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Quote of the month

Sadly, our political evolution is lagging far behind our ability to effectively address our most pressing problems. One of my favorite quotes comes from the genius of Buckminster Fuller: “You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.” Vote World Government is building that new model. Ted Stalets, futurist, VP of VWG and literary agent for Jim Stark’s book, *Rescue Plan for Planet Earth*.

News in brief

Votes and print publicity from Cameroon

Unity Elias Yang, a Board member from Cameroon, submitted a couple of dozen votes on May 22. We hope they keep coming in ever-increasing numbers as he works towards a student referendum at his university. He is also writing a series of articles for *The Herald*, an English-language newspaper in Cameroon. The first such article, published May 29, was entitled “Voting on the idea of a democratic world government.” Within the article and under a picture of Paul Biya, the President of Cameroon, is the intriguing and bold question, “Will he vote for a world government?” Hopefully, the day will come when we have an ally like Unity Yang in every country! Well done, sir! (To get a copy of Unity’s first article as a .jpg email attachment, send a request to voteworldgovernment@webruler.com.)



Radio interviews

As a result of the publicity work of The Key Publishing and a New York publicity agency that The Key has contracted with to promote the book, requests for radio interviews (over the phone) have begun arriving. Jim Stark, our VWG president and the author of *Rescue Plan for Planet Earth*, has done three interviews already (all in the USA, oddly enough), and so far, the interviewers and callers have seemed at least respectful of the rescue plan; indeed, several were quite enthusiastic. Still, most did not vote, which is quite troubling.

The media in India?

Recently, representatives from City Montessori School in Lucknow, India (where our first-ever student referendum took place last fall) traveled to Delhi, seeking to generate some media interest in the Chief Justices Conference that CMS hosts every year. It was learned that the media are focused on content, and sought more information about the conference *and* about the tie-in between CMS and Vote World Government on the issue of a global referendum to see if people the world over support the goal of democratic world government. Jim was asked to write an article summarizing all events to date, in the hope that both CMS and VWG would profit if the media ran stories about our long-distance partnership. (To get Jim's article, write voteworldgovernment@webruler.com.)

Student-based referendums

VWG intends to see if we can persuade all those who want to work with us to initiate student-based mini-referendums in the USA, Canada and elsewhere. VP Ted Stalets has been charged with the role of networking, and he will be trying to get any potential allies to consider school-based mini-referendums. Not only would this increase the number of votes coming in to our website, it would also give today's youth a sense of being able to influence the future of the world they must live in, and hopefully to trigger the arrival of "Big Mo"—by which is meant "political momentum," the sense of a building tsunami of demand for democratic world government.

Victoria World Federalists

Mary-June Pettyfer, from the Victoria, BC branch of the World Federalist Movement—Canada, has told us that several people from her branch have recently been looking for a "bottom-up" solution, and that they have become quite enthusiastic about the rescue plan as described in Jim's book. She ordered five copies of the book so her group could study the plan in more detail. Perhaps, and hopefully, her group will become the second group (after City Montessori School) to actually apply the principles presented in *Rescue Plan for Planet Earth*.