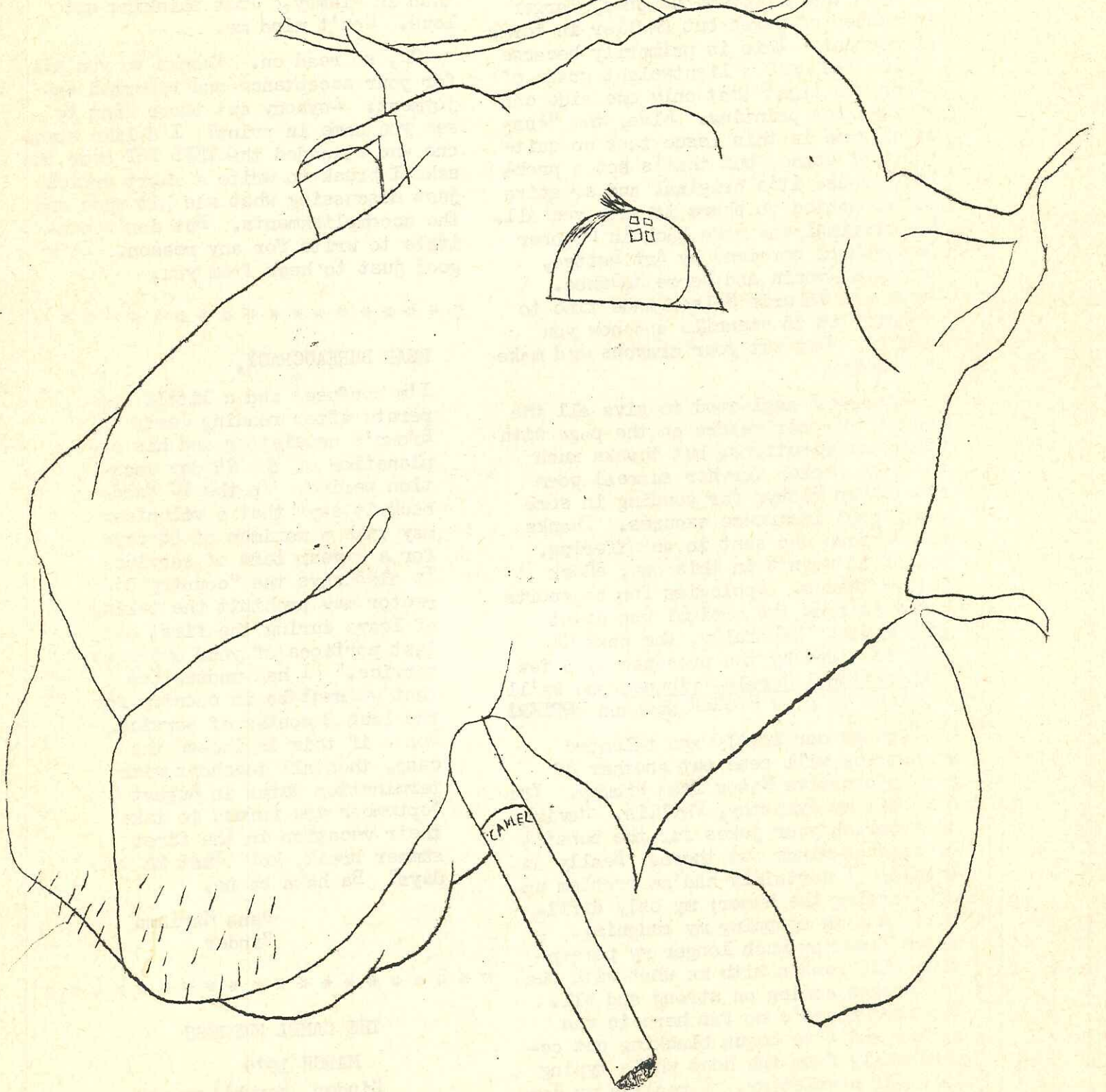


# CAMEL EXPRESS





## THE GLORIOUS MARCH ISSUE

First of all, the praise placement: Jeff Drumtra gave up 2 weekends to come in and help with this. The other regulars, Mary Lou and Merre, plus a few ENZ students plied with Grand Flag collated, rolled and addressed the object presently in your hand.

This issue is both larger and smaller than the two previous ones, larger in number of pages but smaller in terms of content. This is primarily because Camero had only a lightweight grade of paper, so light that only one side can be used for printing. Also, the "Anasara" game in this issue took up quite a lot of space, but that's not a problem because it's original and creative and we wanted to share it with you all. The original was made back in October (pre-school boredom) by Art Bettge, Mary Lou Cronin and Merre McGehae. Merre and Valerie Nelson made time to transfer it to stencils and now you have it. Get out your crayons and make it pretty.

