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Global TA Action Project a Resounding Success

by Florence Olivier

On March 21, 1989, the world became smaller as the hands and hearts of TA people stretched to encircle the globe with loving activity. ITAA President Vince Gilpin had invited TA people worldwide to show solidarity on that day by participating in some project related to local or planetary social issues. The response was a moving demonstration of our conviction that TA principles and concepts apply to issues of global significance.

From Aruba to Yugoslavia, over a hundred events were planned, carried out, and the results celebrated by over 65 groups. It is difficult to give a full picture of these events, which ranged from large groups organizing ongoing projects to individuals taking individual action. In addition to events planned specifically for that day, on March 21 many people recommitted themselves to social action projects in which they were already involved.

Many people gave of their time, money, and energy to help organize this global event, including President Gilpin, the Board of Trustees, Project Co-Chairs Morris Haimowitz and Claude Steiner, Florence Olivier, the area coordinators, and, of course, each individual who took part. Other people gave financially by donating all or a portion of their income for that day to some cause.

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It is not easy to describe the variety, creativity, skill, and love that illuminated the more than 100 projects that we know of already. To name each person and each activity would take pages, but we offer here a summary of some of the broad areas that were addressed.

Environmental Issues—Fifteen groups and individuals (Ottawa, Saskatchewan, Nebraska, Chicago, Portugal, Oakland) involved themselves with concerns such as the greenhouse effect, air pollution, soil erosion, endangered species and tribes, rain forest destruction, and recycling. They raised money and educated others through TA, video, talks, seminars, and workshops.

Mental Health Issues—Six groups directed their attention to the delivery of effective mental health care (Vernon, British Columbia; Belgrade, Yugoslavia, London, England; Kerala, India; Nottingham, England; and Pennsylvania). A project in Kerala State, India, included a thoughtful plan which utilized the TA training network to maximize the quality and quantity of improved mental health services in all the centers in Kerala and Tamal Nadu states.

Health Issues—Among the representative activities, the Calgary, Alberta, Canada, group addressed the thalidomide tragedy; a group in Portugal trained government staff to be more effective; and Kent, England, looked at TA in health care programs.

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Jan Grant Celebrates Global TA in Sydney, Australia

REFLECTIONS ON KULL'S *MINDS AT WAR*

When Nuclear Logic Fails, Contaminated Thinking Prevails

by Carla Haimowitz

Even before I finished psychologist Steven Kull's book, *Minds at War*, I could hardly wait to share it with friends and colleagues in the ITAA. Based on interviews with 84 high-level American defense policymakers (members of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the National Security Council, the Senate Armed Services Committee, the Rand Corporation, Pentagon officials, and others) and thirty Soviets (academicians, diplomats, retired military officers and others), the book is about what happens *after* one says the emperor is wearing no clothes.

Kull poses questions many of us are itching to ask these men in power: 1)Why is it so important to maintain a balance of nuclear force equal to the Soviet Union when we are already assured that we can destroy them? 2) Do they really think they can win a nuclear exchange? 3) Why bother to develop the ability to destroy missles in silos when the other side can launch them before they would be hit? 4) Do they actually believe the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) will protect people?

The candid replies that Kull elicits to these questions are compelling and astonishing. We learn that policymakers cannot explain defense policies in terms of security interests and still account for nuclear reality. As the interviews unfold it becomes apparent that policies ostensibly developed for security reasons are actually meant to satisfy psychological needs.

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For example, many of those interviewed expressed the idea that acquisition of additional bombs brought more prestige and status to their owners. In relation to the MX missle or the Trident submarine, one strategic analyst said, "All roads in the strategic equation lead to mutually assured destruction. All the other ones . . . are games, are window dressings, and they are window dressings for upmanship." Kull then asks, "Why? To what end?" Respondant: "Prestige, self-assurance" (p. 228).

Other interviewees emphasized that defense policymaking is arranged to boost morale. A State Department official explained:

> In the end . . . if you want to discuss what buying weapons is about, it's to make yourself feel

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EDITOR'S COLUMN



by William Krieger

The Art of Compromise

I just tore up an editorial I had started to write. It was all about time and how we waste the seconds of our lives. The problem is it was getting too long, and because of the conference insert we have only four pages of other content rather than the usual eight. So I thought about writing something pointing out that we have switched to desktop publishing and asking how everybody likes the new look. The problem is that nobody but the editorial staff would be very excited about it, and some readers probably haven't even noticed. So I thought about not writing an editorial and using the space to run some material we didn't have room to put in this issue. The problem is I didn't believe that reasoning.

So I've decided to write a short editorial about compromise which will be printed using desktop publishing.

