Society in the 21st Century
The Fifth International Congress of PWPA

by Gordon L. Anderson

A World Hard to Comprehend

Recent advances in technology and the accelerated changes in human society make it possible for us to have a utopia or a living hell in the 21st century. The Fifth International Congress of PWPA Presidents held in Seoul, Korea in August 1992 examined many of the predictable advances in technology and a range of scenarios for the future ranging from nightmare to utopia. Then the 250 PWPA Presidents, futurologists, and technological experts participating in the conference discussed how their own societies could best prepare for the changes and make a transition to a better society in the 21st century.

The Fifth International Congress of the Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA) was held in conjunction with the 19th International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS) at the First World Culture and Sports Festival (WCSP). Academics from over 100 countries were in attendance.

In his opening remarks, PWPA International President Morton A. Kaplan stated; "The world is entering an unprecedentedly revolutionary era, much of which will be driven by technology and science. Those of us who sit here, if we could be put to sleep and brought back in fifty years, would be unable to comprehend the type of world that will confront citizens of that era.... We deliberately obtained a number of scenarios from utopian to dystopian and in between, as a mind-stretching exercise, so we could at least begin to think of the future.... How will these emerging technologies affect the organization of society, the physical constitution of human beings, their mental capacities, their conception of themselves, their relationship to other human beings, to a concept of God, or other important values? It is difficult to think of a more

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Return of Refugees and Displaced Persons
the Key for Peace in Croatia and Europe

by Krunoslav Petric

The tragic fate of more than two million refugees and displaced persons who had to leave their homes in the former Yugoslavia was the focus of the first conference organized by the newly founded Croatian Chapter of PWPA. Thirty-two professors, researchers and activists in aid work for refugees from Austria, Great Britain, Hungary and Slovenia gathered in Stubicek Topic near Zagreb to attend the conference on the topic “Return of Refugees and Displaced Persons: The Key to Peace in Croatia and Europe,” March 11-14, 1993. The conference was sponsored by PWPA-International and PWPA-Austria.

“We are spending $90 million per month for refugees and displaced persons. The number one problem in Croatia is the problem of refugees and displaced persons.”

The conference opened with an overview of the situation of refugees in Croatia and other countries. Professor Milan Mesic, the first President of PWPA Croatia emphasized; “We gathered people of good will and readiness to make both professional and personal efforts in better understanding the causes and the major problems of the refugee crises in Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina and in the broader areas of the former Yugoslavia. Then we are here to suggest some measures to be taken to assist refugees and displaced persons, and finally to seek for the perspectives of their return.”

Dr. Adalbert Rebic, the head of the Office for Displaced Persons and Refugees of the Government of the Republic of Croatia, which was founded in November 1991, painted a dramatic picture of the displaced persons (those who lost their homes but stayed in their country) and refugees (those who fled to another country) in Croatia. Through the war waged by Serbia and the Yugoslav Army against Croatia, 600,000 persons were displaced and 180,000 became refugees. After hostilities ceased in January 1992, many displaced persons could return to their homes, but 253,000 remain displaced, most of them living with relatives. When the war in Bosnia and Herzegovina started in April 1992, many refugees from there went to Croatia. After one year there were 410,000 refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina in Croatia. Together with the still displaced persons, there are 663,000 people to care for in Croatia. This amount is equal to 16 percent of the entire population. This would be equivalent to having 40 million refugees suddenly arrive in the United States.

“We are spending $90 million per month for refugees and displaced persons. The number one problem in Croatia is the problem of refugees and displaced persons. Last year we received 250,000 tons of food, medicine, clothes and other Humanitarian aid, which covered 60-70 percent of our needs. If new big waves of refugees would come from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia would have to send them on to Western Europe. We are totally exhausted. Our health care system is bankrupt—not to mention educational, psychological, social, ethnic and religious problems. Eighty six percent of the refugees from Bosnia are Moslems requesting, wherever they are, to observe the rules of their religion and daily life. The main problem is the return of all these people.”

Dr. Anton Grizold from the University of Ljubljana, in his presentation “Slovenian Policy for Resolving the Refugee Problem,” stated that Slovenia was hosting 70,000 refugees. Ms. Zorica Bukinac, who also made a presentation on Slovenia, recounted the following:

“Two boys went fishing, both from the refugee center. They threw two or three pieces of bread into the water to attract the fish. You know what the newspaper printed? ‘They are throwing away bread and we are starving.’ But the truth is that there are more than 30,000 Slovenian children who get only one warm meal a day.”

Prof. Dr. Horst Seidler, Vice President of PWPA Austria suggested; “Shouldn’t we take this occasion here in Zagreb to organize and set up a permanent council comparable to the Club of Rome? I think we need a permanent workshop to elaborate models for the future, and a ‘Club of Zagreb’ could be a proper and highly qualified institution.”

Prof. Dr. Josip Grguric from the Institute of Mother and Child Health in Zagreb explained the detailed program they have for providing the minimal needs of children in Croatia.

Prof. Dr. Drazen Kalogiera from the Institute of Economics and the University of Zagreb viewed the situation from the perspective of 600,000 unemployed people. He said that he disliked the use of the term “refugee” because it put people in an abstract classification and then...
The Present State and Future Prospects of Africa

The Fourth Continental Conference of PWPA

by Ferdinand Bekoe Akuffo

From June 28 - July 1 over eighty academics from Ivory Coast, Nigeria, Kenya, Botswana, South Africa, Malawi, Namibia, and many parts of Africa met at the InterContinental Hotel in Lusaka, Zambia to discuss "The Present State and Future Prospects of Africa." This was the fourth Pan-African conference of PWPA.

As an editor of the papers, I will suggest that the central thrust of the conference was about how to disengage Africa’s economies from the control of the international financial institutions, to enable Africa to develop and look after her own people.

The present world economic order seems to favor the developed "North" against the underdeveloped "South." The North buys raw materials from the South and determines the prices of commodities for people in the South. In this economic scenario, how can we expect the people of Africa to develop? Economic arrangements have eroded the financial bases of the people in developing countries. Instead of countries of the North trading on equal terms with those in the South, they use their trading arrangements to syphon resources from the developing countries and later only bring a small portion of these resources back to the South as loans or grants through their international agencies such as the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank (WB). The present economic arrangements hurt Africa both economically and politically.

Many countries of the South are being asked to liberalize their economies if they want financial help from the IMF or the WB. There seems to be nothing these countries can do but to listen to suggestions which will deprive them of the opportunity to control their own economies and future. After independence, many African countries adopted socialism as a means of bringing about development, not economic growth which is the goal of international capitalism.

