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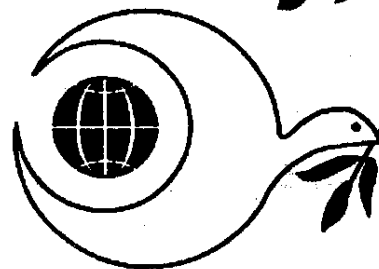
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Happy Thirtieth Birthday, Peace Corps

Washington DC: 1-4 August



Come to Washington, D.C., 1-4 August, and join the expected largest ever (7,000 to 10,000) gathering of returned Peace Corps volunteers. The Thirtieth Anniversary Conference and Celebration will consist of a large number of activities including:

- Congressional Reception;
- a "volunteer day" service to the community in education, health, environment, or housing activities;
- concurrent theme panels;
- country of service updates; receptions, and parties;
- Peace Walk from Arlington Cemetery, past President Kennedy's

gravesite, to the Lincoln Memorial for a Peace Service;

- creation of a "living world map";
- and concluding with an international festival with music, dancing, and food.

Throughout the conference, the festival tent will offer meeting places, crafts exhibits and sales, and exhibits by the international community. A resumé book is being assembled and interviews will be facilitated. Pre- and post-conference tours are available to Colonial Williamsburg, the D.C. area, and Costa Rica.

Friends of Morocco is part of the Celebration and is joining with the Moroccan

community in the Washington, D.C., area for a *Friendship Luncheon*, Saturday, 3 August, at the Casablanca Restaurant in Alexandria, Virginia (a short subway ride from the Conference site on the Mall), for a country update with speakers from the Moroccan Embassy, Peace Corps, and the Moroccan community; the premier of Bev Seckinger's video on Morocco; the FOM/Becky Mangus slide show, gleanings from the best of the best; a Moroccan feast; music; and a party on Saturday night.

If you have not yet received registration

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materials for Peace Corps's Thirtieth Anniversary Conference and Celebration, call the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers today for registration information at 202/462-5938 (FAX 202/462-5873). The conference travel agent is Shelly Cruz of WorldTek Travel, 800/243-1723. Call for information on hotels, discount airfares, and AMTRAK Peace Trains leaving from Chicago, Atlanta, Boston, Springfield, New Haven, and New York. For home hospitality, the FOM hospitality coordinator is Lisa Lauman, who can be reached at 202/265-1609. FOM registration form is enclosed with this newsletter.

Ag/Forestry/ Chemistry '71 20th Reunion

RPCVs from the 1971 ag/forestry/chemistry intern programs will meet in Cannon Falls, Minnesota, on 31 August 1991. Other RPCVs are invited to attend this 20th anniversary reunion, especially those from ag/forestry 1970-1973.

For more information, contact Roger Thompson, Rt. 2, Box 10, Kensington MN 56343, 612/965-2486.



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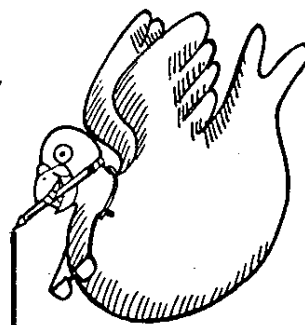
Friends of Morocco needs volunteers to help with our day-to-day operations. We need: a Membership Coordinator--someone with access to DBase and a laser printer to keep our 1,500 address mailing list current and to print labels for newsletters and other mailings about six times a year. We receive about 20 address corrections a month. The Membership Coordinator can be anywhere in the U.S. Most of our business is done by phone, FAX, mail, and, when necessary, express mail.



Who's Who?

In honor of the 30th Anniversary of Peace Corps, Reference Press International will be publishing a *Who's Who in the Peace Corps*. The pre-publication price will be \$30.00.

Listing questionnaires and other information are available from Reference Press International, P.O. Box 4126, Greenwich CT 06830 (Telephone 800/786-6777 or 203/629-4900; FAX 203/622-5983).



The Funniest Job You'll Ever Love

One of several creative projects produced from the 1990 National Conference of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers in Eugene, Oregon, was *The Funniest Job You'll Ever Love*, an anthology of humorous stories and anecdotes about life in the Peace Corps. Amusing tales from over 30 RPCVs made the publication possible.

James Cloutier (RPCV Kenya), a noted humorist, cartoonist, and author, is editing a revised edition for the Thirtieth Anniversary, adding a cartoon here and there.

To be available in Washington, profits will be given to a worthy cause, as well as to help solidify the goals of the National Council of RPCVs.