Somehow I neglected to give all the credit to contributors on the page with their contributions, but thanks much to Diane Rachor for her surreal poem and to Ben Bastyr for sending in some additional insurance excuses. Thanks to everyone who sent in an offering, and if it wasn't in this one, check future issues. Apologies for no sports but mail from the capital was scant this month. Hopefully, the next CE will be aided by the presence of a few International Herald-Tribunes and we'll continue to grow BIGGER andnnnd BETTER!

Perhaps our lovely and talented Directrice will send out another of her informative Notes from Niamey. You have all my sympathy, Phyllis. Having to asterisk your jokes for the benefit of some no-minds out there. Really an insult. I certainly had no problem understanding the humor; my only difficulty was in stopping my laughing. I don't know how much longer my perception will remain with me what with the Hot Season coming on strong and all. You see, there's no fan here in the office and I've begun blacking out occasionally from the heat while typing this ~~mag~~ newsletter. I realize my commitment, however, and I'm not trying to back out of anything. I don't think I'll be permanently damaged, but I am afraid that I'll break a tooth when my head hits the typewriter. I'm

(we all have our little ego trips)

thinking of tying a pillow to my forehead - but I don't want to bother you with my problems. Perhaps I could start doing all the typing in the early morning or late at night. Too bad a fan is too expensive for my mandat budget. Of course, at 18.000 CFA, they are cheaper here than in Niamey. Just thinking out loud. Don't mind me.

OK, so read on. Thanks to you all for your acceptance and reported enjoyment. Anybody out there want to see you name in print? I'd like someone who attended the TEFL IST over the school break to write a short article just discussing what was hit upon and the accomplishments. But don't hesitate to write for any reason. It's good just to hear from you.

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DEAR BUREAUCRACY,

I'm confused and a little desperate after reading Jerry Brown's newsletter and his explanation of the 24 day vacation period. In the PC Handbook it says that a volunteer may take a maximum of 48 days for a 2 year term of service. It also says the "country director may prohibit the taking of leave during the first and last portions of your overseas service." I had understood that we ~~must be in~~ country for the last 3 months of service. Bon - if this is indeed the case, then all teachers with termination dates in August & September are forced to take their vacation in the first summer break, ko? Just 24 days? Ba haka ba ne.

Nana Mariama  
Zinder

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THE CAMEL EXPRESS

MARCH 1979

Zinder, Republique du  
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# AMERICAN

(taken from the final issue of New Times, a greatly-missed journal, and reprinted in The Des Moines Sunday Register)

# DECADENCE

Welcome to America. Our Miss Shields will show you to your table. Such a pretty baby.

What'll it be? Have a drink, have a puff, have a snort, have some ~~smack~~. Legalized gambling in the front room, skin flicks in the back; mirrors, mirrors everywhere in glorious profusion.

C'mon in. Something for every palate. Reproductions by Rockefeller, senators by David Garth, exploding Pintos by Ford. Hey, and that's not all. Carcinogens in 31 flavors. Opium from Saint Laurent, Seconals from Graceland, polyvinal vaginas from Larry Flynt.....Funky, punky, junky .. you want it, we got it.

See the mayor of San Francisco dead in his office, see the homosexual supervisor dying down the hall, see 900 bodies bloating in the jungle sun. Parental guidance suggested.

Get your top hat and your spike heels, grab a whip, grab a chain, and get it on for the Rocky Horror Picture Show. Sorry, Norman Rockwell doesn't live here anymore.

Join the looters in New York, a police strike in Memphis, an orgy in LA. Say hello to Harry Reems, get a rattlesnake by mail. (Who invited Solzhenitsyn?)

Catch some herpes, get a facelift, rent - a - boy. Watch Linda Blair being raped with a plumber's helper / Linda Blair vomiting on a priest / Linda Blair masturbating with a crucifix. Check it out.

There's something in the air - a sense of slippage, the perfume of decay. Life is slick and bright and noisy, but there's a softness here, a crumbling behind the gloss. Chuck Barris is the man of the hour. Tacky? Sure he's tacky, but he's having a swell time. Chuck Barris is perfect.

Disco, with its red-raw beat and endless climaxes, is the anthem of the '70s. High voltage, quick hits, that's what we want; nuance and texture can wait. It doesn't have to be good - we're talking bottom-line here. We have raised image over substance, reduced sensuality to its crudest, most efficient forms. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, my rod and vibrator comfort me.