Capitalism, by its very nature, is an economic system which tends to serve the interest of a few. While capitalism produces a lot of goods, they are out of reach for the average person in Africa. Socialism was adopted to try to correct this, to equalize distribution. When the international financial institutions come into the Third World with phrases like "liberalizing the economies," or "providing an enabling environment," we ask "Who are the beneficiaries of the new economic arrangements?" The answer is simple: the international institutions themselves.

The IMF and the WB always ask countries to liberalize their economies and drop central planning, which could target resources to crucial areas. They ask these countries to open up their economies to whoever wants to do business. On the other hand, the countries which host the IMF and WB have imposed tariff systems which make it more difficult for our goods to be sold in their markets.

Andres Gunder Frank, a South American social scientist argues that the solution for Third World countries is to break away from this type of trade. W. W. Rostow, on the other hand, represents the views of the modernization school who feel that the Third World can only develop through the modern strategy.

The future prospects for Africa requires a search for economic and social arrangements that can liberate their economies from present shackles. There is nowhere in the third world where the so-called Structural Adjustment Programme (SAP) has worked. The SAP is tailored to favor the developed countries, not the underdeveloped.

In this crucial time for Africa, we were pleased that Zambia could host professors to discuss this topic with the help of a financial grant from PWPA International.

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by Emmanuel K. Kouassi

The Ivory Coast chapter of PWPA held its second regional conference on the theme “The Question of Power in Africa” October 30 - November 1, 1992 at the International Golf Hotel in Abidjan. It was attended by 40 emeritus professors from West and East African universities. There were 28 papers presented at the conference.

The opening session was chaired by the Honorable Charles Donwahi, vice president of the National Assembly of Côte D’Ivoire. This was followed by four sessions meeting over three days:

- Session 1: Power and Economics
- Session 2: Power and Society
- Session 3: Power and Literature
- Session 4: Power and Philosophy

The debates throughout the three days were animated and so captivating that the media spent most of the time with us.

The highlight of the conference was the presence of Mr. Soumana Sako, the former Prime Minister of the transitional government in the Republic of Mali. He shared his view of political power through his short nine month term as Prime Minister. He spelled out his hope for democracy in Africa, but also expressed his worries about wrong understandings of democracy. The interesting point about this man, in his forties, is that he deliberately dropped a brilliant career in politics to become a normal citizen. This is very unusual in Africa. The President of Côte D’Ivoire received our guest from Mali following our conference.

In addition to our guest from Mali, we had professors from Burkina Faso, Benin, and Zambia present for our discussions.

In his closing speech, Mr. Donwahi expressed his gratitude towards PWPA for allowing professors of different political sensibilities to sit around a table to talk on issues of peace. We have great hope in the future of PWPA here in the Ivory Coast.

Emmanuel K. Kouassi
Secretary General of PWPA-Côte D’Ivoire

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Technology and Humanism
First Anniversary Symposium of PWPA-Taiwan

Dr. Yih-Young Chen (standing) giving the welcoming reflections on "Humanities for the Coming High-Tech Era."

by Yih-Fong Chang

On December 20, 1992, we held the first anniversary symposium of PWPA-ROC which was founded on May 16, 1992. The title of the symposium was "Reflection on Humanities for the coming High-Tech Era." There were four papers presented at a gathering of fifty scholars at the Taipei Municipal Library.

Dr. Wei-fan Kuo, the new Minister of Education, gave a keynote speech emphasizing the importance of value neutrality in scientific experiment, but that scientists should pursue areas of inquiry that can lead to human benefit.

Dr. Kuo noted problems that arise in our High-Tech era. First, there are questions of technological ethics. Second, are questions of technology in relation to the freedom and dignity of human life. He concluded that technology and humanism must interact with one another and that ultimately technology should be guided by human values.

Paper presenters were Dr. Chingsung Shen, Professor of Philosophy at National Cheng-chi University; Dr. Yang Chu, Vice Chairman of the National Science Council (NSC); Dr. Kim-chi Chiao, professor at the Institute of Scientific Education of National Normal University; and Dr. Tun-hwa Ko, professor of the Institute of Russian Studies of Tamkang University.

The conference was chaired by Dr. Yih-Young Chen, President of PWPA-ROC, who noted that this year per capita income in the R.O.C. has surpassed US$10,000. However, values have been neglected in the pursuit of High-Tech society.

The symposium was divided into two panels. The first was "Technology: How to respond to pluralism from the viewpoint of technology." The second was "Humanism: How to respond to a new High Tech era." Dr. Shen noted that in the process of Western scientific development, there were different phases of humanistic culture, often at odds with scientific development. 15th century humanism promoted 16th century science. Ideas preceded scientific movement. He argued that humanism should support four basic traits of science: objectivity, standardization, criticism, and creativity.

Dr. Chu outlined plans of the NSC to found "The Humane Studies Institute" with fifteen courses. This is aimed at promoting research to solve social problems, help national development, and humanize industry.

Referring to Sir John Snow's address "Two Cultures" (1959), Dr. Chiao emphasized the gap that exists between scientific and humanistic culture. Today, most people more highly respect the scientific culture. However, the present generation lacks the ability to distinguish good from evil or truth from falsehood in our world.

Dr. Chiao spoke about the dangers of politics without moral sense, faith without sacrifice, technology without humanism, and knowledge without responsibility.

Dr. Ko analyzed the causes of war as threefold; a struggle within human nature, competition for resources, and group or national exclusivism. He believes that science can work on solutions to problems in these areas. He noted with optimism the movement in the USA, Russia, and China to redirect elements of the defense industry toward public welfare.

Dr. Woo Wei, director of the Asia & World Institute, and Vice President of PWPA-ROC stressed the importance to integrate characteristics of Chinese culture, modern humanistic thought, and technology.
Teacher vs. Child Centered Education

PWPA Uganda

by Raymond Otuka

On May 30, 1992, the PWPA Uganda Chapter sponsored a seminar on “Teacher vs. Child Centered Education” at the Fairway Hotel Kampala.

The seminar was chaired by Dr. Ruth Mukuma, Professor of Linguistics and Dean of the Arts Faculty at Makerere University, opened by Mr. T. Mugoya, a retired Chief Inspector of Schools and closed by Mrs. G.N. Bitamazire, former Minister of Education and current Vice Chairperson of the Teaching Service Commission of the Ministry of Higher Education.