The above sentence is my editorial about compromise. Reread it! What method of compromise does it represent? What other methods are there?

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Question for the Month: When faced with a problem and you compromise, does it feel good?

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TRANSACTIONAL ANALYSIS IN PRACTICE COLUMN



by Gloria Wax and George Imperato

The Joys of Summer

It's that time of year again. Our flower garden is in bloom, and the vegetable garden is planted. The lawn needs cutting again, and all the woolens are put away in moth flakes. Yesterday I had to turn on the air conditioner for awhile. Even the kids that usually drag along past the house on their way to school have new bounce in their steps. They know what I've almost forgotten. School will be in recess for the summer: No more pencils, no more books, no more teacher's dirty looks!

Last night I heard the jingle of the ice-cream vendor as he passed slowly through the neighborhood. I felt the excitement of the approaching summer as thunderstorms rumbled by. How nice to relive my youth and the joy of summer. Maybe it was packing up for camp or a family trip to the mountains or beach, Fourth of July with barbeques and fireworks, and trying to catch fireflies in a jar. Summer is almost upon me, going away on vacations, summer conferences, and oh oh, what about my practice?

Whenever we are away it is instant unemployment (no money), and if that isn't bad enough, sometimes when we return the practice contracts (nice idiomatic phrase for "some clients don't return"). This is most likely if we are absent for over a week. "Well, not to fear, we'll just limit our absences to a maximum of a week," we tell ourselves. The problem is that it is hard to really unwind in a week and it limits traveling if you are touring.

We asked colleagues for their experiences and suggestions and found some who dread going away for over a week and others who are absent frequently. In addition to vacations, some have training commitments in distant places and experience practice contraction while others do not.

There are many reasons clients terminate prematurely, and we are not going to go into those here. Rather, we want to emphasize that we have found it helpful to prepare clients for our absences by explaining during initial consultations that we travel a good deal. In addition to vacations we have professional commitments to attend conferences, workshops, and continuing education opportunities. We make a point of telling our clients about planned absences as soon as possible. For some clients knowing six months in advance is appropriate for absences of more than one session.

Taking this precaution has enabled us to "get away more" and to minimize disruption to our clients and our practice. However, it is not a perfect solution, and although infrequent, we still sometimes get the message on returning from a trip, "I'm canceling my appointment. I've found another therapist."

Aah, if only we could figure out a way to get paid while traveling!

As always, these are our own personal thoughts and not those of *The Script*, the ITAA, or the T&C Council. Please send us your comments at 168 Howard St., Dumont, NJ 07628, USA.

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TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION COUNCIL REPORT



by Ian Stewart

Credit Where Credit Is Due

All TA practitioners commit themselves to maintaining their professional development after accreditation, but how can this commitment be monitored? How can credit and recognition best be given to those who continue their education and contribute to the TA community?

In answer to these questions, the Training and Standards Committee is instituting a program of Continuing Contributing and Education Units (CCEUs). The program's provisions include the following:

1. The CCEU is a voluntary program.
2. No member is deprived of his or her ITAA membership or T&C certification status if he or she does not participate in the CCEU program.
3. All members who participate in the CCEU program will have an asterisk placed next to their names in the official T&C Directory of Certified Transactional Analysts. The asterisk will be foonoted as "participant in CCEU program." The CCEU program will be described in the front of the Directory.
4. The T&C Council office will only include on the information list of certified TA providers those members who participate in the CCEU program.
5. Each participant will be required to accumulate 40 CCEUs every two years.
6. Details of CCEU credits are as follows:

a) One contact hour as a workshop participant: one CCEU.

b) Each hour participating as an examiner, supervisee, or rover in a Certified Transactional Analyst exam or a Transactional Analyst Supervisor and/or Instructor exam: one CCEU.

c) Each time participating as an exam supervisor or coordinator: five CCEUs.

d) Each written exam perused and marked: one CCEU.

e) Each Training Endorsement Workshop staffed: one CCEU per day.

f) Supervisors and coordinators of Training Endorsement Workshops: five CCEUs per workshop.

g) Each workshop given free at a TA conference or for a minimum fee ($25): one CCEU.

h) Each year as a Board member or chairperson of a standing committee of the ITAA, an affiliate, a regional organization, or the T&C Council: two CCEUs.

i) Each year as a subcommittee chairperson of a standing committee of the ITAA, an affiliate, a regional organization, or the T&C Council: one CCEU.

j) Every ten hours of being supervised or having personal therapy: one CCEU.

k) Every ten hours taking a course within the member's specialty: one CCEU.

l) Five books read within the member's specialty: one CCEU.

m) One hour listening to audio tapes within the member's specialty: one-half CCEU.

n) Each TA article printed in the *TAJ*, any other relevant journal, or as a chapter in any book: one CCEU.

o) Each TA book published: five CCEUs.