Come July, it will be 10 years since Neil Armstrong stepped on the moon - and 10 years since Teddy Kennedy and Mary Jo Kopechne rode off Dike Bridge. Of the two events, Chappaquiddick far better presaged the decade ahead. It was so callous, so sloppy.

We shrug off almost everything now, moving on - with the help of the omniverous media - to the next fleeting titillation. Fur ads in Vogue feature women being attacked by Dobermans. Shrug. Bianca Jagger, Billy Carter, Gary Gilmore - all hype, show, diversion. There's a new rock group called the Dead Kennedys. Shrug.

It's as if we're beyond making distinctions, beyond caring. Do Teddy's celebrated indiscretions continue? No problem - his Gallup ratings have never been higher. Third-graders are selling dope, White House aides are buying it. Our appetite for violence is insatiable. Sid Vicious is just a mixed-up kid.

Exhausted from our exertions of the '60s, all we ask for now is relief. Six hours of TV helps to get us through the day - life once removed is close enough, thanks. The impetus to rethink - reform - transform has long since slid into ennui. After two centuries, we have reached a consensus of indifference.

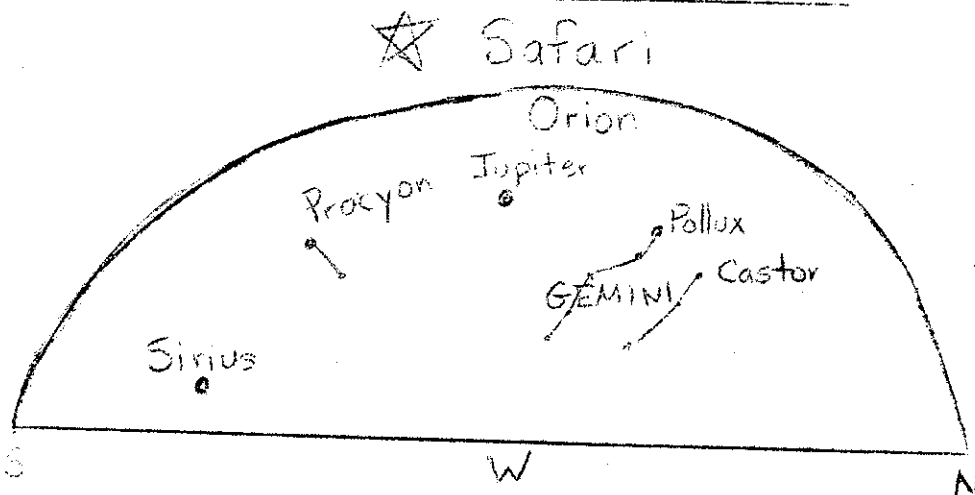
"We do it all for you." - that's the spirit of '79. Proposition 13, with its promise of something for nothing, is a metaphor for the times. The beauty of Werner Erhard's project to end world hunger is that you don't have to do a thing. Small wonder Jerry Brown is our quintessential politician. Liberal, conservative, Jesuit, Buddhist - Jerry will give us what we want. No sweat.

Don't think about it. Don't think about anything. Turn up the volume, have another toke, honk if you're horny. Say, heeere's Johnny Dolly Reggie Woody Angie Amy Betty Donny Chevy Goldie Henry Liz and O.J. Immerse yourself in their glossy, empty lives, all the better to forget your own. Jackie oh Jackie oh Jackie OHHH.

There are almost no famous people anymore, only celebrities - "personalities". Fame is passé - it is much too solid, too suggestive of steady achievement. There are still ripples of grace and distinction, commitment and courage, but all seem in shorter supply now. It's no time for heroes. Bob Dylan at Caesar's Palace, coming soon.

And when you can't get it up for all the stars Steve Rubell ever dreamed of, when the fevers of a thousand Saturday nights and all the massage parlors in Wichita still aren't enough, there remains surrender, body and soul, to an Emperor Jones. Like the man said, choose your poison.

Aw, the hell with it, forget it, we'll just ease on down the road. And hey, welcome to America. The drinks are on the house. Bottoms up.



Once more, go out about 9 p.m. and this time face west. Look straight up and you'll see a very bright yellowish star which, despite the name of this column, isn't a star at all but the planet Jupiter. To the right of it you'll see two fairly bright stars. They're Pollux and Castor and are the heads of the twins in the constellation Gemini. To the left of Jupiter is Procyon, the head of Canis Minor (Little Dog). All of these are above and slightly to the right of last month's Orion.

