

23 December 1983

dear John and Bobbi,

Last week I went up to London to meet with Joanna Macey, who was giving a number of workshops in London organized by friends. At the end of one of the evening workshops, I went up and spoke with her, and then afterwards she and I, and some other friends, went to have dinner together. I spoke to her at quite some length about Australia, and really encouraged her to go there. I told her about some of the activities going on there, including the protests against uranium mining, the people camping on the lawns outside Parliament House, the protests at Pine Gap, as well as other activities involving the rain forests and the marches. She was very interested. So little of the activities in Australia seem to reach over seas. When I ask people what they know about the Australian protest scene, they always say "There doesn't seem to be much going on down there." I certainly got a different impression during my stay there in November. Anyway, I think I sparked a real interest in Joanna to visit Australia. I mentioned that it might be possible for you to arrange for her to reach a wider audience via some TV interviews, or radio interviews. She is a very articulate spokesperson for the peace movement, and, in particular, in the field in which she specializes, working with those unconscious despairs about the future. So, what I would suggest is that you write to her, and give her some details about what you have in mind. Her programme usually consists of giving talks and short workshops, one day or two days. She would probably only stay for a short period. Any assistance that would be available to help with her travel expenses would be appreciated. It may be that she will be coming from Sri Lanka to Australia, or directly from San Francisco. The period that she has in mind to come is in October or November of 1984.

I would also like to thank you and my many friends at Dharmananda and Bodhi Park for all the kind support you gave to me during my stay in Australia. I found it very worthwhile to visit down there in many respects. I have mentioned to a number of friends about the many activities which are taking place there. The other day I had a long conversation with one of the best known peace activists here. We got talking about Australia, and he asked me to put down on paper some of my observations and some of the facts which I've learned about what is taking place there. It's nice to hear that there is a real interest, and it seems to me that this is the time for greater co-ordination of activities of the peace movement in different countries.

Finally, please lean on Dudley a little to form a Green Party. That really would spark the interest here in Europe.

Love to you, Carol, Ray, Simon et al

Love,

Christopher

p.s. Bobbi, it's so nice to hear that you are getting better

Love & metta, Ewan
~*~

Address of Joanna Macey is:

138, The Uplands,
Berkeley,
California, 94705.

In case we need to contact you in a hurry, but not by telephone, do you have access to Telex facilities anywhere? If so, please let us know the details.

I have to go off to my course now, so I'm leaving the rest of this letter for Pat to add anything I've forgotten.

Love, Bobbi.

HELLO JOANNA...A big heap of hugs from me.... how's it all going for you? post Sri Lanka and pre-Antipodes? I trust you get the time to let your soul catch up, as the Aborigines say here. Sometimes I wonder for myself - I seem to lead something of a nomadic existence, but coming back up to Bobbi's and good friends to recharge regularly.

You'll hear more of what we, as some of those organising your tour, feel is useful background info. on Australia on a tape that will be sent off to you next week after I've been in Sydney with the group there. Hopefully there will also be a copy of the tour poster, put together by Bobbi's husband, and of the newsletter we are putting out as tour publicity.

I've been pretty busy giving workshops up and down the country, with by and large very positive feedback, and many people who've done these looking forward to your visit. The training 3-day workshop in Sydney at the end of your tour will easily be filled (there's about 45 places on it) and it looks like Perth organisers are aiming at a more training oriented workshop. I've also been meeting with a number of key people in the Educational system, and have a lot of interest in getting this approach into schools, and in conjunction with parent and teacher groups. Hopefully the Teachers' Federation is going to be supporting your tour by donating facilities in Sydney.

One thing that has been close to my heart, is the Buddhist Peace Fellowship evening with you and Bob Aitken - if you glance at the schedule, you'll see that it's been offered on Jan. 30th. which is the day you are flying from N.Z. So is this date still possible for you? I guess it also would depend on your time of arrival - as we'd also hoped to have some press coverage at the airport. It has not been easy to coincide a space for both of you busy people, and that evening seemed the only possible time. I'll let you know if it seem that Robert Aitken has any other possible times. He is going to be out here for almost exactly the same span as you. He arrives on Jan. 26th. and flies out on March 1st... so maybe you could contact him and dialogue over what you'd like to offer to the B.P.F. if we can co-incide you both. I shall be spending some time in the third week of your visit sitting with him which will be a recharge for me - I value his teachings and presence greatly, and haven't seen him for over three years.

Interhelp has been mushrooming all around Australia, in the form of local groups who work out for themselves what they get up to - and up at the Lismore office we just try to keep in touch with them and pass on whatever we can, and it's such a buzz when we actually get to meet and do some work together.... and I've also had a strong connection with the ~~local~~ fellow Alan Carrell in N.Z. who you'll meet on your visit there, who's getting Interhelp going in Auckland. Hopefully Interhelp here will be able to sponsor him to come over for the training intensive, since N.Z. is pretty equivalent to G.B. in its economic state - Australia feels like a rich cousin.