7. All Contributing units will be for ITAA, affiliate, regional organization, or T&C Council. Education units may be in any area the member deems appropriate for himself or herself.
8. Any member who needs to fulfill CCEUs for another organization or for licensure may use those CCEUs for this program if they fit the aforementioned criteria.
9. All members who responded to the original letter regarding CCEUs need only accumulate twenty CCEUs during the next two years.
10. CCEUs will be accumulated for this program beginning in January 1990.
11. No more than ten CCEUs can be credited within one area.
12. There will be a $25 charge for evaluating CCEUs.
13. Exceptions to this program will be evaluated upon request by the CCEU Subcommittee. □

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1990 III JOINT WINTER CONGRESS

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Thursday-Saturday, January 18-20, 1990
Oaxtepec Conference Resort, Morales, Mexico
"Expanding Boundaries in Theory and Practice"

Pre-Congress Excursion to Mazatlan: Saturday-Tuesday January 13-16
Committee Meetings and BOC Exams: Wednesday-Thursday January 17-18
ITAA Board Meets: Saturday, January 20



Robert Bly

Keynote Speaker

We enthusiastically announce that poet, literary critic, writer, and translator Robert Bly will give the 1990 Winter Congress Keynote Speech on Thursday, January 18, followed by an all-day workshop on Friday, January 19. Bly, who studied under mythologist Joseph Campbell and Jungian analyst Louise von Franz, blends poetry, Jungian psychology, and Eastern and primitive spirituality in his work. He has published close to a dozen books of poetry and numerous translations, including translations of South American writers Cesar Vallejo, Pablo Neruda, and Juan Ramon Jimenez. Bly is a superb storyteller—an antagonist in the best sense of the word—who constantly forces people to reevaluate themselves and their communities.

At the Winter Congress Bly will address "Male Initiation and the Grief of its Absence" in his keynote speech and "What is the Appropriate Mythology for Men Now, or Where are Men and Women Now?" in his Friday workshop. This theoretician of male ritual and tradition will discuss new developments in male and female relationships which liberate both genders from traditional roles, material which will be of particular interest to therapists looking for advanced theory to incorporate into their practices.

1990 Joint Program

In January the International Transactional Analysis Association will join forces with the Mexican Association of Transactional Analysis and the Latin American Association of Transactional Analysis to cosponsor the 1990 Winter Congress. We will return to the scene of our highly successful 1983 joint Congress, Oaxtepec Conference Center, where we will welcome an estimated 350 participants for an exciting educational program. A spirit of clear communication and cooperation will be evident as we join together for this truly international experience.



Oaxtepec Conference Center

Oaxtepec Conference Center is one hour south of Mexico City by bus. As the oldest resort in Mexico, it is popular among Mexican vacationers for its rustic atmosphere, low cost, and natural beauty, which includes a hundred hectares of trees and gardens, a lake for swimming, a river with sulpher water, 17 swimming pools, four diving pools, a small market, athletic fields, and a track. The temperature averages 78 degrees F. with low humidity in Janary. Meeting rooms are excellent, but bring your walking shoes—the resort is spread out over hills, with many steps, and much walking is required.

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Tentative Schedule

Saturday, January 13

Optional Pre-Congress Excursion to Mazatlan (3 nights)

Tuesday, January 16

Late Afternoon/Evening: Arrival by bus at Oaxtepec

Wednesday, January 17

ITAA Committee Meetings
BOC Examiner & Examinee Meetings
Opening Event and Dinner Dance

Thursday, January 18

BOC Exams

TA Track Program:
Plenary, Panels, Workshops
(In Spanish with some English interpretation)

Advanced Theory Track.
Free time, excursions

EVENING: Keynote Address by Robert Bly (2.5 hours)
"Male Initiation and the Grief of Its Absence"
(In English with Spanish interpretation)

Friday, January 19

TA Track Program:
Plenary, Panels, Workshops
(In Spanish with some interpretation)

Advanced Theory Track
TA Support Groups
All Day Workshop with Bly:
"What is the Appropriate Mythology for Men Now, or Where are Men and Women Now?" (In English with Spanish Interpretation)

Saturday, January 20

TA Track Program:
Plenary, Panels, Workshops
(In Spanish with some interpretation)

Advanced Theory Track
TA Support Groups
Roundtable Discussion on Advanced TA Theory
Advanced Theory Workshops
(Also: ITAA Board Meets)

Evening: Closing Ceremony & Dinner Dance

Sunday, January 21

Return to Mexico City by Bus

Scientific Program

Program opportunities are offered to tempt every level of professional or general interest participant. The MEXAT organizers have prepared a solid three-day program of general and theme topics related to the theory and practice of transactional analysis. These presentations will be in both Spanish and English, with volunteer interpretation offered to the greatest extent possible. An introductory two-day course, Transactional Analysis 101, will also be offered (in Spanish) for newcomers interested in augmenting their current professional or interpersonal skills through the use of TA.

