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President's Column: A Stir of Life Along the Keel



In my last column, I was complaining about the lack of progress in our movement since we started eight years ago. This time, I feel much more hopeful. There is a definite stir of life along the keel.

First of all, there has been the series of **Model Global Parliaments** organized by Pera Wells. These have been a huge success, and are now being staged in parliament houses around the country. The participants, mostly graduate students in international relations, law, human rights or related fields, are excited and enthusiastic, and it's a great way to get young people interested in these issues. I had presumed there must be many similar programs around the world, but in fact I haven't actually found any quite the same on the web. I think this idea will soon "go viral", and spread around the globe.

Second, there is a good chance we will finally see a **Centre for Global Governance and International Peace** established at Macquarie University (see item below),

Editor's welcome

In late July, I had the opportunity to be involved with the third Model Global Parliament at the Old Parliament House at the Museum of Australian Democracy, Canberra, which was supported by ANU's Crawford School of Policy – a fantastic initiative by Pera Wells.

Parliamentarian Lee Moskwa put together this blog about the day, which can also be found on the Museum of Australian Democracy's website.

What type of world do you live in? Our increasing interconnectivity through technology or international policy issues puts forward an argument that we need to look beyond our immediate surroundings: that we need to think Global.

Sure, this happens on a daily basis as we have institutions and governance bodies like the United Nations. But what if a democratically elected global government existed and brought together State and non-State actors, each with the same authority, on the floor of Parliament—what would that look like? What would it consider? Could it work?

On Saturday 27 July, 50 students from over 30 countries met in the House of Representatives at Old Parliament House to hold the inaugural Model Global Parliament in Canberra. Students presented motions on education, human rights and environmental issues and engaged in negotiations and debate throughout the day.

This was no Parliament with a dividing line between Government and Opposition—rather, each 'voice' within the Parliament had the same rights and authority as the body sitting next to them. The majority on each motion or amendment ruled the day. This was a practical example of equality between 'regional powers' and 'non-government organisations' – such an exciting and lively example of democracy in practice!

So, why does this matter? It matters because change is an evolving beast. If you agree that a change is needed in the structure and powers of global governance, then maybe the Model Global Parliament holds insights into future arrangements. It certainly inspired participants—it will be exciting to see where the next steps lead to!

Best, Andrea Booth



thanks to the interest and support of the Dean, John Simons, the Professor of International Relations, Geoffrey Hawker, and the Head of Partnerships & Development in the Faculty, Andrew McKenna. We haven't secured any funding for the Centre as yet, but hopefully that will be remedied within the next year. We are working to develop our Institute, the **Institute for Global Peace and Sustainable Governance (IGPSG)**, to act as a partner and funding channel for the Centre.

Our **Aid Project** in Bangladesh is moving along quite well, thanks to Wali Islam, Michael de Mol and other helpers. New ventures have been undertaken this year, including a medical clinic, a market, and an occupational training scheme, as outlined later in the *Bulletin*.

Finally, our fledgling **Coalition for a World Community of Democratic Nations** is beginning to gather some momentum. The Streit Council in the US is already on board, and two or three other organizations from the world federalist and Atlantic movements are considering joining up. Long conversations on the web are generally involved. I guess that will do to go on with!

Yet again I would like to thank our dedicated executive members: Pera Wells developing her brilliant new MGP concept; Wali Islam working tirelessly on the Aid Project, Daryl Le Cornu developing education materials, and Michelle Cavanagh maintaining the books. Brett Samuel and Jawaid Hussain are working hard on an attractive new website for the IGPSG, and, Michael de Mol is working on the solar cooker project and providing general support. Many thanks to all.

Chris Hamer

Local News

- **Daryl Le Cornu** has been elected a Vice-President of the United Nations Association of Australia, NSW branch. Congratulations, Daryl!
- **Professor Richard Falk**, a guru of the global parliament movement and a former leader of the World Order Models Project (WOPMP), will be visiting Australia in September.
- An online group called Global Democracy has been formed, and is calling for a **Global Week of Action for a World Parliament**, October 17–24. The Campaign for a United Nations Parliamentary Assembly meets in Brussels on October 17, and there is a United Nations meeting on October 24.
- There will be a **UNAA Conference** in Canberra in August but the UNAA has put out few details as yet. Gareth Evans and Ramesh Thakur will be speakers.
- The **Third Model Global Parliament** took place on 27th July in Old Parliament House in Canberra – to be described in a later *Bulletin*.

