Azrou/Ifrane area. He will be there for three months as of 1 May 1993. His address is 2207 Dossell Avenue, St. Paul MN 55108. Telephone Rob at 216/644-7608 (H) or, at the office where you will most likely find him, 216/626-1213. His FAX is 216/625-5299 and his EMail is rej@finsandfur.fw.umn.edu.



Denise (Paine) Radow (Chemaia/Casablanca 1987/89) and Michael Radow (Casablanca 1986/89, American School), announce the birth of their son, *Nicholas Charles*, on 17 January 1993. He is reported to be *Zween bseff!!!* Denise is a self-employed medical consultant after receiving her library degree and spending time at the National Library of Medicine in Washington DC. The Radows will be moving back to the Northwest during the summer. For the present, however, they can be reached at 1275 Cherokee Road, Apt. 3B, Louisville KY 40204.

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Denise is trying to locate *Rachael Naab (Taroudant 1987/90)*, who is reportedly

back in the U.S.A., having recently married. Denise would like to send her congratulations.



Loret Miller Ruppe (FOM), has completed her term as Ambassador to Norway and has returned to the United States. Her new address is: *Ambassador Loret Miller Ruppe, One Darby Court, Bethesda MD 20817.*



Maryann McLoughlin O'Donnell (MRPCV, 1968/70), reports that she can be removed from the *Missing Volunteers List*. She can be contacted at 43 South 1 Street, Surf City NJ 08008.



Darcy Neill, (Rabat 1990/93, Morocco Country Director), left her position on 15 May 1993. She will be moving to Thailand, where she will become Thailand Country Director. (See front page article for Darcy's farewell message.)



Add Ronald and Margeret Boddie to the list of FOM members. Peace Corps Morocco parents, they can be reached at 552 19th Avenue, Seattle WA 98122, tel. 206/324-5582. The Boddie's would like to hear from other Peace Corps parents.

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## More Ash Khabarna.....

Matt Mullen (MRPCV 1981/84) and Bernadine Kelleher Mullen (Taroudant 1985/87), along with daughter Kelley, have returned from their work in Equatorial Guinea, West Africa. After traveling 8,000 miles across the U.S.A., towing van and visiting former MRPCVs, the *Mullens* have settled at 7232 Foxfield Way, North Highlands CA 95660, tel. 916/334-4041.



Dale and Christine Eickelman (FOM) Dartmouth anthropologists, served as U. S. election night (November 1992) reporters for Radio Tanger. Dale is an expert on North Africa, having spent considerable time in the region. He submitted reports in Arabic for 8-10 minutes each half-hour during election day. Morocco's largest commercial broadcaster, Radio Tanger was reporting to both Tangiers and Rabat.



Douglass P. Teschner (Rabat/Meknes/Tetouan 1971/73, Forestry), was elected to his third term as a member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives. Douglass can be reached at RFD 2, Box 173, Pike NH 03708, tel. 603/989-5429.



Joe D. Kimmins (Tangiers 1966/68, Lab Tech), is Zoo Education Director for the City and County of Honolulu's Department of Parks and Recreation. To contact Joe, write Dept. of Parks and

Recreation, Honolulu Zoo, 151 Kapahulu Avenue, Honolulu HA 96815, tel. 808/971-7175.



Some new and renewed members of FOM are: Anita Parker Cardavoine (Meknes/Rabat 1970/71, TEFL), 39, rue Saint Ferdinand, Paris, France 75017, tel. 40 55 04 27; Beverly Dettling (Taroudant 1988/90, Early Childhood Development), 7426 Gayola Place, St. Louis MO 63143, tel. 314/781-7361; David Burgess (Rabat 1983/85, PC Country Director), 3115 N. 1st Place, Arlington VA 22201, tel. 703/527-3740; Phyliss A. Frenandez (Mechra Bel Usiri/Rabat 1963/65), 4604 Davenport St. N.W., Washington DC 20016, tel. 202/966-9094; Anne McLaughlin (Zoumi/Sidi Yahia des Zaers/Beni Sidel 1968/70, Foyer Feminin), 2743 NW Thurman, #5, Portland OR 97210-2252, tel. 503/224-1904; Michael Zelinski (Tanger/Oujda 1971/74, Architecture), 4433 Ridgemont Drive, Everett WA 98203, tel. 206/252-7677; and Julie Weaver-Hampton (Sidi Ifni 1988/90, TEFL), 74 Hancock Avenue, Ft. Leavenworth KS 66027.