If there's anything you can think of that as part of visiting this far-flung island you'd like us to organise for you, please let us know. We'll hope to take you sailing on Sydney Harbour and for a night out at the Opera House. There's many Buddhist groups, some living on the land in communities, that you might like to visit.

Also - one worry I have - please look at the current schedule enclosed, and let us know if it seems too full. At this stage it is easier to prune than when things are full. I'll bid you adieu

hugs and gassho

Dear

We had a very powerful weekend of Despair & Empowerment work here on 23rd & 24th June, led by Pat Fleming. With no advertising at all, we had 26 people there, and had to turn a few away. More workshops are definitely scheduled for the next two months, with tentative plans for more for the next 6 months until your tour. I found Pat very clear and centred and aware of the work, and also a delightful friend. Personally, the workshop was immensely powerful, touching depths of despair previously only glimpsed, and then being able to share that with others in a mutually supportive environment, and coming to see how much our power lies in that sharing together. The power of song is astounding also! It is also very reassuring to have my faith in the possibilities of this work confirmed by my own and others' experiences during the workshop.

Pat and I and three or four others who did that workshop are going to Canberra next week, 9 - 13 July, for a Rally to be held in conjunction with the Australian Labor Party (A.L.P. - the Party presently in power) National Conference. One of the most important and contentious issues the Conference will be discussing is the mining of Uranium in Australia - specifically, the Roxby Downs mine in South Australia, as Prime Minister Hawke's present policy - to operate that mine and sell the uranium - is against the grass roots ALP policy. The Rally should be very big - this is the last chance to stop the mining and export of uranium from Australia. The Rally organisers have called Day Four of the Rally 'Despair & Empowerment Day', though it's not clear how much they know about it or what they have planned. So we will be organising small (25 - 30 people) groups and teaching some active listening skills, and then organising doorknocking and active listening around Canberra. We may also do a few of the empowerment exercises with small groups. I will let you know what happened when I write next.

We have started Internelp in Australia. I am the contact, and the address is P.O. Box 172, South Lismore, 2 N.S.W., 2480, Australia. We have put together, very quickly, a rough information sheet to be handed out at the Canberra rally, and plan to produce a more polished and complete one in the near future.

Well, I think that's enough for now. I hope you have a good practical support group who can help you with the administrative side of my requests - e.g., plane tickets and book ordering, etc.! Hope to hear from you soon.

Love,

David Allan,
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 Tullahoma,
 via London, N.Y., 2000
 AUSTRALIA

2nd July, 1964.

Dear Joanna,

Thank you for your letter. It was very helpful to have so many queries answered clearly, and now I have some more for you:

1. What is the upper limit on the number of people who can do the three-day intensive training workshop at the end of your tour?
2. What dietary requirements do you have - e.g. Friskin, lacto-vegetarian, or?
3. We need a good quality black and white photograph, and also a good quality coloured photograph, for publicity purposes. Also, any newspaper articles or magazine articles about you and about Despair & Empowerment work.
4. We think it will be much cheaper for you to buy your own plane ticket in the U.S. - both for the flights to and from Australia, (including the New Zealand part), as well as the internal flights around Australia. Please let us know, as soon as possible, if you can organise this. (N.B. If you can, it will be possible to get a 'round Australia' ticket, but that involves flying from Perth to the Gold Coast instead of Brisbane, and driving from there to Brisbane, and then from Brisbane to Lisoree, then back to the Gold Coast to fly to Sydney - all this in order to meet the requirements of the airline that one stop is in a non-capital city - sorry if all this sounds very complicated - it's not really!)
5. As yet, I can't give you any definite date for your arrival and departure, because we are still waiting to find out if we can schedule a National Press Club luncheon in Canberra for you. This would give your trip maximum press coverage. We go to Canberra next week to find out - more about that trip later. As you will see, I have included a tentative schedule for you to look at, so you can send back your comments - we would appreciate these as soon as possible. As you will see, it is now a 30-day programme, but if that is not possible we will reduce it. Also, it is likely to become fuller unless we are very firm, so your comments on this schedule will be most necessary.
6. What films do you have available that could be shown during your tour - we are considering buying one - depending on the price.
7. Do you have any new reprints of relevant articles that you could send for us to use? We have copies of all the ones listed on the English Interhelp pamphlet.
8. Can you get hold of copies of Barma & Development at author's discount, and send us 20 copies, please - money available as soon as we know the price.
9. Please send us the name/^{address} of the person in New Zealand who is organising your tour there.

Well, that's the business taken care of for now!....

