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News from the USA

This newsletter carries news and viewpoints of a progressive socio-economic movement based on the Progressive Utilization Theory (PROUT).

- Proutists are working for the establishment of an exploitation-free economic democracy.
- PROUT theory and its practical applications are refreshing, offering solutions to numerous economic, social and environmental problems.
- PROUT is founded on universal, spiritual and community values and it provides a new paradigm for those seeking a dynamic way to serve their communities - locally, regionally and globally.

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Sectorial Seminar in Pennsylvania

A number of Proutists attended the recent Proutist Universal Sectorial Seminar, Aug 10-12, in Pennsylvania. The setting was the Ananda Vratii Master Unit. Not only was the location beautiful, naturally uplifting and hospitable, but the event was a great launch for the following round of local seminars around the sector.

Rainjana, the youngest present, traveled more than a day to get to the program from Detroit. One family made the trek from North Carolina. My family came from Washington, DC. I was inspired to see the youngsters in the programs. They were very eager to learn about PROUT, a tiny representation of the enormous youth movement with interest in progressive social change through the Proutist organizations. The seminar began Saturday morning with Trainer Dada Shubhacetanananda leading a well-crafted introductory class on PROUT. There was also a presentation by Marc Friedland and Dada on Samaj: socio-economic zones.

Later, a few of the youngsters said

they thought the presentation was good. The conversation that followed got a little tense for them, but they learned a lot very quickly about this important and complex subject. Everyone became so captivated, they did not realize until 11:30 that it was time for kiirtan and meditation before going to sleep. The final program on Sunday morning was focused primarily on where, how and when to plant the seeds of knowledge and action gained from the seminar. Future seminar dates were set for other locations.

Dada gave his final farewell presentation, encouraging us to continue to learn about PROUT and to have the courage to

bring our program to the world around us. "I am sure you too will carry away seeds of knowledge, action, courage, and hope to serve our struggling and suffering world."

Many thanks to the seminar organizers - Martina Forden, Nada Khader and Marc Friedland, and to Dada Vimalashananda for hosting us at Ananda Vratii. Personally, I left the event rejuvenated and with renewed commitment, resolve and inspiration to carry forward this essential and important Mission. I highly recommend each and every Proutist, and other interested persons, to attend a PROUT seminar in your area.

Reported by Clark Forden



News from the USA, Continued

Ravi Batra on World Poverty

Senior Proutist and economist, Dr. Ravi Batra, was interviewed by American National Radio. Also, a new DVD on Prout by Professor Ravi Batra on World Poverty and Prout is now available.

New Book by Susmit Kumar

Senior Proutist Dr. Susmit Kumar has completed a book Modernization of Islam. He has written about PROUT in his book, which will be published next year.

Outreach in Dallas

Dada Shubhacetanananda gave a lecture on The Benefits of Yoga in Brookhaven College, Dallas. Dr. Patricia Dodd invited Dada to tell about his Yoga Club and its activities. Forty students were present. Dada also addressed 25 students at the Amnesty International Club He talked about how meditation can reduce stress and anxiety.

Dada Advayananda and Dada Shubhacetanananda were interviewed by Glen Sovian, Richland News Reporter and the news was published in the college magazine.

“Yoga for Kids” in Dallas has been teaching yoga and meditation classes to kids for free for four months. The local radio station made an announcement in this regard. Kids enjoy Yoga! As they twist their body to different shapes of animals, yoga helps them build better body awareness, balance, self control, flexibility, concentration, co-ordination and more.

The Dallas Proutists did PROUT promotion during India's Independence Day festival in Dallas. Brochures, flyers, and magazines were distributed to the public. PROUT books were sold. Photos can be viewed at: www.flickr.com/gp/12055440@N



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PROUT Workshop in Denver Area

Steve Phillips, Akhil Kumar, and Dada Shubhacetanananda presented PROUT to the public in Lyons, Colorado. Steve gave an overview of PROUT and cooperative, Akhil Kumar talked about the five fundamental principles of PROUT, and Dada Shubhacetanananda presented “PROUT in North America and Around the World”. The many local Proutists helped to staff a booth in the Renaissance of Local Festival. PROUT books were sold, and flyers of PROUT, yoga classes, and a meditation retreat were distributed. Many speakers from around the US talked about local economy, local food, local energy, peak oil and climate change.