## Water Resources

Morocco's thirty-four major reservoirs provide 60 percent of its city water supply and, when there's enough rain, 30 percent of the country's electricity.

These multi-purpose reservoirs and irrigation systems are large investments that are resulting in problems caused by the resultant intensive farming. There is evidence of groundwater contamination, salinization, and pesticide and fertilizer contaminated foods. Over-grazing and deforestation is creating soil erosion and watershed depletion.



A new Environmental Protection Agency team, along with researchers at Morocco's Institute of Agronomy and Veterinary Medicine will soon begin a program to identify specific problems and develop programs that will allow the use of water resources, while protecting the water and other environmental assets.

After a model is developed, a long-term integrated watershed management program will be established.

# The FOM SOUK

*Friends of Morocco is trying to compile a source list for things Moroccan that can, we hope, lead to the creation of a source book for our members. We ask that readers send us the names (and addresses) of restaurants, retailers of Moroccan goods, sources of Moroccan musical recordings, speakers from or about Morocco, exhibits of Moroccan art and artifacts, sources for cooking spices, books, tours, etc.*

*The following is a sampling of the most recent arrivals:*

**Marabout/Morocco.** Another retailer of Moroccan goods in the U.S.A. has been found. Contact Nicholas Johnson, Marabout/Morocco, 162 Walnut Street, Brookline MA 02146, tel. 617/232-7151

**Alan Bundy Book Dealer.** Alan occasionally runs across books about Morocco. Contact Alan (MRPCV 1968/69) at 1208 Brentwood Road, Cleveland Heights OH 44121-1538, tel. 216/382-1630.

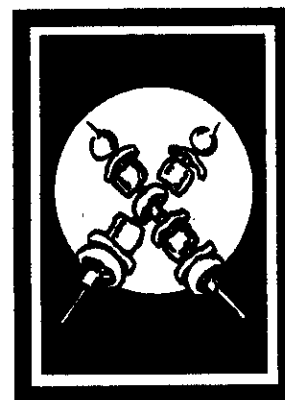
**Lois Brubeck Moroccan Tribal Rugs and Weavings.** To buy examples of a wide range of Moroccan weavings, both pile and flat-woven rugs and cushions, contact Lois Brubeck at 75 Tremont Street,

Cambridge MA 02139, tel. 617/497-5259. Lois has been making several trips annually to Morocco for the last fifteen years, bringing back the best of the old and the new. She has semi-annual shows in the Boston MA and Washington DC areas, with intermittent showings at New York NY and Seattle WA.

**Casablanca.** A recently opened restaurant in the Philadelphia area, it is run by Riyad and Haitham Albaroki who are originally from Fez. The brothers received their culinary training while working in Morocco in their father's restaurants. Serving a full seven-course dinner (\$18.00 per person), the *Philadelphia Inquirer* describes the restaurant as giving superb service and being extremely accommodating, with a cuisine that is indicative of the training of the owners. With an *On the Road to Morocco* atmosphere, the facility seats up to 200 diners. Casablanca also offers vegetarian dinners. For more information, contact Casablanca at 4010 N. DuPont Highway, New Castle DE, tel. 302/652-5344. It accepts major credit cards, provides no-smoking seating, and is accessible by the mobility impaired.

**Hajjibaba's Moroccan Restaurant.** Though it shares a parking lot with the Kahala Mall Subway Shop, Hajjibaba's Moroccan Restaurant is described as providing an uncommon dining experience

that is nowhere else to be found in Hawaii. In fact, Hajjibaba's is the only Moroccan restaurant in Hawaii. As with most authentic restaurants, this one too provides a multi-coursed dinner. A warning: take all you want at each course, but remember that there is more to come. Hajjibaba's is best experienced when you have no timetable for the evening and no place else you need to be. The menu runs between \$22.00 and \$45.00 per person, depending on choice of main course and whether you have wine. For more information, contact Hajjibaba's Moroccan Restaurant, 4614 Kilauea Avenue, Honolulu HA, tel. 808/735-5522.