In his welcoming remarks, PWPA President A.B.T. Byamuhanga Akiiki stated: “For centuries, the Africans have regarded marriage, through which these values are transmitted, to be essential to adult life and identity, and to continue beyond the grave. Children have been known to be family, clan and community responsibility. These social structures, not necessarily the government, supply one with the needed physical, moral, psychological, intellectual, and cultural support at the various stages of human development. In order to educate children, from early ages, parents, relatives, and other members of the community need to be good examples themselves. They must be practitioners of what they may or may not verbalize. This action teaching by life example remains a very effective means of educating people. We notice that Western values and individualism are taught, where children have to be educated by their immediate parents and the government, a number of educational problems arise. In the African traditions, there is a recognition of what we may call education of heart, that includes love at many levels; brother-sister, parent-child, husband-wife, etc. There is child to child education, where older children pass things on from the elders to the younger children.”

Mr. Tom Mugoya stated that there are three bases which determine the decisions made in education; the society, the learner, knowledge. “The truth is that we live in an environment that is constantly changing... dizzying changes in science, technology, communication and social relationships. Education must develop people who are flexible... comfortable with change.”

Mrs. G.N. Bitamazire outlined some of the severe problems that Uganda, like a number of other third world nations, has in delivering adequate school services to children. With an expanding population, shortage of skilled teachers, and overcrowded classrooms, conventional methods of teaching are hardly possible.

The conference discussions of these and other papers led to 15 recommendations which were given as conference conclusions:

1. A teacher should learn several methods and be able to adapt to the students and the environment.
2. More teaching and learning aids should be made available.
3. Teacher Training Colleges should emphasize construction and use of effective teaching and learning aids.
4. The ethical behavior of school administrators can be improved.
5. Children should be encouraged in learning that develops all senses.
6. Parents, being the first educators, must be encouraged to be good role models.
7. Standardized regulations for the Parents Teachers Associations (PTAs) should be developed.
8. Curriculum at all levels should include positive cultural and moral values, management and problem solving skills.
9. Locally published texts are highly encouraged.
10. The Ministries of Education and Information should improve and intensify radio and television school programming.
11. Recruitment of teachers should be based on ability, commitment, and good conduct.
12. Meaningful incentives for innovation are recommended.
13. Teachers are encouraged to continue research to promote excellence.
14. A limit of 40-50 student per class should be set if possible.
15. A reading environment is important for every school, with an adequate library as a basis for state recognition of a school.

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Participants in the seminar “Teacher vs. Child Centered Education,” held in Kampala, Uganda
important concern, and one that is receiving less attention from both scholars and the media because we do not know how to deal with speculative topics.”

The Technological Papers
The technological papers were originally obtained as articles in The World & I magazine by Marcelo Alonso, Senior Researcher at Florida Institute of Technology and author of numerous books, including a recent textbook on physics. He introduced his topic with the following observation: “The human factors affecting the development of society are so unpredictable that a comprehensive forecast of the human future must be intrinsically flawed. At best we can guess some possible scenarios. Beyond ideology, politics, and religion, one other human factor exerts an enormous influence on social evolution in a profound, practically irreversible, and often unpredictable way. This is the human ability to acquire ‘knowledge’ about the physical world, and to apply this knowledge to create new things that profoundly affect human life. When this unique feature of human beings is carried out in an organized and methodical way it is called ‘science and technology.”

The following papers were prepared as study papers for this section; “Materials and Energy,” “The Universal Robot,” “Transportation and Communication,” “Biological Technologies,” “Bio-Medical Technologies,” “Inhabiting the Oceans,” and “Living in Space.”

The Scenarios
The panel on scenarios was organized by Charles Sheffield, Chief Scientist at Earth Satellite Corporation and a past president of the Science
Jerry Pournelle, noted science fiction writer and computer columnist, was the keynote speaker at the PWPA-USA Annual Luncheon Symposium, which was held at the University of Bridgeport (UB) on December 10, 1992.

Pournelle, who was finishing a new book on democracy, argued that food, pollution, material resources and population are all solvable problems. A real threat to Western Civilization’s development, and thus the ability to solve the above problems, is ignorance; poor education, poor social science, and ignorant political debates.

Pournelle criticized the ability of Washington to govern itself, let alone the rest of the United States. "The danger to democracy is that democracies historically have adopted laws that were unsuitable to democracy. They have committed suicide, as observed by the Framers of the US Constitution. Clearly to avoid that fate we have no choice but education."

Pournelle urged the University of Bridgeport to show the way to a new kind of education; to be a beacon showing the way to other universities. He praised the PWPA agreement with UB and encouraged the rapid transformation of the university in the areas of education and global communication.

The symposium was chaired by PWPA-USA President Nicholas Kittirie, who has been leading a study of democracy through a series of PWPA programs. Official discussants included Jacquelyn Kegley, a distinguished professor of philosophy from the University of California at Bakersfield, Richard L. Rubenstein, distinguished professor of religion from Florida State University, and Alexander Shtromas, an East European expert and professor of political science at Hillsdale College.

About 60 professors and members of the University of Bridgeport community attended the afternoon symposium.

The symposium followed a luncheon in the Dupont Tower Room with a beautiful view of Seaside Park and Long Island Sound. The luncheon was greeted by UB president Edwin G. Eigel and PWPA International President Morton A. Kaplan, who had flown up from Washington, where he publishes the World & I magazine.
Conference on U.S. - China Relations Brings Noted Experts to University of Bridgeport

by Walter Wager

More than two dozen authorities on relations between the United States and the People’s Republic of China came from Beijing and many parts of the U.S.A. to the campus of the University of Bridgeport for an April 16-18 conference on the present and future problems and prospects for the two great powers.

Devoted to frank exchanges on how the two countries might improve their economic and security relations now that the Cold War is history, the meeting was cosponsored by the PWPA and the China Institute of Contemporary International Relations (CICIR), which is a government agency in Beijing. Most of the ten Chinese delegates to the conference, which was organized and chaired by Dr. Ilpyong J. Kim who is a professor of political science at the University of Connecticut and a trustee of the University of Bridgeport, are associated with the CICIR. Others included Shen Qurong, leader of the delegation, Dou Ruguang, Deputy Director of Policy Research at the State Council, and Xia Liping who is a Research Fellow at the Defense University of the People’s Liberation Army.

The conference began with a reception and dinner on Friday evening at the Bridgeport Holiday Inn. Delegates and observers, who included West Point faculty and other academics plus regional business leaders, were greeted by UB President Edwin G. Eigler, Jr. and Neil Salonen, President of the International Cultural Foundation, before Dr. Everett Ladd of the Roper Center spoke on “The Role of Public Opinion in American Foreign Policy.”

