

Culture and Arts: Bridges to Solidarity (CABS)

Individual remembrances Germany

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Hélène's remembrances

Early childhood in Belgium



I was born in a small village in the country nearby Liège in Belgium. My family lived in that house which still exists. I loved that village as I could run in the fields with my brother and my cousins. I felt free there!

It was a very quiet place with nearly no traffic.

There was a small corner shop where I got sweets when we had some money left.

And I had a small dog called „Milou“ that I had to give to our neighbours when we moved to Liège.

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My way to school



Lycée de Waha/Liège

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I used to walk to school and it was a long way to go. Sometimes the weather was very bad. Time and again we were chilled to the bones when we reached home or school.

In our high school in Liège – it was a girls' school – we had to wear a blue apron and we were not allowed to wear trousers or tights, only knee socks, skirts and dresses – and no make up!

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My communion



When I was 12, I had my communion. The priest in our church parish had decided that all communicants – girls and boys – had to wear a monk's cowl. I was very sad because I wanted to have another dress, more fashionable.

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Things were different!

For example, in Liège, there were green trams.

"Bloody Mary" was THE fashionable drink.

We listened to Beatles' songs and danced rock 'n' roll. My brother and I had learnt the most audacious dance figures. We had a lot of fun!

Girls used to wear petticoats and just a few years later: mini-rocks!

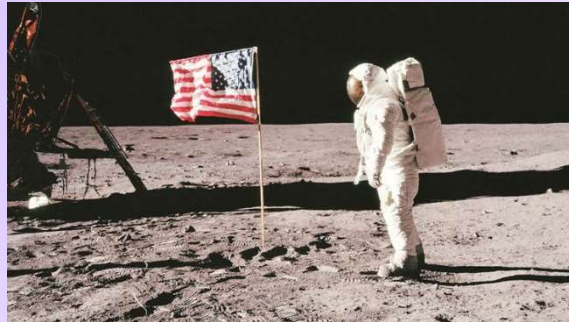


Hélène's remembrances

Considering the past 15 to 50 years are there European /international occurrences which you would mention as being relevant for you or for the development of Humanity?

Hélène's answers (1) :

- *The landing on the moon in 1969 was an important step towards the understanding of the universe and a high engineering performance.*



- *Germany's reunification in 1990 put an end to the communistic regime of East Germany and allowed the reunion of families separated since the end of World War Two.*



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Hélène's answers (2):

- The building of the European Union – already initiated in the European Community – has been a significant step to assure freedom and peace in Europe.



The wave of terrorism in Europe and nearly all parts of the world:
Attempts to destabilise democratic governments.

- Alarming progression of totalitarian political regimes and of extremists' parties which are recently emerging again: they propagate intolerance and racism and place countries in jeopardy. They constitute a threat for the peace in the whole world.



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Hélène's answers (3):

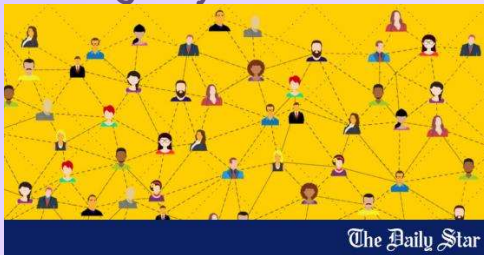
Furthermore important changes took place during the last 30 years. They had a strong influence on work environment and daily life.

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The development of the robot technology caused far-reaching changes in the work environment.

- *Digitalisation and new ways of communication revolutionised our daily life.*



Two major challenges have to be urgently met:

- To diminish the gap between poor and rich
- To save the planet and use emission-free energies.

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