Green Festival in Washington, DC

A large contingent of Proutists attended the Green Festival in Washington. The group presented PROUT to the festival attendees through a booth for the Food for All service program and where books, PROUT Journal, PROUT Seminar flyers, magazines, and Meditation Today were distributed to thousands of people. Clark Forden, Martina Forden, Ujjala, Gustavo Monje, Ruth Li, Dada Shubhacetanananda, Steve Bean and his family, and Peter Sage were help-

News from the USA, Continued

ing at the booth. Many people signed up for the PROUT seminar, Yoga Classes, and PROUT Study Circle. We met with several who had lost contact with us. One Farmer who used to do-



nate food to us also offered to continue his help to our organization. Some people signed up to be volunteers. There were many progressive speakers representing their organizations. People were promoting vegetarianism, efficient energy, sustainable community building for the purpose of saving our Earth.



A foundation officer of the organization Water Advocates came to the table. She was interested to hear of the work Proutists are doing in Haiti, bringing freshwater supplies to village through the leadership of the village councils.

Also, a local couple, doing sustainable farming, shared with us their methods of animal husbandry. They invited Proutists to visit them anytime.

“Let women be the vanguard of a new revolution which humanity must achieve for a glorious tomorrow”

Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar
the founder of PROUT,
Progressive Utilization Theory

Women's PROUT Program

at Ananda Vratii -Quest Center
Hop Bottom, Pennsylvania, USA

April 25th, 26th and 27th, 2008
SAVE THE DATES !

Enjoy uplifting company in an all-women environment.
All sisters are welcome to attend.

Workshops include:

- Women's Health with Asiima
- Yoga Practice with Kelly
- Women's Spirituality with Jody
- PROUT in daily life with Martina
- Focus on Samaj with Miriam
- Condition of Women with Nada
- Pilates with Kimberly
- Natural Cooking with Anjali

Arrival Friday, April 25th at noon through lunch on Sunday
April 27th

\$120 per participant. Don't let finances stop you!

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Thanks go to Randy Goldberg for contributing to this project allowing us to participate and reach so many people at the Green Festival. For more info on the Green Festival, go to www.greenfestival.org.

News from the USA, Continued

Outreach in Miami

In May Dada Shubhacetanananda gave numerous programs and talks in the Miami area. Hundreds of individuals, students and faculty, learned from his presentations and many learned from him personally as well. The venues included FIU Miami, the FIU Biscayne Bay Wellness Center, Miami Dade College-Wolfson Centre, Hollywood Community Center, and the North Miami Beach Library.

After one vegetarian luncheon, Dada received a surprise visit of the kids from OpaLocka Community Center with their tutors. About 60 people in total were taught beginning meditation. Dada introduced the universal moral principles of Yama and Niyama.

Dada led a group meditation in Miami Beach. Overall, Dada's visit was highly successful in the Miami. Thanks to all who supported Dada's utilization in South Florida.



Puerto Rico Activity

In Puerto Rico Dada Shubhacetanananda gave numerous presentations including a PROUT lecture at the Central Cultural Extension Center. Sister Mukti helped with organizing and translation into Spanish. People were very inspired. Moksa helped out as well. Dada plans on making his second visit to the island very soon.



60th UN General Assembly Conference September 2007

Led by Dada Shubhacetanananda, a team of five Proutists represented Proutist Universal at this event. The Theme of the conference was "Climate Change: How It Impacts Us All". The Opening Session was attended by 2,500 NGO (non-governmental organizations) representatives. Among them 400 were students and youths.

As Chief Seattle once declared "It is said that we do not own this earth, we borrow it from our children." Whether you may be rich or poor, global warming will be a challenge for you. Floods, hurricanes, and earthquakes have made so many people suffer. There are 6.5 billion people in the world today and climate change will impact everyone's life. It is a great threat to humanity. Business leaders, Governments and NGOs can make a difference toward saving our world. Deforestation, clean fuel systems, and clean electricity can reduce pollution.