Speakers at the Saturday morning session included Joseph Fewsmith of Boston University and David Zweig of the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. Donald S. Zagoria of Hunter College discussed “China and the U.S. in Asia After the Cold War” at lunch. The two afternoon panels featured such prominent experts as Dr. Kim who chaired the conference, Donald Klein of Tufts, Robert Ross of Boston College and Professor June Teufel Dreyer of the University of Miami and a UB trustee. Security issues and business questions such as most-favored-nation treatment were prominent matters on both Saturday and Sunday. The media representatives collecting the stimulating papers included reporters from the New York Times and the Connecticut press.

All those participating were unanimous in judging the conference a useful and successful exchange likely to improve mutual understanding.

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Edited by June Teufel Dreyer
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Edited by Manning Nash
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1992, 358 pages, index

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by Stuart William Greif, University of Otago, New Zealand

Fabled wealth and commodities like spices and aromatic woods have made Indonesia a focal point for trade down through the centuries. Nearly four hundred years ago Chinese merchants, explorers, and adventurers came first to trade and then to settle. Interviews with a variety of Indonesians of Chinese background tell the human aspect of the story of their assimilation. Its costs as well as its successes and rewards is the subject of this book. Schools, cinema, media, as well as religion and intermarriage have contributed to the making of one Indonesia. Although the trend seems to extinguish the Chinese culture, those Chinese interviewed agreed that assimilation is important and that it is working. Professor Greif predicts that soon it will be impossible to distinguish the racial origins of Indonesians.

1988, 89 pages, index

Education and Society: Bangladesh Perspective

Edited by M. Shamsur Ali, President, PWPA-Bangladesh

It is time to take stock of the literacy situation in Bangladesh. Perhaps no nation has incurred so much bloodshed in the effort to establish a mother tongue. In 1952, when Bangla became the national language, the literacy rate was 19.5%. Thirty six years later, literacy stood at 24%. There has been much talk but little action; basic education is a must as we prepare for the 21st century. The authors ponder the establishment of a core of young people, drafted into social service, to go out and train citizens to read.

1988, 102 pages
Paper, ISBN 0-943852-57-9, $7.95

The Ninoy Aquino Phenomenon II: A Study in Peaceful Change

This book is based on discussions which took place to reflect on the revolution in the Philippines after the collapse of the regime of Ferdinand Marcos and the accession of Mrs. Corazon Aquino. Participants included high Philippine officials, American scholars, and also Pedro J. Chamorro, whose family was working to oust the Sandinistas in Nicaragua. The discussions include the historical, ideological, cultural, and economic aspects of the transition.

1987, 152 pages
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European Studies
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The Idea of Europe: Its Common Heritage and Future
Edited by C. David Gruender and Evanghelos Moutsopoulos
"Europe" denotes not only a geographical boundary but a cultural idea. It is a composite legacy of the Roman Empire, Greek Thought, Christianity, and the scientific revolution. It was forged in connection with Islam and Marxism. It is also that part of the world which "made" the modern world. The authors of this book write on the contributions of the various components of Europe, its prospects for unity and the impact a common Europe is likely to make on the 21st century. Discussion between the authors is included to improve the reader's understanding of key issues. This book reflects the common desire of Europeans, both East and West, to work constructively to create a new and peaceful Europe.
1992, 352 pages
Paper, ISBN 0-943852-54-4, $17.95

Pollution Knows No Frontiers: A Reader
Edited by Klaus Schleicher
This book examines East and West European perceptions of pollution problems and scientific assessment of water, air, and soil pollution. The articles illustrate that "pollution knows no frontiers" either in ideological or regional terms or with regard to scientific subjects. The editor explains why ecological research must be connected with effects of civilization and changes in human behavior. Specific areas of pollution repeatedly discussed are the Danube River and the Baltic Sea. The problem of the spread of pathogens is also addressed.
1992, 334 pages
Cloth, ISBN 0-89226-127-7, $35.95

Religion, State and Society in Modern Britain
Edited by Paul Badham, St. David's College, Lampeter, Wales
This reader provides a comprehensive description of the religious situation in British society. It examines the trends toward pluralism and secularism with the Church of England. It discusses the situation of the Roman Catholic Church, free churches, folk religion, Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Sikhism, Buddhism, storefront religion, sects, new religions, ethnic churches, and women in the churches. The concluding chapters study the relationship of religion and politics documented with statistical data and charts.
1989, 393 pages

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Volume 2, Economy and Society, 1989, 797 pages, index

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Volume 4, Russia and the World, 1989, 398 pages, index
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—Valdimir Shevoutine, Moscow News, September, 1990

The Gulag Handbook reveals the fascinating world of the Gulag by defining expressions in the jargon coined by Gulag inmates and administrators. The detailed definitions include anecdotes from camp life which explore the relations among prisoners and between prisoners and police.

1989, 624 pages, name and subject index, Cyrillic and English
Cloth, ISBN 1-55778-024-2, $29.95

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Edited by Jane Shapiro Zacek

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Issues in Soviet Domestic Policy
1989. 320 pages, index.

Issues in Soviet Foreign Policy
1989. 382 pages, index.

The Strategic Triangle: China, the United States, and the Soviet Union
Edited by Ilpoyng J. Kim

This book looks at how each of the three countries sees the relationship between the other two, and at how Japan perceives and is perceived by China, Russia, and the United States. There are also essays on the superpowers and Korea and more.
1987. 244 pages, index.

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by Richard L. Rubenstein

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1983, 240 pages, bibliography, index
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Edited by Adnan Badran

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1989, 352 pages, index
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1987, 393 pages, 24 pages of photographs, 8 in full color, tables, index

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Edited by Adel Salman

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1990, 417 pages, index
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Edited by John Munro

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1984, 160 pages
Paper, ISBN 0-943852-12-9, $12.95

The Sadat Peace Initiative: A Scholarly Appraisal

Edited by Abdelaziz S. Nawar.

This book reports the frank discussions over the seemingly intractable Arab-Israeli problem. What is the state of affairs, the conditions and the prospects for peace in the Middle East ten years after the Sadat initiative? This book constitutes a revealing sociological document in its own right: it is evident that friendship and conviviality are indeed possible between Jewish and Arab academics even though violence is raging elsewhere at other social levels. PWPA-North Africa.

