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## FRIENDS of MOROCCO

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### Coming.....

In the next issue of the *Friends of Morocco Newsletter*, we will give you some pointers on entertaining *Moroccan Style*, some ideas about how to give a program on Morocco, and how you can involve others in learning about Morocco.

### Help.....

We are in need of slides and/or color photographs of Sefrou before it was painted white. The slides will fill a gap in a presentation about the development of that Moroccan city. If you have (for loan) or know of such photographs, contact Bill Gaisser at the FOM Newsletter.

### Lost & Found

Peace Corps has not lost our records according to the National Council of Peace Corps Volunteers. A report in the October 1992, *National Council Update*, says that the list of names has been seen and, really, there are 130,000 RPCV names in the Peace Corps data base....one more myth laid to rest.

### Ijtimaa '93 & '94

The 1993 FOM annual meeting will be held 2-5 July 1993, in Berkeley CA, in conjunction with the Annual Conference of the National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers. The theme of the conference is *Ecological Harmony: The Human Challenge*. Matt Derby (Yousoufia/Ouarzazate 1984/86, Math/Water) is the acting general coordinator. He can be reached for information, or to volunteer to help, at 5794 Vincente Street, #A, Oakland CA 94609, 510/655-4116 (home) or 510/547-5420 (work).

### Fantasia '94?

In 1994, the FOM annual meeting will be moved to Washington DC, in conjunction with the Smithsonian National Folklife Festival.

In each of the last twenty-six years, on the Mall in front of the Museums of American and Natural History, the Smithsonian has held a ten-day Festival of American Folklife, around the 4th of July. Depending on weather, the fes-

tival is visited by 1 to 1.5 million visitors (also costing about that much in dollars to stage).

The festival features on US state and one foreign country. Since January 1992, FOM has been arranging meetings between the Smithsonian Office of Folklife Programs and the Moroccan community, including the Embassy of Morocco, TALMS, Royal Air Maroc, and others.

Dave Frederick (Rabat 1986/90, Morocco PC Director) has been vital in eliciting high level momentum and support.

The bottom line is a consensus that seems to be emerging that Morocco should be the featured country in 1994. Needless to say, FOM has had, and will continue to have, a major role in making this happen.

Plan now for a trip to Washington DC in July 1994.

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# Development and Reform in Education and Commerce

## New Enterprise, Agriculture, Health, Environment, and More

*The following article was submitted by Noreen Polk.*

Development efforts in Morocco span a variety of areas, including traditional education and health programs as well as new focuses like Small Business Development and Market Reform. The following is a brief synopsis of three current development projects in Morocco.

The information was taken from briefing papers from the organizations implementing the projects. Besides these, there are many other development projects going on in Morocco.

### **New Enterprise Development, 1992-1997 (Chemonics International)**

With a goal to increase employment and output through the development of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) in support of the Government of Morocco's objective of liberalizing the economy, it is intended to increase new business start-ups and expand and strengthen existing businesses.

Components of the program are: 1/ Business support services, creating a Moroccan Busi-

ness Center in Casablanca to provide business advisory services, training, business registration assistance, and business information to facilitate the formation and expansion of



SMEs; 2/ Organizational and administrative reform, a two-part scheme to implement a reform agenda within the government which will make administrative, legal, and regulatory changes that foster the formation of expansion of SMEs, while strengthening business support organizations to be better change agents of behalf of SMEs; and 3/ SME financing that will allow for innovative financing schemes for SMEs that can be introduced through financial institutions.

The beneficiary of the development would be private, profit-making SMEs leading to improved infrastructure benefits to the Moroccan economy.

### **Cereal Marketing Reform Project, 1991-1993 (Development Alternatives, Inc.)**

With the goal of increasing the contribution that agribusiness makes to the gross domestic product and foreign exchange

earnings, the project will define realistic alternatives for the Government of Morocco for reform of cereal pricing and marketing. It will promote greater economic efficiency and lower aggregate costs of subsidies.

The project will concentrate on two primary sets of agribusinesses: input and service suppliers and the post-harvest handling, packing, processing, storage, transport, and marketing businesses.

In the end, there will be an evaluation of the impact of the current structure on industrial incentives and protection of producers and consumers, on income to employees and costs of labor to industry, on returns to management and capital, and on economic and financial viability of the sampled industries.

### **Peace Corps Morocco**

Of course we couldn't leave out Peace Corps development efforts! The Gulf War interrupted service in Morocco for the first time since it entered Morocco in 1963. Volunteers returned in June 1991 and are currently working in programs in education, health & sanitation, agriculture, rural water supply, parks development, environmental education, endangered species protection,

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# 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.

