

What I told you of what can be done with an education based on the powers of the child, is true, but it is necessary first that human conscience be prepared to receive this truth. Now therefore go forth and begin your task, dear ones, and keep in mind that your task must be more that of being apostles of a truth than of a method of education, of being fighters rather than teachers. Go forth humble and non-violent, with a luminous faith in your heart. Go forth and preach all over India so as to prepare the way to the Kingdom of the Child".

Maria Montessori

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

We should have liked to have published this issue earlier; but regretfully time flies too fast. It was our intention to take with it the opportunity to offer - as we do now - a greeting of welcome to all the new students who started their Montessori training last September. They number between five and six hundred and are spread in different parts of the world: Asia, Europe, Canada, USA and Mexico. Not all of them are beginners, however. Indeed some are nearing the end of their studies, such as those in Karachi, where Mrs. Estela Palmieri will go as A.M.I. examiner.

Because of her marriage she has closed her center for a few years - an unfortunate event for those who would have liked to study with her, but a lucky one - not only for those who will now have the chance to meet her but for the Pakistani schools for which she will dispose of more time that what was necessary for the examinations. They will certainly benefit of her advice and help.

Mrs. Palmieri is not the only itinerant missionary, there are others. Besides Mrs. Waltuch, there is Marianne Moore who is now free to go and help for short periods. She is flying regularly to Toronto to help in the course. We had suggested her for the Karachi examinations but she was not able to leave that long.

Another long-range commuter is Muriel Dwyer. Recently she made a flying visit to USA and - after helping to start the course in London - she is now in Africa. There, besides assisting in her original work in Dar-es-Salaam, she is continuing to foster A.M.I. projects in Abessynia and Kenya.

Another 'commuting' person is Mr. Joosten who in St. Paul started with new 'first'-years' and old 'second'-years' students but who after Christmas will go off to India again to finish the course in Calcutta.

With regard to the course in St. Paul he informed us recently that a University College in Duluth considers the two years of the course in St. Paul equivalent to two years of college whether those are taken before or after the college years.

We take this occasion to inform our American readers that some of our Training Centers in USA have made arrangements regarding college credits. The centers thus accredited can give further information about this.

Our General Director also has started to be active again, not 'commuting' as far and as often as Miss Dwyer and Mr. Joosten, but in June he managed to attend the con-

ference organized in St.Paul by the A.M.I./USA office and the Minnesota Montessori Foundation in June, and - in view of the proposed elementary course in Washington (in Montessori jargon called: „the Advanced Course“) - he went again in October to visit some of the elementary Montessori classes. He was as usual accompanied by his wife and both came back full of encouragement and satisfaction after their trip. They were made to feel very welcome in St.Paul where the conference was well-attended. Notwithstanding the heat the workshops were crowded, even on the very last day. All lecturers had the full attention of those present. Among the attendants there was a very warm feeling and a sense of unity which was so refreshingly welcome to all after all the disagreement among people in general.

The visits to the classes were unavoidably very 'concentrated' - really too short to say anything about it, either good or bad - but in general the Montessori's carried away a very favourable impression and they are full of gratitude to the teachers for sharing their experiences with them.

These are some of the latest news. There are many more, too many to be included in this issue.

So to children, teachers, students and trainers A.M.I. expresses the very best wishes for a prosperous, fruitfull 1976.

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The indulgence of our readers is asked for the language used in this issue. When reading the various reports it should be realized that almost no one could use his or her 'mother tongue'.

SECRETARIAL REPORT

**of the work at Headquarters of the ASSOCIATION MONTESSORI INTERNATIONALE
for the years 1972, 1973 and 1974**

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