The Speakers at the conference spoke on climate change and its impacts on people's lives. Sustainable development, water security, climate change and mind-body-spirit connection, climate change and individual responsibility, and water crisis were the topics for workshops. PROUT Flyers and business cards were distributed. Many people came to our booth and asked about the PROUT organization and our activities.

News from Beyond

Training and Organizing Students

A UPSF (Universal Proutist Student Federation) convention was held on January 27 in which more than two hundred students participated in this event, held in India in the town of Sagar, Karnataka. A lecture titled "PROUT is the Only Way Out of the Present Day Crisis" was given by a PROUT leader. A day-long discussion was held on various aspects of PROUT to solve current Socio-Economic problems. The outcome of the convention: A UPSF Committee was formed. The decision was taken to hold regular monthly meetings. A study circle was created. All participants wholeheartedly accepted to organize PROUT symposiums, workshops and PROUT training camps in the future.



PROUT Training Camps in India

A 3-day PTC (PROUT Training Camp) was held near Mumbai (Bombay). This was nicely organized by the Mumbai Proutists & DLO Dada. Around 45 Proutist cadres took intensive training on how to propagate Prout and solutions to current crises through open meetings, door to door contact, leafletting, press conference etc. There were inspiring classes on economic democracy as an alternative to the present-day socio-economic system. The highlight of the PTC was a Proutist Drama (Pashu Se Manushya) presented by District Secretary Mr. Lalit Parimu: a well known TV actor. Around 500 youth, intellectuals & villagers attended this cultural program. Ten villages were covered by 500 leaflets & by loudspeaker. Also, there was wide coverage by the press & television media.

Another PROUT Training Camp in Mumbai was organized very successfully in which 45 PROUT cadres were given training and classes. The "Pasu se Manushya" drama was staged there too. 700 villagers watched the drama.

Proutists Contest Elections in India (Samaj)

(Proutist Universal members contest elections through the local Samaj platform, PU itself does not contest elections)

Two Bhojpuri Samaj Proutists contested the Uttar Pradesh State Assembly election — Mr. Pravin Kr. from Gangapur and Radhe Shyam from Varanasi Cantt. Along with these candidates 50 Proutist cadres worked hard in the two constituencies in 500 villages with an intensive outreach promoting Proutist solutions. Campaign features included increasing unemployment, anti-corruption, de-criminalization of society, etc. Efforts included open meetings, door to door contacts and the distribution of 82,300 leaflets. There was wide acceptance expressed by the local people to implement PROUT solutions for the present Socio-Economic crises. All was widely covered by a press conference.

Fifty-eight Proutist candidates took part in the local elections in Utkal Samaj out of which eight candidates won the seats of Sarpanch Mukhiya and Zilla Parisad. The All-India Samaj Convention was held in Ranchi in May 2007. More than 400 people participated in the rally. Five Samaj conventions were held in Katihar, Banglore, Eastern India.

Prout Research Institute of Venezuela

The Prout Research Institute conducted a workshop on cooperatives. The participants were very inspired with PROUT's concept of cooperatives. Nine people volunteered to work for the cooperative movement in Venezuela. Proutist activists were invited to the conference organized by the defense minister of Venezuela in which Proutists addressed the 5,000 conference attendees. The importance of PROUT was explained, as well as solutions to Venezuela's Socio-Economic problems.

More information on the activities in Venezuela can be located at www.priven.org.



News from Beyond, Continued

News Briefs

- News was published in an Indian Newspaper, The Hindu, global financial crisis: 'A Lot More is Yet to Come' by D. Murali and Goutam Ghosh.

- In the annual convention of Kisan Majdoor Sangh, Bhabhua, SGPU was invited as the chief guest. He spoke on the important cooperative movement to liberate farmers.

- Delhi Printing Press has been repaired and brought to Allahabad and four rooms have been constructed to accommodate the printing press and Proutist Office.

- A new book on PROUT in Hindi has been printed by Patna Printing Press.

- In Hong Kong Sector electronic newsletter subscribers has increased from 500 to 1,000.