The Advanced Theory track will feature the Bly keynote speech and all-day workshop. On Saturday there will be a new format, beginning with a roundtable discussion organized by Martin Groder, MD, and featuring four or five discussants who will address an area of advanced TA theory. Following the plenary session, the roundable discussants will each lead a workshop in which they will develop the ideas they presented at the roundtable. Finally, after the workshops we will all gather together again for a closing plenary session and further theoretical discussion.

On two consecutive mornings TA Support Groups (in English) will again be offered. These groups offer participants a chance to sample various leadership styles while bringing a special cohesiveness and personally rewarding dimension to the Congress program.



Robert Bly

Some Reflections on Keynote Robert Bly

by Conference Committee Chair Ed Perkinson

Robert Bly, one of the most accomplished and widely read writers on male ritual and tradition, is well-suited to offer us an experience consistent with the Congress theme: "Expanding Boundaries in Theory and Practice." He is described in the Dictionary of Literary Biography as follows:

> Although some reviewers are most impressed with his poems of social consciousness, Bly's quiet poems of the unconscious are more clearly in the mainstream of his poetic development. As Anthony Libby says in the Iowa Review (Spring 1973), "Bly is . . . the mystic of evolution, the poet of the 'other world' always contained in present reality but now about to burst forth in a period of destruction and transformation." In the same journal three years later, Michael Atkinson praises Bly's ability to weave together "the personal and the public, the psychological and the political modes of experience."

In *This Tree Will Be Here for a Thousand Years* (1979), Bly explores the richness of life and his contention that human consciousness is only one of the many kinds of consciousness operating in the universe.

> More and more I notice a sort of ground tone audible under the words of poems. The ground tone in these poems is the consciousness out there among the plants and animals. One day sitting depressed in a cabin on the shore of a small lake, I wrote about depression. . . . Many people who think about it believe that the desire to weep comes entirely from inside us. Conservatives in these matters declare that human intelligence stands alone facing a world that appears sometimes hostile,

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Robert Bly

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> sometimes inviting, but that actually possesses neither intelligence nor consciousness. Many ancient Greek poems, on the other hand, suggest that human beings and the "green world" share a consciousness. (p. 9)

The realization of a second consciousness does not necessarily produce a sense of separation or loss. Bly's intention is to "achieve a poem where the inner and outer merge without a seam." With his startling images, separate worlds become one, and the concept and experience of intimacy take on a richer and deeper meaning.

Robert Bly's audience stretches far beyond the poetry world. In his upcoming book, *The Wild Man and Other Stories*, Bly presents a psychic interpretation of classical fairy tales as they relate to masculine development. Since the early 1970s Bly has struggled with the male side of the American psyche. Jung's theory of personality as a combination of impulses that are conscious, unconscious, and derived from the collective unconscious struck a powerful chord in Bly. The conflict of masculine and feminine archetypes made a particularly deep impression. Many of Bly's men's workshops are co-led with James Hillman, a Jungian psychologist.

Bly suggests the possibility "that the deep nourishing and spirituality, the radiant energy in the male lies not in the feminine side, but in the deep masculine, not the shallow masculine, the macho masculine, but the deep masculine, the instinctive one who's underwater and who has been there we don't know how long."

Bly is talking here not about a "higher consciousness," but something wet and dark and low, what James Hillman would call "soul." Today's males are just about ready to take the next step developmentally, which will put them in touch with this dimension of themselves. Bly has been engaged in doing what he can to help men do that, knowing that when they do, things will be substantially different not only for them, but for women as well.

Bly does a masterful job of teasing out the psychological and political implications in mythology and fairytales. Imbedded in these stories are his valuable messages, telling us as he does about ourselves and our place in the world. This time with Robert Bly will be an experience you won't want to miss. Make your plans now to be with us in Mexico. □





Camino Real Hotel in Mazatlan

Mazatlan Pre-Congress Excursion

Plan on joining us in Mazatlan prior to the Congress, Saturday through Tuesday, January 13-16, for a three-night excursion with TA colleagues. Mazatlan, located on the Pacific Coast, is one of the world's leading deep-sea fishing ports and is near a rain forest and the ruins of San Blas. Our hotel, the Camino Real, boasts its own secluded beach, pool, tennis, and many other facilities. The package cost is modest: $180 per person double occupancy ($299 single) for three nights, including welcome cocktail, farewell dinner, and airport transfer. Mexicana Airlines offers Mazatlan as a free stop-off from many gateway cities.