1989, 188 pages
Paper, $9.95
Cocoa and Chaos in Ghana
by Gwendolyn Mikell
Using well documented historical data and profound anthropological analysis, Cocoa and Chaos in Ghana explains the rural exploitation and political collapse in Ghana. Students of African, Ghanaian, and Akan history, society, economics, and politics will find this book intriguing. International development policy makers and practitioners will find the analysis of the impact of monocrop cocoa production at Ghana very useful.
1989, 307 pages, 3 maps, 11 photographs
Cloth, ISBN 0-94385-39-0, $29.95

The Second Scramble For Africa
Edited by Kivuto Ndeti and Kenneth R. Gray
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Produced by PWPA Kenya.
1992, 430 pages

Food Production and Agriculture in Africa
Edited by Anoumou J. Adjagba
This comprehensive volume brings together an impressive collection of African scholars and agronomists who offer detailed discussion of the African agrarian scene. There are French as well as English offerings contained herein covering a myriad topics. Chapters include, "Fish Farming as a Strategy for Development," "The Food Policy in Uganda," "Forestry and Forest Products in Liberia," and "Problems of Food Storage and Distribution in Nigeria."
1988, 394 pages

Zambia in the 1990s
Edited by F.K.M. Sumaili and Geoffrey Lungwangwa
The thrust of the present book is on education policy direction, financing of education, curriculum development for secondary school, the development of Zambian literature, the challenge of information technology, the role of research in development, and the exchange rate policy. The papers address major policy issues that have affected the country's development since independence and in recent years. In attempting to pave the way ahead each paper presents serious recommendations about the course of development for the country in the new decade. Produced by PWPA Zambia.
1991, 182 pages

Utilizing Local Resources for Development
Edited by Geoffrey Lungwangwa and Irene Sinyangwe
This book is an effort by Zambian scholars to develop the basis for self-reliance in Southern Africa. It tries to go beyond the dependent mindset associated with colonialism to develop constructive attitudes within the people to produce what they need. Education and constructive use of manpower, the endowment of natural resources, and health care are addressed. Produced by PWPA Zambia
1990, 183 pages
**La Democratie en Afrique**
Edited by Ndaywel e Nziem
This book looks at moving from the single party state, African culture, and economy to democracy in Africa. It discusses the formation of pluralism, a civil society, changes in education, and international assistance that might make the formation of democracy peaceful.
PWPA Zaire, 1992, 180 pages, French

**Employment & Education: Strategies & Opportunities for Development**
Edited by Kenneth R. Gray
Unemployment continues to be one of the most important social, political and economic problems in the developing world. This book attempts to come to grips with the shift taking place concerning the problem of unemployment in Kenya. Particularly vulnerable are the youth and women. Self-employment has emerged as an important aspect of the overall national development strategy.
PWPA Kenya, 1991, 233 pages

**Trends & the Future of University Education in Kenya**
Edited by P.P.W. Achola, Kenneth R. Gray, and B.W. Kerre
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PWPA Kenya, 1990, 135 pages
Paper, ISBN 9966-835-84-9, $9.95

**Unity and Cooperation for Nation Building**
Edited by S.A.H. Abidi
This book tackles the special problems which have forestalled the growth and development of unity and cooperation in nation building not only in Uganda in particular but also in Africa in general in the post-independence era. This selection of essays identifies the constraints involved in building unity but also recommends some remedies which policymakers in Uganda and the region could consider in solving the problems of national unity, ethnic integration, interdependence, and cooperation. The subjects of national language, public morality, education, culture, ethics and research are all tackled from an attempt to build unity.
PWPA Uganda, 1989, 80 pages

**Bottlenecks to National Identity: Ethnic Cooperation Towards Nation Building**
Edited by Jude J. Ongonga and Kenneth R. Gray
This book explores the means of going beyond the balkanization of Africa to achieve national identity while at the same time fostering consciousness. It confronts the challenge of promoting ethnic cooperation and the process of African identity and unity.
PWPA Kenya, 1989, 142 pages

**Regional Cooperation for African Development**
Edited by Nosibambi and Wangusa
Proceedings of the first East African PWPA conference. Addresses the need for a second African revolution involving academics, youth, and women.
PWPA Uganda, 1987, 74 pages
Paper, ISBN 0-943852-06-4, $5.95
**Post-Apartheid South Africa**
Edited by Eric Wainwright

Scholars from a wide range of institutions have examined the difficult and unstable situation in South Africa. The range of views presented, if not the widest possible, then certainly is as wide as any recently brought together within the borders of the Republic of South Africa. A consequence was much hard thinking, some sharp but instructive exchange and a good deal of humor. For the editor, the conference's outstanding contribution was to vindicate discussion, not in spite of, but precisely because of, the heat and proximity of change.

PWPA South Africa, 1989, 262 pages
*Paper, ISBN 0-943852-83-8, $10.95*

**The Political Economy of South Africa**
Edited by Albert J. Venter

It has become abundantly clear that South Africa's economic problems are intimately connected to its political future. The simplistic libertarian free market model is not sufficient in the present circumstances. Many important services, such as shelter, health, and education for the poor, are not attractive to the current market economy. The diverse groups represented in this volume shows that discourse within South Africa is quite possible.

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"These essays suggest that rule of law is not merely theory, but rather consists of an extraordinarily complex set of attitudes, institutions, and practices... It breaks the ordinary molds, and is delightfully unpredictable and challenging."

—Russell Hittinger, Philosophy of Law, Catholic University of America

1993, 236 pages
Cloth, ISBN 0-943852-89-7, $34.95

Federal Support of Higher Education:
The Growing Challenge to Intellectual Freedom
Edited by Roger Meiners and Ryan Amacher

This book is an examination of how higher education and research have benefitted and have been harmed by the government’s support and political influence. The history of government sponsorship and grants in the United States is discussed from several perspectives. A key issue is the rewards and restrictions that scholars and researchers must face in exchange for government support.

1987, 393 pages
asked governments to take care of them. "I am against the idea that the state has to be the force to organize all these people, all this money, because bureaucracy has its own laws and we need to avoid them if we possibly can. "We should directly aid each person, work with their families, homes and communities too, and avoid all of the intermediaries that cost so much."

Prof. Dr. Vladimir Gruden from the Medical Faculty of the University of Zagreb addressed the problems of refugees living together and the importance of tolerating other's habits.

Dr. Joseph Julian from the Joint Eastern Europe Center for Democratic Education spoke about the problem of self-determination in a way that decoupled it from state sovereignty. "This reading of self-determination, that associates it with state sovereignty only, ignores the role that individuals can play in nurturing a more progressive form of civil politics. There is another perspective on self-determination, one that recognizes the skills and capacities of citizens to join with one another to determine for themselves how they can tend to the public interest."

