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## FRIENDS of MOROCCO

A Newsletter

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### Another Winner!!! For Edting...

**WOW!!!!** The *FOM Newsletter* won another National Peace Corps Association award. This time, it was awarded the Second Award for "Editing, Writing, and Content" for country of service newsletters.

The newsletter was cited for "content heavily weighted to keeping Morocco current and fresh in readers' minds" and for being a "consistently readable newsletter." The interest and importance of the *Ash Khabarna?* and *Souk* columns were also noted.

Thanks to all who contributed articles and news during the past year. Keep it up and we'll try for another award in 1994.



## Ellen Paquette: New PC Rabat Director

Ellen Paquette is the new in-country director of Peace Corps Morocco.

Ellen served as training manager for Peace Corps Morocco prior to her appointment, where she was responsible for overall management, administration, and coordination of Peace Corps Morocco's year-round training program.

From 1987 to 1990, she was executive director for the Jesuit Volunteer Corps/Southwest. There she was responsible for volunteers throughout California and Arizona.

After completing her graduate degree, Ellen served as associate Peace Corps director for education in Liberia from 1978 to 1983. In that position, she supervised super-

vised 100 Peace Corps Volunteer teachers. She also worked closely with the Liberian Ministry of Education officials to re-evaluate Peace Corps Liberia's education project.

Ellen earned an MA in international educational development and non-formal education from Boston University in 1986. She also holds a BA from the University of New Hampshire in English literature and French.

Ellen served as a Peace Corps Volunteer and Volunteer Leader in Liberia, from 1972 to 1976.

If passing through Rabat, stop by to say hello and *marhaba* to Ellen. We hope to hear from her in future newsletters.

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## New PC Director Bellamy: RPCV

President Clinton appointed Carol Bellamy (RPCV Guatemala, 1963/65) as Director of the Peace Corps. She is the first RPCV to hold that position.

As a volunteer in Guatemala, Bellamy ran a school lunch program and broadcast a daily Spanish-language radio program on health and diet.

Most recently, she worked as a managing director in the Public Finance Department at Bear Stearns and Company. She also served as Chair of Sloate, Weisman, Bear Stearns Capital Management, Inc., providing money management services to institutional clients,

and was previously a principal at Morgan Stanley.

Before her work in the private sector, Bellamy held elective office, first as a New York state senator from 1973 to 1977, and then as President of the New York City Council from 1978 to 1985.

During her years of public service, she worked to strike a balance between being financially conservative while providing essential public safety and social services.

She is a graduate of Gettysburg College and New York University School of Law.

## Thailand Beats Morocco to Festival

Unfortunately, Morocco will not be the featured country in the Smithsonian 1994 Folklore Festival.

Thailand made quicker and firmer commitments for this year's festival.

It is hoped that Morocco will be the 1995 featured country. Because it is important that the embassy and government of the featured country be in full support of its participation, it would be helpful if readers would contact the Moroccan Embassy saying how exposure on the Smithsonian Mall would be of great benefit to Morocco.

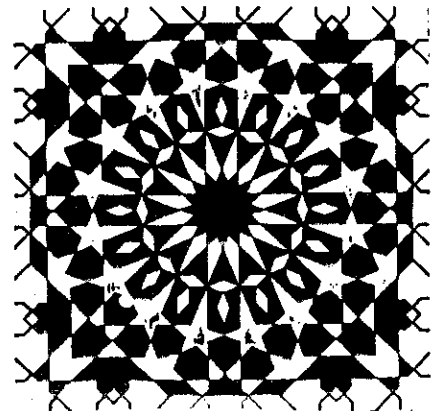
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1601 21st Street, N.W.  
Washington DC 20009

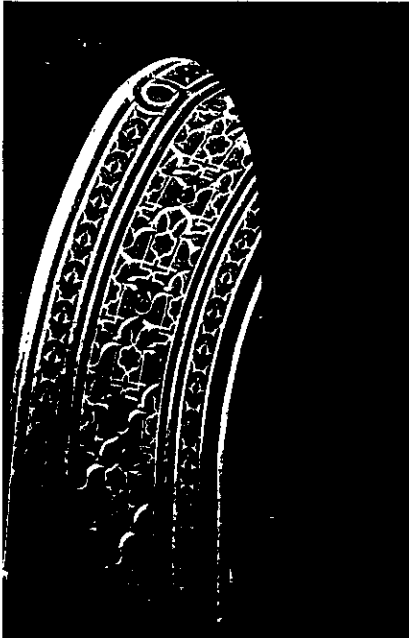
Tel: 202.462.7979  
FAX: 202.265.0161

Friends of Morocco extend their sympathy to the family of Ambassador Mohammed Bel Khayat, and to the government of His Majesty King Hassan II.

Ambassador Bel Khayat died of cancer in 1993, in Morocco.



# MOROCCO



The October 1993 release of *Morocco*, a book written by Paul Bowles and photographed by Barry Brukoff, has vividly brought to life that mysterious and alluring country that we all know.

Bowles has written about Morocco in novels (*The Sheltering Sky* being the best known of all), poems, stories, and essays, during his six decades of living in Tangiers.

In this book, he collects a series of articles published only once previously in magazines and never before brought together. With a fresh foreword, the articles accompany eighty stunning and magnetizing photographs by Barry Brukoff that show Morocco in a way that only a very long visit (or our memories) could improve.

The two explore the "nightmarish welter of tunnels, dead-end passageways" of Fez, the "incredible, absolute silence" of the Sahara, and the "mysterious Berbers."

Of the Sahara he writes, "There is a hushed quality in the air, as if the quiet were a conscious force which, resenting the intrusion of sound, minimizes and disperses it straightway."

He describes the the Berbers as a culture "where there is a minimum of discrepancy between dogma and natural behavior."

It's a book that should be on any Moroccophile's shelf or coffee table, and it would

make a splendid gift for someone who has had to endure your (often multiple) descriptions of life in Morocco.

Published by Harry N. Abrams, Inc., it costs \$49.50, cloth bound.

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Paul Bowles, born in 1910, has a long history as a poet, short story writer, essayist, and novelist, although he began his life as a composer, having studied with Aaron Copland and Virgil Thomson. he has written scores for ballets, motion pictures, and an opera. His best known novel, *The Sheltering Sky*, was published in 1949 and is still in print, as are at least three other novels. He currently lives in Tangiers and is a member of Friends of Morocco.

Barry Brukoff, a San Francisco-based photographer and graphic designer, has traveled to many parts of the world on assignment and for pleasure. During a sojourn in North Africa he met Paul Bowles and conceived the idea for the book.

## RTF Broadcasting Worldwide

If you have a satellite dish and an inclination to watch programming from the RTF (Radio Television Marocaine), you are in luck. Since 3 March 1993, the RTF has been broadcasting via satellite to various regions of the world.

Using the satellite *EUTELSAT F3*, with an orbital position 16 degrees east (wide reception), antenna west. The transmitter is no. 25 and the emission frequency is 10,971.677 MHZ, with a vertical linear polarization. Depending on your location, you will need a parabolic

antenna ranging from .8 to 3 meters in diameter. The dBW of the satellite ranges from 33 to 48, again depending on your location.





# USAID Child Survival Programs in Morocco

A forty-two-page paperback report is available from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) titled *Evaluation of A.I.D. Child Survival Programs: Morocco Case Study* (publication no. PN-AAX-254).