Brad and Andra Parks, (Rabat 1990/91, Wildlife/Special Education), are now living at 523-B Boulevard, SE, Atlanta GA 30312, 404/627-2211. Andra teaches high school special education and was nominated in October as teacher of the month. Brad works in the education department at the Atlanta Zoo. He represented the zoo at Monkey Jungle in Miami FL, doing Hurricane Andrew relief work. Both Andra and Brad are plaintiffs in an anti-racial housing discrimination lawsuit. They would like to contact Rick Carson (Ouaouizarht 1990/91, Wildlife: Middle Atlas Reserve Project). [Ed. Note: FOM has an address for Rick at 3332 Pinetree Drive, Port Orchard WA 98366.]

Sally Yates, (MRPCV, 1978), has moved from Glen Mills PA. She is now at 7520 Willow Creek Road, Trumansburg NY 14886.

FINALLY!!! Mike Hickey (Al Hoceima 1988/90) and Jean Emery (Marrakech/Rabat 1989/91) have set a wedding date for 3 July 1993.



Anita Parker Chardavoine, (Meknes/Rabat) 1970/71, TEFL), is living at 39 rue Saint-Ferdinand, 75017 Paris, France.

Dale and Karen Buehler, parents of Brian D. Buehler, (MPCV 1992-, Health and Sanitation), are interested in getting in touch with other Peace Corps parents. In answer to their question as to whether parents can join....YES! FOM welcomes anyone with an interest in Morocco. The Buehlers can be contacted at RR 6688, Spirit Lake IA 51360.

William Nance, was recently appointed to head the USAID in Mongolia. Nance has been the Morocco program office chief since 1990. He served in the Peace Corps in Nepal (1967-69) and worked as a Peace Corps recruiter in Atlanta for one year.

Najia Mestoura Gainous and husband Phillip, have given birth to a son, James Phillip on 4 December 1992. JP weighed in at 7 lbs 12 oz.

Azzedine (Fez/Casablanca 1982/85, TEFL) and Nadia Downes also have a new son. He was born on 9 December 1992. Azzedine is now working in the Washington DC office of Peace Corps.

Peter Laugharn (Sefrou 1982/84, TEFL), has gone to Mali for Save the Children. (Peter was founding president of Friends of Morocco.) He can be contacted at BP 3105,

Bamako, Mali. Phone messages can be left for Peter at 203/226-7271.

Hakim Illi and his wife Saadiya, have a new son El Mehdi, who was born in July 1992. Hakim continues to work at the Peace Corps office in Rabat. He sends his regards to all of his friends.

Caroline Brass (Jerada 1982/84, TEFL), has returned from Somalia, where she worked for eight months in "casualty" in Mogadishu. She worked another four months in pediatrics. It's rumored that Caroline will be on her way to Tajikistan in 1993.

Millie Whalen (Fqih ben Salah 1982/84, TEFL), is a lawyer for Legal Aid in the lower east side of New York City.

Dave McKenna (Marrakech 1982/84, TEFL) and his wife Leesa, have a new son, William Harper, born in June 1992. The McKennas can be reached at 154 N. Ewing Avenue, Louisville KY 40206, 502/893-1958.

Joe Lauer (Berkane 1982/84, TEFL), is teaching English in Japan. He and his wife Sachiko have a son, George. Contact the Lauers at 305 Rioanji Haitsu, Sainomiya, cho-8 Kyoto, Japan.

Soraya Sebti is studying Public Health at Berkeley CA (the site of the 1993 National Council of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers annual meeting in July).

## More Ash Khabarna?.....

Ambassador Vernon Walters was inducted into the Al-Mamlaka al-Maghribiya Royal Academy in November 1992. Ambassador Walters, who served as interpreter to four presidents, was sponsored for the honor by Alexandre de Marenches, former director of the French Service de Documentation Exterieure et de Contre-Espionage.

Driss and Paula Jainet announce the birth of their daughter, Jessica Jamila, on 4 March 1992. Driss and Paula can be reached at 215 Arlington Street, Wollaston MA 02170.

Some new and renewed members of FOM are: Phyllis Dietrich (Tetouan 1985/87), 115 Clark Street, Clarks Green PA 18411-1213, 717/587-3307; Lisa M. Lasky (Sefrou 1984/86, TEFL), 156 Fifth Street, Providence RI 02906, 401/274-5873; Jody L. Bon-Durant (Khemisset/Rabat 1980/83, TEFL), HCR 65, Box 99B, Riverside WA 98849, 509/826-0948; Susan C. Baker, (Boujniba 1983/85, Math Teacher), 1311 Morrison, Madison WI 53703, 608/257-6850; Erin Eckert (Imin Tanout/Rabat 1988/92, TEFL), 900 Clubview Road, Fort Collins CO 80524, 303/482-6350; Betty Pope (Rabat 1983/86, PCMC), 53 Baldwin Street, Binghamton NY 13908; Janet O'Donnell (Rabat/Tiznit 1964/66, Jeunesse et Sports), 3920 N. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago IL

60613, 312/348-4049; Lynn Burnham Cortes (Marrakech 1966/68, TEFL), PO Box 116, Gardner CO 81040, 719/746-2385; and Betty Zaleski (Kenifra/Meknes 1964/66, TEFL/Foyer Feminin), 301 Steel Road, Cinch NJ 08210, 609/465-4380. *Marhaba!*

### Philip Juwig

Philip Juwig (Casablanca 1970/72, TEFL), died quietly in Los Angeles CA on 1 November 1992. He had recently retired from his long work with the Norton Simon Museum.

