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Buarcos, 15 de Julho de 1986

Prezada Companheira de Jornada,

Ainda que nunca nos tivéssemos encontrado pessoalmente não hesito em utilizar o título em epígrafe, conhecendo bem o seu e o nosso trajecto.

O que me leva hoje a pedir-lhe uns minutos de atenção diz respeito à fotocópia da carta inclusa sobre a qual me permito fazer alguns comentários que a elucidarão melhor sobre o seu conteúdo.

A Associação Ecuménica das Academias e Centros de Estudos na Europa é uma instituição que agrupa cerca de 130 Centros de Reflexão e formação espalhados por toda a Europa Ocidental (ainda que com bastantes contactos com colegas do Leste europeu) pertencentes às Igrejas Católica-Romana, Anglicana, Ortodoxa e Protestantes. Para muitas Igrejas bem "estabelecidas" e conformadas com o "status quo" acaba por ser uma organização um pouco incómoda e por vezes "non grata". Creio que ambos sabemos o que isto significa.

Ao longo dos anos têm sido variados os temas gerais da nossa linha de trabalho (digo nossa pois actualmente faço parte do Comité Executivo) mas nos últimos anos decidimos dar uma prioridade ao tema "Justiça, Paz e Integridade da Criação", que é também um dos novos programas do Conselho Mundial de Igrejas. Vários grupos de trabalho foram constituídos, a partir de 1983, e recentemente a Assembleia Anual decidiu organizar um "Forum da Paz" que terá lugar na Holanda, de 3 a 6 de Setembro de 1987.

Como oradores principais desse Forum decidimos escolher um representante da Europa do Norte, um da Holanda (país organizador e expressando um pouco a dimensão da Europa Central), um da Europa de Leste e um da Europa do Sul. Os três primeiros são o Presidente Koivisto, da Finlândia, Siery Strickwerda da Holanda e o Professor



Slavek Ondra, da Checoslováquia (Faculdade de Teologia de Praga).

Como único representante da Europa do Sul no nosso Comité não hesitei em sugerir o seu nome, que foi aceite pelo "Board" na sua última reunião de 5 de Julho, aceitação essa que é traduzida na carta que lhe envio e em que me pedem para a contactar nesse sentido .

É isso que estou fazendo e penso que não valerá a pena alongar-me mais, de momento, esperando a sua resposta a este nosso pedido.

Pessoalmente partirei no fim desta semana para a Nicarágua, integrando uma delegação do Conselho Mundial de Igrejas e aí permanecerei até 5 de Agosto. Gostaria, se possível, de ter conhecimento da sua disponibilidade (ou não) por essa altura pois terei de entrar em contacto com o nosso Secretário-Geral não excluindo qualquer encontro pessoal que possamos ter durante o mês de Agosto.

Sem mais de momento e antecipadamente grato, subscrevo-me

Fraternalmente em Cristo

Fundação Cuidar o Futuro
José Manuel Leite
Secretário-Geral

P.S. - Peço-lhe desculpa pela maneira como o seu nome vem escrito na carta da Alemanha, mas sucede que soletrar telefonicamente, em língua estrangeira, dá este resultado...

Cc. - Dr. Fritz Erich Anhelm



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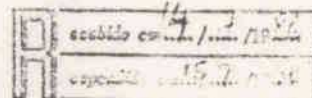
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Dear José,

when we had our Board Meeting from 4th to 5th July we discussed again the question of the second speaker in our Peace Forum 1987. The first speaker, we agreed in our last Committee-Meeting, should be the President of Finland, Koivisto, who should deal with the role of Europe in a concept of security partnership.

The second speaker should be a representative of Southern Europe who should be able to give an impression and an outline about the problem of the North-South conflict in Europe and its relation to the demands of justice and peace. My idea was to ask Mrs. Maria de Luardenes Dindasiljo, the former candidate for the presidency of your country. The Board agreed on this in a very positive way.

We would be very happy to hear from you in our Committee-Meeting in Freiburg some remarks about her personal and political background and some of the issues she is working on.

We would be very glad if you could take the first steps to contact her and to find out whether she is willing and able to come to our Peace Forum in 1987. For this I enclose our first announcement about the Peace Forum including the present ideas of goals and programme.

This second speech should be on Saturday morning and it should be followed by the discussion between the speaker and Slavek Ondra from CSSR and Sieny Strickwerda from Holland. They should represent the Eastern part of Europe and the Western part of Central Europe. This will be from 9.00 to 11.00 o'clock and after this we will continue our work in working groups.

Thank you very much for all your attempts in this matter.

Yours,

(Dr. Fritz Erich Anhelm)

Co. Eng. Luardenes Dindasiljo ✓

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ANNOUNCEMENT AND INVITATION FOR COOPERATION

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Peace Forum of the Ecumenical Association of Academies and Laity Centres in Europe

Kerk and Wereld (Holland)

3 to 6 September 1987

1. Initial situation

At its Annual Conference in Järvenpää, Finland, in September 1983, the Ecumenical Association adopted a statement of opinion on "Venture on Peace in Europe". It contained the suggestion to form regional peace forums within the Association and in due course to organise an all-European Peace Forum. In the meantime the World Council of Churches (Vancouver 1983) has called for a conciliar assembly "Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation" for 1990 and the Deutsche Evangelische Kirchentag (Düsseldorf 1985) called for a Council of Peace.

