



# THE FAS LETTER

TO AGRICULTURAL ATTACHES AND OFFICERS

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Agricultural attaches from 13 Latin American countries met in Washington in June to review the production and trade outlook for major agricultural commodities moving into inter-American trade. Pictured above is a general session of the conference, with Secretary of Agriculture Hardin and FAS Administrator Ioanes (at the head table) participating in the informal discussion.

## ATTACHE CONFERENCE NEW AND DIFFERENT

Attaches from 13 Latin American posts put in a busy week in Washington in late June and early July. The occasion was a field conference at the Marriott Twin Bridges Motel -- first for the south-of-the-border group since they met in Guatemala City in May 1966.

It was a far-from-typical FAS conference. There were the usual country reports, but they were brief and condensed into a single session of little more than an hour.

The spotlight was on commodities -- the key commodities in our Latin American trade. Each of the six -- wheat,

corn, cotton, beef, fruits and vegetables, and sugar -- was introduced by a Washington panel, with the attaches coming in as discussants when appropriate.

The result was an in-depth analysis that left both attaches and Washington participants better informed and better equipped for their jobs than when the sessions began.

There were no formal speeches. Secretary Hardin spoke informally at the opening session and spent the afternoon with the group. It was his first contact with most of the attaches and he gave them his impressions of his first months in office and a look ahead.

Assistant Secretary Palmby and Economics Director Paarlberg also spoke  
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The Bangkok office staff was part of a group of 25 persons who gathered at the airport to give Dr. and Mrs. Sam Work a gala send-off from the post, as evidenced by the profusion of Thai blossoms which brightened the farewell festivities. Behind the flower-bedecked Works are, left to right, Mrs. Sunantha Pkunpanya, clerk; Mrs. Mary Jane Stewart, secretary; Bhornchai Kunalai, marketing specialist; and Sommai Panyathorn, agricultural specialist.

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Elmer Hallowell, agricultural attache in Tokyo, was recently made an Honorary Member of the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan in recognition of work done on its various committees.

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The attache service has an honorary Dodge City Marshal in its midst. Jim Boulware, New Delhi ag attache, was accorded this title during his summer visit to that city while on home leave. As a guest of the Kansas Wheat Commission, Jim toured the major agricultural areas in the state which have an interest in the Indian grain market. The new Marshal has now resumed his attache duties in New Delhi.

## ATTACHE CONFERENCE (continued from page 1)

briefly, while Administrator Ioanes presided over most of the sessions and took an active part in the discussions. A report on the conference is being sent to all attaches.

As an added feature, the attaches remained in Washington two additional days for consultations with businessmen and trade organization representatives who arranged individual appointments. This was announced in advance in a press release, and some 130 individual consultations resulted.

Only let-up for the conferees was an early adjournment one day to permit attendance at the FAS picnic. The field force were also guests of honor at a reception attended by many FAS/W staff members and spouses hosted by Assistant Administrator Davis and Area Officer Farringer.

Attending the conference were: Joe Dodson, Argentina; Jack McDonald and Harold Rabinowitz (on home leave), Brazil; Wally Rowan, Chile; Garth Thorburn, Colombia; Byron Montgomery, Costa Rica; Bob McConnell, Dominican Republic; Bill Bowser, Ecuador; Stan Phillips, El Salvador; Harry Bryan, Guatemala; Bill Rodman, Mexico; Dalton Wilson, Peru; Bud Phillipsen, Trinidad; Bob FitzSimmons, Venezuela. A part-time attendee was Gene Olson, Canada, here for U. S. -Canadian talks.

## WELCOME TO THE U. S. A. !

Two local employees have recently resigned to become U. S. residents and eventual citizens. One of these is Costas Athanassiadis, senior agricultural specialist in Athens, and the other is Aleksandar Cerne, agricultural assistant in Belgrade whose resignation became effective July 9. Alex hopes to get settled shortly and will then be joined by his wife Cveta and young son and daughter. A warm welcome to our shores!

## ANNE-MARIE TOMKO WINS MISS FAS CROWN

Over 400 members and guests, including twelve agricultural attaches from Central and South America, attended the annual picnic of the FAS/EMS/IOS Club at Carderock Recreation Park in Maryland on June 25.