Originally published in 1991, the purpose of the evaluation is to assess the impact of USAID's child survival activities on 1/ reducing infant and child mortality in Morocco and 2/ strengthening Morocco's primary health care system.

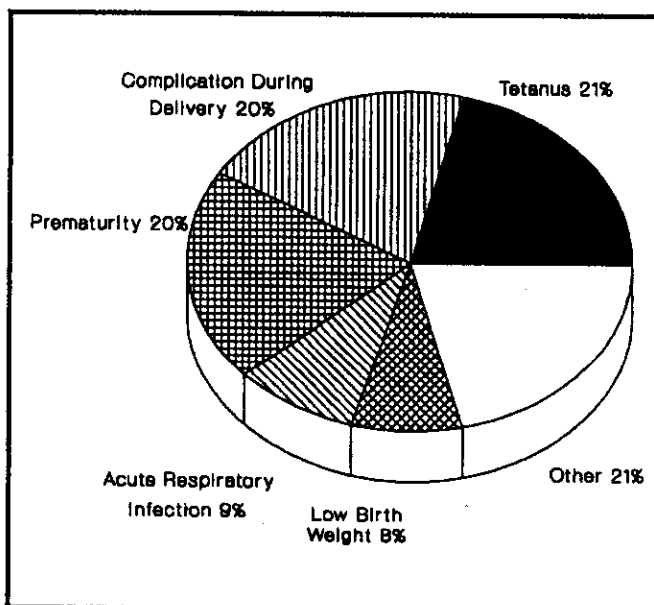
The study determined that a family planning program can be successfully initiated even in the absence of a stated

public policy. Among the other findings was the fact that, if properly motivated, public health workers will deliver good health care to rural populations. It was also found that the private sector must be involved as early as possible.

Filled with graphs, charts, and statistics, the publication is easy to follow and gives some good background information on families and child health problems in Morocco.

Contact USAID Document Information Services Clearinghouse, 1500 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1010, Arlington VA 22209-2404, tel: 703.351.4006.

**Principal Causes of Neonatal Death in Morocco.**



## Food Fare

*Some of our readers have asked that we occasionally include recipes for Moroccan dishes. Bon appetit! and Bismillah!*

From the Casablanca Restaurant in Alexandria VA.

### EGGPLANT SALAD

Ingredients:

- 3 good eggplants, cut in 1" cubes
- 1 tomato to 1 eggplant
- 1/2 bunch parsley, chopped
- 5 cloves garlic, crushed
- 1/2 teaspoon ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin
- 1/4 cup oil
- lemon juice to taste

Combine eggplant in a saucepan with water and a dash of salt. Boil until soft. Meanwhile, in a second saucepan, combine remaining ingredients. Stir and cook over medium heat until the sauce is consistent. When eggplant is soft, strain and combine with sauce. Serve chilled with Moroccan bread.



The Peace Corps has seen more than 125,000 volunteers since its founding. Of that number, over 2,500 have served in Morocco.





# Religion and Power

## Islam in Morocco from the 17th Century

The Yale University Press released a new book in the fall of 1993, titled *Religion and Power in Morocco*, by Henry Munson, Jr.

The book traces the evolution of the political role of Islam in Morocco from the seventeenth century to the present. Integrating history and anthropology in a way very different from Clifford Geertz's famous study of 1968, Henry Munson organizes his book around a series of conflicts that have exemplified the myth of the righteous man of God who dares to defy an unjust sultan.

Grounding his book in the relevant indigenous texts and on two years of ethnographic fieldwork, Munson suggests a more solidly substantiated alternative to the *social history of the imagination* advocated by Geertz, and he illustrates the consequences of neglecting the historical and symbolic contexts of events by examining Geertz's interpretation of the conflict between the seventeenth century scholar-cum-saint al-Yusi and the sultan Mulay Isma'il. Munson argues that the religious facets of power cannot be understood without reference to factors like force and fear, and he suggests that anthropological analyses of *sacred kingship* in Morocco have often been distorted by their neglect of such matters--and by their failure to distinguish between the religious rhetoric of rulers and the religious beliefs of those they rule. Munson examines

the social-historical roots of the fundamentalist opposition to the regime of King Hassan II, who has reigned since 1961, and the reasons for its relative weakness when compared with its counterparts in Iran and Algeria. He shows to what extent Moroccan fundamentalism is rooted in classical Islamic notions of *just rule* and to what extent it represents an invented tradition similar to recent forms of politicized revivalism in other religions.

The 256 page illustrated book costs \$25.00, in cloth binding.

*(Previous Henry Munson, Jr. books include his 1984 The House of Si Abd Allah, The History of a Moroccan Family, which he recorded, translated, and edited. It is also available from the Yale University Press.)*

# Light Fare

Reprinted from *La Tribune du Maroc*, and credited to Fetouma Benkirane.

## BRAN & HERB SOUP

### Ingredients:

- 2 liters water
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 clove garlic, crushed
- 1 large bunch of parsley and coriander, chopped
- 30 grams butter
- 4 "mustard glasses" of ground bran

Place all of the ingredients, except the bran, in a soup pan. Cook, partially covered, over medium heat for 10 to 15 minutes. Then add the ground bran and cook until thick. (Ms. Benkirane suggests adding a concentrate of chicken or beef broth to the first cooking to enhance the flavor and the hardness of the otherwise light soup.)



Painting by Stacy Elko (MRPCV)



# Economic Trends & Development

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

**ENVIRONMENT:** A report from *Earthline* reports that Morocco, considered a middle income country, is increasing the pace to its transition to an open-market economy. Economic reform "has increased incentives to produce traded goods," according to Terry Roe, University of Minnesota agricultural economist and leader of the EPAT/MUCIA Macroeconomic Policy team. "It has also increased the used of services of natural resources such as forests, public grazing lands, and irrigated land for exported fruit and garden crops."

Roe, along with Ahmed Driouchi and El Kasmi, of Ecole Nationale d'Agriculture at Meknes, are studying the impact of Moroccan policy reform on the use of the country's natural renewable resources and environment. Even though incentives to exploit resources have increased productivity, when reform helped people own the resources, they were more likely to maintain its productivity. Hence the benefits of the natural resources were preserved.

Driouchi said that "These results support the notion that macroeconomic policies can have important implications for

resource conservation and the possibility of win-win strategies. Such development policies promote efficient economic growth while decreasing the rate of resource degradation."

Moroccan forests are a source of wood, animal grazing, and recreation. They also fix nitrogen and contribute to the bioclimate on the edge of desert-like areas. Currently, most grazing and forest lands are in the public domain--much of it being overgrazed. Policy reform is therefore concerned with soil erosion, chemical ground water contamination, declining water tables in irrigated areas, and soil salinity.

Goals of the study are to reorient the government from intervening in areas where markets are efficient to those where markets fail, and to devise appropriate policy rules and laws and to support institutions in the early stages of policy reform.

**AGRIBUSINESS:** Development Alternatives, Inc. (DAI), reports that three regional workshops on the registration of processed food products were held in Mohammedia. The workshops worked toward helping Moroccan processors put into place higher controls on processing quality and food safety. Participants included DAI, the Moroccan Ministry of Agriculture, the National Associations of Flower, Fresh Vegetable, and Processed Food Products, and the U. S. Department of

Agriculture.

**CEREALS:** A cereal marketing reform project is being developed that will assess the impact of removal of transport subsidies on wheat and flour. Included in the project is the development of a questionnaire to survey Morocco's fifty durum wheat mills for the first time.