Airflight is extra. Some sample airfares (Subject to change without notice):

SFO > MZT > MEX > SFO $436
LAX > MZT > MEX > SFO $366
JFK > MEX > JFK $391

A separate brochure with full details on the Mazatlan excursion is available which outlines payment schedule, cancellations, and refund policy.

Official Travel Agent

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Official Airline

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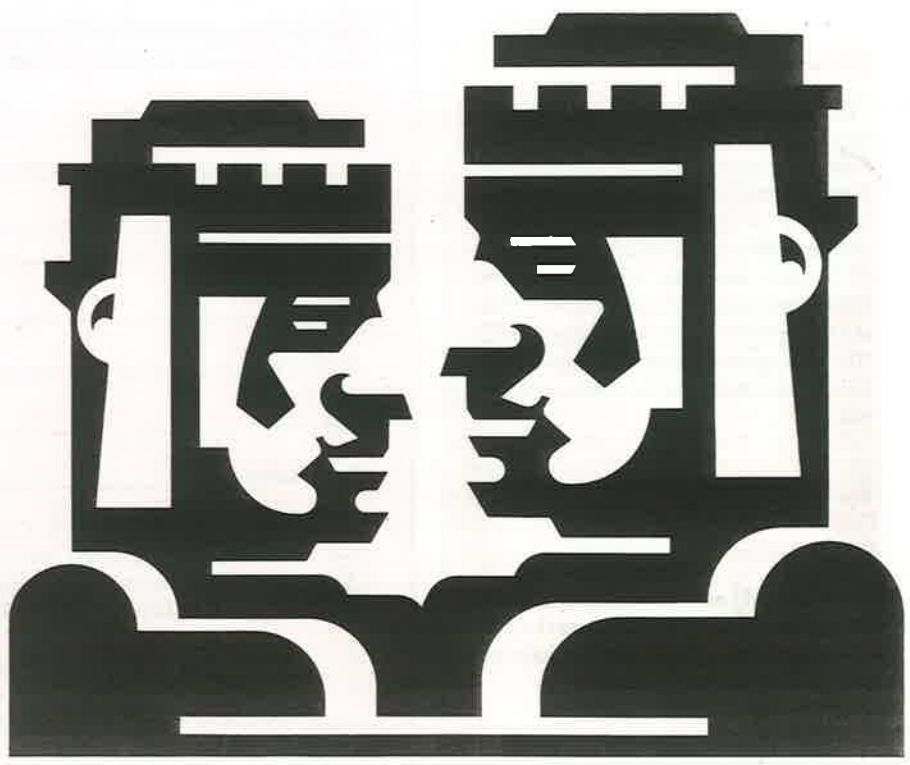

General Information

ENTRY INTO MEXICO

A Mexican tourist card, plus valid proof of citizenship (passport, birth certificate, or voter registration card) is required to enter the country.

TRANSPORTATION TO OAXTEPEC FROM MEXICO CITY

The fee for roundtrip bus transfer to Oaxtepec is $30, with a minimum of 30 leaving at the same time. You must register for this service when booking your air ticket with Betanzo's Travel Service.

CURRENCY FLUCTUATION

Due to the uncertain economic conditions in Mexico, the currency for this conference will be US dollars. Registrants from the ITAA will register through the San Francisco central office with dollars. Mexican and Latin American participants will register with dollars through the MEXAT organizer. Payment in pesos will be accepted on site at the day's exchange rate.

REGISTRATION

The registration fee of $160 will include the Bly presentations, the scientific program, TA Support Groups, two dinner dances (January 17 and 20), coffee breaks every morning, and all administrative expenses.

HOUSING OPTIONS

There are two options—Oaxtepec Conference Center and the nearby El Dorado Hotel (for more luxurious accommodations at a slightly higher price). The ITAA has booked a limited number of rooms at each facility, available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Register for accommodations at the time you make your conference registration.

MEAL PACKAGES

Residents at Oaxtepec will receive full room and board, including the following meal package: four breakfasts (January 17-20), four lunches (January 17-20); and two dinners (January 18-19, Thursday and Friday). El Dorado residents will receive the following meal package: four lunches at Oaxtepec Conference Center (1/17-20). The opening and closing dinner dances are included in your registration fee.