For more information on this or future editions, write The Good Humor Project, West Cascade RPCVs, P.O. Box 5462, Eugene OR 97405.

Tin Can Chandeliers.....

Lessons on Consuming and Recycling

Ed. Note: The following article is reprinted with the permission of the author, Valerie Staats (TEFL, Casablanca, 1983-85). It first appeared on Saturday, 20 April 1991, in the Des Moines (Iowa) Register. Though written for Earth Day 1991, it applies to all of us, no matter what the occasion.

During the marketing mania around Earth Day's 20th anniversary last year, I found myself musing on my days as a Peace Corps volunteer in Morocco, and the lessons I learned about consuming and recycling while living there.

This advice was passed from departing volunteers to the new ones coming in: If you really want to throw something away in Morocco, you must tear it into tiny pieces or burn it.

"They sell them (notebook pages) for a few centimes to shop owners, who use the pages, one by one, for wrapping up fragile eggs..."

It seems that one volunteer had sorted through his papers and thrown out old letters and photographs. Soon afterward, one of his students came to school brandishing a couple of pictures, sure that his teacher hadn't meant to discard them.

Our host communities couldn't believe what Americans throw away. People like the Moroccans, who don't have many things in the first place,

are talented masters of recycling skills, and we can learn much from them.

Take the enterprising use of school notebooks by Moroccan children at year's end. They sell them for a few centimes to shop owners, who use the pages, one by one, for wrapping up fragile eggs or folding into cones for nuts or seeds. When buying a street vendor's snack you might find a student's Arabic notes around your tasty, roasted *ful* (yellow beans) or chestnuts.

It's interesting to see the garbage generated by a Moroccan household--hardly any, by U.S. standards. It's usually a bucket of food scraps--just the peels, pits, or seeds--each day. Even uneaten bread, considered a holy food, is left on the doorstep for the homeless

and the beggars each night.

Moroccans take shopping bags--straw, and yes, plastic--with them for the daily marketing. There is little to no prepackaging of goods; a few meters of cloth may be rolled in a piece of paper, but usually the shopper brings the bag or simply carries the purchase home in her hands.

Plastic is present in Morocco, as in even the most insular corners of our world now. The ubiq-

uitous plastic bottles from cooking oil, spring water, or bleach are, when empty, re-used as household tools or sold to entrepreneurs. Peddlers ride bicycles up and down neighborhood streets singing out the local word for plastic, "*mi-ka, mi-ka.*"

Shoes aren't worn and then discarded; they are repaired. Some Moroccans operate small shops--one man to a narrow stall, sitting cross-legged--and make their living at this task. Shoes may, with time and multiple visits to the shop, change color or shape, but they are rarely thrown away.

Clothing is limited. Moroccans change into house clothing as soon as they get home, folding away and preserving what they wear to work, school, or the mosque. My own clothes did not stand up

organic than the mountains of plastic foam that we generate.

When I left Morocco after two years, there were things--desk supplies, kitchen utensils, blankets--that I didn't want to cart across continents to bring home. I left them behind, knowing that my Moroccan neighbors and friends would value these things and squeeze much more life out of them than I thought possible.

The Moroccan way of life is but one example of a principle carried out in many parts of the world: Consume less, recycle more. We Americans could do much more along these lines: Buy fewer things, use them longer, and repair them instead of throwing them away.

Don't get me wrong. I don't romanticize poverty or its impact on choices. Many Moroccans might choose to consume more if they could. But in Morocco I saw such a different way of treating the material world, from food to shoes to school books, that I was able to see anew my own people, rightly characterized as the "throw-away" culture.

We live by a different principle: If you have more, use more. More than a matter of scale, it's an entirely different attitude about using things. As the marketers and the media crank up for another Earth Day Observation on April 22, think about Morocco and the honorable plastic peddler or the diligent shoe repairer. We can take a lesson from them both.

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Morocco: It's Not Just a Hiking, Camping, Driving, Safari, Rediscovering.

Your conversation about Morocco has convinced a friend that this is the place for a vacation. You are not, however, available to be the escort and translator. Here are eight U.S.-based travel companies that will take small groups of travelers off the regular track to sample the diversity that Morocco offers. We would love to hear about any additions to this list. A review of these will also help you remember the Peace Corps recruiting poster that said, "It is not just a job, it's an adventure". May your life continue to be full of adventure.