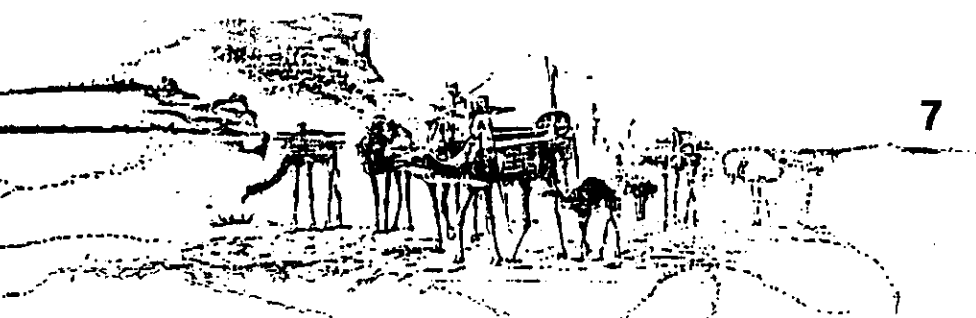
In another project, Purdue University is working with Ministry of Agriculture personnel to study the impact of alternative trade and marketing policies on cereals price levels in a free market environment.

**INDUSTRIAL REFORM:** The initial findings of a study of the impact of eight years of industrial and trade policy reform on the manufacturing sector indicate that the reforms have successfully addressed some structural problems of the industrial incentive system. However, of the published results, it was shown that import substitution continues to be favored at the expense of exports.

**TOURISM:** In 1993, the World Bank completed an analysis of the tourism industry in Morocco, as a part of a larger private sector assessment of the economy. The results are in a World Bank publication by Edward Coe, head of the analysis team, titled *The Role of the Tourism Industry in the Private Sector of Morocco*.



# 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:*

**Stacy Elko.** An MRPCV, Stacy is living in Morocco, setting up her career as an artist. She has created successful shows in Dar America/Rabat and the American Legation Museum in Tangiers. She takes commissions for paintings in oil, water color, or ink drawings. For more information or photographs of her work, contact Stacy at B.P. 122, Anezi 75500, Tiznit, Morocco. *(A sample of her work can be seen elsewhere in this issue of the FOM Newsletter.)*

**Adventure in Accessories:** Kristy Larson, Inc. Kristy Larson (Essaouira 1982/84, TEFL) designs, manufactures, and imports leather belts and bags, kelim belts, and kelims. Her company was listed once before in our Yellow Pages,

but we made an error--the telephone number should be 216.831.8852, and the FAX number should be 216.831.6368. Kristy also announces the addition of Mogador Tours to her company. The touring company will be custom tailored tours and mountain bike/Landrover tours of southern Morocco. Mogador Tours' first trips will be in the winter of 1993/94--4 1/2 weeks in duration. For more information, contact Mogador Tours & Kristy Larson at 31550 Trillium Trail, Pepper Pike OH 44124.

**Philadelphia International Islamic & Arabic Book Fair.** Held this year at the Philadelphia Convention Center, the first fair hosted a large number of dealers and exhibitors. Destined to become an annual affair, more information can be obtained by contacting the Philadelphia International Islamic & Arabic Book Fair at 618 South 2nd Street, Philadelphia PA 19147.

**Brooke Pickering.** Brooke Pickering (FOM Member) announces that her Moroccan rugs & textiles business has a new address. You can contact her for an appointment at 16 East 23rd Street, Fifth Floor, New York NY 10010, tel: 212.780.9125.

**Casablanca Travel & Tours.** Mentioned in our last issue, Casablanca Travel & Tours

has an objective of promoting Morocco to anyone interested in visiting North Africa, whether for business, tourism, education, research, 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.* Casablanca Travel now says that if you mention your affiliation with Friends of Morocco, you will qualify for discounted group tours, discounted individual trips, and discounted airline tickets on Royal Air Maroc. For more information, contact Abdessamad (Abdou) Nhairy, Casablanca Travel & Tours, 1305 North Ode Street, Suite 332, Arlington VA 22209, tel: 703.524.0271, FAX 703.524.7384.

**Alan Bundy, Book Dealer.** Alan Bundy (MRPCV 1968/69), is an antiquarian book dealer who occasionally comes across something about Morocco. His most recent offering is *Old Morocco and the Forbidden Atlas*, by C. E. Andrews, and published by the George H. Doran Co. in 1922. It is a recording of an Englishman's travels throughout Morocco. Contact Alan at 1208 Brentwood Road, Cleveland Heights OH 44121-1538, tel: 216.382.1630.

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## MORE SOUK...

E. J. Brill, Expeditors of the Printed Word Ltd. E. J. Brill offers a catalogue of Islamic studies. Included are publications of works on Arab history & civilization; *The Encyclopaedia of Islam*; travel; the Iberian Peninsula; Islamic philosophy, social, economic, and political studies; Islamic law; Arabic literature; and much more. Discounts and free delivery are often offered. For more information, or a catalogue, contact E. J. Brill, 24 Hudson Street, Kinderhook NY 12106, tel: 800.962.4406.

Audio Forum. Audio Forum is again offering CDs, tapes, and records of Moroccan music. A few of the titles included are *Wedding Songs and Rhythms* (from Marrakech, Azgora, and Ouarzazate), *Rwais: Moroccan Berber Musicians* (traveling musicians and social critics), and *Moroccan Street*

*Music* (music recorded in squares, markets, and street festivals). Audio Forum also has recordings and books about music that relate to other international musical subjects. For a catalogue and more information, contact Audio Forum at 96 Broad Street, Guilford CT 06437, tel: 800.243.1234, or FAX: 203.453.9774.

PIR International, Wholesale Rugs and Tapestries. PIR offers new and antique rugs from around the world, through your architect or interior designer. Of special interest are rugs in the *Marrakesh* series. The rugs in that series are pure wool, made in Morocco, and are contemporary designs. Retail prices generally range from \$980.00 to \$6,500.00, depending on size and design. Custom designs and sizes are also available. For more information, contact PIR International, P. O. Box 14251, Chicago IL 60614, tel: 312.472.4848.

*Casablanca*. A restaurant for "fine Moroccan cuisine", is celebrating its sixth year of service at 1504 King Street, Alexandria VA 22314 (tel: 703.549.6464). Only ten minutes from some of Washington's most popular attractions, the restaurant specialties include Moroccan salads and breads, *bastilla*, *tajines*, and *couscous*. Vegetarian meals are also available. There are plenty of "special" nights, live jazz and Moroccan music, cooking classes, birthday specials, embassy nights, and more. The owner is Samir Labriny, recipient of several awards for

his restaurant and community service.

Neiman Marcus. Neiman Marcus is offering a large Moroccan tin and glass lantern, in its winter 1993/94 catalogues. It is also available in its store Galleries, as are other Moroccan crafts. The cost: \$300.00. For more information, contact Neiman Marcus, P. O. Box 2968, Dallas TX 75221-2968, tel: 800.825.8000.

Smithsonian. The Smithsonian catalogue features a hand-painted Moroccan table, in the 12th Century Féz style (item 3052), from its National Museum of Natural History. The table is one of several offerings from the NMNH collection of Moroccan crafts. The cost: \$175.00. For more information, contact the Smithsonian Catalogue, Department 0006, Washington DC 20073-0006, tel: 800.521.5330.