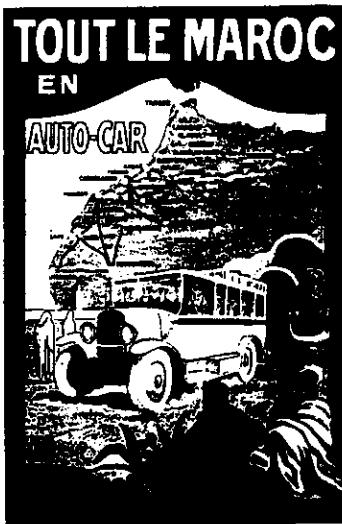
**McDonald's.** An update on a reverse-cultural experience. We noted in an earlier issue of the *FOM Newsletter* that the first McDonald's restaurant in the Arab world opened in Casablanca last year. The restaurant seats 300 and is serving about 3000 meals a day.

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It is located on Avenue de la Corniche, just off the beach. The price of a Big Mac, fries, drink, and dessert is about \$6.25 (kind of high in a country where the minimum wage is about 75 cents). It can also be noted that Pizza Hut has also been doing well in Morocco for about a year now.



**Casablanca Travel & Tours.** A recently opened business, Casablanca Travel & Tours has an objective of promoting Morocco to anyone interested in visiting North Africa, whether for business, vacation, research, education, religion, honeymoons, or sports. Packages for all interests and comfort levels are available. Airline tickets are arranged through Royal Air Maroc. *Morocco is their Specialty.* Mention your affiliation with Friends of Morocco, and receive discounted tours, individual trips, and airline tickets. For more information, contact Abdessamad (Abdou) Nhairi, Casablanca Travel & Tours, 1305 North Ode Street, Suite 332, Arlington VA

22209, tel. 703/524-0271, FAX 703/524-7384.

**Moroccan Arabic.** Audio Forum, through Georgetown University, has developed a 16-cassette course, based on the dialects of northern Morocco (Fez, Rabat, and Casablanca). It includes a handbook, glossary, and index of grammar. *Basic Moroccan Arabic*, #AFA300, costs \$225.00. Also available from Audio Forum: *A Short Reference Grammar for Moroccan Arabic*. It consists of one cassette and a 264-page text. Its order number AFA460, it costs \$29.95. For more information, contact Audio Forum, Suite LA 90, 96 Broad Street, Guilford CT 06437-2635, tel. 800/243-1234.

*We still have need for more sources before publishing a directory, so whenever you run across something, send your bit of information to Bill Gaisser, FOM Newsletter Editor, 219 Oak Street, Evansville, Indiana 47713-1254, FAX 812/423-3786.*



*"Oh, waiter. I'll be expecting some people."  
"Champagne and a tin of caviar."*

From the film, *Casablanca*

# Around the Maghreb

*This article is a compilation of various news reports about the Maghreb and the Arab world that point out what is happening on the periphery of Morocco.*

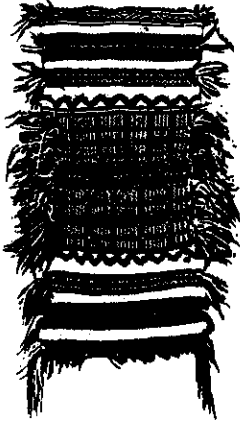
--Wire reports from Algiers on 2 March 1993, said that nine armed Islamic extremists died in a shoot-out with police after the victims, riding in a stolen van, opened fire at a road checkpoint. The incident occurred about forty miles west of Algiers, at Damous. The incidence of violence has increased in Algeria, since a 1991 army coup prevented Islamic fundamentalists from winning Algeria's first free parliamentary election. The report says that since 1991, more than 600 people have been killed, including more than 250 soldiers and police officers.

--*Die Welt* reported in February, from Bonn, Germany, that the German government has received intelligence tips that Libya was building another poison gas plant. Investigators said that a German company may face prosecution for alleged involvement. The factory was set up to create mustard gas and was not yet in operation. In 1988, after first denying accusations that German companies were setting up Libyan gas plants, the government admitted that it was true.

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# Arts...Literature...Exhib

What follows is a schedule of exhibits, new books, and other notes that concern the arts in or about Morocco. If you know of an upcoming event, exhibit, new books, recordings, etc...please send the information in to the FOM Newsletter to share with other Moroccophiles.