### Helen Wilson

Helen A. Wilson a former USAID chief in Rabat, died on 11 September 1992, in Washington DC. Miss Wilson, a native of Brooklyn Heights NY, also worked in refugee relief with the United Nations and the US resettlement program for the International Relief Organization as well as several other international organizations. She joined the Peace Corps in 1961.

## Spreading the Word

The second of March is Throne Day, Morocco's biggest national holiday.

What better time to organize activities about Morocco: presentations to school classes, exhibits, happy hours, dinners, etc...

To help you out, FOM has begun to create audio-visual and other resources that might be especially useful if you want to make a presentation.

For elementary school classes, FOM is arranging for fun and easy-to-use kits that include slides, a video, and a box of Moroccan things.

If you would like to volunteer to field-test what we have, and to give us some feedback that might help improve or strengthen the kits, contact Friends of Morocco.

To help organize a regional meeting of Morocco RPCs in your area, give us a list of zip codes and we will give you a mailing list.

## EC Fishing Accord

On 15 December 1992, the European Parliament adopted the Moroccan-ECC fishing agreement that had been initiated in Brussels in May of 1992.

One hundred ninety-three MPs voted for and sixty-three voted against the accord. Nineteen MPs abstained.

For four years, Morocco will

be getting 90 million ECUS a year as compensation for European trawlers fishing in limited areas in Moroccan waters in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean.

The accord provides for joint protection of species and the environment, training and technology transfer, and preferential terms for Moroccan sardine exports towards the EC.





Attending the *Reunion* were Marie Bitetti, Polly Byers, Susan Farrall, Mary Lawrence Hicks, Janet Maresca Jerhada & husband Abdeljalil, Peter Ohman, Rand Robinson, and Millie Whalen, some of whom are in this photo (*but not necessarily in that order!*).

**The 7 November 1992 Stage of '82 Reunion in Brooklyn NY**

## Special Interest Reunions, etc.....

-- *Harka Home* reports that planning for the Harka Home 30th Reunion is in the works. To be held in June 1994, it will be for all volunteers who started training in 1964 (and others). It will convene at the Asilomar Conference Center in Pacific Grove. For more information contact John J. van der Water at 1521 123rd Street, Sacramento CA 95816.

-- The annual meeting of the Moroccan Rug and Textile Society will be held in Santa Fe NM, 26-28 March 1993. It will include a reception, a dinner, and talks on Moroccan textiles. Contact Linda Lawrence, c/o Nomad's, 207 Shelby, Santa Fe NM 87501, 505/986-0855, for more information.

-- To be placed on the mailing list for the *Moroccan Evacuees News*, the newsletter for those volunteers who were evacuated from Morocco during the Gulf War, contact Libby Ahlgren Gartner, 815 Phelps Avenue, Rockford IL 61108. (*Ed. Note: This is Libby's correct address. The address in the current FOM Directory is misprinted. Please make a note of it.*)

-- The Moroccan Association is a group of Moroccans in the Washington/New York corridor who will be planning educational and cultural events to introduce and familiarize Americans with the Kingdom of Morocco. If you are interested in a calendar of events, contact the Moroccan Embassy in Washington, or call

Morocco Travel International at 800/428-5550, and ask for Colleen Fannin.

-- The Stage of '82 held a small reunion in Brooklyn NY, in November 1992. The purpose of the gathering was first to have fun and second to start the planning for the 1994 ten-year reunion. Attending were Marie Bitetti, Polly Byers, Susan Farrall, Mary Lawrence Hicks, Janet Maresca Jerhada & husband Abdeljalil, Peter Ohman, Rand Robinson, and Millie Whalen. (Millie was the hostess.) For More information contact Susan Farrall, 327 Brockton Road, Oxen Hill MD 20745, 410/567-2987.



# Books, Art, Film, Exhibits.....

## New Publications and Arts From and About Morocco and Morocco

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.

*Painters from the Arab World*, is a new exhibit at the Institut du Monde Arabe, in Paris, France. From the Institute's permanent contemporary art collection, over 100 pieces will be displayed for an indefinite period of time.

*Design From Casablanca to Marrakech* is an interesting and beautifully done book by photographer Lisl Dennis and her husband, writer Landt Dennis. The book deals with decorative arts and crafts used in Moroccan homes and furnishings. The book is documented with 300 photographs. Cost: \$45.00. For more information, contact Linda Lawrence, c/o Nomad's, 207 Shelby, Santa Fe NM 87501, 505/986-0855.