"The Mass Media's Support for Return" was the topic presented by Mr. Vilko Tezak, Director of the Croatian Press Agency in Zagreb. "World media, especially, did a lot to help Croatia and are now helping Bosnia. There are two faces; one is to inform the world what is going on and the other is to influence the world to help people in this region."

All together, 26 papers were presented at the conference. It was evident that the academic community expressed an active desire to help the refugees and displaced persons to return to their homes and reintegrate into normal life once again.

Krunoslav Petric, LL.D. is a member of PWPA-Croatia
New Foundations for World Peace and Liberty

PWPA Spain

by Armando Lozano

The old city of Toledo witnessed, February 21 to 23, the gathering of thirty scholars from different Spanish universities and institutions to discuss the general topic chosen for our conference: New Foundations for World Peace and Liberty.

The conference itself was initially scheduled to take place in December 19-22, 1991, in the Southern city of Almeria. But just the day of departure, a winter storm forced the closing down of the Madrid airport. To our disappointment we had to cancel the conference. Many months of preparations ended in a matter of hours. A few professors coming from Barcelona and Mallorca made it to Almeria to find the conference cancelled. One brave professor from Madrid drove all through the night to come to the conference. It was a very difficult moment for the organizers, who were amazed by the reaction of the participants, who gave many words of encouragement.

Two months later we gathered in Toledo, still talking about the chaos in the airport and the ordeals we went through, but quickly, after the opening remarks by our PWPA President, Dr. Rafael Alvarado, we were ready to tackle the topic “New Foundations for World Peace and Liberty” seen through the perspective of as many disciplines as people present.

If what we wanted was an interdisciplinary conference, we got more than what we asked for. Fourteen papers were presented followed by lively sessions of questions and answers. Many different issues were brought up by the papers or in the following discussions.

One of the recurrent issues was the improvement of communication as a path leading to peace. This was presented from a mass media point of view in the paper presented by Mariano Cebrian, head of the Radio Masters in Madrid University, and as interpersonal communication, by writer and theologian Enrique Miret Magdalena. Sorbonne Professor and Historian, Sergio Vilar, saw the need for such communication among all the different fields of learning. He promoted interdisciplinary studies and conferences such as the one we were attending.

The human search for happiness and love was at the root of the other papers. Dr. Andres de Haro, a Barcelona University biologist, saw in the search and fulfillment of love the basis for culture and social peace. Dr. Jose M. Rodriguez Delgado, a neurobiologist, stressed the need to focus on the biological similarities of all human beings if we want to achieve peace and happiness, and to deemphasize the historical disputes which have caused division in the human race.

Looking at the topic in a reverse way, genetics Professor Felix Perez described in his paper the need for a basic attitude he called “anti-hate,” as the way to solve any problem. Psychiatrist Francisco Alonso Fernandez presented strategies to moderate the tendency toward fanatical or extreme attitudes present in our modern societies. Felipe Cid Rafael, a professor of the history of medicine, went further explaining the helplessness of patients in today’s impersonal patient-doctor relationships, with added conflictive elements brought about by modern medical technology.

Fanaticism, intolerance, and prejudice between groups of people, nations and cultures was our next discussion opened by Isabel Gutierrez Zuloaga, Director of the Institute for On-Going Education in Madrid University. Her paper on “Multicultural Society and Transcultural Education” led to a very heated discussion. Her views on immigration and minorities education in Western countries touched on

Sergio Vilar, Enrique Miret Magdalena, Antonio Beristain, Mariano Cebrian (left to right)
some of the most sensitive problems Europe is facing today. In the same line but from a historical perspective, Salustio Alvarado, a professor of Slav history, compared the rise of nationalism in the East (using the example of the Ukraine) and the West (with the example of Catalonia) and the great difference between them. The paper led to a discussion about the breakdown of the Eastern European countries and the future of Europe.

Sociologist Jesús M. Paricio dealt with changing attitudes in the armed forces about the issues of war, politics and the professional army. It was an unique paper in our country where the role of the armed forces is an emotionally difficult subject to discuss. Furthermore, the presentation was given on February 23, the date Spaniards remember as the failed coup d'état by the military in 1981. Backed with a lot of statistical data, Professor Paricio, showed how far away Spain is from those days, but also how insecure the armed forces are about their future in a rapidly changing world.

Finally, the concern for our planet, our living earth, was present in the conference. Angel Vian Oñuño, former President of Madrid University, gave an evaluation of the greenhouse effect, tearing down many of the myths created by media, while not understating the damages suffered by the atmosphere. Professor Miguel Ballester Cruelles, an air physicist, gave us an update of the resolutions taken in recent international congresses on climatological changes. In the final paper, on property legislation, agrarian law professor, Juan J. Sanz Jarque, presented an ecological approach to property laws.

In few days we discussed some of the most important concerns of our time. We approached them in a positive way, hoping to clarify the new foundations for lasting peace and liberty. Besides the participants who presented their papers, we had to thank all those professors who acted as moderators or discussants, and the several charming wives who contributed many times to the discussions. Finally, we have to mention Professor Ballester who performed for us on the cello, and opera singer Mercedes Bustos, wife of one of the professors, for adding a beautiful musical component to our three days together.

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Fiction Writers of America, who worried in his own text that “If you remember the past too well, you will see no way that the future can ever be different,” An optimist, he argued that some of our greatest fears today; shortages of national resources and excessive pollution, may not be the major challenges to face. The earth may respond to increased carbon dioxide from burning fuels by growing more plants. He predicted that population growth would be controlled, that starvation would be eliminated, that medical treatment would be noninvasive, that cities would shrink to units of 30,000 or less, and that the work week would be reduced to ten hours.

Frederik Pohl, a pessimist who recently wrote Our Angry Earth with the late Isaac Asimov, predicted that the year 2042 will consist of a world with a minority of rich people living in technologically regulated and doomed environments and a majority of poor people living in pollution and squalor. The money which could have been invested in the future in 1992 was instead squandered on pork barrel politics, special interests, and the selfishness of the wealthy.

Jerry Pournelle, a writer, computer columnist, social critic, and another past president of Science Fiction Writers of America was cautiously optimistic. He believes that we have the technological capabilities to create a life of abundance for all but that our culture is dysfunctional. He noted that in 1991 the United States literacy rate was lower than Iraq and commented that the public school system in America has degenerated into little more than a vast welfare scheme. He ultimately believes that the crisis in America’s moral culture and educational system can be met by a revolution of the American people, who usually rise to crises, but rose to meet the challenge of World War II. Pournelle went beyond political and economic and technological solutions to conclude that this time the enemy is ourselves: “One thing is clear: any optimistic projection of the future must assume that the nation—all of Western civilization—will undergo a revival of morality and find new wellsprings of moral behavior. Indeed, one might even say that this is the very definition of an optimistic future.”

