

Letter To World Citizens

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I am delighted at the response so far from WCN readers to the WSP. Many are old friends and former fellow crusaders. It is like a homecoming, another turn of the global spiral. And they are from every continent. Welcome!

This is another concrete example of the universality and individuality of sovereignty. It augurs well for our global project. In this issue of *World Citizen News*, we are printing the names and what countries of all respondents to date. This is to encourage you who have not yet responded to the invitation to take part in the historic World Syntegrity Project.

I think it would be extraordinarily useful to hold Infosets eventually in the world's hot spots such as Sarajevo, Phnom Penh, Port-au-Prince, Ramallah and Soweto. The global bonding which the WSP represents can only strengthen the forces of unity and good-will among people, even under the oppressive conditions prevailing in those places.

When you become an "Infosetter" you are not only acting locally in a world governorship capacity, but in concert with your fellow citizens in other parts of the world. That is the uniqueness of the icosahedron structure: democratic, synergy-producing, available to one and all. And, most important, the structure enhances the unifying power of the technosphere, which, after all, already links us, one to another and each to the whole.

"Ideas have wings," Stuart Chase wrote many years ago. And an old friend, Bernard Malan, wrote a book titled "Imaginer ou Disparaitre," (Imagine or Disappear). And who was it who said, "A people without vision will perish"?

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Last month I recounted briefly how Stafford Beer and I met and joined forces, as it were. Limited space in May's WCN required that the end of the story be cut. So here it is:

After Beer's experiences in Chile – trying to use cybernetics to organize Salvador Allende's economy, an experience which ended in disaster – he came to the realization that the holistic science could only be applied politically on the planetary level, given the interconnectedness of planetary problems. After learning of our holistic political activities (during the course of an exuberant meeting at a Philadelphia bar) Beer formally accepted with glee his appointment as Coordinator of the World Cybernetic Commission of our World Government of World Citizens.

The result of that first meeting, culminating in the upcoming World Syntegration Project, is the joyful joining of global politics and global science. We are very optimistic about the project's impact, due to the "meeting-hall" nature of the Infoset - think of Buckminster Fuller's geodesic dome as the hall - and because of our imperative need actually to *govern* as world citizens. The WSP launch from 30 or more cities throughout the world will detonate an explosion of reason that spreads exponentially, via the technosphere, to the four corners of the world.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights in article 20 provides that "*Everyone has the right to freedom of peaceful assembly and association.*" Link that up with article 21(3): "*The will of the people shall be the basis of the authority of government...*" and we have a dynamic mandate to empower ourselves at the global level where we and our problems all reside.

As one World Citizen among billions, I call upon everyone to support this new and exciting initiative. It is a way for you and I to claim *our* world and our rightful place in it in harmony with our fellow world citizens.

I'll "see" you at the WSP wherever you are!