(Ed. Note: Information about women in the Arab world is often requested by FOM members. Though not specifically about Moroccan women, the following is about a new that might be of interest.) *Women of Sand and Myrrh*, after being banned in gulf countries when published in England in 1988, is now available in the United States. By Lebanese author Hanan al-Shaykh, one of the few women writing serious novels in Arabic, the very good and "elegant" English translation is by Catherine Cobham. The novel is built around the stories of four women: a Lebanese bride who was moved to an unnamed desert state; a young "Arabian" who had the courage to break with tradition; a bored "Arabian" from a very wealthy family; and an American who came to love Arabia. *Newsweek* (9 November 1992) describes the novel as "delving into the psychological confines of the modern harem," including "frank sexuality and explicit accounts of feminine alienation." More than Arab society is in the book -- it exposes the repression and lack of acknowledgment of a woman's sense, sensibilities, and intelligence in a society dominated by men (something that is not a complete rarity in the West). The book is available from Anchor Books. Cost: \$9.00, paper.

*Casablanca: Script and Legend* (50th anniversary edition) is available in paperback. A fun book, it includes the entire screenplay, 25 black and white photographs, background on the making of the film, and original reviews. Peter Bogdanovich said, "*Casablanca* is, for many Americans, the quintessential WWII romance, so it's most welcome to have the story of its making as well as its script between covers, if nothing else to prove that what Bogart actually said to Sam was simply "Play it!" From the Overlook Press in Woodstock NY, the cost is \$16.95.

*The Atlantic Connection, 200 Years of Moroccan-American Relations, 1786-1986*, edited by Jerome B. Bookin-Weiner (Rabat/Sale 1972/73, TEFL) and Mohamed El Mansour, is now available from Edino Press. Representing the culmination of the bi-national International Conference on Moroccan-American Relations, held in Norfolk VA, in November 1986, the volume represents a selection of papers (some revised) which were presented at the conference. Subjects covered range from "The Origins of Moroccan-American Relations" to "The American Impact on Moroccan Nationalism (1930-1947)" to "Evaluation of Peace Corps Assistance to Morocco in the Field of Development." The nearly 300 pages provide a wealth of facts and history about the long Moroccan-American relationship. For more information, contact Jerry Bookin-Weiner, 93 Wilson Road, Bedford MA 01730, 617/275-4656 or 617/891-3141.

Did you know that the average couscous serving can consist of only 527 calories, 0 mg cholesterol,

2.2 gm of fat, 85 mg of sodium, and 18.7 gm of protein, w/ vegetables, 1.5 fruits, and 5 breads? According to *The Love Your Heart Cookbook*, by Carole Kruppa, couscous and over 200 (Morocco, and Greece can be good for you if prepared w/ "modernized and health-conscious" recipes. Published in 1992, it includes menus for holidays and special occasions. Cost: \$12.95.

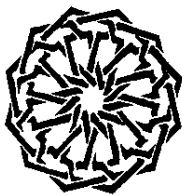
*Larabi's Ox: Stories of Morocco*, by 1992 Milkweed National was released in 1992. A collection of short stories (the title has been called a "vibrant, absorbing, and ingenious...collage of Morocco, that is not content to present the country as an exotic. The book's stories are actually interwoven through Morocco for the first time. All three of the characters are in personal tragedies. David Bradley wrote that "Ardizzone has so much to see what connects and what doesn't. When he's done seem different." The book has received excellent reviews in *Weekly* and *The New York Times*. Ardizzone traveled through Morocco and Mohammed V University in Rabat. He now teaches creative writing at Bloomington IN. *Larabi's Ox* is available from Milkweed National (formerly literature), 528 Hennepin Avenue, Suite 505, Minneapolis MN. Cost: \$13.00, paper.

Princeton University Press has released *Knowledge and Power: A Twentieth-Century Notable* in paperback. By Dale F. Eickelrath, first published in 1985, sets the life of a rural Moroccan judge in the context of Islamic education, the concept of knowledge it embodies, and the early years of colonial rule in twentieth-century Morocco to the looks and perceptions of the author and those of the "shrewdly perceptive current militant Islamic movements with other perspectives toward the contemporary world. When finished with the reading, intellectuals remain significant in Muslim life. Eickelrath is professor of Arabic at Hanover NH. He has previously written *Moroccan Pilgrimage Center* (U of Texas) and *The Middle East: An Anti-Corruption Knowledge and Power...* costs \$13.95, and can be ordered from

*The New York Times* wrote on 31 October 1992 that a film, *The Love Your Heart*, debut at the Odeon Plaza Theater in New York City, during the week looks at the lives, hopes, and disillusionments of three "uncolonized" living in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza. What makes *The Love Your Heart*, is that the director is 38-year-old Israeli, David Ben-Zur. Ben-Zur said that he "wanted to show that there is more to the stones and blood of the Palestinian uprising known by its acronym than the two-fold exile of the women. First, the obvious displacement of the women. Second, the subtler dislocation of all three women with the making, the film carried a minimum viewer age condition of 13. The film was defeated by the Labor Party in the June 1992 election; it was edited the film that was financed by \$130,000.00 that had been