- JOANNA MACY'S TOUR - FEB. 1985:

(Suggested schedule -
Aug. 1984 - subject to
confirmation)

THUR	31	ARRIVE SYDNEY MEDIA	am							
	FEB 1	REST	am							
FRI		PUBLIC TALK	pm							
SAT	2	ONE DAY WORKSHOP	am	}	9	LISMORE 2 DAY	am	16	MELBOURNE	am
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SUN	3	ONE DAY WORKSHOP	am		10	WORKSHOP	am			23
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MON	4	REST	am		11		am			24
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TUES	5	fly BRISBANE (12.15 - 9.10)	am		12	travel Canberra 8.40 - 12.15	am			17
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WED	6	ONE DAY WORKSHOP	am	}	13	CANBERRA	am	18	ADELAIDE	am
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July 9, 1984

Dear Pat,

I was so happy to hear from you! Forgive my delay in answering. I've been on the road a lot these past months. Well, to think that you are back in Australia... Our London supper with Anne-Marie and Carolyn last December, after the Intensive, is still so glad and vivid for me, and now so much has happened for both of us since then. For me a journey back to Asia in the winter, and such rich work across the U.S. unfolding new depths and directions, Interhelp-related. For you times of retreat and journeys back across space and time. And now, I'm delighted to hear you are offering workshops in Australia and assisting the Interhelp network there. You say you are unsure how long you will remain down-under. I hope you will be there when I come.

Yes, I have agreed to come next winter (summer). Last letter to Bobbi said February, but I writing her to see if late January would be all right (for 28 days), so that I can spend 10-14 days in New Zealand and still get back here to S.F. by Feb March 7.

I appreciate your concern about co-facilitators for workshops and intensives while there. My instinct at this point is that we can manage it without bringing over extra people from U.S. or U.K. That is based on the following: 1) thanks to preliminary work, yours and others, there will be folks already familiar with the premises and methods; 2) an intensive at the outset of my tour will prepare one or two or more to co-facilitate workshops with me; (3) recent experience in leading intensives on my own over here encourages me to know that I can facilitate a deep learning process, where people become each others' teachers. If you will be there, you could facilitate the intensive with me. If you will not be there, and if you feel that someone else should be brought out, that can be the decision of the local sponsors.

I hope this address reaches you. I am not too clear about your hand-written address?

I've got to dash over to a meeting in Berkeley. Let me say that one of my excitements about coming to Australia is what I've heard about the environmental work being done there. Part of that is what I heard from Christopher Titmuss, part is what I'm now gleaning from Gary Snyder and others; for my own work is moving more into the realm of "deep ecology."

I recently gifted myself a bicycle. Riding it through Golden Gate Park and down to Sunset beach awakens memories of our rides together in Kent. How good it will be to see you again.

Yours faithfully, with love,

Joanna

July 15, '84

Dear Pat,

A quick postscript to my letter to you.

I'm not sure I formally invited you to co-facilitate the proposed 3-day intensive with me. That has been my assumption and hope, & I would love to do that with you if you will still be in the country.

Another point I want to clarify is that I would be happy to have any other Intehelpers (U.K., G.S....) join me, if Bobbi Allau & company are prepared to bring them on. I did not originally suggest this because (1) it's expensive and in regard to costs for Australian sponsors I am virtually contributing my time; and because (2) their presence at this point is not necessary for people to have a powerful experience of the work and lay the basis for their ongoing efforts. I certainly agree that the more the better, & different personalities & styles enrich the experience.

We're busy & excited in exploring the wealth & impact that Intehelp

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24 October 1986

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Joanna Macy, Ph.D.

March 29, 1986

Dear Hearts

I can't believe four weeks have elapsed since we said goodbye. After the month of so rich and intense a time together, I've continued to feel you at my side - or rather, it's like you've taken up permanent residence in my chest cavity. With loved ones & colleagues here I ease the missing of you by talking about you & those you allowed me to meet & love, and in the Interhelp network here great admiration grows for the our brothers & sisters down under. Soon, as you see by the flyer enclosed, I'll be giving a group report - it hasn't happened before this because of engagements I had in Michigan & S. California (but don't worry about my pace, I spent the first week at home sleeping!).

I'd like to try to tell you what an enormous privilege you gave me. You opened to me your hearts & hopes. You took care of me. You were patient with my lapses and impressions; you were endlessly supportive. You helped me learn. You allowed me to see the beauty and the size of your country people's spirit - and the pain you share, but in distinctive ways, with the rest of us in this planet-time.

That solidarity is a place to me as I return to a country that appears - on the surface - to have
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Dear People,
Hamburg, Dec 1, 1986

Janna checking in again. Drawing a deep breath after a very intense month here in Germany. Waiting ... to ... with ... and ...