Nile Spice Foods. Nile Spice has introduced a new series of "add-hot-water" individual soups, each with a couscous base. Called *Couscous & (whatever the flavor theme)*, all of the authentic aromas and tastes of North Africa are there (no artificial additives), and its good for you, too. The soups are available in most large supermarkets. For more information or availability, contact Nile Spice Foods, P. O. Box 20581, Seattle WA 98102.





# Art, Books, Exhibits.....

**Andalusian Poems.** A new translation of Andalusian poetry has been released by Godine Press. Translated by Christopher Middleton and Leticia Garza-Falcon, the book is translated into English from the Spanish version of the original Arabic. It is titled simply *Andalusian Poems* and costs \$30.00 in cloth binding.

**Arab Women: Old Boundaries, New Frontiers.** Edited by Judith E. Tucker, the book consists of articles by twelve leading scholars, who examine the situation of Arab women at a time when old ideas governing their status are being challenged by new ones. The contributions to the book review the ongoing debates about the role of Arab women, survey the participation of women in economic development and political action, and reassess Arab female roles and social relationships at a time of social change. The topics discussed range from women's issues in contemporary Islamic thought and the contribution of women to modern Arabic literature to studies of *baladi* Egyptian businesswomen, female adolescence in Morocco, and women's roles in the traditional Arab family. The book includes a significant amount of original research and fresh thinking. It is co-published by the Center for Contemporary Arab Studies and Indiana University Press. Its price is \$14.95 in paperback.

**Annual Symposium.** The Center for Contemporary Arab Studies (CCAS) will present its 1994 (annual) symposium on 7-8 April 1994, at the intercultural Center Auditorium on the Georgetown University campus in metro Washington DC. This year's symposium will deal with the emerging new shape of the Arab world and the Middle East. Panels of scholars and experts will examine the recent Palestinian-Israeli peace agreement; investigate whether prospects have improved for regional integration; evaluate the changing economics of oil and energy; review Arab development needs and economic prospects; consider the rising political importance of Islam; and examine the forces for social change in the region. The symposium will be a part of the 75th anniversary celebrations of the School of Foreign Service, of which the CCAS is a part.

**Teaching About the Arab World and Islam.** The Middle East Policy Council of Washington DC will present teacher workshops around the country in early 1994. Conducted by the Arab World and Islamic Resources and School Services of Berkeley CA, confirmed sites include: Philadelphia PA, Art Museum, 5 February; Bloomington IN, Indiana University, 9 February; Chico CA, California State University/Butte County Office of Education, 23 February; and Arcadia CA, Unified School District, 19 March. For more information, call 202.296.6767 or 510.704.0517.

**Eastern Andalusia.** One of a series of lectures on the ancient world at the Musee du Louvre in Paris will be titled *Eastern Andalusia: Landscapes and Settlements of the 11th-15th Centuries*. The lecture will be on 18 February 1994. Contact the museum for more information on this lecture and the series.

**The Musical World of Islam.** A festival occurring at several sites throughout New York City, the World Music Institute of New York will present music from around the Islamic world through 11 March 1994. Included will be *Gnaws and Berber Music with Hassan Hakmoun* of Morocco on 15 January. Call the Institute at 212.545.7536 for more information.

**From Hannibal to St. Augustine.** *Ancient Art of North Africa From the Musee du Louvre* will be shown at Emory University's Michael C. Carlos Museum in Atlanta GA, from 21 February through 29 May 1994. The exhibit includes marble sculptures, mosaics, jewelry, and other artworks that illustrate North African history from the Punic settlements of the third century B.C. through the early Christian period.

**The Arts of the Book.** Specimens of Arabic calligraphy ranging from Spain to India, and dating from the ninth through the 19th centuries, reveal the development of such scripts as *Kufic*, *naskh*, *nasta'liq*, and *shikastah*. The exhibit will be shown at Harvard University's Arthur M. Sackler Museum in Cambridge MA, through 6 February 1994.

**The World of Islam.** A major exhibition, it features Islamic works of art from various Dutch collections. It will continue through 31 December 1996, at the Museum voor Volkenkunde in Rotterdam, The Netherlands.

**Morocco.** A new book by Paul Bowles (FOM), with photographs by Barry Brukoff, vividly brings to life Morocco, that country of mystery to so many in the world. A review of *Morocco* appears elsewhere in this issue of the *FOM Newsletter*. The book is published by Abrams and costs \$49.50 with cloth binding.


**"Term Paper"**

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special price of \$30. (Regular price \$40.)

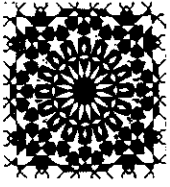
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See page 14 for more books, etc...



# Sefrou: a study

In 1993, the Friends of Morocco provided a partial grant for an MIT study of Sefrou, Morocco. The major underwriter for the study was the Aga Khan Program. The study research and resulting paper were done by Wael Al-Masri and Tarek Beshir, graduate architecture students at MIT.

Titled *Understanding Sefrou: The Transformational Nature of Form and Culture*, the study examines the way in which the Moroccan city of Sefrou has changed since the beginning of the twentieth century, with particular emphasis on the process of piecemeal transformations in the old city resulting from recent socio-economic pressures. In the course of the fieldwork, done in the summer of 1992, formal characteristics of Sefrou were surveyed, documented, and analyzed. Furthermore, patterns of the town's ongoing cultural and physical evolution were recorded.

Divided into two parts, the first part looks at the history and region of Sefrou, its demographic changes, and the general urban and architectural characteristics of the city. Part one, by Beshir, covers Sefrou's geographic setting, historical development, demographic evolution, and urban structure of the city.

The study points out the importance of the "oasis" (actually the Oued Aggai) to the city and its development. Sefrou was traditionally the last stopping-off point before entering the Sahara via Morocco's northern routes.

Part two presents a detailed physical study of the Medina, providing interpretations of the symbolic meanings of its structural elements. It concludes with an outline of the nature and significance of the gradual transformations that are taking place in the Medina today. This part, by Al-Masri, includes chapters on the Medina gates and ramparts, the oasis inside the



1: The Qal'aa.



2: The Medi

**Diagrams showing the variation in the urban texture**

Medina, the main thoroughfares, the *huma* and the *derb*, Al-Mallah, and recent transformations.

Of special interest is the chapter on the Mellah. It points out that over half of Sefrou's population consisted of Jews, reaching a peak just after World War II. After Morocco's independence from France in 1956, the Jewish population dwindled to its current two families, the others moving to France, Israel, or larger Moroccan cities, particularly on the coasts.

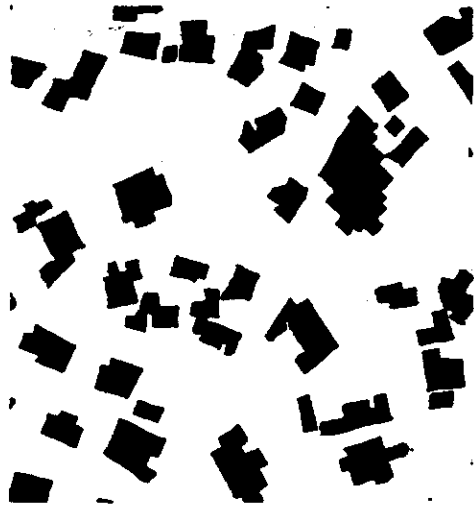
The Sefrou Mellah is unlike that in most Moroccan cities because it sits in the center of the Medina, surrounded by Muslim neighborhoods. This is symbolic of the central economic and cultural roles that the Jewish community played in the Sefrou medina throughout history. It also is a testimony to the characteristic



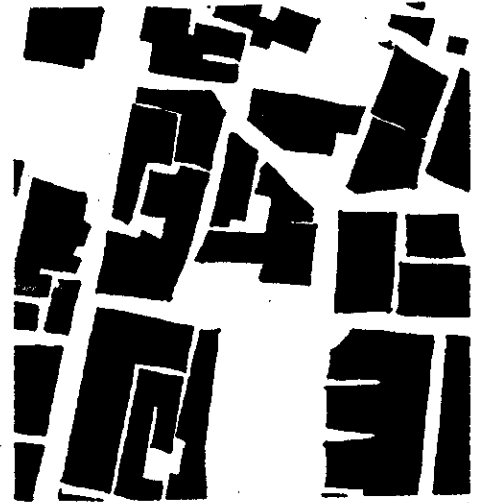


# of form and culture

All plans are drawn to the same scale.