*Cooking Under Wraps*, includes among its pages, many Moroccan recipes; and is indicative of how Moroccan cuisine is being mentioned in many national publications as the latest trendy fare on restaurant menus. By Nicole Routhier, the book is published by William Morrow, and costs \$27.00.

*Anthropology and the Peace Corps*, has been published by the Iowa University Press, about returned Peace Corps volunteers. Edited by Brian E. Schwimmer and D. Michael Warren, the book details the cause and effect on careers of Peace Corps volunteers who are now professional anthropologists. Though no Moroccan volunteers are noted, it is filled with twenty-one personal experiences that affected volunteers much later in their lives. With 272 pages and illustrations, the book is available from the Iowa State University Press, 2121 South State Street, Ames IA 50010-8300, tel. 800/862-6657, for \$32.95.

*Who's Who in the Peace Corps*, is available from Reference Press International, P. O. Box 4126, Greenwich CT 06830-0126, tel. 203/629-4900. It includes a history and current status of the Peace Corps, country-of-service and geographical index, country-of-service and special interest groups, lists of outstanding volunteers, and much more. It normally costs \$95.00 hardbound (\$75.00 softbound), but is available to RPCVs for \$60.00 hardbound (\$40.00 softbound).



*Morocco, Breaking the Wall of Silence*, was published in April 1993. An Amnesty International report publication, it outlines the alleged disappearance of more than 500 individuals in Morocco since 1963. Included are background materials on the cases, testimonies of former *disappeared*, release information, current situations, and maps. For more information on this thirty-nine-page publication, contact AI, International Secretariat, 1 Easton Street, London WC1X8DJ, United Kingdom.

*Structural Adjustment Policies and Agricultural Development in Morocco*, by Mokhtar Bouanani, Moroccan Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform, and Wallace E. Tyner, Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University, was released by the International Association of Agricultural Economists from their Tokyo, Japan, conference. The paper describes the economic conditions in Morocco prior to the program of structural adjustment with particular emphasis on the agricultural sector. It then outlines the major components of the agricultural adjustment program. The paper provides an assessment of the changes made to date (August 1991) and the effects of

**L'Aero-Club du  
Maroc, Casablanca.**

**From a postcard  
ca. 1945.**





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these changes. It concludes with some lessons learned from the experience with structural adjustment in Morocco. Contact Dr. Wallace Tyner, Purdue University, School of Agriculture, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, 1145 Krannert Building, West Lafayette IN 47907-1145.

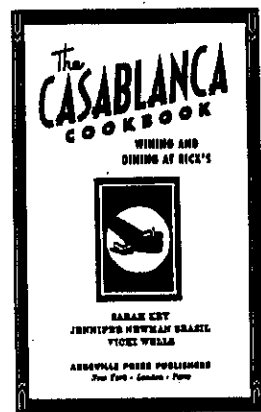
*The Casablanca Cookbook, Wining and Dining at Rick's*, offers a roundup of "the usual suspects," mostly Moroccan recipes with names such as *Ilsa's Honey Almond Horns*, *Abdul's Secret Spice Mix*, and *Major Strasser's Ground Lamb Kebabs*. Close to authentic, the recipes are easy to follow, and the book is filled with "trivia intermissions" and movie stills. Only 64 pages long, the small format hardback book is published by Abbeville Press as part of its *Hollywood Hotplates* series. It costs \$6.95.

*The Moroccan Woman*, a 1992 book from the Moroccan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, was released in the English edition this spring. It is a wonderful overview of the history of women and women's rights and achievements in Morocco; and quite an eye-opener for anyone who thinks of Islamic women only in terms of what is shown on the usual evening news report. Though admitting that there is need for more reform, the book succeeds in giving a good basis from which one can begin to understand today's Moroccan woman. The book contains chapters on the feminine past, fighting for women's rights, women and the law, the arts, the importance of being a mother, women's associations, women in sports, women in business, women in the future, and much more. Well documented and illustrated with photos and drawings, the thirty-six-page softbound book is available while the supply lasts. To obtain a copy, write Rachid Aqugassim, Embassy of Morocco, 1601 21st Street NW, Washington DC 20009.

The Smithsonian Institution, through its magazine *The Smithsonian*, has mentioned that we should look for Morocco on the Mall (in Washington) in the future. Morocco will likely be the theme country for the annual Festival of Folklife in 1994, as noted in the last *FOM Newsletter*. More will be announced in the future about this exhibit and activity.