- Proutists of Taiwan launched a movement to restore the accommodation facilities for leprosy patients.

- UNICEF and Japan's Government has allocated funds to provide sanitation facilities for more than 20 schools in Mozambique, Africa under the guidance of CSPU Nairobi.

- The PROUT Samaj Movement is gathering momentum in the Philippines and is well-organized by Arya Samaj Cadres.

2007 Global PROUT Convention

In the beautiful Ananda Surucii Master Unit in southern Taiwan (Hong Kong Sector), nearly 250 participants gathered for three days in September for the 2007 Global PROUT Convention. Representatives came from South Korea, Russia, Japan, Maharlika (Philippines) and Denmark. Dada Rasabuddha'nanda (CSPU HK Sector), Dada Dyutimaya (S-UPSF) and Dada Rudranathananda (S-UPFF) coordinated the event with help from the many local members and workers of Hong Kong Sector and, specifically, of Tai Chong and Yu Ching in Taiwan.

The following long-term objectives for Taiwan were recorded in the minutes of the Convention: Make Taiwan self-sufficient in sustainable energy sources. Help Taiwan's farmers serve local consumers using organic production methods. Balance the economy by promoting agricultural and industrial cooperatives. Set ceilings on salaries, land ownership and wealth. Fight pseudo-culture and materialism. Propagate PROUT through lectures, media, books, and the Internet. Create a PROUT Research Institute of Taiwan.

The cultural show on Saturday night was stunning, and included Taiwanese aboriginal songs, instrument solos on piano and violin, traditional Chinese dance and more. Prizes for the most interesting performances were awarded to a group of woman from Gaoxiong, who performed a comedy in the Taiwanese language wearing traditional costumes, a group doing a dance to improvised words accompanied by piano, and a group of children performing a traditional Tai dance.

On Sunday morning our Global PROUT Convention's chief guest and SGPU Dada Siddhayoga'nanda gave a class titled "Spirituality and PROUT".

In the afternoon, Dada Maheshvarananda led a workshop about cooperative games. He explained that he has found these dynamic exercises to be very helpful in training cooperative workers.

The most excitement was generated by the small group discussions on Monday morning. Participants divided into six interest groups: Farmers Federation, Students Federation, Intellectual Federation, Labor Federation, Youth Federation and an international support group. The participants discussed the problems facing their federations and gave ideas of solutions based on PROUT. This was the first time in Taiwan that so many spiritual aspirants became motivated to work together to implement the Progressive Utilization Theory.



Localized Economy

By Dada Vimalashananda

"The basic question is how to remove the unhealthy influence of centralized economy. The real issue is, who will bell the cat? If the vested interests fail to be guided by righteous intellect, then people will have to take matters into their own hands. They will have to create circumstantial pressure from all sides, uniting around the slogan: "Abolish centralized economy to end exploitation; establish decentralized economy."

Susquehanna County can feed itself. Yes it can, there is the potentiality. There is plenty land and several people with good intention and spirit. Food is a primary necessity. Our experiment can be centered on food as a beginning process and further extended to other primary necessities like clothing, shelter, education and medical assistance.

"The first principle of decentralized economy is that all the resources in a socio-economic unit should be controlled by the local people. In particular, the resources which are required to produce the minimum requirements must be in local hands, and all the industries based on these resources will have to be controlled entirely by the local people."

When we advocate that Susquehanna County can feed itself we are considering two necessities, one is food production and the second is food distribution. Both have to be in local hands. Hence the Farmer's market and other forms of food distributions like C.S.A. or cooperatives will have to be in local hands. To distribute locally produced food through Price Chopper or other similar entities should be discouraged. Even if a local producer has the capacity to produce and sell through a commercial chain like Price Chopper, it will weaken the solidarity among those who choose to produce and distribute locally. "The second principle of decentralized economy is that production should be based on consumption, not profit."

The whole world is suffering because of a prevailing system of economy that runs on a profit basis principle and not on a consumption basis principle. To revert it on a local basis equals to undermine the foundation of capitalism. That is why it is so vital and so difficult at the same time. To succeed in Susquehanna County, State of Pennsylvania, United States of America ... it requires a deep rooted consciousness. An awareness that goes beyond the only purpose of feeding better food to our children or having access to organic produce at a better price.