### THE ATLANTIC CONNECTION

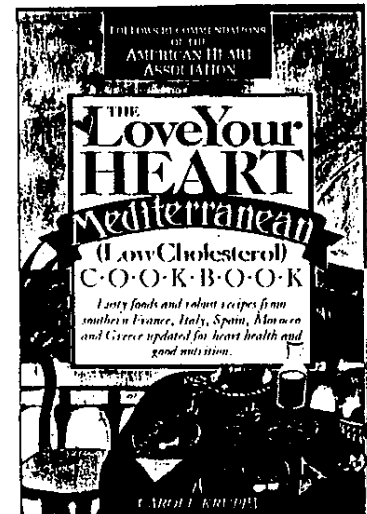
200 Years of Moroccan-American Relations  
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# Around the Maghreb

*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 on 29 November 1992, from Algiers, write that authorities would dissolve city governments, unions, and charity groups linked to Muslim fundamentalists. Announced by the Algerian government through the *Algerian (APS) News Agency*, it came at time when frequent attacks by fundamentalist guerrillas on police and arrests of supporters of the banned Islamic Salvation Front were common. Printing of the *Koran* was also outlawed without the permission of the Religious Affairs Ministry. Since March 1992, 1,500 city governments and 32 county governments have been dissolved.

On 16 December 1992, *APS* news wire reports from Algiers noted that police shot and killed thirteen Islamic militants after fundamentalists ambushed and killed five police officers. Over 250 police have been killed since February 1992, when a state of emergency was declared in Algeria. The turmoil has been the primary announced cause for cancellation of elections in January 1993.

From Algiers come news wire and radio reports on 9 January 1993 that a military court has sentenced nineteen people, many of them military, to death on charges of conspiring with Muslim fundamentalists to topple the government. They were among 79 people put on trial. Defense attorneys withdrew from the case after five days to protest the lack of respect for their clients' rights. They were replaced by five military defenders.

*Middle East Policy* includes several articles in the Volume I 1992 issue in a discussion of Islam. The entries include papers on democracy, relations with the west, women, nationalism, human rights, minorities, among others.

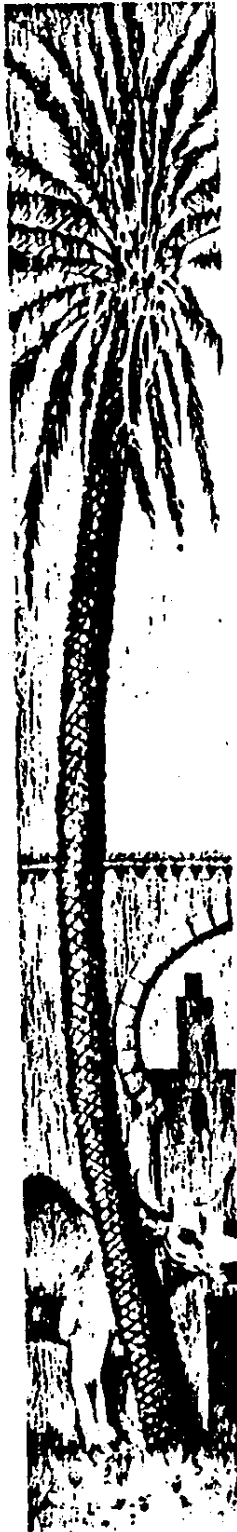
*Aramco World* includes an article in the September-October 1992 issue entitled, "Sidi Bou Said: A Study in Blue & White," by Charles O. Cecil. A story of the 2000-year old settlement, it was established as a suburb and fortress of Carthage, in Tunisia. A site that has been the home of Romans, Ottomans, the French, the Spanish, and Tunisians. The current village traces its origins to the Turkish period than began in 1574. A refreshing get-away for residents of Tunis, only 16 kilometers away, the blue and white town commands a wonderful view over the bay, pleasant areas to stroll, and contains several religious sites. The exterior character and architectural style of all of Sidi Bou Said's buildings are controlled by a local ordinance that was implemented in 1915.

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Stories of Morocco  
by  
Tony Ardizzone

Foreword by Gloria Naylor  
Drawings by Allan Servus

MILKWEED EDITIONS

## PC Gifts In Kind

Through a network of nearly ninety countries, the Peace Corps Gifts In Kind Program links the specific needs of the over 6000 Peace Corps Volunteers with donations of materials and services from the American private sector. The program also accepts financial contributions for the purchase of material resources.

Morocco is listed in the program as being in need of school supplies, camping equipment, electric and manual typewriters, and microscopes.

If you are interested in donating any such materials, contact Taylor Houck, Gifts In

Kind Specialist, Peace Corps,  
1990 K Street NW,  
Washington DC 20526,  
800/424-8580 (ext. 2227) or  
202/606-3360.