PEACORPS

VACATION TIME

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Money have you  
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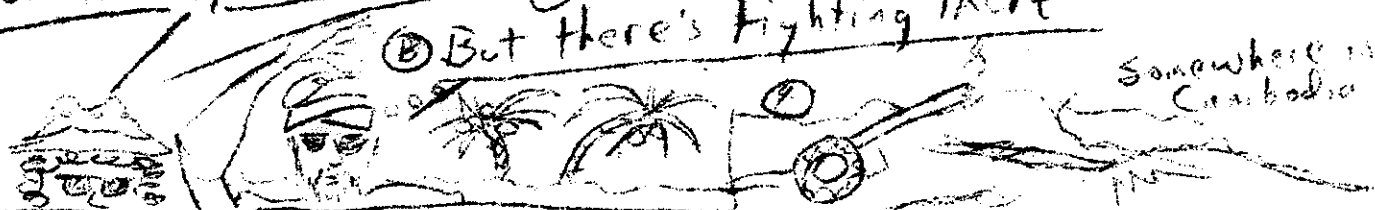


By paying 33 CFA per month, by buying in bulk + bargaining, lowering CFA I've been able to save 10,000,000 CFA. But of course I've bought my friends alot of stuff.

④ I thought I'd go someplace where there are no other tourists. You know I hate tourists. Maybe Cambodia.

Ⓐ Oh I guess that's the Newsweek I'm missing!

④ But there's fighting there



Yeah, I figure  
3 or 4 months will  
be enough time.



But Joe, that's against Peace Corps Policy!!!

No, what do you mean it's a BASIC HUMAN  
NEED!!!!

Hey Look at this INTERESTING Ad in the Camel Express.



ALL ready to  
GO!

# TAHOVA TABALAK

Region is beautiful

- Girls
  - Sunny beaches
  - Horseback riding
  - Piroguing
  - Nude sunbathing
  - Ping Pong
  - 24 Nursing care
  - Pizzeria
- All this and MORE*  
*White Lake, Michigan*  
*Teahart, Michigan*  
*W. A. Coope*  
*ME*

ALL THIS  
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Write Nancy  
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ON ACCOUNT  
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Deb Lewis' mother sent her a note with a newspaper clipping about the information that "seven out of ten PCVs stick out the two-year tour." Is that a hint? If so, in what direction?..... Oil in Court? Trucks from Nigeria and

elsewhere have been heading that way..... To R.S. in Yegalan - tell Fred and co. that Max and co. feel he needs to come back and plant another tree, soon..... Guess who'll be coming back to run next summer's health stage? Sam Brown's favorite volunteer! Missy Gorski finished only last year and was awarded the above dubious distinction when the one and only made an African tournee after his appointment as ACTION chief..... While we're on the subject, a recent Jack Anderson labeled Sam an "inept martinet". The same column also reported the cost of the two recent conferences for PC Directors, Nairobi and Casablanca, to be \$80,000 apiece. That's 33,600,000 CFA total..... Poor Jan Turner - problem after problem. Now she's been bitten by a possibly rabid dog. She just takes it all. Here's hoping she comes through this one comme d'habitude..... Hey! Where's the stage picture and scrapbook from last summer? I remember Bob Squires (now in Upper Volta) had something to do with it, but who else?..... Zinder's loss and Tahoua's gain - Randy, Bills and Debbie Schuster were transferred by SATOM to Tabalak. Terry, Bill, they're nice people and deserving of your company (and their cook is amazing)..... To Jimmy Olsen, Daily Planet Building: C'mon, they'll find out somehow. Remember the tape? Why not just pierce the other one and buy some rhinestone shoulder-dusters to go with your silver lamé pagne?..... According to Kevin King, the most beautiful woman in the world can now be found in Tessaoua. Write him for details..... As of the first week of February, the Niamey Christmas tape had been received by the McCauleys & Fuscos and was on its way to the Frolens in Minnesota. Joan and Cliff say hello to everybody who took part..... An alumna of UCLA wrote about the master's programs in TESL, public health, and African studies (this one producing such fine specimens as Monty & Gary Ellerts). All of these departments are crawling with RPCVs. For more information on the African Studies program: Patricia Eason, 10537 Bunche Hall, UCLA, LA, Ca. 90024. For the others: Chairman, X Dept., UCLA, etc..... Michael Worcester, a former Niger PCV, has begun working for a company called African Designs which imports crafts from Africa and sells them both on a retail and wholesale basis. They are connected with a European company, EDESA, which is involved in stimulating African economies. Since he was once here, he's interested in getting merchandise from Niger and from West Africa as a whole. Any volunteers who know of groups or individuals making crafts? Contact him. He would like descriptions, prices and if possible, samples. They can take items on a consignment basis or buy outright, depending on the situation. Play your cards right and this could be a secondary project. Write: Michael Worcester, 111 Lincoln Street, Boston, Mass. 02111..... To Gabe: Combien des piles?? Ca vien d'ouuu?..... Big doings in Tahoua! International wife-swapping, nude sun bathing, indecent propositions PLUS a new Rec Center: ping pong, music and "entertainment" with the Sweet Southern Belles (Nancy, Debbie and Terry) as your guides..... Could people send in vacation estimates for the rookies? Just jot down where you went, for how long, mode of transport and how much. Big boon in making any plans..... If anyone has sighted Lawrence Durrell's Alexandria Quartet here, let Nancy Olinger know or just send them up with somebody going that way - slight change! she's already read Justine and Clea. Anyone else searching for a particular tome? We can use this space for such a service..... Art Bettge: 6807 Lake Hill Drive, Lorton, Virginia 22079.