PWPA President’s Papers

PWPA Chapters throughout the world, were sent a booklet of the technological projections and the scenarios to study a year before the conference. Many chapters responded by holding national conferences on the theme, and some chapters had published books or newspaper articles locally on the theme before coming to the Congress in Seoul.

Six of the chapter papers, representing the different continents of the world, were chosen for presentation before the entire conference, then panels met regionally to discuss future society in their own regions. While each part of the world is unique, most writers agreed that we are now globally interdependent and that regional unification will become a trend in the coming decades. Many of the contributions from poor countries saw little relevance of the particular technologies the wealthy nations were producing, either because they were too poor, their cultures were indifferent, or that more appropriate technologies for their own situation should be developed.

Professor Armando de la Torre from
Guatemala spoke on behalf of many less developed nations when he said that “the point of reference will have to be the present state of development, not the development of those countries that have gone ahead of us in the race for progress.” He suggested that those nations now classified as underdeveloped will be divided into two divergent groups: (1) those that passively move by inertia and (2) those who aggressively pursue self-development which will accelerate the well-being of their populations. The Guatemalans expressed the desire to see “an authentically developed modern culture, by which we mean acculturation and assimilation of all those values that human experience has shown to be more beneficial to mankind.”

The Nigerians stated that “to build realistic future scenarios demands a new concept of power and a new concept of organizational values. To create future means more than new technologies; it demands creating cultures and peopling society with new culture bearers who will be able to adapt our imposed technologies and their cultural impacts.” They felt their challenge is primarily political and organizational revitalization, not technological breakthroughs as such.

Dr. Subhi Qasem from Jordan saw the major challenge of the Arab World as that of overcoming internal strife, resolution of the Arab-Israeli conflict, and integration into the larger world. The Arab world contains a great amount of wealth and scientific education and has been able to adapt it to specific problems, such as growing food in arid land. However, the diversity of resources in Arab countries requires regional cooperation if a better life for all in the Middle East is to be realized.

Professor Weerayudh Wichianjote from Thailand argued that balanced development would have to address the “three dimensional goals of life and society;” (1) spiritual and psychological, (2) social-cultural, and (3) material-economic. Science and technology, he argued, should be applied to each of these areas. The West, from this perspective, is bound up in an unbalanced development that refers science and technology primarily to the material-economic sphere, to a lesser extent the social sphere, and very little application to the spiritual-moral sphere. He argued that the long-term strength of the Buddhist culture was a stress on balance and the development of spiritual technologies.

There were many other interesting papers presented, most notable to me were those from Poland, Australia, England, and the Philippines. The conference was truly a chance for global dialogue with representatives of all the 15 new republics that made up the former Soviet Union present. Exchanges were often sharp, but mollified by the genuine goodwill on the part of all to work towards the creation of a better world.

Reflections

The type of exercise Professor Kaplan pushed us through was extremely valuable. It marked a turn in the history of PWPA from chapters being the passive recipients of presentations from the world’s experts on a theme to the development of an international academic body that is pioneering new ground for the future.

The Scientific Revolution

The introduction of the scientific method several hundred years ago has led to more accurate knowledge of the world in which we live. This knowledge has been accelerating exponentially and in our own lifetime one half of the technology used today was invented.

The first dimension of the scientific revolution to transform our social world grew out of physics and material and energy technologies. Galileo, Copernicus, Newton and Laplace helped us to understand principles of physics and mechanics, which in turn led to the development of machines and the industrial manufacturing of machines. Industry allowed our societies to change from traditional agrarian economies rooted in the family to an industrial and money based national economy. Our societies are still struggling to understand the role of the family and traditional values in a changing world. The capitalist versus communist debate was a social and ideological consequence of these modern developments.

The revolution in materials is continuing. Today we are developing superconductors and miniature machines which are built by the manipulation of individual molecules. The development of robotics and computers has reduced the need for heavy manual labor and thrust us into an information age. Virtual reality is able to place us in artificial sensual environments while sitting in our living rooms; it can be used constructively to train for flying aircraft or deep sea diving or it can be used as a drug giving us artificial stimulation in a society we feel powerless to control.

Today one of the most exciting and controversial developments of the scientific revolution has reached the biological stage. Our technology has allowed us to look at cells and genes and develop the potential to alter and create new life forms. We might create food in laboratories in cold climates by duplicating foods found naturally in the tropics, or we might create new foods all together. It is possible to develop new species of animals or to change the animals that exist. We might develop commercial biological products to replace conventional products. For example, bathroom cleanser might be replaced with a bacteria that consumes mold, mildew and grease. We may also be able to clone organ tissue and replace defective human organs with good ones, extending the human life span.

However, biological technologies can also be used for evil social purposes. For example, plagues could be produced to exterminate people the inventors dislike. We might select the features of our children that are currently fashionable in a manner similar to shopping for furniture and select fetuses which will have features we dislike (eg. color of eyes, skin, or hair). Besides the promise of good food and a long life, the biological technologies
also hold out the specter of mass extinction and the desacralization of life.

Technology is Directed by Human Beings

While basic science makes possible the development of an array of technologies, which technologies are implemented depends upon the motives of human beings. Technology can be directed for the good of all people or it can be used as an instrument of domination and control. Steel can make swords or plowshares. Technological developments are inevitable, but their form and use are determined by the type of people and society we have.

For example, we have many possibilities for transportation. If the world is run by a few powerful men, they will organize transportation centered on themselves the way “all roads led to Rome,” or to Moscow, or to port cities in colonized Africa. In the future they are likely to develop armed hovercraft that would ferry supplies between global industrial lords and mafia or gang leaders. On the other hand, if the world is further democratized we may develop pollution and accident free vehicles that can get anyone anywhere conveniently. Highways can be built with buried conductors to power electric cars that would have sensors which would automatically guide the cars and keep them from colliding with one another. We could thus imagine a society with the convenience of the contemporary automobile but without many of the negative consequences.

New developments in technology are upon us. If we do not plan their use for good, they will be developed by others for evil. While we have immediate economic needs and crises, we may find ourselves as unwilling slaves in an undesirable future unless we know about the world we live in, the changes that are coming, and plan for them accordingly.