"The third principle of decentralized economy is that production and distribution should be organized through cooperatives." Individual or family based economy can-

not compete against the commercial giants of the capitalistic world. Without a coordinated effort on a broad basis individuals will hand up lowering their prices and fighting one another for grabbing the green paper kept dandling over their heads by the mighty ones.

"The cooperative system is a must, and it is only possible through decentralized economy. The cooperative system and decentralized economy are inseparable." Are there food cooperatives in Susquehanna County? Are there food distribution cooperatives in Susquehanna County? How many of their members are directly involved in their operation? How many members adhere to coops in Susquehanna County in general? There are just few questions that can point in the direction of creating more cooperatives for food production and distribution.

Community Supported Agriculture (C.S.A) is a form of cooperation although it is not technically a cooperative. Can we envision other forms of cooperation if not cooperatives altogether that can efficiently transfer the produce from the field to each table in the County? "The fourth principle of decentralized economy is that the local people must be employed in local economic enterprises."

It would be good to find out what is the percentage of employment per sector of economy in Susquehanna County. What is the percentage of people employed in the primary sector of economy (agriculture)? Is it increasing or decreasing along the years? In the United States the average people employed in agriculture is less than 5%. A balanced economy rates agricultural employment around 40%.

"The fifth principle of decentralized economy is that commodities which are not locally produced should be removed from the local markets. "

This is a policy that is applied in the Farmer's market where only the local produce is allowed to be sold. It is a vital point and markets who don't abide to this policy should not be considered as viable for the distribution of local products.

"An important characteristic of decentralized economy is that money will always remain in circulation, hence the economy will move with accelerating speed."

Why to keep the money in the pockets if there is no gain for it? Without profit motivation the money is free to circulate and get more value has it changes from hand to hand. Decentralized economy requires a shift of mind, from greed to share. If this shift does not occur, any system will not work. A predominance of moral and

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Proutist Resources

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spiritual values is required for a localized economy to succeed. Is Susquehanna County ready for it? Is there enough moral and spiritual fiber to weave a local economy and a better society in Susquehanna County? The answer could be yes and it would be a good start to identify the spiritual and moral resources available in Susquehanna County in order to sustain and nurture such a radical change.

Be Moralist, Be Proutist

Moralists of the World Unite



Have News to Share?

What did you do today or this week?

What about your fellow Proutists or progressive activists in your neighborhood?

How about a poem or a sketch?

Or your recent Facebook or Blog posting?

Please contribute to the growth of our Proutists and our community of Proutist cadre/servants.

What is your inspiration today?

Please gather & send us reports on PROUTIST activities in your area including news of such developments that merit your attention and analysis.

Fellow Proutists and sympathizers in our Sector, and the world over, have a great appetite for reading about PROUT.

Send via email to proutistamerica@prout.org

Thank-you !!!

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"A Vision for All Living Beings"

What is New

New Video -- "No Woolies in Melany" available to download for free. Prout Video "Economics of PROUT" on DVD, now available.

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E-Zines - Peoples News Agency

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Blogs

- [After Capitalism](#)
- [Mindanaokini](#)

Youth/Students

- [Universal Proutist Youth Federation](#)
- [Universal Proutist Students Federation](#)
- [India Youth Tour](#)
- [Kundalini Express](#)

Wiki

- [Prout Listing at Wikipedia](#)
- [Margopedia](#)
- [Open Encyclopedia](#)
- [Wiki from Finland](#)

Local / Regional Movements

- [KaSaMa Confederation - Philippines](#)
- [Future Tasmania - Australia](#)
- [No Woolies in Melany - Video - Australia](#)
- [Amra Bangali Samaj - Bengal, India](#)
- [Amra Bangali Samaj - Spandanik Video](#)

Other Resources

- [PROUT - Quick Read](#)
- [Center for NeoHumanistic Studies](#)
- [Metafuture.org](#)
- [Dr. Ravi Batra](#)
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