# ANASARA

## DIRECTIONS for assembling your own private copy of ANASARA

The board is made up of 6 pieces of paper which should be put in 2 rows of 3. Hint: The game starts at Peace Corps bureau - Niamey, continues to Maradi, Zinder then Agadez.

The colors of the properties are as follows: Ramatou's Table through Chien Qui Fume - purple; Pont Kennedy through Piscine Americaine - light blue; Petit Marché through Grand Marché - fuschia (bright purple); Naome's through Blanchard's - orange; Marabout Corner through Bräniger - red; Hotel Central through Hotel Damagaram - yellow; Sarki's Palace through Zinder's Fort - green; Arlit through Air Mountains - dark blue.

The rules for payment of rents: for most properties, roll dice, take total times 100 cfa and bargain.

- each house doubles the rent
- to buy a banco hut, pay 50% price of property
- to buy a villa, trade in h hut, pay 75% price of property
- to pay rent for Dash, roll dice take total times 1000 cfa
- to pay Nigelec, roll dice take total times 100 cfa (same for PTT)
- if one player owns both Nigelec and PTT, take dice total times 250 cfa; own all autogares, you become an El Hadji, you set price
- to get out of jail, pay 5000 cfa or miss 2 turns while trying to call Phyllis or roll doubles which means you got a quick connection

The YAOWA cards should be made approximately 2" x 4". Design of individual cards is left to you. You may even want to add some cards of your own.

1. Climbed water tower - ALLEZ AU Sureté National
  2. Barka da sal - pay 500 cfa
  3. Cadeau a leper - pay 10 cfa
  4. "Boy's salary" - pay 5000 cfa
  5. Wallet stolen but luckily at end of month - pay 4000 cfa
  6. House broken into - pay 5000 cfa
  7. Mobylette breaks down - pay 2500 cfa
  8. No gas bottles in town - pay 900 cfa
  9. Ripped off at market - pay 500 cfa
  10. No gas bottles in town at piscine - pay 900 cfa
  11. Take a ride on Moustapha's taxi brousse to Zinder - 4000 cfa
  12. Take a ride on SNIN to Niamey - 5500 cfa
  13. Electricity/water turned off, go to Nigelec
  14. PC forgets to forward letters, go to PTT - pay 2x rent
  15. Get amebas - pay for Flagel 750 cfa
  16. PC forgets to send mandat, go to nearest bar, don't collect if you pass goal
  17. Latrine caves in - pay 3000 cfa
  18. No house available at post - lose turn
  19. Trouble with Fonctionnaires - transfer to Agadez
  20. Bumped off plane at last moment, go to bureau
  21. Bitten by camel - pay 750 cfa
  22. Deathly sick, take taxi brousse to Niamey--from N'guigmi - pay 3000 cfa even after get refund
  23. Rat patrol found rat but don't celebrate, it was in your house! - pay 500 cfa
  24. Took photograph of Zinder's Fort - ALLEZ AU Sureté National
- The following cards should be the same size as above.
1. AID person invites you for Easter dinner, go to Secre
  2. Package arrives from bank, bank pays 1000 cfa
  3. Invited to swim and eat at Club - bank pays 500 cfa
  4. Merchant asks fair price for Hausa blanket - bank pays 750 cfa

- The money can be made to any style of your liking. The game starts with each player having 58,000 cfa plus or minus a few. When you pass goal, collect anywhere from 20,000 cfa to 50,000 cfa, depending on if the other players are looking. Of course there is not time limit in the game. Playing pieces are not included in this package. Some suggestions are: Aralen tablets, iodine tablets, peanuts, old chdwing gum, Flag bottle cap, goat droppings, any teeth that have fallen out

Any further questions of clarifications regarding this game should be addressed to the Camel Express. Please be specific. (The creators take no responsibility for their actions.)