In this context the Ecumenical Association considers its own activities as an attempt to make a contribution at the all-European level, bearing in mind above all the possibilities of its 80 houses and member institutions in 14 European countries. At the same time the Association would like to invite representatives of peace movements, peace organisations and churches to cooperate in the planning and organisation of this Peace Forum.

Prior to Järvenpää and following the Järvenpää Conference three regional peace forums have started their work and organised a number of international meetings. The experiences from these events should be taken into account in the preparation of the common Forum. At the same time this Forum should investigate the political scope which peace work in Europe can make use of and possibly extend. Statements of opinion formulated especially from an angle of neutrality and which are not directly linked to the East-West conflict could be used as a guidance.

Especially the concept of security partnership needs to be re-ified and further developed at the level of political action as well as at the level of practical steps below the level of political decision making. Member institutions of the Ecumenical Association could make a direct contribution by organising supra-national conferences and by getting involved with activities of churches and peace movements. In doing so the relationship between justice, peace and integrity of creation as an ecumenical topic should be kept in mind for the next few years.



2. Objectives

Over and above Järvenpää

we would like to get a clear picture about the present political scope of activities with regard to

- genuine disarmament and an effort to overcome the doctrine of deterrence
- a new phase of East-West detente through political, ecological, economic and cultural cooperation
- the development of an all-European contribution concerning concept and practice of security partnership.

We want to look into the psychological barriers as well as for positive approaches enabling us to lead a peaceful coexistence

- expressed in our attitudes towards life and our perspectives for the future
- inherent in our language and mode of communication
- and which determine our religious world views.

Our practical expression of faith and theology in relation to mass deterrent weapons and politics of deterrence

- should be discussed on the basis of our church background
- must be defined with regard to our own personal attitudes
- must be realized in concrete terms through our actions in Centres and Academies.

For the work in our Centres we want to prepare ourselves

- for the cooperation with all those who are against a further increase of mass deterrent weapons
- for an intensified exchange of persons, programmes and methods of work beyond frontiers
- for a worldwide conciliar process of ecumenical learning for peace, justice and integrity of creation.

3. Preliminary considerations as to the programme

During the first evening of our meeting we want to review by way of meditation the stations of our European journey after World War II, stories of persons' lives, experiences of suffering and hope reveal the face of Europe from North to South, from West to East in all its contradictions. Women, men, generations and various regions of Europe will speak out. Pictures and objects recalling history and stories will be exposed. From all these and from the threads that we hold in our hands our net of secured partnership will be woven.



Two lectures (Friday and Saturday morning) will lead us into the topic:

For the first one we would like to have a representative of a neutral European country who, from his background, will elaborate on the concept of security partnership as a possible all-European perspective.

For the second one we want to ask a woman representative of a South European country to work out the relationship between justice and peace in our world region and the question of justice in Europe. Both lectures will be followed by a panel discussion of three where representatives of East and West will discuss with the lecturers.

The major part of the Forum will be taken by the discussions in the working groups (Friday afternoon, the late morning of Saturday, Saturday afternoon and evening).

Up to now the following themes are envisaged:

- Security partnership (disarmament initiatives and perspectives / economic, technical, ecological and cultural cooperation / security partnership and peaceful coexistence / the all-European role with regard to the East-West relationship)
- Neutrality in Europe (neutrality as commitment to the freedom of alliance in case of warlike conflicts / neutrality and the interdependency of international cooperation / special tasks of neutral states in peace politics)
- The North-South-Relationship as key to worldwide conflicts (The Mediterranean region as an American power centre and as a favourite centre for the distribution of goods in the relations between industrialized and developing countries / the North-South Conflict as a source and cause for West-East tensions)
- Barriers and approaches to peace politics (linguistic and psychological mechanisms of repression / adequate language in the atomic era / attitudes towards life and political behaviour)
- Shalom and Security (love of enemy and security partnership / biblical understanding and visions of peace / religious conceptions of eschatology and security)

Sunday morning will be spent reflecting on our work in the Association and in the Centres on the background of the preparations for the Assembly of the World Council of Churches planned for 1990 on the theme: "Peace, Justice and the Integrity of Creation. Stations of a conciliar Process".

Subsequently we want to discuss and adopt recommendations to our churches, the World Council of Churches, the Conference of European Churches, and European institutions, but also for the work in our Centres.

The Forum closes with a common worship service.

Morning meditations, evening prayers and a festival of peace (Friday evening) will pervade the days of our meeting.



4. Inviting cooperation

The Ecumenical Association invites all institutions, organisations and persons receiving this letter to take part in the preparations for the Forum with suggestions, ideas and contributions related to its contents. Moreover, all of them are invited to participate in the Forum and to bring forward their contributions. In our common concern and commitment for a peaceful future we hope you will give us practical assistance and ideas.

The Association particularly invites its member institutions to accompany the preparatory process of the Forum through their own activities.

It also requests the Centres to nominate participants for the Forum from among churches, peace organisations and - movements of the respective countries, from research institutions and friendly organisations, to pass this invitation on to them and to ask them to join in the preparation for the Forum.

It requests them to take part in the activities of the regional Peace Forums and to help with the organisation and arrangements.

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Additional information on the further development of the programme, the topics of the working groups and possibilities of participation will follow in due course. In case of any questions please contact the

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