The Middle East Policy Council in Washington DC, is continuing its teacher workshops on *Teaching about the Arab World and Islam*, in several cities in 1993. Included will be Columbus OH, 24 June; Fort Worth TX, 6 August; Warrensburg MO, 30 September; and Lexington KY, 23 October. For more information, contact the Council at 202/296-6767 or 510/704-0517.

The 1993 *L. A. Festival: Home, Place, and Memory* will start in mid-August this year. It will be eight weeks of artistic events in the Los Angeles CA area, focusing on African, African-American, and Middle Eastern culture and arts. For more information, phone 213/240-7800.



## National Wildlife Appeal



The National Wildlife Federation is sponsoring a *Washington Action Workshop*, from 26 June through 1 July 1993, at Washington DC.

The workshop will center on grassroots organizing and lobbying techniques that can lead to positive legislation on behalf of the Earth's natural heritage. Participants will work with the many environmental experts on the National

Wildlife Federation staff.

Topics covered will include population, the Endangered Species Act, clean water, and western rangeland reform.

For more information, contact the National Wildlife Federation, 1400 Sixteenth Street NW, Washington DC 20078-6420.

# Economic Update

## Moroccan/International Cooperation & Development

*The following are excerpts from reports about Moroccan economic development and international cooperation.*

**PRIVATIZATION:** The Spanish cement company, Valderrivas, is interested in buying shares in the Moroccan company, Cimenteries de l'Oriental (CIOR), according to a 12 May report in *El Pais* Spanish daily.

The highly profitable Moroccan cement company is being sold as part of the government's privatization program.

Other international companies showing interest include Ciments Francais, Holderbank, LaFarge, and Copee.

**EUROPEAN TIES:** The *Washington Post* reported in February, that after years of relative isolation, Morocco is quietly assuming a new role as a strategic partner for Europe and the United States in opposing the rise of Islamic militancy in North Africa.

Seen as a bulwark against Islamic extremism in North Africa, the country is being courted by Western governments, despite some reservations about human rights conditions in Morocco. The importance of Morocco's interest to the West is most evident in

the current negotiations between Morocco and the European Community to for the establishment of an economic partnership treaty.

The French daily *Le Monde* reported that the treaty signing will take place by 1995.

The most difficult negotiations will be on agricultural products according to *Le Monde*, though other products should easily receive free-exchange status.

Morocco in 1992 reached 3,367,055, compared to a 1991 total of 3,239,109; a 4% increase despite the alarm created by the Gulf War. The major increase is due to 1,291,123 European tourists, led by the French. The European increase was nearly 50% over 1991.

**GATT:** Morocco's economic policy is considered as positive and as good an example of the potentialities existing in Africa, according to a 24 May state-

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The European Community (EEC) also hopes that agreement with Morocco will help to eradicate drug trafficking and illegal emigration via the Staits of Gibraltar. As part of the agreement, the EEC will allot 12 billion French francs toward the elimination of cannabis growing in the region of the Rif mountains.

**INVESTMENT:** Foreign private investment increased 31.5% in 1992, over 1991, according to government sources. France was by far the largest investor, with an increase of 23.5%, followed by Spain (+18.8%), and the United States (+6.8%).

**TOURISM:** The government announced that the number of foreign tourists who visited

ment by GATT General Director Arthur Dunkel. Dunkel's statement was made at a conference at Dakar, Senegal. Special note was made of Moroccan progress in the areas of textiles, phosphates, and flower exports.

**FOREIGN TRADE:** Moroccan external trade exchanges remained stable in 1992, according to government sources, though exports generally fell by 6.1% to 7.4%. The external trade deficit was somewhat intensified due to the increasing costs of freight and insurance.

**EMIGRANTS:** Remittances from Moroccans working abroad increased 6.9% in

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1992, according to the Moroccan Exchange Office. Over 92% of the remittances came from EEC countries, led by France (63.3%) and Holland (9.3%). Less than 4% of remittances came from Gulf countries, mainly from Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

**EEC & ENVIRONMENT:** Morocco and the European Community launched a project to remove cadmium from phosphates used in the manufacture of fertilizers, according to an EEC news release. The \$1.3 billion (DH12 billion) project will be carried out by the World Institute of Phosphates (WIP).

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The project objectives are to develop methods and laboratories to remove the cadmium, to study economic and technical characteristics of the pilot plant, and to study possibilities of processing cadmium remains.