## MONTY'S MAXIMS

Corollary to above: but applied to evenings: This decibel level is directly proportional to your desire to

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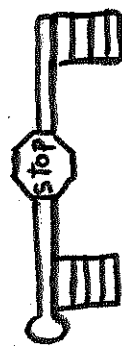
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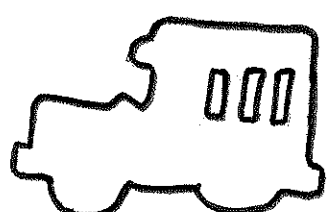
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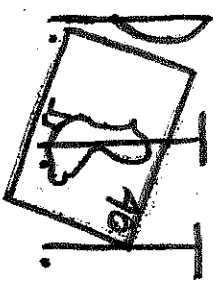
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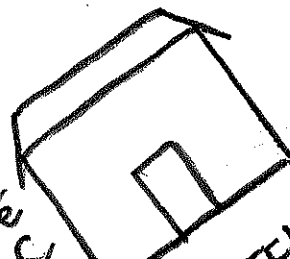


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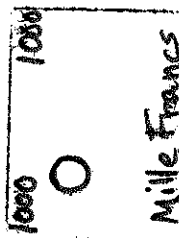
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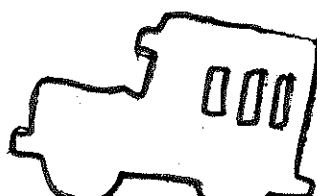


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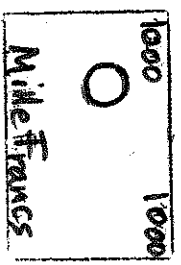
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## THE END IS NEAR FOR THOSE NEARING THE END

by STEVE NORTH

You'll be finishing your two-year commitment in Niger soon, and these last few months are going to pass so fast you won't know what happened. If you are thinking about requesting an extension for a third year in Niger, you should nonetheless be searching for alternatives to give yourself a choice in the matter.

Following are a couple such alternatives. Planning now will increase your choices and avert future anxieties. Read on!

### Cornell Study Opportunities in International Agriculture

Over the last few years, Cornell University has received a number of overseas requests from volunteers concerning international agriculture and rural development programs at Cornell. It is clear that many PCVs actively consider a career in the field of international agriculture as a result of their experiences in the Peace Corps. Cornell University has forwarded to me several copies of their brochure "International Agriculture and Rural Development: Study Opportunities at Cornell," and if you write to me I will send you one of the two brochures I have.

### Tanzania SALUT Project

Arthur Theisen, former PCD in Cameroon and Zaire, is currently Executive Officer for Soil and Land Use Technology, Inc. (SALUT). His firm is proposing to assist Tanzania to mount an integrated rural development project in the Arusha region. His firm is interested in recruiting RPCVs to staff the project. Brief job descriptions and desired qualifications follow. Anyone interested in applying should write Dr. Theisen at SALUT, P.O. Box 1153, Columbia, MD. 21044.

1. Agricultural Specialist  
48 Month Assignment  
Must have at least four years of experience with an M.S. degree  
Will act as deputy in a project involving over a dozen specialists. Should be available for four years. Will coordinate all agricultural assistance activities and will assist in the development of an agricultural information system and in the Arusha agricultural development plan. Will assist in the implementation of village-level agricultural production plans.
2. Rural Development Specialist  
48 month assignment  
two years experience with at least a BS in rural sociology, anthropology, ag economics, etc.  
Swahili very desirable  
will work at the district level with extension agents and other government officials in all aspects of the implementation of the agricultural production plan
3. Appropriate Technology Specialist  
36 Month assignment  
MS degree or extensive experience in related fields. Engineering might be helpful.  
Will assist in the development of the Arusha development plan. Will assist in the organization & development of an appropriate technology center. Will assist in training of host country staff and will develop linkages between the center and the villages.
4. Rural Industry Specialist  
36 Months  
Should have a degree in engineering and three years experience in the development of small industries.  
Will assist in development of the Arusha agricultural development plan. In conjunction with Tanzanian organizations, will establish village enterprises. Will develop linkages with several Tanzanian organizations such as small indus-

EARTHWATCH Explorers Probe Globe  
(Reconnection, January 1979)

Former volunteers interested in scientific exploration are invited to contact EARTHWATCH, a clearinghouse that seeks volunteers to accompany scientists on research expeditions around the globe and throughout the United States. Inexperienced volunteers work with experts - anthropologists, geologists, archeologists, and naturalists - making scientific and humanistic searches and discoveries. Since the organization began in 1970, some 2,500 volunteers, many of them former PCVs, have joined EARTHWATCH expeditions.

