

Letter to World Citizens

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This News Bulletin, announced for April, was delayed due to circumstances beyond our control. Two imprisonments in Swiss jails of its editor, the undersigned, since March are the cause. On page 7, you will read of events leading up to these imprisonments. Though I offer no apology for going to jail in the circumstances, I do feel concerned about subscribers who had no news. To all these, I extend my thanks for their patience and feel sure that once apprised of the reasons, they will understand and sympathize.

The present issue has been published under the pressure of my departure for the World Citizen Assembly in San Francisco, 20 to 25 July which accounts for its "bare bones" character. We are reprinting several items which appeared in Vol. 2, No. 1 of January, 1974 since they contain policy statements relevant to actual events.

In general, our News Bulletin intends to perform 6 essential tasks:

- 1) to serve the world citizen public with news related to WSA, World Government and world citizens activity everywhere;
- 2) to make WSA and its activities and services more widely known;
- 3) to serve the media with information re our activities;
- 4) to put current events into a global or unitive perspective;
- 5) to serve as an educational tool re the concept and actuality of world citizenship;
- 6) to provide a forum for committed world citizens.

Since one of WSA's principal activities to date is the issuance of the World Government passport, in subsequent issues we will report the position of national governments in its regard. On pages 4 and 5, you will find the letter addressed to all states this month accompanying a specimen of the 3rd edition. Please study this letter and take it with you when requesting a visa on your WSA passport. Inform us of the results. All violations of your right to travel freely will be reported.

Much lip service has been paid and is being paid to human rights. The World Service Authority can provide the tools for human rights implementation but essentially it is to each one of us as the human being concerned to **claim** and then **act** on them. The accumulation of evidence of violations however is one of the most effective means to arrest such violations.

The World Court of Human Rights, founded the 12 June, 1974 at Mulhouse, France by assembled delegates of World Government, will in due course receive petitions directly from individuals whose fundamental human rights have been abrogated by states. News of this important development will appear in subsequent issues. The statute of the court is available to all citizens of World Government as well as to all WSA passport holders. The Chief Justice of the World Court of Human Rights, Dr. Luis Kutner, is also Chairman of the Commission for International Due Process of Law and the Commission for World Habeas Corpus. (see p. 5)

Finally a word about the World Service Authority vis-a-vis the Helvetic Confederation. On page 2, you will read of WSA becoming a Swiss-based non-profit association. The irony of by being imprisoned for being "illegally" in Switzerland while the president of a Swiss-based association is apparent. Also, as many WSA passport holders have already experienced, our passport is not reorganized by the Confederation. How then can it be issued from Basel? The answer to both seeming paradoxes lies in the system of confederation itself. Swiss cantons are sovereign even citizenship deriving from the cantonal community. The WSA has its legal residence in the Basel Canton. But I personally am barred from entering on Federal soil. Thus while working for WSA in Basel, I have three times been apprehended by Federal police and declared "illegal". This in no way affects WSA's status or operations. Our passport however must not be considered a Swiss nor a United Nations passport.

It is a World Government passport mandated by fundamental human rights representing a new world legal order. As we grow in numbers and means, our common will for a frontierless world will prevail.