Centre for Global Governance and International Peace

The Department of Modern History, Politics and International Relations in the Faculty of Arts at Macquarie University, headed by Associate Professor Geoffrey Hawker, has supported a proposal to establish a centre at Macquarie and that is now undergoing active consideration at university and faculty level.



Model Global Parliament at Parliament House, Melbourne

The Second Model Global Parliament (MGP) was convened in the Legislative Assembly chamber of the Victorian Parliament on Saturday 25 May 2013. One hundred students from 30 different countries and 8 universities in Australia took part.

The event was directed by Pera Wells and a Steering Committee of students from Monash University, including Gaby Macfarlane-Smith, Addie Erwin, Robert Lanyasunya and Paul Neeraj. It was a great occasion, and the students found it an exciting and educational experience.

A communiqué from the Melbourne event follows:

Communiqué

The Second Model Global Parliament (MGP) was convened in the Legislative Assembly chamber of the Victorian Parliament on Saturday 25 May 2013. One hundred students from 30 different countries and 8 universities in Australia engaged in debate with each other about global problems that require global solutions.

At the opening session key note speeches were given by Dr Alice de Jonge, Prof Chris Hamer, Prof Paul James, Prof Charles Sampford and Ms Pera Wells.

The Hon Bob Brown sent this message:

"Drawing on the best of our character, Earth's community of people is on the threshold of a brilliant new career in togetherness. But we, all together, have to open the door to that future using the powerful key of global democracy. One person, one vote, one value, one planet."

A message was read out from Benjamin Barber, Founding Director of the

Global Interdependence Movement in New York:

"In an interdependent world the only effective citizens are interdependent citizens. You are already there. Thank you all for what you are doing, and what you will do in the weeks and months ahead. "

In the MGP, the students represented regions around the world as well as non-state global networks. They presented and debated motions under agenda items relating to peace and disarmament, global economic interdependence, global communications, human rights, the globalization of energy and creative arts. Motions were debated on various matters. Quite a few of the motions were not adopted, for various reasons.

The MGP decided:

to set up a subcommittee on the *Global Peace Index* to take into account different cultural and political emphases about peace and questions of economic and other forms of violence

to establish a *Global Indigenous Advisory Council*

to call for the expansion of the mandate of the *Global Partnership for Effective Development* as established at Busan into an intergovernmental and inter-organizational coordinating body for international and aid dispersal

to call upon the international community to take proactive measures to improve labour conditions in sweatshop industries of the global apparel industry and develop robust institutions and policies to monitor and safeguard labour safety standards to avert accidents

to recognize the importance of



languages as representations of the World's diverse cultures, and proposed to establish a Global Society of Languages.

In a concluding feedback session, it was widely agreed that the session had been valuable for all participants. It was recommended that another session be convened. It was suggested that future sessions would benefit by having the preparatory session at least two weeks in advance so that the groups could submit motions in advance, indicating their priorities, and to facilitate ways of working together to coordinate their ideas



A speaker holds forth in the chamber

Pera Wells and CJH

John Campbell 1918-2010

Philanthropic Sydney businessperson John Campbell was a supporter of world federalism. He was a product of the era that placed high hopes in the UN, knowing from his own bitter experience that competition between states leads to war. He supported world federalism as an even more ambitious version of the UN.

He left a generous bequest to further the cause of world federalism. Of this, \$70,000 has gone to the World Federalists in New York. Another \$70,000 will be used by Macquarie University (he lived near it) to provide an annual \$5,000 John Campbell Travelling Scholarship for a Macquarie student to study world federalism overseas.

In a wider context, the Campbell bequest is an example of the current greatest transfer of personal wealth in western history, as people leave their wealth to the next generation. The challenge for the world federalist movement is to be an attractive player in that competition for bequests: encouraging people to leave money for our worthy cause in their wills.