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## Seminars, Travel, & Study

-- The Center for Contemporary Arab Studies is focusing its annual symposium on Islam in North Africa. It will study the relationships between Islamism and Secularism, examining post-independence and pre-independence periods. Chaired by Professor John E. Ruedy, the symposium is scheduled for 1-2 April 1993. Contact the CCAS at Georgetown University, Washington DC 20057-1052.

-- La Caravane: Adventures in Food and Travel, will travel with Kitty Morse on another cook's tour of Morocco in February 1993. For more information on this or future tours, contact Kitty at La Caravane, Vista CA, 619/758-8631.

-- The University of Wisconsin is again offering a summer study program in Morocco. The program is scheduled for mid-May through mid-July 1993. Application information can be obtained from the University of Wisconsin, Off-campus Instructional Program, College of Letters and Science, PO Box 413, Milwaukee WI 53201, 414/229-5182.



## Morocco in the Press

### Comments from Around the World.

Associated Press reported on 21 December 1992 that Casablanca is the site of the first McDonald's Restaurant in Africa or the Arab world. It opened on 18 December, seating 300 diners. It is reportedly located overlooking the ocean. (Ed. Note: FOM will apparently have to help educate the reporters of the Associated Press, who described Casablanca as a "dusty port town." We also await a review of the menu.)

The New York Times reported on 18 October 1992, that Morocco is the last route to Europe for illegal aliens trying to "find a better life." Titled "Aliens Seeking Europe Try a Back Door in Spain," the article notes that since 1989, thousands of illegal aliens have crossed the Straits of Gibraltar, 1,587 through September 1992 (half of which were Moroccans). Now that the European Community has committed to eliminating borders, once in Spain immigrants theoretically can move freely throughout the continent. Boats, once carrying drugs for \$4,000.00 per shipment, are now carrying 20 or more immigrants at \$600.00 each. When caught, the aliens are sent back to their port of debarkation within 48 hours. Morocco has agreed to take back all Moroccans but will not accept other nationalities.

The Moroccan News Service (MAPI) reported from Casablanca that on 8 November 1992, a monument to the memory of US soldiers who died on Moroccan and Algerian shores during the allied landing in November 1942 was dedicated. The dedication day was on the 50th anniversary of Operation Torch, a turning point in WWII. Representatives from Morocco, the United States, France, Britain, and Germany were at the ceremony. Celebrations followed in Casablanca, Kenitra, and Safi, featuring port calls by the USS Tortuga.

Wire reports from Morocco note that Morocco purchased 698,000 tons of US wheat valued at 76 million dollars (653 million DH), in mid-November 1992. The purchase is part of the US Department of Agriculture's export inducement program for the selling of cereals.

Glamour magazine, in its July 1992 issue, featured Moroccan menus and recipes in its "[gourmet on the run]" column. It noted that Moroccan food can be healthy because of spicing that can eliminate the need for many fats. The article noted that couscous is the "national dish of Morocco" and that Fez is the "gastronomic capital" of the country (ed. note: debatable if you talk to a Marrakshij).

A news release from Madrid reported that demonstrations calling for the autonomy of Melilla, a northern Moroccan city still controlled by Spain, were staged on 6 December 1992, Spanish Constitution Day. The report was taken from statements of the mayor of Melilla. Other demonstrations were being planned in Sebta, also still under Spanish control.

In December 1992 in Fez, King Hassan II chaired a work session with Moroccan officers in charge of the Moroccan contingent to be sent to Somalia, according to a MAP wire report from Rabat. In keeping with Morocco's African policy and solidarity with Arab and Muslim countries, the King stressed the humanitarian nature of the action. The contingent of 1,250 servicemen will be led by Colonel Major Omar Essakali. Included in the group is an 86-member medical team.

Also released by MAP, from New York in December, is a report that Moroccan permanent representative to the United Nations Ahmed Snoussi Said, in a statement to the UN General Assembly, said that Morocco is deeply concerned over the tragic situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina and the Serbian atrocities against innocent and helpless civilians. Said urged the UN, particularly the Security Council, to adopt coercive measures provided for by the UN Charter to end such practices. He also called on the Security Council to lift the arms embargo imposed on Bosnia-Herzegovina to enable the population to defend itself.

Aramco World has two Morocco-related articles in its July/August 1992 issue. "The Orient of Pierre Loti" is based on Loti's writings from his trip to Fez and Meknes in the spring of 1889. A French novelist, Loti wrote lavish descriptions of scenes and circumstances in Morocco and the rest of the Islamic world, as far away as Egypt and Turkey. His Moroccan journey was recorded in the much read (at the time) *Au Maroc*. He befriended kings and commoners alike during his journeys. In 1907, when visiting Cairo, he prevailed upon authorities to open the Egyptian Museum for him so that he could view the exhibits by candlelight. He was sure that he would find himself there, from another life. He did -- Ramses II. He went so far as to have his profile printed on a post card with that of the 14th Century ruler. On the day that Loti was buried in France, 10 June 1923, flags flew at half-staff in Constantinople. The second article, "Another Romantic Remembers," concentrates on Loti's infatuation with Morocco and his book *Au Maroc*. Many modern commentators criticize Loti's Morocco as not resembling the real thing. He was an orientalist caught up in "exoticism," giving too much importance to physical sensations, instincts, and impulses.