London
24 October 1986

Dear Enzo,
This is Janna checking in from Britain. Been here almost 4 weeks. Want you to know I'm fine - and eager to share some things before they are overtaken with many more experiences.

The hardest thing about this journey is not being in the States for Peggy's return, ill from Furoadoc. I knew before I left that she'd decided to terminate early as a PCV, knew that it was not an emergency meriting cancellation of all the engagements that constituted this trip; but did not know how sad it would seem not to be there, and in a home, to receive her. And I'm all the more grateful that Jack and his house mates are lovingly and capably there for her. It was good last week to call from Edinburgh and hear her voice.

Green is the theme this month on the Emerald Isle - and I've been learning lots that feeds into my work with deep ecology. Upon arrival I stayed with Christopher Timmins in Devon, my dear friend in the Buckleup Peace Fellowship. Nice to see a meditation teacher and former monk accept the challenge of to enter the political fray. He's running for the local (5th Ave) Parliamentary seat for the Green Party. I had the pleasure of attending a local town meeting, + even speaking for him ☺, as he quietly + persistently makes himself + the issues known to the electorate.

One day he drove me across the Dartmoor to the West coast of Devon, to Hartland, where at long last I met Satish Kumar chair of the Schumacher Society and editor of Resurgence. After lunch at the Small School he helped found, and a session with students on nuclear weapons + nuclear fears, we had a fine walk along the great cliffs.

Devon, I learn, is quite a center of green alternatives. One helping to create them is my friend Caroline Wyndham, founder of Women for Life on Earth + an Entelkeeper. Since



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It's been 3 years ago, they been doing a lot of work with stones and tapping the prehistoric traditions of Britain. So en route to the Avebury Stone workshop, she took me to Glastonbury, which I was quite primed for after reading *The Mists of Avalon* last year. There is clearly, & espily among greens, a resurgence of interest in the earth wisdom & earth mysteries of pagan Britain. I see it among many druid helpers and others who have participated in the Council of All Beings. Indeed the Council (which I bring from Australia via the U.S.) takes on a different character and potency here. I sometimes imagine I'm conversing with a bunch of Druids.

With Caroline archetypal maker creating two Councils took place - one with Avebury (near Bristol at West) and one at Funchon. Both ended with the burning of the masks (a new development) to release the lifeforms that had spoken through us. Please ask me to tell you some time about the Avebury one. It managed to distill some of the paradoxes I'm beginning to appreciate about the British character - the love of form & the rejection of form, the pomp & circumstance and the spoofing of same, the dualistic earth solemnities and the earthy zanyness. From depths of solemnity and reverence descended into Caroline's many forms, the Council after its lengthy close & delirious Somersetshire into Monty Python. Two hours of absolute, delicious, ribald and (to me) hysterically funny take off on despair & despair - most despairing work - with improvisational renderings of humanity's journey through time and some self's, appropriately enough, going into total debauche.

The Schumacher lectures took place with the sun streaming down on the airy elegance of Georgian Bristol. Sochik was there as me, pleased at the packed house. Theme: 'A Green Future'. House sold out, hundreds turned away. Can you imagine that recurring in the States? I had lots of time to meet my fellow lecturers, for we then proceeded to drive

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that night & the next day to Funchon together in northern Scotland. Randolph Bahro the ex-East German Marxist, the ex-West German Green, who takes issue now with the Bundestag Grünen for cooperating (compromising?) with other parties. And (one of the most impressive men I've ever met) Jose Hutzinger of Brazil, who quit the chemical industry to become its arch-opponent, & who's now identified as the champion of the Amazon rainforest. Due to exposure to both of them the informational content of my brain tripled.

And they, & Satish too, are not only fighters, they are philosophers. The nature of choice, free will, of the self & its continuity, were debated with as much electric passion as organizing against pesticides. At one point - it was Sunday breakfast en route to Innsbruck - I announced quite simply that I was in ecstasy; that this particular discussion was the same essentially as the Buddha held in 3 different Sutras.

At Funchon some 250 from around the world showed for its ^{week} conference on "East & West: Health & Action". Stimulating, but not exactly the time to experience community life of Funchon. As a matter of fact, I was beginning to feel decidedly overstimulated... that speedy, hyper, excited & a bit preukhous state that I'm rather susceptible to. I roomed with Susan Griffin & shared a bungalow with Caroline W and Melly Scott, which was a lot of fun but didn't help the fatigue factor. In my presentation I opened (for the first time in a talk) my hypothesis on the "holonic shift" - and was not struck dead by an angry god. After 4 days, I left, driving to Edinburgh with Th & New Society Publishers, to join Justin for a week of irresponsibility.

Before departing me today to London and himself to jail (for sowing wheat at the Malesworth Cruise Missile Base), Justin led me in what has been one of the happiest weeks of my life. He'd met my plane at Gatwick

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