Overseas Adventure Travel
349 Broadway
Cambridge MA 02139
Telephone: 617/876-0533
or 800/221-0814
Telex: 4430137 OAT
FAX: 617/876-0455

Mark Gordan, living in Morocco the past eleven years is the OAT guide who leads two different trips, each offered about six times throughout the year. Land cost is about \$1,900. The Morocco High Atlas trip includes eight nights camping and moderate trekking travels from Casablanca, Rabat, Meknes, and Fez



(Volubulus), to trailhead at Ait Bougmez--trek up the Tessaout River, over the divide and down the M'Goun River, through the Todra Gorges, then on to Marrakech for a flight out via Casablanca. The second trip, called Morocco Overland, includes four nights camping, travels to Casablanca, Rabat, Meknes, Fez, the Middle and High Atlas Mountains to Merzouga, then Rissani and Alnif, Todra Gorges, and out through Marrakech. Trip size is 4-14. OAT also runs a 15 week trip, Overland Africa, transiting Morocco to InSalah, Algeria, and on to Dar es Salaam. OAT runs trips in Africa, Asia, the Pacific, and Latin America, including family trips and mountaineering treks.

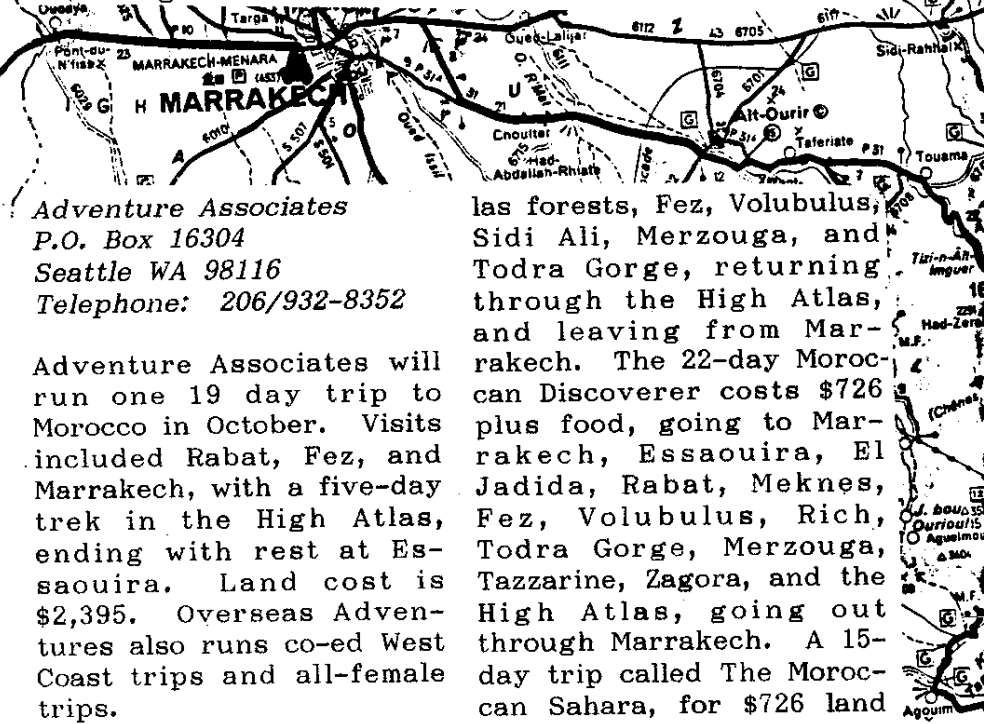
Adventure Associates
P.O. Box 16304
Seattle WA 98116
Telephone: 206/932-8352

Adventure Associates will run one 19 day trip to Morocco in October. Visits included Rabat, Fez, and Marrakech, with a five-day trek in the High Atlas, ending with rest at Essaouira. Land cost is \$2,395. Overseas Adventures also runs co-ed West Coast trips and all-female trips.

Force 10 Expeditions, Ltd.
P.O. Box 30506
Flagstaff AZ 86003
Telephone: 800/922-1491
Telex: 697-2248
FAX: 602/527-1566

Force 10 Expeditions, Ltd., are U.S. booking agents for Exodus Adventures, a British company with agents also in Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and much of Europe. Your less-than-twenty group will be international and multi-lingual. Travel is by expedition vehicle, including self-help camping and a couple of nights in tourist class hotels. Three trips are organized. The 15-day Highlights of Morocco for \$700 land costs plus food, goes to Marrakech, Essaouira, Cascades d'Ouzoud, Middle At-

las forests, Fez, Volubulus, Sidi Ali, Merzouga, and Todra Gorge, returning through the High Atlas, and leaving from Marrakech. The 22-day Moroccan Discoverer costs \$726 plus food, going to Marrakech, Essaouira, El Jadida, Rabat, Meknes, Fez, Volubulus, Rich, Todra Gorge, Merzouga, Tazzarine, Zagora, and the High Atlas, going out through Marrakech. A 15-day trip called The Moroccan Sahara, for \$726 land



Job, It's an Adventure.....