We Live in an Important Period

Most of human history has been dominated by authoritarianism of one type or another. Previously it had been impossible to imagine shaping a world where science and technology could be applied to the betterment of all and not just the betterment of a few. Through the last four hundred years we have witnessed the breakdown of oppression, whether it be by religious, political, economic, or military authority.

While good people and good societies can lead to good ends, in most of history good people have been prevented from making their contributions by systems of domination. Science and technology have benefitted only a privileged few.

Today, with the near universal acceptance of some form of democracy, there is an opportunity for masses of people to direct the use of science and technology to a better life for all. However, this requires widespread education and a moral culture that respects all people as having equal dignity. This will mean transformation of traditional cultures and the animosities toward others they have often created.

The new world culture will require, as Professor Wichiarajote explained, balanced development of the spiritual, social, and material dimensions of life. It will require, as Armando de la Torre stated, the desire to transform our own cultures by adapting to new technologies as well as adopting values that have proven to work better for others. I would agree with Dr. Pournelle’s comment that new wellsprings of moral behavior might even be the definition of an optimistic future.

Not adequately discussed at the Fifth International Congress of PWPA was the role that the family, which in a more fundamental way than the schools, is the wellspring of moral behavior. For an optimistic future to be realized then, the family must perform its role of creation of good people. We have therefore, I believe appropriately, chosen “The Future of the Family” to be the theme of the Sixth International Congress of PWPA to be held in 1995.

The opening address was given by the Honorable Arthur Wina, Minister of Education of the Republic of Zambia. The conference chairman, Dr. John Milimo, welcomed the scholars from over twenty-five countries.

The conference was organized into two panels. This first, which met in six sessions, examined the economy and resources for development in the present situation.

The second panel, which met in three sessions, was concerned with issues of philosophy, education, and values.

There was extensive media coverage. On June 28th and June 29th professors attending the conference appeared on Kwacha Good Morning Zambia television for interviews about the conference and PWPA. The official opening session was covered by both radio and television news as well as the Times of Zambia and Zambia Daily Mail. On June 30th ZNRC television carried a special interview with Conference Chairman, Dr. John Milimo, the President of PWPA Zambia.

At the closing cocktail, the Honorable Minister of Technical Education and Vocational Training Akashambatwa Mbikusita Lewanika came to grace the occasion, with many kind words for PWPA. About 100 people attended the event, with several senior heads of departments from the University as invited guests.

The conference also resolved that efforts be made to give PWPA status with the Organization of African Unity (OAU). It also resolved to meet for the Fifth Pan African Congress in South Africa under the theme “Africa’s Strategy for the 21st Century.”

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Noteworthy PWPA Events

Austria—PWPA Austria had its founding meeting in which the protocols of its constitution and first officers were chosen. This occurred on May 13, 1992 at the Hotel Biedermeier in Vienna. Representatives from PWPA chapters in Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Poland and PWPA-International were present to witness the events. Prof. Dr. Michael J. Higatsberger, Professor of Experimental Physics at the University of Vienna, was elected President. O.Prof.Dr. Horst Seidler, Institut für Humanbiologie, and the University of Vienna was elected Vice-President.

PWPA-Austria sponsored the “Leo Gabriel Memorial Lecture” on December 4, 1992 in commemoration of the professor who pioneered PWPA activities in Austria. The program “Dialog and Peace” was opened by Professor Higatsberger. Professor Johann Mader gave a lecture on “Integral Thoughts: Freedom and Peace” (“Integrales Denken: Freiheit und Frieden.”). He was followed by Professor Christof Güntel whose speech was titled “Achievements of a Great Austrian Philosopher.” The program concluded with videotapes of the activities of PWPA Austria.

Czechoslovakia—PWPA Czechoslovakia held a study conference on “Czechoslovakia and the World of 2042,” May 8-9, 1992 in Skalský Dvůr. Professor Jaroslav Macháček concluded in his paper that environmental sensitivity, higher level education, and economic efficiency will be important for improving the quality of life in Czechoslovakia.

England—The British Academy for World Peace celebrated its foundation day with a dinner and speech on December 16th at the Royal Over-Seas League, St. James.

Greece—PWPA Greece and the Greek News sponsored a seminar on “Academic Freedom of Speech” at Panepio University of Political and Social Studies in Athens on October 31, 1992. Six papers were presented by academics from Greece, Bulgaria, and England.


India—Fifty-four members and guests of PWPA-India attended the conference “Problems in Education and Culture in India Today,” at the Vikram Hotel in New Delhi, November 28-29, 1992. The conference was inaugurated by Mr. Man Mohan Singh, the former Joint Secretary of Culture in the Ministry of Human Resource Development, who actively participated in the entire program.

Poland—PWPA Poland sponsored a two day workshop on the theme “Poland in the 21st Century” in Obyr (near Warsaw) in June 12-13, 1992. The program consisted of six panels. Twenty-six professors addressed a number of issues which must be addressed by Poland, including: influence of the family and home on the future, school efficiency, state institutions, religion and philosophy, moral values, social diseases like drugs and alcohol, the environment, and mass media.

South Africa—PWPA South Africa sponsored a conference titled “The Healing of South Africa” near Johannesburg on May 27, 1993. The conference was chaired by Professor Albert Venter, President of PWPA South Africa. Participants included a wide range of persons from the ANC, several universities, and government policy advisors.


Uganda—PWPA Uganda sponsored a public lecture at Makerere University on December 14, 1992 by the Ambassador of the Russian Federation to Uganda. The Hon. Dr. Edward Kuzmin spoke about Russia’s approach to Africa after changes there. He emphasized a non-ideological relationship, the common goals of world peace, well-being of people, justice, and the struggle against poverty and disease. He emphasized actively looking for economic trade.


Zambia—PWPA Zambia was invited by the Secretary General of the Preferential Trade Area for Eastern and Southern Africa (PTA) to participate in the inter-governmental commission of experts meetings, the Council of Ministers meetings, and the 11th summit of Authority (for heads of states) and the 10th anniversary celebration of the organization. The events were held January 15-17, 1993 in Lusaka.
Participants in the conference “Czechoslovakia and the World of 2042” held in Skalský Dvůr

A working session of the Skalský Dvůr conference
In front row Jaroslav Macháček and Jan Prucha

The head table at the conference in India
Dr. M. Joswalli, Dr. F. Hauer, Mr. M. Mohan Singh,
Mr. B.S. Shokla, Prof. Bhiday

The audience at the 9th Annual Conference of PWPA-India

PWPA Conference on Transition to Democracy in Eastern Europe” pose for a group photo in Budapest

A working session of the Hungary conference
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