3: Ville Nouvelle



4: Habbouna Quarter.

of the city of Sefrou. The dark areas indicate built areas, while white areas indicate open space.

tolerance of Islam. Clifford Geertz stated in his *Islam Observed: Religious Development in Morocco*, "A few formal matters aside, the general society (of Morocco) and the rulers did not deal with the Jews as an individual collectivity, but as just so many separate Jews scattered in among so many Muslims."

The study is full of detailed descriptions of other physical characteristics of Sefrou. It includes a short, but complete, bibliography, many maps and plans showing the development of the city, and slides.

A primary conclusion of the work is a confirmation that only through the study of their unfolding in time, can the relationship between form and social formation be adequately understood. It informs one of the way such a traditional environment works, and the problems it faces.

The study makes clear that the aims and roles of planners, architects, and government development programs must understand how and why the city was developed, before instituting new projects and change.

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For a copy of the thirty-six-page study, send \$4.00 (make checks to Bill Gaisser), to cover postage and printing, to:

FOM Newsletter  
Bill Gaisser, Editor  
219 Oak Street  
Evansville IN 47713-1254

Call 812.423.3777 about copies of slides, which are available for the cost of reproduction and shipping.



## 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.*

**Candace Newcomb (MRPCV 1976/78)** has moved from New Hampshire to Washington. Candace can now be reached at 4502 241 S.W., Mount Lake Ter WA 98043.

**Meg Ryan (Peace Corps/World Wise Schools)**, can be contacted at 1990 K Street, N.W., Washington DC 20526. You can call her at 202.606.3294.

**Janet Maresca (Safi 1983/84, TEFL)** and **Abdeljalil Jerhada** are proud to announce the birth of the final Jerhada sibling, Soraya Habiba, on 17 January 1993, weighing in at 6 lbs. 11 oz. Thami, Sarah, and Jalal adore her and the parents are exhausted!

**Michael Toler (Tangiers/ current volunteer)**, is still looking for books for the resource center and library of the American Legation Museum. These two libraries serve the students

and teachers of English in Tangiers and the surrounding area. They also serve scholars studying history and culture throughout Morocco and the world. The libraries accept books on all subjects, though the greatest needs are materials on literature, linguistics, literary criticism, English as a second language, and English as a foreign language texts, Morocco, North Africa and Islam, and development issues. The books can be sent directly to the Legation Museum, 8 zankat America, 90000 Tanger, Morocco.

**Tim & Keltoum Hyatt (Agadir 1987/89, ESP)**, announce the birth of their son, Trevor Mounir Hyatt, in Brewster NY, on 21 June 1993. Trevor weighed 8 lbs 8 oz. Their daughter, Alana Sophia, who was born in Sale, was four years old in July 1993. Tim and Keltoum should be settling down in Toronto about now, as they were transferred there by G. E. Capital. We hope that they will let us know their new address soon.

**Wendy Brunzie (Taroudant 1983/84, Math Education)**, is looking for Lauren (Foley) Lynch (MRPCV 1983/85). If anyone knows the whereabouts of Lauren, contact Wendy at 720 Adams Street, #2, Davis CA 95616. You can call Wendy at 916.753.1621.

**Susan (Warburton) Ni (Khouribga/Oujda 1977/79, TEFL)**, writes that she is living in Taipai, Taiwan, where her husband is an architect. Susan says that she generally stays home with their children, ages three and six, but may tutor English. She hopes to eventually return to TEFL in a private school or institution in Taipai when her children are a little older. She says that there is a great need for English teachers in Taiwan. Susan can be reached in care of her parents, Olive and Don Warburton, 17206 Wyandotte Street, Van Nuys CA 91406.

**Dick Holbrooke (Rabat 1969/71, Country Director)**, is now the United States Ambassador to Germany.

**Jerry Patrick (Morocco IV 1964/66, Lab. Tech.)**, tells us that there will be a 30th anniversary reunion for Morocco IV, on 4th of July weekend 1994, at Frederick MD. Jerry is looking for the whereabouts of *lost souls* from Morocco IV, including Tom Lethrop (originally from Rock Island IL, but somewhere in Toronto now), William "Rick" Howard (originally from Kankakee IL or Kalamazoo MI), Robert Pack (in New York City?!?), and Cynthia Stokes (since married and with a new name...living in Baltimore MD). If you have information about these lost volunteers, or want to make a

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reservation for the reunion, contact Jerry at 301.846.0821, preferably no later than 31 January 1994. (ed. note: If you happen to find these lost volunteers, let us know at the newsletter, too.)

Daniel Walsh (1974/76, Vocational Education), won a seven-year legal battle with the federal government over the right to travel to Cuba to import informational materials, according to the Fall 1993 *World View* magazine. Daniel operates Liberation Graphics out of his home, teaching and consulting with peace and justice groups on effective use of graphic communications. The business is the outgrowth of his study of Arabic posters in Morocco. Travel to Cuba had been restricted to certain diplomatic and other groups prior to his case. Though the federal appeals court case lost, Secretary of State Warren Christopher reinterpreted the travel restrictions to include Americans involved in cultural exchanges, humanitarian and human rights work, and importers and exporters of informational materials.

Jeff Magoto (Taza 1978/80, TEFL), writes that he is teaching Linguistics and English as a Second Language at the University of Oregon at Eugene OR. He would like to hear from any MRPCVs in the

Eugene area. Jeff can be reached at 1601 Olive Street, #901, Eugene OR 97401, tel: 503.345.5831. His E-mail access is *jmagoto @ oregon uoreg edu*.

Add Chris Loggers (Sidi Chiker 1984/87, Wildlife Biology) to the list of FOM members. A US Forest Service biologist, Chris can be reached at 405 E. 1st, Colville WA 99114, tel: 509.738.6111. Also add Phyllis Dietrich (Tetouan 1985/87, Hearing Impaired Teacher), 115 Clark Street, Clarks Green P A 1 8 4 1 1, tel: 717.587.3307; Michael Dembroski (Marrakech 1980/82, Physical Therapy), 315 1st Street, Ocouto WI 54153, tel: 414.834.5351; John "Jacques" van der Water (Rabat/Fes 1964/66, Fine Arts Teacher), 1521 23rd Street, Sacramento CA 95816, tel: 916.448.6535; Erin E. Branigan (Tinghir 1986/88, TEFL), c/o her parents, 155 Rue Charlemagne, Slidell LA 70461, tel: 504.649.1647; Lisa Dalferro Abuhamad (Sidi Yahia Gharb/Rabat 1982/85, TEFL/PCVL), 50 Herschel Street, Lynn MA 01902, tel: 617.592.9012; Lisa Manhart (Tabia 1990/93, Health/Sanitation), 63139 Newport Drive, Montrose CO 81401, tel: 303.249.1508; and Richard L. Jackson (Rabat/Casablanca 1983/86 & 1989/91, U.S. Embassy/Rabat and U.S. Consul/Casablanca), 6704 Pemberton Street, Bethesda MD 20817, tel: 301.229.6389.