Discovering, Trekking, Motorcoach, Expeditions

costs plus food, goes to Agadir, Goulimine, Tafraoute, Tata, Fom Zguid, Zagora, the Draa Valley, Todra Gorge, Ouarzazate, and the High Atlas Mountains, leaving out through Marrakech.

visits Fez, Volubulus, Meski Oasis, Merzouga, Todra Gorge, Marrakech, Rabat, and Casablanca. Land price is \$670. The High Atlas Mountain Trek starts from Marrakech for 10 days of mule-assisted backpacking, visiting Imchil, Lac d'Ifni, Neltner, and Mount Toubkal. Land price is \$500. Guerba also runs 15- and 17-week trans-Africa tours, both of which transit Morocco before continuing through Algeria to Nairobi and on to Zimbabwe.

Telephone: 800/283-2334 and 602/488-3688
Telex: 221 213 TTC:attn Turtle
FAX: 602/488-3406

Morocco Overland: Treasures and Trek is a 15-day, 5-12 person tour, via six-person Land Rover. Organized from New York City, the tour goes to Casablanca, Rabat, Meknes, Fez, a Middle Atlas camp, Erfoud, Erg Chebbi dunes, Rissani, Alnif, Tineghir, Todra Gorges, Dades Gorges, Skoura, Ouarzazate, and Marrakech. About half of the nights are camping. Land cost is \$2,490.

Eastern Mountain Sports Adventure Travel
240 E. Morris Avenue
Salt Lake City UT 84115
Telephone: 800/695-4000 and 801/483-6165
Telex: 495 2179
FAX: 801/483-6338

Eastern Mountain has five departures from New York City for 17-day trips starting with visits to Rabat, Meknes, Moulay Idriss, Volubulus, Fez, Beni Mellal, and continuing on a seven-day trek through the Middle and High Atlas Mountains, visiting Ait Bougmez, Tessaout Spring, Mt. M'Goun, and Tiranimine. The tour exits Morocco via Marrakech. Land cost is \$1,890.

Piotr Kostrzewski
Cross-Cultural Adventures
P.O. Box 3285
Arlington VA 22203
Telephone: 703/204-2717

Piotr was a Peace Corps volunteer in Morocco (1977-79). He organizes tours to remote regions in the mountains and deserts of Morocco and India. The tours are designed for minimal impact on the local population. Land costs for a two-week tour is \$2,585 per person, plus airfare to Morocco.

Wildlife Safari
346 Rheem Boulevard
Moraga CA 94556
Telephone: 800/221-8118 and 415/376-5595
FAX: 415/376-5059

Deluxe travel by motorcoach and 4/5-star hotels departs New York City by Royal Air Maroc for an

eight-day Imperial Cities tour of Casablanca, Rabat, Fez, and Marrakech. The Sahara Safari departs from New York City, to visit in eight days, Marrakech, Zagora, El Kelaa, and Ouarzazate. Cost from New York for either trip is \$1,275 to \$2,795 (for 5-star deluxe hotels).

Turtle Tours, Inc.
9446 Quail Trail, Box 1147
Carefree AZ 85377

Adventure Center: The Adventure Travel Specialists.
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Emeryville CA 94608
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Telex: 275963
FAX: 415/654-4200

Adventure Center are U.S. agents for Guerba Expeditions, use four-wheel drive expedition vehicles for two 15-day excursions in Morocco. The Morocco Desert and Mountain Tour



Thoughts of Former Students

Valerie Staats (TEFL 1983-85) submitted the following letters from former students who are now lycée teachers in Morocco.

"As for the situation in Morocco during and after the 'end' of the Gulf War, at first there were some demonstrations and even strikes in schools and in Fez especially, but things went back to the order, and we started following news in the medias only. Some Moroccan people took Saddam for a hero at first but towards the end they realized that it was a mistake on his part to destroy his people and country...as for me, I love peace and I am for peace between people, nations,

and religions. I'm tolerant and am pretty aware that there are good and bad people in all the world but we have to try to be good to each other. So now the only drawback of the war that we feel is tourism, our beautiful country is empty, there are no tourists, the trade and other domains are always affected..."