The results will be available for all WIP members, who include Algeria, Jordan, Morocco, Senegal, Togo, and Tunisia.

To date there has been no economical method to remove cadmium from phosphates. The naturally occurring chemical is harmful to the environment and toxic to humans.

Morocco has the world's largest phosphate reserves.

**HOTELS:** The Moroccan Ministry of Commerce, Industry, and Privatization announced in December 1992, that Arab investors have expressed interest in purchasing hotels that are being privatized by the government. The appraisals and legal documentation required for the privatization is very complicated and, as a result, will probably not be completed prior to the end of 1995.

The Ministry has reaffirmed its principal of neutrality in the process, though it is committed to a transition that is fair to both the purchaser and the government.

Of the twenty or so hotels in-

involved, an investment value of \$20-\$30 millions has been discussed. It must be stressed, according to the Ministry, that these numbers are based on current estimates rather than real appraisals.



## Rangelands

The College of Natural Resources (CNR) at Utah State University has been involved with research and development programs in Morocco since the early 1980s. Currently the college has three active programs.

--In 1991, the College was awarded a grant by the U. S. Dept. of Education Fund for the Improvement of Post Secondary Education Fund. It was to establish a natural resources study program in Iceland, Mexico, and Morocco. In Morocco, it is run in collaboration with the Institute Agronomique et Veterinaire (IAV) Hassan II in Rabat. The first student arrived in 1992 (Ryan Marsh) and is participating in campus studies and off-campus field projects.

--In 1992, the World Bank awarded a grant to the College and the IAV. The 15-month grant allows for the creation of a national rangeland development strategy. The project includes an overview of existing rangelands and the creation of a strategy to expand and improve the rangeland program.

--USAID awarded a grant to the College and the IAV in 1992 for a university development linkage project. It allows for an exchange of students and faculty, establishing a telecommunications link, range management study, and field experience in Morocco for American geography teachers.

The program will have access to \$100,000 each year for five years.

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# Berkeley & FOM IJTIMAA '93

The report from California is that IJTIMAA '93 is nearly ready for its July debut. It will coincide with the National Council Annual Meeting in Berkeley.

The national meeting will be at UC Berkeley on 1-5 July. IJTIMAA '93 will be 2-3 July.

**M a t t D e r b y** (Youssoufia/Ouarzazate 1984/87, Math/Rural Water), Wendy Brunzie (Taroudant 1983/84, Math), and other San Francisco Bay MRPCVs have put the program together.

The current plan is to have informal get-togethers on Thursday, 1 July. A traditional Moroccan dinner will be arranged for the evening of 2 July (cost will be under \$20.00). On Saturday, the 3rd, there will be a party at Matt Derby's house near the Berkeley campus. You are invited to take an appetizer, dessert, or party donation to that affair.

All FOM activities are open to all MRPCVs, whether or not a member of Friends of Morocco

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## Morocco in the News

*Jeune Afrique* (Issue 1659) published an exclusive interview with Ibrahim Hakim, former minister of the Polisario for 15 years. The interview was conducted in Rabat by Francois Soudan. Back in Morocco since 12 August 1992, Hakim has plenty to say about Kaddafi, Boumedienne, Boudiaf, the OAU, and many other personalities and topics. Often thought of as a Mauritanian, Hakim considers himself a Moroccan, and that is where his allegiance lies. An intriguing article that gets into the back room of the Sahara situation from the time that it was abandoned by Spain and became a pawn in the politics of the Maghreb. For a copy, contact DIFCOM, Agence conseil en edition et publicite, 57 bis, rue d'Auteuil, Paris 75016, or send a SASE (58 cents postage) to the *FOM Newsletter* office.

Associated Press reported on 12 February 1992, that the hijacker of a Lufthansa flight from Austria to Germany, that finally landed in New York City, was Nebiu Sewolde Demeke, a twenty-year old Ethiopian student living in Morocco. He allegedly was seeking political asylum in the United States.

Following are reports from the Moroccan Press Agency (MAP).