EARTHWATCH spokesperson Robin Foster describes the program: "EARTHWATCH is a scientific Peace Corps mobilizing research expeditions which are privately staffed and funded. Participating volunteers are entitled to tax deductions covering their share of costs and transportation.

"In 1979, EARTHWATCH will support 65 projects in earth sciences, marine sciences, life sciences, and the humanities in 20 states and 32 countries.

EARTHWATCH offers a wellspring of field experience for ex-Peace Corps and VISTA volunteers. Those with Ph.D.'s continuing their research abroad may apply to EARTHWATCH for support. The majority of former volunteers, however, will likely want to join EARTHWATCH as members (\$20 / yr.) to learn of research teams which need their help.

"EARTHWATCH volunteers need not be competent in the sciences to apply because they will be taught what they need to know in the field. EARTHWATCH simply looks for people who have good sense and good humor - curiosity, sensitivity, flexibility, and concern for other people are the important ingredients."

For more information about the program, write Robin Foster, EARTHWATCH, 10 Juniper Road, Box 127PC, Belmont, Mass. 02178.

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I never think of the future, It comes soon enough.

- Albert Einstein

## Kennedy Fellowships

The Kennedy School of Government is looking for future leaders in national and international affairs men and women with outstanding character, the ability to handle complexity, and a desire to serve in positions of public responsibility. Applications from former ACTION volunteers are encouraged.

Fellows selected will enroll in the Public Policy Program of the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. The first-year curriculum is a rigorous blend of analytical methods, economics, statistics, political and organizational analysis, and management. Applications are emphasized with case studies that put the student in the decision-maker's role. Second-year students specialize in a policy area of their choice, such as urban poverty, education, health, agriculture, international development, or foreign affairs.

The Master of Public Policy is awarded after two years, with the option of continuing for the Ph.D. in Public Policy. Joint degrees with the schools of Law, Business and Medicine also are available. Fellowships will be awarded on the basis of merit in a wide variety of areas. Stipends will be based on financial need.

For more information and an application, write: Office of Admissions, Kennedy School of Government, 79 Boylston Street, Cambridge, Mass. 02138.

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Overseas Personnel Services (OPS)

OPS is a service making known the qualifications of persons seeking employment in Third World countries to interested governments, United Nations specialized agencies and international relief and technical assistance organizations. It produces, from information submitted by candidates, a registry (containing names, addresses, educational preparation, previous experience, language abilities, etc.) to such governments and organizations.

If you are interested in learning about  
or listing your skills with OPS, write:

David Dichter, Overseas Personnel  
Service, 9 Rue de Vermont, 1202



As a PCV, if you wish to receive college / university catalogs while still in your country of service, instruct the institution to address them as follows (since most will not pay international postage) so that they can be forwarded to you via Air Pouch or airmail:

It is imperative that you stress the necessity of including country to the university sending the catalog through the office.

## TRIPLE MEANINGS

1. acting signal, billiard stick, pigtail
2. pickpocket, downward slope, swim
3. tooth holder, rubber overshoe, chicle
4. son of Noah, kind of meat, bad actor
5. gratuity, extremity, advance information
6. line, boat ride, brawl
7. fate, great deal, movie studio
8. jail, quill, sty
9. dance, air trip, beer-flavoring plant
10. door opener, piano lever, Florida reef
11. Greek god, hard ~~abs~~oil, metal dish
12. harbor obstruction, wrinking place, lever
13. attitude, atmosphere, song
14. joke, speech restrainer, fish
15. Ball club, spree, winged mammal
16. haircut, pendulum weight, shilling
17. clothes fastener, bowling target, leg
18. radio chain, clear profit, snare
19. cravat, draw, railroad timber
20. pinch, cheese tang, small drink

Below are some materials that may be ordered from Outplacement Counseling that may be of some interest to some volunteers:

- Copies of these materials can be obtained by writing:

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Norwegian, fox, yellow, WATER, Kools  
Ukrainian, horse, blue, tea, Chest  
English, snails, red, milk, Old Gold  
Spaniard, dog, ivory, OJ, Lucky Strike  
Japanese, ZEBRA, green, coffee, Parlo

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Never put off until tomorrow what you  
can do the day after tomorrow.