In the September/October issue of *Aramco World*, Morocco is featured again in an article entitled "Berber Silver, Arab Gold." Though brief in words, it gives an extremely good overview of origins, uses, and symbolism of Maghrebi jewelry. It includes seven pages of superbly detailed color photographs.

The New York Times, in its 6 December 1992 issue, devoted six pages to Morocco. A well-photographed set of articles, the subject matter ranges from food to history to tourism. Traversing most of the country, it describes various aspects of real life while enticing the casual visitor to go to the country. Though aimed at potential tourists, it seems to be a very accurate non-chamber-of-commerce description of the country.



# 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:*

**Morocco Travel International.** Full coach fare on Royal Air Maroc between New York City and Casablanca is now being offered at a 15% discount. The discount is available to all Friends of Morocco members, along with their friends and families. Contact Morocco Travel International at 704 N. Glebe Road, Suite 200, Arlington VA 22203. You can telephone them at 800/428-5550 or 703/243-1001.

**Republic Pictures Home Video.** A new film, *Laura McKenzie's Travel Tips to Morocco*, is now available on video cassette from Republic Pictures. Highly recommended for those who plan a first trip to Morocco (or if you haven't been in several years), it is available from Republic at 12636 Beatrice Street, Los Angeles CA 90066. Local distributors can be found by call-

is about \$50.00 to \$60.00 (at \$1.55 to the pound).

**Imperial Fez.** According to one reviewer, the Imperial Fez restaurant in Atlanta GA, is "as decadent as dining gets -- without breaking the law." Diners are asked to remove their shoes at the door, before being led into lushly decorated dining rooms -- floors covered with Moroccan carpets -- to the music of a Moroccan lutist. The menu is *easy*: five courses...you only have to pick the entree: fowl, lamb, fish, or vegetarian. After ordering, the hand washing ceremony begins. Silverware is only available on request, hands being the utensil of choice. Before the main course, there is an interlude of *belly dancing*. To top out the evening, fresh mint tea is served. The *prix-fixe* meal is \$28.00 per person, exclusive of beverages, taxes, and gratuities. Imperial Fez is located at 2285 Peachtree Road (near Pier 1 at the Peachtree Battle Shopping Center in Atlanta. There are only twenty-five tables, so reservations are suggested on Friday and Saturday. You can call 404/351-0870 for more information.

**Tageen.** A Moroccan restaurant in London, England, it is located on St. Martin's Lane near the West End theater district. *Jerry Bookin-Weiner (Rabat/Sale 1972/73, TEFL)*, says that "without doubt, it is the best Moroccan restaurant (he's) eaten at outside Morocco." Food ratings range from very good to excellent and superb. The cost for two

ing 213/302-1682. Cost: \$19.95.

**Nova Design Boutique.** Now in its fourth year, Nova Design Boutique specializes in jewelry, clothing, accessories, and handicrafts from Morocco, as well as other parts of the world. Owned by FOM member Driss Jainet, originally from Meknes, Nova Design Boutique also is an underwriter of the *International Cultural Fashion Series* at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Boston MA. For 1993, the event will be held from 15 to 21 February. The week will include displays and fashion shows as well as daily dinners prepared by the chefs of the Mamounia Hotel in Marrakech. For more information about the Nova Design Boutique or the Ritz-Carlton Series, contact Driss at 90 Mount Auburn Street, Harvard Square, Cambridge MA 02138, 617/661-0026.

For flatwoven Berber rugs, covers, and pillows contact Susan Davis at 4 College Lane, Haverford PA 19041, 215/649-7717. A collector of such textiles, Susan usually has a few items on hand for sale in her Philadelphia suburb.

*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.*

## A New Video From FOM

# Letter from Morocco

*Letter From Morocco*, video made by FOM with the help of a Biden-Pell grant and the support of many other organizations, is out and ready to be seen.

Produced in 1991 by Beverly Seckinger (Tahala/Taza 1981/83, TEFL), the documentary records her return to Oued Amlil, in central Morocco, after having been gone for over four years.

The film centers around a former student who is now a teacher in a small village in the Middle Atlas Mountains. The action in the video follows the daily life of his family and his day teaching school.

It is a film that allows the viewer to experience impressions of the West (America) as revealed through the eyes of a Moroccan (and probably as seen by most residents of "underdeveloped" or "developing" countries). The dialogue is often lively and will definitely bring back memories of those long, sometimes endless discussions with Moroccan friends on the state of whatever.