MAP reported on 3 May that King Hassan II received a delegation representing women's associations. As a result of the meeting, His Majesty proposed the creation of a high council of the family, in charge of interfering in family disputes, submitting a set of draft amendments to the Mudawana regulating marriage, divorce, and other family issues. The draft relates to child custody, divorce, repudiation, and polygamy. Women's claims will be taken into account in the proposed amendments. Henceforth, nothing can be done in the absence of the woman concerned. His Majesty also said that family values that have emerged with modern life will be considered. This is particularly important when determining the custody of a child in the event of divorce, since extended families living together are becoming less prevalent.

A 20 October report notes that a series of measures regarding the control of carpet production has been adopted by the Ministry of Employment, Handicraft, and Social Affairs. The measures are meant to simplify the control system while preserving the quality of Moroccan carpets. It also covers the quality control of other handicrafts. The carpets, and other objects, must meet strict control guidelines before receiving the state's seal allowing their export.

Another report concerns the October 1992 UNESCO meeting in Quebec, Canada, about the campaign for the preservation and stabilization of the city of Fez. UNESCO Director General Gaderico Mayor said that the safeguard of universal heritage aims at bringing some historic cities to life again, preserving the valuable memories they harbor and helping them recover their soul. Fez, the city of faith and knowledge, illustrates this dimension, according to Mayor. The project actually began in 1980, having sited Fez as a 1,200 year-old city that is still preserving its radiance and maintaining a vital continuity between its population, architecture, and site. Time has worn out the monuments of the medina, according to the report, and UNESCO is stressing the need for all nations to help in the preservation of an important part of the world's cultural history. Joining the local authorities, King Hassan II will personally finance the restoration of the Mesbahiyah Medersa. The Queen of Denmark has pledged to finance the restoration of the Astrolabe Museum.

An 18 November report states that the Moroccan cargo ship *Taza* was expected to arrive at the port of Hamburg in November, loaded with 235 tons of food and medicines for Bosnia & Herzegovina, and 249 tons for Somalia. The aid to Bosnia included drugs, milk powder, rice, canned sardines, blankets, and shoes, and was to be carried overland to Split. The aid to Somalia arrived on Christmas Day. Meanwhile, Tunisian President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali called on children to collect aid for the benefit of children in Somalia and Bosnia. The call was made in Tunis on the occasion of the Arab Meeting on the Protection of Children.

A 13 November report from Rabat stated that U. S. golfer Payne Stewart had subscribed to the construction of the Great Hassan II Mosque being built in Casablanca. Stewart said that his contribution is a symbolic act that pays homage to the work of King Hassan II for the development of his country and for peace in the world. Stewart said that he was impressed with the success of combining tradition with modernity in Morocco. The contribution was announced as Stewart received the award for winning the twenty-first Hassan II Golf Trophy.

A 21 October report states that 250 people from the Ouled Moussa of Rguibat Tribe, who were forcibly detained in the Tindouf camps by the Polisario, went on strike to protest their dire situation. According to some Sahrawis who succeeded in a recent escape from the camps, the strikers moved their families out of the camps and settled them in a separate bivouac. The president of the "SADR" (Sahrawi Republic) is promising to get in touch with the strikers to defuse the tension. The strikers claim that the "so-called" president no longer controls the situation.

Another 21 October report noted that King Hassan II issued a call to all Moroccan people to have children and women of child-bearing age immunized against six diseases, including polio and infant tetanus. His Majesty has targeted 1995 as the year to eradicate polio in the Kingdom, recalling that Morocco signed the World Declaration on Child Survival.

# Morocco According to Aramco

## Al-Andalus...High Atlas...Fez...Poet King...and More



The first three 1993 issues of *Aramco World*, the review of the Aramco Services Company, has featured Morocco and the Moors in colorful and extensive articles.

**JANUARY/FEBRUARY:** Essentially devoted to the *Legacy of Al-Andalus*, this issue covers the glory and contributions of a greater Morocco, during the Moorish occupation of Spain and other parts of southern Europe. Included is an article titled *The Other 1492*, discussing the history of the last Arab kingdom in Spain, that fell just ten months before Columbus landed in the New World.

One short article (*Historical Markers*) traces the development, and decline, of the empires through place names.

The life of the "poet king" of Seville, Al-Mutamid, is explored in an article of the same name. He was considered one of the most prolific and outstanding poets of the eleventh century.

And of course, architecture and art absolutely must be mentioned when talking about Moorish Spain. No less than three superbly photographed articles describe Seville (including a good history of the city), the Giralda in Seville (the church tower was once a minaret matching the Koutoubia in Marrakech), and the art of the Mudejars...Muslims who stayed on in Spain long after the defeat of the Spanish defeat of the Arab empires.