*Keith Suter
Former Chair, Australian World Federalist
Branch*



Members of the Model Global Parliament in the Legislative Assembly chamber, Parliament House, Melbourne



Pera Wells makes a point at the podium



Institute for Global Peace and Sustainable Governance (IGPSG)

We are continuing to work on upgrading the IGPSG, as a possible funding channel for the Centre. Jake Lynch, Geoffrey Hawker, and Pera Wells have agreed to join the Committee, and Bob Brown, Keith Suter and Andreas Bummel have agreed to join the Advisory Board. Jawaid Hussain and Brett Samuel are working hard on a new and improved **website** for the Institute.

Coalition for a World Community of Democratic Nations

The Streit Council in the US has agreed to start forming this Coalition together with WCA. Other organizations are mulling whether to join, including the Democratic World Federalists in California, the Netherlands branch of the World Federalists Association, and others. The Streit Council has assigned an intern, Alessia Rossi, to help with the project.

As outlined in previous *Bulletins*, the idea here is to form a Coalition of NGOs, which will carry much more weight than any single NGO acting alone, to campaign for a new Community of Democratic Nations with a degree of shared decision-making via qualified majority voting. This is seen as the next practical and realistic step along the democratic path to world federation, emulating the evolutionary strategy of the Europeans in developing the European Union.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM took place at 3/141 Oberon St, Coogee on June 30th. Minutes have been circulated, and several items appear elsewhere in this *Bulletin*. Other relevant items follow.

Election of Officers, 2012-2013

No other nominations being received, officers were declared elected as

follows: Chris Hamer President, Wali Islam Vice President, Michelle Cavanagh Treasurer and Michael de Mol Secretary.

Education Report

I am working with UNAA to obtain copies of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Charter of the United Nations and the Statute of the International Court of Justice, to give to school students. This could be in conjunction with the teaching of 'Rights and Freedoms', the mandatory Year 10 History unit. However, the UN (in New York) is no longer printing the booklets so we need to fund and organise our own printing. This should be a priority for the UNAA as this is the most effective way of informing students about the UN. The WCAA recognizes the challenge to get students to consider world government if they only possess a minor understanding of the current UN system and its history.

There is scope to create a more contemporary history topic within the new History syllabus in the last semester of Year 10. This unit is called 'Depth Study 6'. It is possible to create a topic on the quest for world government, from the first post-Hiroshima anti-nuclear pacifist groups to the current campaigns by world federalist movements. This will require time to frame it in a manner that engages students.

I am currently working with ICAN (International Coalition Against Nuclear Weapons) to produce a teaching program and resources for 'Depth Study 6' on the history of nuclear warfare and anti-nuclear protests. These resources will appear on the ICAN website under the heading 'Atomic Classroom.' I gave a presentation at the HTAA Conference in Canberra in April on "The UN in the New History Syllabus" and "Nuclear History in the New History Syllabus" (with Sue Wareham from ICAN).

Hopefully, IGPSG can determine how organizations such as the WCAA, UNAA, CPACS and ICAN can cooperate in the creation of resource materials for the new Australian curriculum.

Daryl Le Cornu



Bangladesh Aid Project

I recently returned from Bangladesh. We started the **school** in Bangladesh in 2007, with financial and intellectual support from WCAA. The Primary School has 250 students. The school has had its challenges, but is basically doing very well. We are hoping the government will take it over, but internal political opposition has stalled this, requiring further funding from WCAA's end.

The school is run in collaboration with the local organisation Wajifa Noor Ashmatia Foundation. The process for approval of the Wajifa Noor Ashmatia Foundation by the Bangladesh NGO Bureau is in progress, which is required to receive any significant amount of overseas funding. WCAA is supporting the application.

An **orphanage** has also been established where orphans are supported for their general education and occupational skill training.

A **market** has been started with local support aiming to assist the community's economic growth, but for full operation the market initiative needs support in the form of microcredit.

A scheme to give **occupational training** to low-income women of the area has commenced. The school students will receive occupational training. It is expected that some of the products will be marketed locally and internationally in a year or two. This will help improve the financial strength of low-income families in the area.

A **clinic** has been started that focuses particularly on maternity and child health. Adult education and occupational assistance through the clinic is helping early retirees with physical or mental conditions get back to work. Although some local health professionals are volunteering, full operation of the clinic depends on financial and intellectual support from WCAA.