Tamsen Mather Surft (Morocco IX), died in Tacoma, Washington, in early August 1993. She and her husband, Fred, served in Ouezanne and Teroual from August 1967 through August 1969. Tammy had worked as a legal assistant in recent years. She is survived by her husband and sons Mark and Michael. Fred's address is 4910 North 26th, Tacoma WA 98407, tel: 206.752.3207. Memorial contributions may be sent to *Disabled and the Law*, 341 Flume, Suite A, Chico CA 95928.

(Information was submitted by Anne McLaughlin (Zoumi 1967/70, Foyers Feminins), 2743 N. W. Thrumman, #5, Portland OR 97210-2252, tel: 503.224.1906.)



Susan Giusti, wife of John Giusti (USAID Morocco 1983/87) died in July 1993. Susan and John were both Peace Corps Volunteers in Iran.

(Information was submitted by David Fredrick, 9610 Tinsmith Lane, Burke VA 22015.)



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# Books, Lectures...

What follows is a schedule of conferences, 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.

**International Convention on Moroccan Carpets.** A meeting will convene in Marrakech in May or June of 1995, though a precise date has not been set. Under the leadership of Dr. Wilfrid Stanzer, author of *Berber*, plans are being formulated for a major international convention on Moroccan carpets. Early indications are that the Moroccan Government has approved and will support the project. As more information is available, we'll report it to you.

**El Baraka, the Eye, and the Dinn: Arts & Crafts of Morocco.** An arts and crafts exhibit and catalogue covering all aspects of Moroccan art, with the catalogue being composed of 200 photographs and 250 pages. The Craft and Folk Art Museum of Los Angeles is the sponsoring museum while the Tenfin Hudson in London will publish the catalogue. The exhibit will open in the spring of 1995 in Washington DC, then travel throughout the country.

**Windows on the Maghreb II.** A catalogue and exhibit on Moroccan jewelry and costumes is being organized by Jan Harner and Mim Lorimer. They have located most of the materials for the show, gathering artifacts from collections in the U. S. and from Morocco. Dates and catalogue information will be announced later, though current plans intend that the exhibit be ready in the fall of 1995.

**Moroccan Rugs on PBS.** Beginning in the fall of 1993, a new video program became available for broadcast over Public Broadcasting System stations. Developed by Brooke Pickering and Susan Davis (both FOMers), the film is a discussion and viewing of Moroccan carpets. The film is part of a series being produced and directed by John Kurtz in Wilmington, Delaware. Since the tapes are shipped to subscribing stations and are run according to the local stations' schedules, it may be a good idea to contact your local PBS affiliate for more information or viewing possibilities.

**The United States Institute of Peace Press.** The Institute of Peace is offering several publications that might be of interest to Moroccophiles. Included in the fall 1993 catalogue are *The Arab World After Desert Storm*, by Muhammad Faour, stating that the economic and human costs of Desert Storm have been enormous, and that the conflict may have created more problems than it solved considering the precarious state of inter-Arab relations that allowed the re-emergence of old disputes and the creation of new antipathies; *Islam and Democracy*, by Timothy D. Sisk, raising questions as to whether Islamic fundamentalist political movements and democratic institutions are compatible—it includes an appendix that describes the major politically active Islamist movements; and *Resolving Third World Conflict*, edited by Sheryl J. Brown and Kimber M. Schraub, addressing wide-ranging issues in the "Third World" from environmental degradation, to future roles of religion, to superpower engagement.

**The Tangier American Legation Museum Society (TALMS).** TALMS announces a series of lectures on Morocco, at the Rome Auditorium of the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, 1619 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington DC 20036, at 6h00 p.m.. Light refreshments and an opportunity for more informal discussion will follow each program. Scheduled for Tuesday, 1 February 1994, is Dr. Nancy Banco, Department of Anthropology at George Washington University, will speak on *Cities, Empires, and Trade in Medieval Morocco*. The presentation will combine historical and archaeological research and will include slides. On Thursday, 5 May 1994, Lois Brubeck, who has studied, collected, and sold Moroccan textiles for several years, will speak on *Moroccan Country Rugs: Changes in the Lives of Weavers, Rugs, and Marketing*. The presentation will include personal observations and historical research. A reservation is requested for each event. Call Theresa Simmons at 202.663.5676.

**Lonely Planet.** LP has released a small pocket-sized language survival kit titled *Moroccan Arabic Phrasebook*. It includes a very good pronunciation guide as well as the Arabic script for all entries. Its listings cover many facets of conversational needs in Morocco, from getting a taxi to registering in a hotel to greetings and civilities. A very good book for the uni-lingual tourist who must point to each word in the guide as well as for the someone who just wants to refresh his mind. It includes good cultural information and is written with real Moroccan words—not stilted classical verbiage. The book is available at bookstores for \$3.95.

**La Tribune du Maroc.** A new bi-weekly newspaper is now available for Moroccophiles who want to keep up on country news. Published in Rabat, *La Tribune du Maroc* is available for \$28.00 for twelve months. The tabloid-sized journal is printed in both French and Arabic (in the same issue). The newspaper includes current events, economic news, regional stories, social developments, sports, cultural events, cartoons, and much more—all taken from the Moroccan Press. It is published in collaboration with the Hassan II Foundation for Moroccans Living Abroad. For more information, contact *La Tribune du Maroc* at 67, Boulevard Ibn Sina, Agdal, Rabat, Morocco. (tel: (212-7) 67 02 00. FAX: (212-7) 67 02 36.

See page 9 for more books, etc...

# Morocco in the News

*Aramco World* (July/August 1993) devoted nine pages to an article titled *The Magic Circles of Djemaa El-Fna*, a lavish photographic and written essay on that main square in the medina of Marrakech. When visitors pass through the gates of the old city of Marrakech and into the Djemaa El-Fna, they "feel they are leaving behind the Arab world and entering a different--perhaps the real--Morocco." It describes the many story tellers, the food stands, the acrobats, the dentists, the "pharmacies", and all that happens (or passes through) the square. (It is said that because of Eleanor Roosevelt the Djemaa El-Fna still exists at all. On a visit with the king in Marrakech, she wanted to see the famous square. On seeing that it was being abandoned for the sake of automobile parking and public buildings, she told the king that she hoped that the excitement and space of the Djemaa El-Fna of earlier times would be returned to its legendary status forever. As a favor, the king ordered that the square be forever maintained to its traditional character.) Tradition also has it that everyone in Marrakech passes through the square at some time during the day. The image of Marrakech and the Djemaa El-Fna's "kaleidoscopic swirl...and parade of human faces" helped to prompt Robert Cunningham-Graham to write in 1897, in *Maghreb el-Aksa*, and after visiting all of Morocco's main cities, that "none of them (the other cities) enter into your soul as does this heap of ruins, this sand heap desert town metropolis of the fantastic world which stretches from its walls across the mountains through the oases of the Sahara." This is a lively and entertaining article.