*Nadia
Casablanca*

"An intense feeling of agony has taken hold of me since the beginning of the war in the East. My outlook on life has even been changed. I have come up to the idea that there is no such thing as

love and humanity. All I can see is the thirst for bloodshed in the name of freedom. It's been heard that people all over the world have been pleading *God* to make an end to this destroying war, and no one approves of the rulers' attitudes...I have not been in the mood for either writing or even working..."

*Mohamed
Khouribga*



FOM Board, Dues, Directory.....

● FOM needs volunteers (or suggestions of volunteers) for President and Treasurer of our organization. Tim Resch is currently handling both jobs (he was formerly FOM Treasurer). Peter Laugharn has stepped down because of other responsibilities after having led us since our founding in 1988. Officers do not have to be selected from the Board, though officers do become Board members ex officio. Contact Tim for more informa-

tion or with your leads at 703/660-9292, or via the FOM P. O. Box in Washington.

● Welcome to new FOM Board members Beth Burns (TEFL/Midelt 86-88), Rorie Valadez (Translator/Tangier 1980's), and Susan Farrall (Rehab/Marrakech 82-84). They join re-elected members Jerry Bookin-Weiner, Bill Gaisser, Peter Laugharn, Noreen Polk, Tim Resch, and Susan Schaefer Davis.

● Don't forget that 1991/1992 FOM dues are due. Either re-up, join anew, or entice a friend to

join. Just fill in the membership form inserted in this newsletter.

● The new Membership Directory will be out this fall. It will be available to all new or renewed members.

● Crossed American/Moroccan flag lapel pins are available from FOM. The pins are enameled in color on brass. They are \$3.00 each and can be ordered from FOM, c/o Tim Resch, 6713 Baddoo Street, Alexandria VA 22306-6607. Make checks or money orders out to Friends of Morocco.



Ash Khabarna?

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CORRECTION: *Lisa Dalferro Abuhamad* (TEFL, Sidi Yahia, '82-'84/Rabat, 84-85) is living in Yemen with her husband Karim Abuhamad. They will probably be there through 1992.

Valerie Staats (TEFL, Casablanca, 1983-1985), is spending three months studying Spanish at the University of Salamanca, in the Castile region of Spain. After 1 September 1991, she can be reached at the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs (GSPIA), 3L03 Forbes Quadrangle, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh PA 15206.

Thomas Cassell (Ag Extension, 1968-70), died on 16 July 1989.

Martha Cooper, formerly of Boston, is now in Washington. She can be

reached at 4106 Legation St., NW, Washington DC 20015, 202/686-7549.

Aziz Erraziqui writes that he would like to "keep in touch with Morocco and Moroccophiles." A teacher, he can be contacted at 1700 Harvard St., NW, Apt. 613, Washington DC 20009, 202/745-0775.

Baudouin de Marcken (Peace Corps Director, Morocco, 1981-1983), is now living with his wife and daughter in Zaire. He had served as Peace Corps Director in Zaire from 1978 to 1981. He is currently Deputy Mission Director of the Kinshasa office of USAID. He can be reached at USAID Kinshasa, APO New York 09662-0006.

Elenore Pred (TEFL, Marrakech, 1987-1988), has founded a dynamic non-profit organization called

Breast Cancer Action. It was created to address the current epidemic of breast cancer in women. You can read about it in the 10 December 1990 *Newsweek* and the 14 January 1991 *Time* magazines. For more information contact Elenore at P. O. Box 460185, San Francisco CA 94146, 415/922-8279.

Ijtimaa Boston

Ijtimaa '91 in Boston was a great success. There were discussions, exhibits, socializing, meeting old friends, and making new friends.

We'll have a full report in the next newsletter, along with thoughts about 1992.

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The following is a list of Friends of Morocco members who made monetary contributions beyond normal membership during 1990-1991:

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Guelmim English Center Needs Materials

The *Regional Resource Center of English*, in Guelmim, is in need of materials for its library, according to Ahmed Ez-Zaoui, president of the center.

The center has been in existence for two years and, as its main objective, supplies students and teachers of English with necessary learning materials. Because the center is still young, it is still in need of many materials.

If you can help or if you need more information, contact Mr. Ez-Zaoui at Regional Resource Center of English, Lycée Bab Sahara, Guelmim 71000 Morocco.

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