- Mark Twain

## BIG BUDDIES

In our last issue, as you may remember, Sharon Martin published pen pal letters written by her Niamey CEG students. In this issue we have tried the opposite direction. Following are excerpts written by American eighth graders to Jeff Drumtra's Mirriah CEG students:

### America's Dear 13-Year Olds...

Dear Pen-Pal,

Hi! My name is Carolyn. I am 13 years old... I hate school. I like to go to parties and drink, especially whiskey and beer. It makes me happy! I like guys. I like to try different things--drugs, you know.

### And We Also Eat Belly-Buttons...

Dear Pen-Pal,

My name is Tom... I hate school and I hate Social Studies. I'm in the Betty Jack fan club. Do you live in a bar? Did you pierce your nose? I'm white are you black?

### Yes, But What's a Clip?

Dear Pen-Pal,

Football is another favorite sport of mine, it consists of eleven men on a team. One team tries to move a ball to one side of the field, and whoever gets their first gets a points. You can get four downs to get a T.D.

I have some friends that are weird.....

### Do You Mean Our Peace Corps Teacher?

Dear Pen-Pal,

I hear your in an Army Reserve or something like that. Is that true? If so do you like it there?

### VIA Or Without Pickles?

Dear Pen-Pal,

P.P.S. How much do Big Macs cost where you live?

### What's That?!....

Dear Pen-Pal,

Hi, Jeff is my name and basketball is my game. I am a boy and I weigh 130 lbs. I love playing sports... I like school... My teacher is Mrs. Arsnow. She is a real bitty. She is pretty nice but I hate her.

### Aren't These The Things We Stone?

Dear Pen-Pal,

My favorite cartoon character is Snoopy and my favorite animals are dogs. I have a Shetland Sheepdog she is two years old & has one blue eye and one brown eye so we are not able to enter her in any dog shows.

### Sorry, Wrong Country.

Dear Pen-Pal,

My name is Chuck. The weather up here is cold and snowy. How's the weather in Africa. I like tropical fish. Do you see lots of fish.

### Well, We Just Got A Latrine.

Dear Pen-Pal,

In the backyard, I have a playhouse which my mother built. It's a small building with 3 rooms, a living room, kitchen, and bedroom. My mother also put electricity in it, and plans to install running water (we have a sink already in it)..... My mom is in the process of building a dollhouse. It has electricity, too!

Hey! This place is heaviness.  
It makes me think too much.  
I've started dreaming while awake.  
I think I eat too much.  
I'm eating way too much.  
I repeat myself a lot.

I saw a camel l'autre jour.  
He turned and said to me,  
"Remove yourself from all this mess."  
I thought a spirit he possessed,  
But truth was all it is - you guessed,  
I was standing in manure.

The oatmeal is all gone again.  
I'll have to do more tea.  
Twenty cubes should get me there,  
A blissful diabetic stare  
And back to dreams of talking frogs,  
And diets  
And of course,  
"The Cause" (evolve to camel's  
thinking).

Q Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.

A I thought my window was down but found it was up when I put my hand through it.

Q I told the police that I was not injured, but on removing my hat, I found that I had a fractured skull.

A In my attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole.

Q To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front, I hit the pedestrian.

A I was sure the old fellow would never make it to the side of the road when I struck him.

Q I was unable to stop in time and my car crashed into the other vehicle. The driver and passengers then left immediately for vacation with injuries.

On this hapless earth  
There's small sincerity of mirth,  
And laughter oft is but an art  
To drown the outcry of the heart.

Hartley Coleridge

When they talk about giving full autonomy to the West Bank, does that mean we won't get money from Niamey anymore? Also, will we have to get new I.D. cards?

CONCERNED VOLUNTEERS  
Tera, Gotheye, Say  
Parc W

Look, dummies, they're talking about the Jordan River NOT the Niger. How did you get into Peace Corps anyway?

DEAR MONTY,

I don't know what happened. At first everything was great. We'd go for long moonlit walks on my dune hand in hoof. Holding her close, seeing her figure outlined against the sand (she's got quite a set of humps), I thought it would last forever. But now she's grown more distant. She says she wants to be free to run around with the other camels and my Okie accent doesn't interest her any more. How can I keep her?

Dear BOUZA BOZO,

Just because I look like a certain doctor doesn't mean I can get you psychovaccated. You're gonna have to tell that story to somebody else. In the meantime, why don't you try hobbling her legs?

[illegible]

WHAT DID THEY SAY?      -      Answers:

1. Time is money
2. Here today, gone tomorrow.
3. Buy now, pay later.
4. 54'40" or fight!
5. Put your money where your mouth is.
6. It's like taking candy from a baby.
7. He who laughs last, laughs best.

- Bill Miles,  
Magaria