TA TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION COMPONENTS

BOC Level I and Level II exams will be held at this congress. However, the Training Endorsement Workshops WILL NOT be held.

HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY

For the physically challenged participant, the Oaxtepec Conference Center and the neighboring El Dorado Hotel are not handicapped accessible. Those with difficulty walking will require assistance. Plans are being made to assign assistants to disabled participants upon request to help negotiate the hills and steps.

LANGUAGE OF THE CONGRESS

Both Spanish and English will be used at the 1990 Winter Congress. The predominant language of the TA Track will be Spanish; the predominant language of the Advanced Theory Track will be English. In both cases, Spanish-English interpretation will be provided for Congress events to the greatest extent possible. □



The MEXAT Organizing Committee is ready to welcome ITAA members to Oaxtepec (from left to right by pairs): Maria Teresa Romero, Co-President, with Jose Miguel Tafoya, General Secretary; Maria Salceda, Administration, with Javier Servin de la Mora, Conference Coordinator; Margarita Andrade, Special Events, with Carlos Arvide, Vice-President. Not shown: Ervey Gonzalez Urroz (Co-President), and Committee Members Emilio Said, Gloria Noriega, Polo Aurioles, Jose Maria Rivera, and Roberto Villegas Malda.

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Conference Registration: includes Congress registration, workshops, opening and closing dinner dance (please circle one)

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_____ Please send me further information on the Mazatlan Excursion.

Please note that due to the fluctuation of the peso, we are not able to guarantee hotel room rates.

EXAM CALENDAR			
Exam	Exam Date	Location	Application Deadline
Level I & II Oral	July 2, 1989 August 2, 1989 November 1989 January 1990	Zagreb, Yugoslavia Oakland, California Frankfort/Meins, W.Germany Morales, Mexico	April 2, 1989 May 2, 1989 August 14, 1989 October 16, 1989
Level I Written	July 14/15, 1989 November 10/11,1989	To be announced To be announced	April 14, 1989 August 14, 1989
Training Endorsement Workshops	July 8-10, 1989 August 6-8, 1989	Zagreb, Yugoslavia Oakland, California	April 2, 1989 May 2, 1989



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You are cordially invited to submit program ideas. Submission of your proposal should include: 1) the information cover sheet (below), 2) an abstract of no more than 100 words, 3) a short biographical sketch, and 4) an outline of your presentation.

Deadline: December 1, 1989

I: INFORMATION COVER SHEET

Title of Presentation

Name (include academic credentials and ITAA certification. Note: If you are not a Certified Transactional Analyst, please include a signed note from a certified member indicating endorsement of your presentation.)

Street Address City State/Zip

Country Telephone-Home Telephone-Business

Format (lecture, discussion, panel, paper, experiential, etc.)

Duration: ___ 2 hours ___ 3 hours (Note: All papers are 50 minutes long)

Area: ___Clinical ___ Organizational ___Educational Other: _____

Track: ___ Theory ___Methodology ___Treatment ___Comparative Modalities
___ Marriage & Family ___Social Issues Other: _____

Level: ___Beginner ___Advanced ___Highly Skilled

Co-Presenter(s) Name & Highest Academic Degree (Note: you are responsible for contacting co-presenters and for ensuring their attendance or replacement):

Size Limit of Group:___ 30 ___ 60 ___Unlimited

Language of the presentation: ___English, Other: _____

Equipment (chalk board, flip chart, movable chairs, etc. Note: ITAA is unable to supply audiovisual equipment. If required, describe how you will supply it): _____

Safety: Please describe any aspect of your presentation which could be a potential safety risk (e.g., intense physical or emotional experiences) and what protection you will provide: _____

Is this a new presentation? Yes. If not new, where and when has it been presented before? _____

Goals and objectives: What are the goals and objectives of your workshop. _____

TA Groups: Whether or not you are selected to present this workshop, are you willing to facilitate a TA Group? (Certified Transactional Analysts only please) _____

Audiotaping: Some presentations may be audiotaped. Please indicate by your signature your permission for the ITAA to audiotape and offer the tape for sale: ____

II. ABSTRACT. Please attach a typed abstract of not more than 100 words.

III. BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH. Include a typed, 20-word biographical sketch.

IV. OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION. Please outline what will happen, how you will use the time, what learning aids you will use to enhance the learning. (Maximum 2 typed pages; see sample below).