There is no electricity in the area and chances of electricity in the near future, or even in a decade or two, are very unlikely, so there is a strong need for solar energy. Providing solar energy and solar cookers in the area are top priority projects of WCAA. This also requires looking for financial support and fundraising initiatives.

Wali Islam

Treasurers Report

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as 30/06/2013

CURRENT ASSETS 1/7/2012

Brought forward	846.87
Cash at bank	1408.00

TOTAL ASSETS \$2254.87

TOTAL LIABILITIES \$990.70

NET ASSETS at 30/06/2013 \$1264.17

Statement of Income & Expenditure as at 30/06/2013

INCOME

Membership fees	708.00
Donations	200.00
Transfer from Aid account	500.00

TOTAL INCOME \$1408.00

EXPENDITURE

Admin Expenses	22.00
Postage	130.60
Printing	171.45
Bank Transfer	70.00
World Federalist Movement	91.83
PayPal charges	4.82



Transfer to WCA Aid account	500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$990.70

Aid Project Fund

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as 30/06/2013

CURRENT ASSETS	
Brought forward 1/07/2012	1098.94
Cash at bank	3083.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$4181.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$4158.23
NET ASSETS at 30/06/2013	\$23.71

Statement of Income & Expenditure as at 30/06/2013

INCOME	
Donations	2513.00
Transfer Daryl Le Cornu	70.00
Transfer from Working account	500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$3083.00

EXPENDITURE	
Bangladesh school support	3600.00
Medicin Sans Frontiers	50.00
Transferto General account	500.00
PayPal fees	8.23
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	\$4158.23

Michelle Cavanagh

Global Week of Action for a World Parliament, 17-24 October 2013

A call for action from the Global Democracy online group.

Let the People Decide – World Parliament Now!

If you feel that our current political system is inadequate to deal with growing global challenges, you are not alone! Join our week of action on October 17-24 to call for the establishment of a World Parliament that will give real representation to all citizens.

As global crises increase, people across the world, from diverse backgrounds and cultures, express their discontent with existing forms of political representation, which leave them voiceless in global decision-making.

We have many, many global problems. From the wrecking of our life-supporting ecosystems to the failure to protect human rights, incomplete nuclear disarmament, lack of regulation of global markets and financial systems, to overcoming socio-economic inequalities – these and many others are all global problems that require global solutions. But who is accountable for dealing with these problems from a truly global perspective? In order to create global solutions we need a global political body that can facilitate global democratic discussions and take global decisions. Today, the world’s citizens have little influence on decisions taken at institutions such as the UN, the IMF, the WTO, the World Bank, the G20 or the G8.

The governments represented in these bodies – bodies frequently made up by a small self-selected group – meet and decide our future, while often being influenced heavily by the lobbyists of global corporations. The primary concern of these governments is to defend what they consider to be in their national interests and not the common good of humanity and the environment.

Who should speak for the people of the world? The people should decide for themselves!

In a democratic order, citizens already elect representatives at multiple levels. There are city councils, provincial or state parliaments and national parliaments.



In Europe there's even a continental parliament. And yet for global matters that affect each and every person on the planet, there exists no elected world parliament.

A world parliament would be an instrument to find and implement solutions that are democratic, accountable and serve the best interest of humanity. It would reflect the social, political, religious, ethnical, and cultural variety of all the world's citizens, transcending national boundaries.

We, the participants in this week of action, agree on the fundamental idea that the world's citizens should vote for their world representatives. There are many different ideas about how a world parliament could function. Some of us believe that it should be enhanced with mechanisms allowing electronic and direct citizens participation. Yet, we are united in diversity, and united in our call:

Let the people decide. We need democracy without borders. We need to build global democracy. We need a world parliament!

We call on individuals, organizations, groups and movements everywhere to organize and join us during the first Global Week of Action for a World Parliament, taking place from 17-24 October. Come and speak up for global democracy!