Wire Services reported in September 1993, of a train crash in Morocco, near Rabat, that killed fourteen and injured seventy passengers and crew. A passenger train from Marrakech was bound for Tangiers when it was hit by a freight train carrying propane gas. The trains were going in opposite directions, according to Moussa Moussawi, director-general of the Moroccan National Railways Office.

Wire Services reported from Madrid that Paul Bowles, the American expatriate author and "reluctant traveler" (and member of FOM), visited Madrid to attend a performance of his musical compositions. Now 82, he has lived in Tangiers for several decades. He told reporters that he enjoys composing more than writing novels and short stories, for which he is more well known. It was his first trip to Spain in 40 years, to hear a performance at a concert sponsored by a Spanish publishing house. He commented that "I haven't been able to listen to any live performances of my music in Morocco because they don't know it there." Paul composed more than 50 pieces before publishing his first novel, *The Sheltering Sky*, in 1949. That book was made into movie in 1990, by Bernardo Bertolucci. Paul noted that he didn't like the film.

*Newsweek* & *The New York Times*. Both publications reported on the opening of the *Grand Hassan II Mosque* in Casablanca in August 1993. The mosque, situated on the Casablanca seafloor, on a promontory jutting out into the Atlantic Ocean, cost at least \$500 million (probably \$1 billion) and took seven years to complete. The precise site was chosen by King Hassan II on the basis of a Koranic verse that reads "The throne of God was on the water." It includes the tallest minaret in the world, standing at 650 feet, topped by a green laser beam that points to Mecca. The mosque sports the latest in technology, including computerized loudspeakers, video screens, and lighting systems, and a roof that slides open to reveal the sky. There are 54 acres of traditional Moroccan marble and mosaics in the structure, and it can hold 100,000 worshipers. It is second in size only to the Grand Mosque in Mecca. The mosque is seen variably as a confirmation of tradition and a step into the future. Many see the building, financed in part by public contributions, as "the supreme expression of devotion to Allah". Others see it as "the work of a supreme megalomaniac".

The mosque is considered by some to be a major political statement. Mohammed Abderrahim, chief spokesman at the Information Ministry, said that "The mosque is intended to present an image of a Muslim country that is open, that is tolerant, that is cosmopolitan, and that is modern. Hence its setting in an industrial city, Casablanca, and on the extreme western tip of the Arab world." To underscore the King's determination to oppose fundamentalist teaching (that is currently causing upheaval in neighboring Algeria), the Israeli Prime Minister was allowed to visit the mosque shortly after its inauguration. As a statement of his commitment to reform, King Hassan allowed a woman (a first for Morocco) to recite verses in the hall of prayer during the inauguration ceremonies. The woman was prominent Moroccan poet Amina Millil.



To get more information about the National Association's Constituency for a Sustainable Development, contact Cheryl Bartz, National Peace Corps Association, 2119 S Street N.W., Washington DC 20008, tel: 202.462.5938, FAX: 202.462.5873.

## RPCV: Environment

The Returned Peace Corps Volunteers for Environment and Development (E&D) is looking for a contact person with each affiliate RPCV group.

The contact person should be someone interested in the environment and development issues.

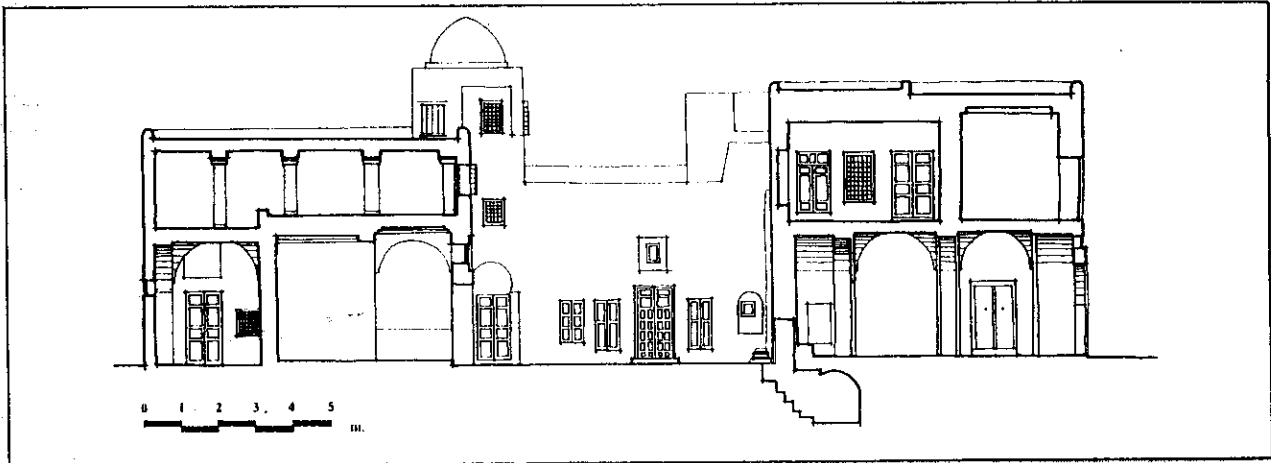
E & D is developing program in several areas--education, cooperative assistance, and advocacy--linking issues of environment and development. In education, the group hopes to develop materials and programs that local affiliates can use in educational programs.

The Cooperative Assistance Program is just being developed. It will seek to build relationships between U.S. environment and development groups and organizations working overseas where PCVs have served.

E & D will also work closely with the National Peace Corps Association's Constituency for Sustainable Development.

If you are interested in being the contact person for Environment and Development issues for Friends of Morocco, or getting involved as an individual, contact Scott Andrews (913.273.3217). You can write to Scott at 1921 Bowman Court, Topeka KS 66604. If you are interested in being the FOM contact, also contact FOM president Tim Resch at 703.660.9292,

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**Kairouan Conservation Program: Kairouan, Tunisia**

# FES: Conservation of a City

In October 1993, UNESCO met in Quebec, Canada, to begin a campaign for the preservation of the city of Fes. The meetings started off with an exhibition of photographs, pamphlets, and other printed materials about the city.

UNESCO Director General Federico Mayor said that the preservation of our universal heritage aims at bringing some historic cities to life again, preserving the valuable memories they harbor, and make them recover their soul. Fes, the city of faith and knowledge, illustrates this dimension, Mayor said.

After recalling that the campaign to save Fes was launched in 1980, and that it was the first such action for an Islamic city, Mayor emphasized that the Medina of Fes came to being over twelve

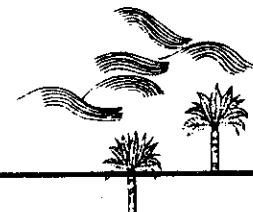


centuries ago in Morocco, at the crossroads of Africa, the Middle East, and Europe. He noted that Fes was soon populated by a multiconfessional and open community that was at the origin of a very rich culture and a highly civilized way of life. Twelve hundred years have elapsed and the city still preserves its radiance and maintains a vital continuity between its inhabitants, its architecture, and its site.

Time has, however, worn down some of the monuments in the Medina--considered unique among urban sites in the Arab world. UNESCO's initiative stresses the need to protect the monuments and artistic wealth of the city, revive traditional handicrafts, and establish a physical development policy.

With the cooperative efforts of the Moroccan government, local authorities, and UNESCO, Mayor said that His Majesty King Hassan II will personally finance the restoration of the Mesbahiya Medersa, while the Queen of Denmark will finance the restoration of the Astrolabe Museum.