The images, often only in the background of the video, of such things as no running water, no electricity, or giving up an education in favor of herding the family sheep, will bring sometimes startled reac-



tion from audiences who have not been able to experience other cultures beyond the protection of tour bus windows.

A well done and very informative documentary for which FOM can be proud.

You can borrow a copy of this twenty-six minute tape from FOM to show to civic groups, schools, or just a group of returned volunteers, by contacting FOM. There are copies available from FOM in Washington DC, or from the newsletter office for the middle of the country. We only ask that you return the tape within two weeks.

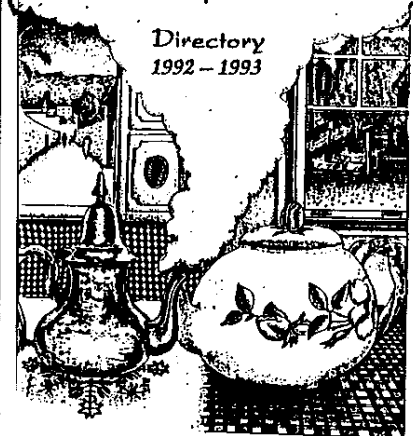


## Sistersong: Women Across Cultures

A new literary journal of women writers and artists, *Sistersong, Women Across Cultures*, published its first issue in the fall of 1992. Not an academic journal, it addresses the contemporary conditions of our world. The first issue includes nearly twenty articles, poems, and stories. The editor is Valerie Staats (Casablanca 1983/85, TEFL). For more information or a subscription, contact *Sistersong*, P. O. Box 7405, Pittsburgh PA 15213. A subscription is \$16.00 for one year.



## Friends of Morocco



The 1992-93 *Friends of Morocco Directory* has been finished and is being mailed to all paid members for 1990 through 1992. Directory production was coordinated by Becky Mangus (Rabat 1977/79, AV Specialist). The FOM Yellow Pages were produced by Colleen Fannin and Tim Resch. Assistance also came from Dave Brooks (MRPCV 1968/70, Ag Extension), FOM Membership Chair who did indexes for service year and present hometown, the list of deceased volunteers, the master mailing list, and the lost volunteers list. Numerous others worked on editing and mailing.

The lost volunteers list is repeated in this issue of the newsletter. If you know anyone on the list, send us their address and invite them to become a member of FOM. While supplies last, the *Directory* is a premium to new members. Additional copies are available for \$7.00, including postage. Order your copy at the FOM address in Washington.



## Development & Reform.....

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and education of special needs children.

As for education, traditionally PC/M's largest program, TEFL (Teaching English as a Foreign Language) at the university level will reach completion in 1993. English for Special Purposes will continue in maritime fisheries, science and technology, teacher training, tourism, agriculture, engineering, health, and promotion of business and exports (25 volunteers).

Education of the visually impaired continues in schools established throughout Morocco by the Alaouite Organization for the Blind. Peace Corps volunteers work with that organization to reduce the historically dependent behavior of the visually impaired in Morocco (6 volunteers).

Health and Sanitation volunteers work in remote areas on water-related sanitation issues. They also install and repair water supply systems (28 volunteers).

Volunteers with natural resource management and environmental education work on conservation of habitat, developing management plans for proposed parks, establishing biological reserves, and developing recreational forests. The program has expanded in the past year to include environmental education (12 volunteers).

In agriculture, veterinarian associate volunteers serve one year assignments, working

with Moroccan veterinarians in animal husbandry, providing veterinary services in project areas, as well as providing technical assistance to the production centers through transfer of skills.



Best Wishes From  
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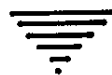
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*Vous presente ses Meilleurs Voeux pour 1993*

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## USAID: Investing in Morocco EC Advantage

The US Agency for International Development (USAID) reports in its December 1992, *West Coast International Business News*, that US businesses trying to gain a foothold in the European Community (EC) for their products and services might consider penetrating that market through Morocco.

As a former French colony, Morocco will continue its special relationship with Europe after the EC becomes one market at the start of 1993.

Morocco has recently liberalized its economy to meet World Bank and International Monetary Fund conditions. It has also shown considerable interest in US technology and in establishing commercial relationships with American companies.

USAID is introducing special programs and American technology to Moroccans.

For more information on trade and investment opportunities with Morocco, contact the Center for Trade and Investment Services, USAID, Washington DC 20523, 800/872-4348.

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# Master ~~u~~ Staffers

The newsletter, and all the previous newsletters, are brought to you by our editor, Bill Gaisser, and several brave and dedicated newsletter staffers in Washington, D.C.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank Barry O'Connor, Sean Kilby, Mike Hickey, Susan Farrall, Jean Emery, Suzannah de la Torre, Tim Resch, Christina Schildwachter, and Noreen Polk for their recent dedication to collating and addressing 1,500 newsletters each quarter. You've done a great job!

*Shokran Bizef!!!!*

## Cork Trees

It has been reported that the cork trees in Morocco are being endangered by disease that could tremendously affect the Moroccan cork industry.

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