Time	Activity	Aids
5 minutes	Introduction	Distribute Handouts
10-15 minutes	Group Contracting	
30 minutes	Teaching theory of script as introjection	3 diagrams (flip chart)
10 minutes	Group exercise: family dinner table scene	
10 minutes	Discussion of exercise	Movable chairs
20 minutes	Teaching of theory of script as transference	2 diagrams (flip chart)
10 minutes	Form group of 3 people for exercise	
10 minutes	Discussion, concluding remarks	

Fees: Presenters attending the full conference are asked to pay conference registration fee. Presenters attending only to present are asked to pay one-day registration fee.

RETURN YOUR PROPOSAL BY DECEMBER 1, 1989. Europeans send to Salomon Nasielski, 105 b. rue de la Hulpe, 1331 Rosieres, Belgium. Other countries/regions send to ITAA, 1772 Vallejo St., San Francisco, CA 94123, USA.

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Violence and Human Rights Issues—The Pennsylvania group organized a conference on the application of TA in working with domestic and sexual violence and a group in British Columbia gave a workshop on treating victims of sexual abuse. In addition, Amnesty International work was furthered by groups in Mississauga, Ontario; Regina, Saskatchewan; and Aruba, Netherlands Antilles. The Johannesburg, South Africa group did a workshop on "The Psychology of Torture," an act of courage considering that the official position in South Africa is that there is no torture there. Finally, Minnesota has a new Center for Torture Victims aided by ITAA members.

Food and Housing—The Aruba group organized a three-day workshop, the proceeds of which supported a women's shelter in India. Hartford, Connecticut, helped fund housing for persons with AIDS. One member's family in Toronto, Ontario, had a farewell party in their old family home and gave the proceeds to Habitat for Humanity, a volunteer program that builds homes for low-income people.

Counseling—Four groups emphasized this issue, including Hartford, Connecticut, which gave low-fee counseling to persons with AIDS. One member gives free supervision to trainees who give free therapy to a needy population in Sao Paulo, Brazil. Another in Lethbride, Alberta, developed a low-cost, high-quality therapy which includes a fully developed training program for volunteers. Ten people have graduated from a four-year course through this program.

Dialogue with the Political Power Structure—A group in Sao Paulo, Brazil, involved themselves in a project called, "Dialogue and Collaboration." Another member spends three hours a week telephoning, writing, and advocating for change. In Ottawa, Canada, a seminar with black community leaders and senior police officers from every provence in Canada was held on the theme, "Policing in the Multi-Racial Community: the Black Perspective."

Education—Knowing that our future depends on our childrens' responses to the plight of our earth, many groups focused on educating and involving children. One found high-school students to be good letter writers for Amnesty International; Belgrade, Yugoslavia, presented a children's TV show; and another member presented learning action classes in Chicago schools.

Peace, Spirituality, and Care of Our World—These themes were woven throughout many activities. In addition, Essex Center in Switzerland invited all health care professionals in the community to sign and send letters to world leaders urging greater efforts toward peace and harmony.

Although March 21 has come and gone, it is not too late to take action if you have not already. A Resource Manual describing the various projects will be published, so send in your report (as you want it to appear in the Manual) as soon as possible. Please provide sufficient details so that others may follow your plan if they wish to replicate the project in their areas.

Finally, at the Oakland Summer Conference the Global TA Action Project will be celebrated in workshops, speeches, and forums. We want to develop a visual presentation about the Project and would appreciate receiving material for it. Sale of the beautiful Project pins will continue in Oakland, or pins may be ordered from Vince Gilpin or Florence Olivier.

Yes, the TA Global Action Project was a success. Visualize the energy of each social action as a spot of golden light spreading in every-increasing circles. It joins other circles of light until it forms a wide band of light around the globe. The light illuminates ourselves, our connections as a community, the value of TA, and our ability to make a difference. □

When Nuclear Logic Fails
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> that you're doing your part for the national defense. And in Congress's way, this is, "Yeah, we agree there's a problem—they took our embassy in Teheran and there are troops in Afghanistan. We lost the civil war in Angola, or our proxies lost. So yeah—we'll spend more money on defense." And they don't think through the use of weapons—nobody does—in part you build to impress yourself. (p. 232)

Some defense policymakers offered the suggestion that the motivation for defense policy is to alleviate fear. A former Pentagon official analyzed Reagan's decision to pursue SDI as follows:

> The origins of the SDI, that was pure perception, pure vision of the president—even the Department of Defense didn't want to have anything to do with it . . . this is a president who is well attuned to the American viscera. Somewhere in the American viscera we don't want to believe that some son-of-a-bitch on the other side can destroy us, and he's offering us that wonderful defense-in-the-sky. It has nothing to do with military planning; anybody who takes a serious look at this knows that the Reagan vision is unattainable. (p.235)

During the presidential campaign I wrote requesting Bush's statement on defense policy. He explained his support of SDI by saying he thought it "important to protect Americans from the fear of nuclear war" (not from actual nuclear war, but from the *fear* of it).