Director General Mayor said that UNESCO also expects financial and technical support from all of its member states .





# News 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 in August 1993, said that former Prime Minister Kasdi Merbah, an advocate of dialogue with violent Islamic extremists, was assassinated in an ambush that also killed his son, brother, and two others. Merbah, 55, is the second government figure killed in the political violence that has left more than 1,200 dead since January 1992, when the military-backed regime seized power to thwart a fundamentalist victory in parliamentary

elections. Algeria's military-backed rulers blamed Islamic extremists for the killings and renewed a vow to fight "terrorist barbarity that spares neither mother, son, brother, nor neighbor." The party headed by Merbah hinted, however, that other elements might be behind the murders.

--*UIA Newsletter* reports that the Kairouan Conservation program in Kairouan, Tunisia, was awarded the Aga Kahn Award for Architecture. The award was founded in 1977 to recognize outstanding architectural works in the different communities and cultures of the Muslim world. The awards were given for the fifth time on 19 September

1992 by the Aga Khan in an official ceremony in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. The jury chose nine projects which it felt proposed "economically sustainable, humanistic solutions...relavant for the developed countries as well as the developing world". Of those nine, only five were chosen to receive the 1992 award, in recognition for their enhancement of urban environments in different parts of the Muslim world. Other winners were in Turkey, Egypt, Jordan, and Indonesia.

The U. S. dollar is currently valued at about 9.5 dirhams, according to the Bank Al-Maghrib.



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# Election Results

## Socialists, Nationalists: Major Winners

According to reports from the Moroccan Press Agency (MAP), the final results of the legislative elections held in Morocco on 25 June 1993, included two women among those elected to the parliament--for the first time in the history of the country. They were Bennani Smiress and Badia Skali, both university professors from the Istiqlal party.

The Socialist Union of Popular Forces (USFP/leftist) and the Istiqlal (IP/nationalist) won 48 and 43 seats respectively. The two parties ran candidates in each constituency.

Registered voters in Morocco number 11,398,987, while those turning out at the polls counted out at 7,153,211. That represents a voting participation rate of 62.75 percent.

Of the votes cast, 930,993 were declared invalid.

The official results are as follows (listed by party and number of seats won):

* Socialist Union of Popular Forces (USFP):	48
* Istiqlal (IP):	43
* Popular Movement (MP):	33
* National Rally of Independents (RNI):	28
* Constitutional Union (UC):	27
* National Democrat Party (PND):	14
* National Popular Movement (MNP):	14
* Party for Progress and Socialism (PPS):	6
* Democracy and Istiqlal Party (PDI):	3
* No-Obedience Candidates (SAP):	2
* Action party (PA):	2
* Organization of Democratic and Popular Action (OADP):	2

# Moroccan, Algerian Programs

The Society for Moroccan Studies has announced its Spring 1994 lecture series. The series will be presented at the Lecture Theatre at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, Russell Square, London WC1HOXG England.

The line-up includes on 9 February, *Islamic Revivalist Movements in North Africa*, by Dr. Zaki Badawi, Principal of the Muslim College; on 18 May, *Perspectives on Migration*, by Dr. Chada Karmi, CNMES-SOAS; and on 6 June, Dr. Nadia Erzini will make a yet-to-be-announced presentation.

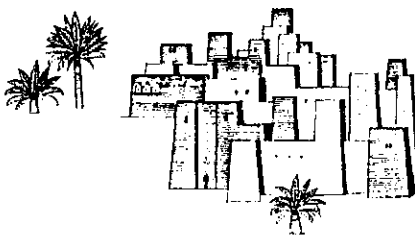
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Another new spring series, also sponsored by the SOAS, is being co-sponsored by the Society for Algerian Studies.

It includes on 14 February, *The Crisis of Algerian Politics*, by Mohammed Harbi, of the University of Paris; on 11 April, *The Qasbah of Algiers: a World Heritage Site*, by Dr. Keith Sutton, of the University of Manchester; and on 23 May, *The Algerian Community in France*, by Dr. Alec Hargreaves, from the University of Loughborough.

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All lectures are at 5h30 p.m.. Write or call the SOAS for more information. Tel: 071.637.2388.



Only two foreign assistance programs escaped major reductions in the 1994 federal appropriations: the Peace Corps and the U.S. Committee for Refugees.



## HABITAT MAROC

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# Ginsburg Named Envoy to Morocco

Marc Charles Ginsburg was nominated by President Clinton to be the next U. S. Ambassador to Morocco, on 14 October 1993.

Ginsburg is currently a senior partner, specializing in international commercial and trade law, with the Washington law firm of Galland, Kharasch, Morse, and Garfinkle. From 1980 to 1981, he served as President Carter's Deputy Senior Advisor for Middle East Affairs, and from 1977 to 1980, he was the White House Liaison to the Department of State. He had previously served on the staff of the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on Refugees.

He has written extensively on Middle East affairs and was a commentator/national security analyst for NBC during the Persian Gulf War. He was Deputy Press Secretary for Foreign Affairs during the Clinton/Gore campaign and transition. He served as a foreign policy advisor to Vice President Gore's 1988 Presidential campaign, as well as to numerous members of Congress.

Ginsburg, 42, is a graduate of American University and the Georgetown University Law Center. He and his wife, Janet Louisa Ginsburg, have two children.

# National Association

## *Kahadineh* In Atlanta

The 1994 National Conference of the National Peace Corps Association will be held in Atlanta GA, 28-31 July.

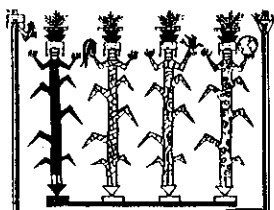
To be called *Kahadineh*, Navajo for "gathering of the people", the cosponsor of the conference will be the Atlanta Area Returned Peace Corps Volunteers.

Plans are in full swing now, and detailed information will be sent by the NPCA, and we will keep you updated in the *FOM Newsletter*.

We hope that FOM will have one of the larger contingents at the meeting, where we plan to have a conference reunion. We'll keep you informed of those details, too, as they develop.

If you want to be of help at the conference, or if you have ideas for conference activities, contact Susan Caster, Conference Coordinator, c/o 818 Hartford place, S.W., Atlanta GA 30310, tel: 404.753.2558, FAX: 404.370.5499.

### *Kahadineh*



"Gathering of the People"

## Only the Name Has Changed.....

By a margin of nine to one, members of the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers voted to change the organization name to the National Peace Corps Association.

"The name change to National Peace Corps Association has great appeal," says Charles F. Dambach, president of the National Council. The former name was so long that it often had to be repeated when saying it to someone.

The change allows inclusion of former staff, families of volunteers, and others who want to support the organization. All voting controls will remain with former volunteers and staff. Others will be considered non-voting associate members.

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Congratulations to Barbara Anne Ferris (Youssoufia 1980/82, TEFL) who was elected one of six new board members to the National Peace Corps Association. She will serve as an at-large member. Barbara was formerly director of Women in Development at Peace Corps Washington.

# Join.... Rejoin FOM

It's time to renew your membership in Friends of Morocco.

If you aren't sure of your status as a dues payer, look at your newsletter mailing label. If it has a "Y" in the first line you are current for one year from the date noted. If that date is over a year old, or if there is no "Y" on the label, it's time to renew...or join.

Send your \$15.00 (\$30.00 for two people at the same address) check to Friends of Morocco, P. O. Box 2579, Washington DC 20013-2579.

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