**MARCH/APRIL:** This issue includes *Across the High Atlas*, describing the mountain region generally limited by Marrakech in the north and Ouarzazate in the south. The article describes the people, the geography, the art, and the generations of conflicts and alliances that have created this crossroads of Europe, Africa, and the Arab world.

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In *The Arabs in Occitania*, the legacy of the Moors is once again discussed. This time, however, the area under surveillance is beyond the Pyrenees into southern France. This area is often not readily thought of when thinking of the Moorish empires. The article is set in the year 719, setting the stage for some of the customs and heritage of the

region.

Also in this issue is a rather good bibliography for suggested reading on other aspects of the Moors and the Arab world.

**MAY/JUNE:** Two articles in this issue will be of interest to *Fassis*, or anyone else who wants to more about one of the world's most important Arab cities. In *Fez: Preserving a City*, the reader not only learns about this ancient center of religion, education, and the arts, but realizes the challenge that is taxing Morocco, and indeed the world, to save her. A story that must be read by anyone who is interested in preserving the culture and spirit of Morocco.

*A Wedding at Fez: Textiles in Transition* gives insight to the art and industry of textiles in

that city. It gets into the details of the art of embroidery and the traditions requiring such splendid fabrics. The article also serves as an interesting background to modern Morocco, where the growing export textile industry has become much respected around the world for its quality.

## IJTIMAA '93.....

(we hope you will join there if you are not), though an R.S.V.P. would be helpful. You can go to IJTIMAA '93, even if you are not registered for the National Council meeting.

For you San Francisco area MRPCVs, we still need a few willing bodies to host out of town FOM members. We could also use a few volunteers to help keep the program moving smoothly during IJTIMAA.

To volunteer, make a reservation, or to get more information, contact Matt Derby, 5794 Vicente Street, Oakland CA 94609, tel. 510/655-4116.

For more information on the National Council Meeting, see the supplement insert in this issue of the FOM Newsletter.



***The camel does not see his own hump, he sees only the hump of his brother.***

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An old Moroccan proverb cited in *Wit & Wisdom of Morocco*.



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See spring issue of WorldView magazine for conference details.

# FOM Election

Friends of Morocco is governed by a Board of Directors. Nominations for new Directors and volunteers for Executive Committee positions should be sent to President Tim Resch and received by 1 July 1993, for this year's elections at the Annual Meeting in California.

call and at annual meetings. There is no geographic restriction to serve with both Directors and officers now distributed throughout the U. S.

If you are interested in becoming more involved in Friends of Morocco, please call Tim at 703/660-9292.

According to the Articles of Incorporation and Corporate Bylaws (copies available upon request), the Board of Directors appoint the Executive Committee of President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and other officers as necessary.

Procedure for the Board of Directors has been to meet via periodic telephone conference

# OOPS !

The last issue of the *FOM Newsletter* incorrectly identified the date for the celebration of *Throne Day* in Morocco. The correct date is 3 March.

# Acting PC Director: An RPCV

For the first time ever, the Peace Corps is under the leadership of an RPCV!

Jack Hogan was appointed by President Clinton to be the Acting Director, until the permanent Director is named and confirmed.

We will keep you up on this subject as news is available.



## Keep The Good Feeling!

The Boston Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers are selling "Bringing the World Back Home" shirts and baseball caps as a Third Goal Projects fund raiser.

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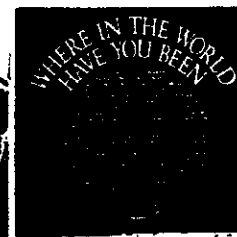
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# Become A Real Friend

At the end of April 1993, Friends of Morocco had just over 130 paid membership renewals. That's great....but we know that there are many more of you out there, after all, the *FOM Newsletter* goes out to nearly 1,500 addresses.

So. If you haven't yet renewed, let us know and we will send you a renewal form. Or you can call the Washington telephone number for more information. Or you can just send it to the Washington P. O. Box address (see the last page of the newsletter), with your name, address, service time/place/job, and a little bit about yourself.

And remember, the only way to continue to receive regular newsletters, and to get an updated FOM Directory, is to become a paid-up member.

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