Many of those interviewed justified defense policy as the inevitable fulfillment of competition between states. The following exchange occurred between Kull and a noted hawkish academic:

Kull: I still haven't heard the answer to the question about what the purpose of the weapon is.

Respondant: As always, I am rejecting your question because this is a product of historical evolution.

Kull: But there's still the question of what is their purpose? And I assume you mean their purpose is deterrence.

Respondant: But you see, I'm objecting to . . . the way you're putting this . . . because you're trying to say somebody sat down and said, "What is the purpose here?"

Kull: But why are we building weapons here? We certainly must have a reason for building them.

Respondant: A reason, yes. And the reason is that others have them. They build them because we have them. And that is a product of historic forces . . . that's an historic reaction. (p. 240)

There is another important and pervasive discovery revealed by these conversations: Defense policymakers use two kinds of thinking—nuclear adapted thinking and pre-nuclear thinking. Nuclear adapted thinking sustains an awareness of the destructive power of nuclear bombs while still considering military policy. For example, when questioned about the plan to destroy military targets, one interviewee said:

> A lot of this is a sort of academic discussion because if you look at the map and look at where the pins are, you may not be trying to target populations, but obviously there's not much left of Moscow after you hit all these targets. (p. 109)

Pre-nuclear thinking demonstrates an unwillingness or inability to sustain awareness of the power of a nuclear bomb while simultaneously considering defense policy. For example, one Rand analyst explains that the US should avoid war as long as possible, but that once war begins, we should pursue traditional military objectives.

Respondant: You would look at [a superpower war] the same way that military leaders have always looked at it. . . . If we get into the situation, then we look at it "as a war."

Kull: What do you mean, "as a war"?

Respondant: After the war is over somebody occupies somebody else. Somebody decrees to somebody else what the government will be like. (p. 77)

Policymakers slip into and out of nuclear-adapted thinking, just as psychotherapy clients substitute prejudiced, contaminated, or wishful thinking (or flat-out denial) to avoid an encounter with the realities of their situations.

Although Kull has made this material readable by the layperson, he has not oversimplified nuclear defense policies. He sees defense policy as one of the voices of mainstream America and does not exaggerate the importance of defense policies in solving our problems of international security. Kull does not blame one side or the other, but emphasizes that we live with the challenge of mutual vulnerability and interdependence.

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Study Groups and Seminars Being Organized

Interest is being solicited for international ITAA study groups and seminars in self-selected topics to be productive of new theory and/or practice as well as revision, clarification, and rectification of old theory and practice through the Research and Development Division's Committee on Future Trends. Contact Martin Groder, Suite 304, 104 S. Estes Dr., Chapel Hill, North Carolina 27514, USA, or Marilyn Zalcman, 6018 Balsam Dr., Mclean, Virginia 22101, USA. Both are looking forward to informal networking in Oakland.

Friends of Ron and Ellen Pulleyblank Trust Fund

Donations are being requested for a trust fund for Ron Pulleyblank, who was diagnosed with ALS in 1985. Ron cannot move his body, but remains in full possession of his faculties, is able to talk, and continues to work twenty hours a week for Hewlett Packard Labs.

Since going on a ventilator in December 1986, Ron has required 24-hour nursing care in order to stay at home. A crisis will occur in July when insurance coverage for the third of three daily nursing shifts runs out. This shift costs roughly $73,000 a year, and if Ron and Ellen cannot cover this cost themselves, he will be placed in a skilled nursing facility for 100 days a year, after which they will be on their own. Medi-Cal is not a workable solution for the balance of the year because it requires that all joint income in excess of $12,000 a year be spent on medical expenses before the family is eligible for benefits. The Pulleyblank family cannot manage on $12,000 a year.

Your help is needed to come up with the $73,000 to care for Ron at home. If we each gave $500 it would only take 145 of us to meet Ron's nursing needs for a year. Some people might like to pledge a monthly contribution. Donations of any amount are welcome at any time.

The trust fund will only be used to pay for Ron's medical expenses and to cover the cost of running the fund. Funds remaining after Ron's death will be used for educational expenses for his children if needed. All remaining money will be used for ALS research. The fund is run entirely by volunteers.

Please help a friend in need. Send donations to Friends of Ron and Ellen Pulleyblank, 6333 Pacific Ave., Suite 105, Stockton, CA 95207, USA. For more information call Marian Slattery, (415)324-1753.