Here are some examples for actions you could take:

- Write us at team@worldparliamentnow.org and let us know that you want to get involved.
- Like our Facebook and Twitter pages and help us make them go viral: invite your friends and share our posts.
- Take a picture of yourself or a group of friends holding a sign with a slogan supporting a world parliament (here is an example for a group holding separate letters: www.unpacampaign.org/documents/photo_op.pdf). If you're stuck for something to write, the sign or banner

could say: "Let the People Decide - World Parliament Now!"

- Send messages to your local Members of Parliament and ask them to sign the "Appeal for a Parliamentary Assembly at the United Nations" Visit en.unpacampaign.org/endorse/ for more information and to sign the appeal yourself.
- Organize public events or demonstrations at universities, public squares, social centers, national parliaments and municipal assemblies,
- Organize a Model Global Parliament, for example at your local college or University

The Global Week of Action for a World Parliament is an initiative promoted by the Campaign for a UN Parliamentary Assembly

Garry Davis, 1921-2013: And Now the People Have The Floor (from the *Japan Times*)



WASHINGTON – Peace activist Garry Davis, who dramatically renounced his US citizenship in the dark days of the Cold War and founded a government for self-declared "world citizens" like himself, has died.

Davis passed away in a hospice in Vermont, where he had lived for many years, last Wednesday, the executive branch of the World Government of World Citizens said Monday.



He would have been 92 last Saturday. The cause of death was not known, but he had been suffering from cancer in recent years.

“Garry Davis was an astonishing human being,” said David Gallup, the current president of the World Service Authority, who spoke with him almost daily.

“He was working up to the very last minute...I thought he was going to go on forever,” Gallup said.

A onetime Broadway actor who flew B-17 bombers over Germany in World War II, Davis was 26 when he walked into the US Embassy in Paris in 1948, renounced his American citizen and declared himself a citizen of the world.

The Cold War was heating up, the Berlin airlift was to begin in a matter of weeks, and Davis — like many people in the aftermath of World War II — dreaded the prospect of a third global conflict, this time involving nuclear weapons.

In a move that stirred up a lot of publicity, he disrupted a session of the U.N. General Assembly in Paris in September 1948 and called for the newly formed world body to transform itself into a single government for the entire planet.

His idea attracted support from the likes of physicist Albert Einstein, novelist Albert Camus and humanitarian Albert Schweitzer, and more than 20,000 people turned out for a rally he organized in the French capital.

In 1953, in the small seaside town of Ellsworth, Maine, the stateless Davis declared the foundation of the World Government of World Citizens, with the World Service Authority as its executive branch.

“As human beings, we are all world sovereigns, the social and physical popular expression being world citizens, and no nation or power is able to deny that sovereignty or to deprive us of one iota of it,” he said at the time.

Lacking papers from any traditional government, Davis traveled on a “world passport” issued by the World Government, promoting what came to be known as the

One World Movement — and getting arrested or deported on several occasions as he did so.

He fondly remembered India as the first country to let him through its border with a world passport, in 1956.

From time to time, Davis ran — unopposed — to become the first president of the world. He also took a crack at running for mayor of Washington and, in the 1980s, U.S. president.

“The point was to get the word out on world citizenship,” Gallup said.

Based in Washington, the nonprofit World Service Authority still issues machine-readable, 30-page World Passports, which, it says, have been stamped with visas by more than 150 countries “on a case-by-base basis.”

One passport has been issued to Julian Assange, the founder of anti-secrecy website WikiLeaks, and another to intelligence leaker Edward Snowden after his U.S. passport — though not his U.S. citizenship — was revoked.

“The world passport opens the door. Anyone can get it; everyone is a human being, everyone has a right to travel,” Davis told Vermont television station WCAX shortly before his death.

Assange is holed up in the Ecuadorean Embassy in London to avoid extradition to the United States, while Snowden — wanted by Washington for espionage after he revealed the vast scope of U.S. government Internet and phone surveillance — is stuck at a Moscow airport, seeking asylum.

Over the decades, some 1.5 million people have registered as world citizens, while the World Service Authority has issued some 5-million identity documents of various kinds, including up to 750,000 passports, Gallup said.

Notes

- 1) Garry Davis. *My Country is the World* (London: Macdonald Publishers, 1962)
- 2) Garry Davis. *Over to Pacifism: A Peace News Pamphlet* (London: Peace News, 1949)



