



## NEWS from Tapori groups in France, Central Africa and Ivory Coast

### France

In Aix en Provence, the children watched together the movie «Come with us.»

They imagined new adventures for the Friendship Train in different countries like India, Palestine, and other African countries.

And in Marseille some Rom children wrote minibooks about their lives.

In Epinal, Toulouse and also in Aix en Provence some children participated in the construction of a Village of Peace.



«PEACE means to be at ease and not to be sad.»

Ambre, Epinal



Moïse, Gabriel, Cécilia et Robin, Toulouse



Minibooks



« I would like everybody to board the TRAIN! »

Myriam from Marseille

# Ivory Coast

A new Tabori group was born in GBINTOU at N`GATTAKRO in the central part of Ivory Coast. About a hundred children got together in their neighborhood of Banco 1. It's great news and we welcome them warmly !

The children from Colombes in Abidjan drew a Village of Peace and sent us their messages.



PEAC





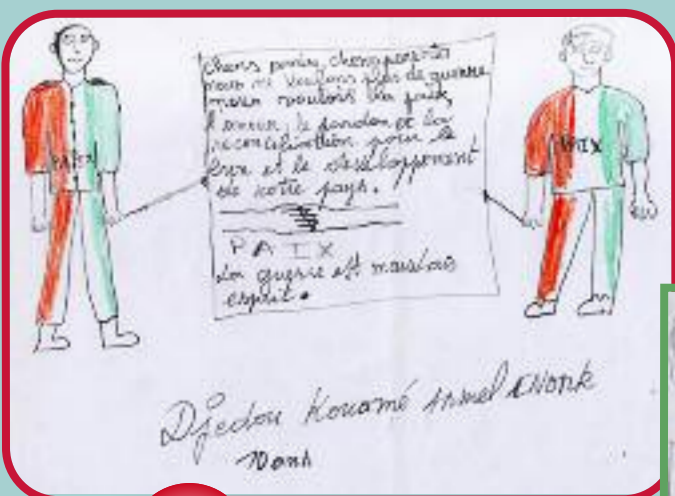


GETTING TOGETHER and LOVE are our STRENGTH



Peace is not a WORD but an ATTITUDE

Adama



## Central Africa

Because of the conflict in the country, no group can get together, and many children live in a very difficult situation.

Yet, often, the children who are part of Tapori continue to be friends, even if they are divided by the war.

Some children try to get news from their friends and to help them. But others had to leave the country and there are no news of them.

In the comic strip «BA A BA» by Yvon and Benold, one of the heroes says :  
*"I ask all my friends, Muslims and Christians, to become builders of peace."*

We THANK all the children from Central Africa for their messages and efforts to build peace.  
We are not forgetting them.

*We, the children, can bring back  
Peace if we stay all together !*

*Naomie*



*In our village we only have one water fountain  
to get drinking water...  
so all the children have to be all together  
in order to keep peace.*

*Babia*

*I am at peace when I bring back fish for  
my family...and when I am together with friends.*

*Calèbe*







# FATNA and the CLUB DESTINY

Fatna is watching children play during the schoolbreak. A group of boys and two girls are playing football. Three girls are jumping ropes. And there are also some children who don't know what to do.

Fatna approaches a boy who is by himself and asks :  
" Peter, why don't you play **"Monday, Tuesday"** with me ? "

" No, I want to play cards. I asked Donovan but he always wants to play football with his group. I can't play it well, so they don't want me in their group. "

" Why don't we two play together then ? "

" No, thank you. Today I want to be alone ! "

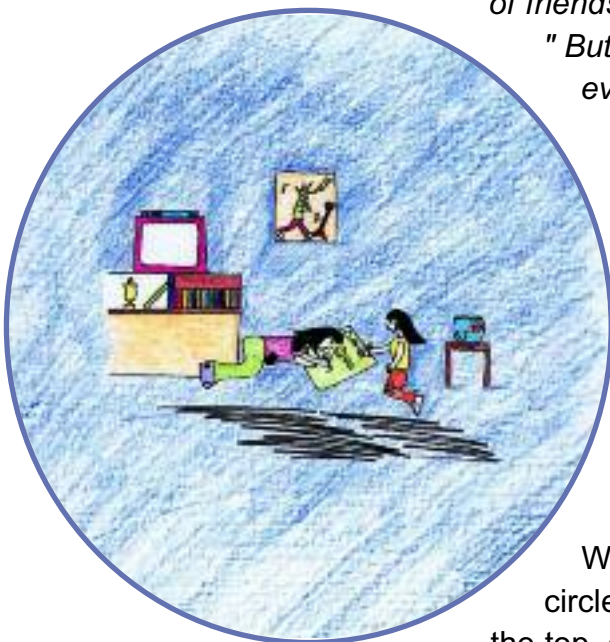
Fatna's friend Salowa smiles at her from the other side of the courtyard.

Fatna runs toward her : " Do you want to play Wolf ? "

" Yes but we need more players ! Why don't we ask Paola ? "

"She is skipping rope with her friends. I wanted to play with them but they didn't want me ; they say that I can't jump well. Paola is really nasty when she is with her group of friends. "

" But that's wrong ! It's always the same children who decide everything ! I am fed up! We have to do something about it ! "



The bell rings and all the children get back to class. Fatna has a hard time concentrating on her work.

Her teacher notices and asks:

" Fatna, what's happening to you ? Why don't you pay attention ? "

When Fatna gets home, she rushes to her desk, takes out some paper and crayons. She calls her sister :

"Nejma, come here and help me ! "

When she explains her idea to Nejma the two girls draw two circles and two semi-circles inside, one toward the top, one toward the bottom.

You can see two faces : One is smiling and says **YES**, the other one is frowning and says **NO**.

They write a title :



**YES**



**NO**

## " THE CLUB DESTINY "

A few hours later, their mother gets home from the social Centre where she learns how to tell stories to children.

Fatna says: *"Look, Mom, what Nejma and I have drawn !"*

*"That's very nice but why did you do this poster ?"*

*"I got the idea when I saw that nobody wanted to play with Salowa and Peter. The Club Destiny will be a group for children who like to decide together what they want to play. Everybody gets a turn.*

*Whoever wants to join is welcome as long as he or she lets the others choose too."*

*"That's nice, Fatna, but why did you choose the name Club Destiny ?"*

*"Because our group is the group of children who take their destiny in their hands !"*

*"What a great idea ! But maybe you'd better explain that on the poster."*



The next day, Fatna puts up her poster in the schoolyard and stands next to it.

Salowa is the first one to come and ask :

*"What's this all about ?"*

When Fatna explains her idea, she answers : *"Why not ? But can we play wolf together ?"*

*"Yes. But today you decide and tomorrow someone else decides."*

*"OK, that's fine with me."*

They see that Peter is sitting by himself on a bench. So they go and ask him to play with them:

*"Peter do you want to play Wolf with us two ?"*

*"I want to play with cards !"*

*"OK, but listen! Fatna's idea is that in our club, we play together and each one in turn decides what game to play !"*



More and more children join the Club Destiny. Sometimes even Donovan proposes to play football where everyone is welcome even if they don't play well.

One day, when Fatna arrives at the school, she sees that her poster has been torn up, thrown on the ground and trampled on.

She asks Salowa:

*"Who could have done this ?"*

*"It must be Donovan's friends because they always make fun of the Club Destiny."*

**BUT AS DONOVAN CONTINUES TO PLAY WITH FATNA AND HER GROUP, LITTLE BY LITTLE HIS FRIENDS JOIN THEM TOO...**