A major event of the outing was the crowning of Miss Anne-Marie Tomko, Personnel Division, as Miss FAS. The royal tiara was presented to Anne-Marie by FAS Administrator Ioanes. She will represent the Club in competition for the title of "Miss USDA" in November.

Special thanks go to Picnic Chairman Dev Devgon and his able committee for making this a memorable occasion.

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This attractive young lady with the flashing smile is Miss Anne-Marie Tomko, who was acclaimed Miss FAS at the FAS picnic in late June.



A partial view of one of the Latin American conference general sessions. At the left, Secretary of Agriculture Hardin talks informally with the group. Next to him is Ray Ioanes, FAS Administrator, with Don Paarlberg, Director of Agricultural Economics, USDA, at his right. Facing the camera at the right are Joseph Dodson, attache in Buenos Aires, and Attache Jack McDonald of Rio de Janeiro.

## HALLOWELL LEADS TRADE DISCUSSION PANEL

Tokyo Attache Elmer Hollowell participated in the annual meeting of the National Association of Farm Broadcasters in Honolulu in late June and spent a few days with his parents in Massachusetts before returning to Tokyo.

Reports are that a panel discussion led by Mr. Hollowell at the NAFB convention was a highlight of the meeting and generated numerous requests for both TV and radio coverage. Trade with Japan and the Far East were analyzed by panelists Hollowell, James Hutchinson, Ken Otagaki, and Jay Bell. To supplement an analysis of the stake of the U. S. intrade with Japan, Attache Hollowell used graphs and pictures very effectively.



### TOKYO WINNERS . . .

Two Tokyo staff members had the pleasure of receiving their Certificates of Merit from Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Clarence D. Palmby at the time of his visit to the post. The smiling young lady who is receiving a certificate for high quality performance is Miss Miho Yoshimura, administrative assistant. Kuniharu Kiyomiya, agricultural assistant, has already been presented with a similar award.



### LADIES DAY IN PARIS . . .

It was ladies' day in the Paris office when Attaché Tom Street's busy staff assembled for the presentation of awards. Economic Assistant Margaret Rigaud, left, and Research Assistant Josette Miede, second from right, each received a Certificate of Merit for high quality performance, while Secretary Eleanore Burford, left foreground, was awarded a Certificate of Merit for sustained above average performance. Appearing in the back row, from left to right, are James Benson, assistant attaché; Attaché Street; and Assistant Attaché Frank Padovano.

### ROME TRIO ...

Smiles are the order of the day as Agricultural Attache Bob Tetro presents a Certificate of Merit for high quality performance to Agricultural Specialist Alberto Cacciaguerra. Ag Specialist Louis Menna, seated, received a Certificate of Merit for special service to the Italian Wheat Trade Mission during its 1968 visit to the U. S. and Secretary-Translator Lidia Garro, seated, was recognized for high quality performance.



### HONORS AT BANGKOK ...

Ag Attache Sam Work, who retired from FAS/USDA service July 15, is shown receiving his 25 year Length of Service Award from Ambassador Leonard Unger while Mrs. Work looks proudly on.



### IN THE HAGUE ...

Matilda Micsky, junior administrative assistant, is shown above receiving her Certificate of Merit from Ambassador William Tyler. A cash award accompanied this recognition of "Tilly's" record of sustained above-average performance.



# ROAMING AROUND

John Glew, formerly with Trade Projects Division, left in early July to replace Duane Nelson as agricultural officer in Milan. Duane has been assigned to FAS/W.

Paul Ferree, ag attache in Rabat, returned to FAS/W in early August for consultation and home leave. He has been assigned to the FSI Senior Seminar for the year beginning August 18.

Bud Anderson, assistant attache in Bonn, who was here on home leave in June, traveled two weeks with a German wheat team before returning to his post.

Newly-appointed Attache Dudley Williams and family arrived in Rabat in mid-July to take over from Paul Ferree.

David Riggs, assistant attache in The Hague, has been reassigned to FAS/W following home leave.

Harlan Dirks, Livestock and Meat Division, was enrolled in FSI on July 7 and after additional orientation around FAS will depart in late August for Copenhagen. Arthur Rollefson, present attache, returns to FAS/W for reassignment.

Milton Anderson, assistant attache, has returned to Monrovia after home leave for his second tour.

Mary Grant, secretary to Area Officer Afif Tannous (Near East and Africa), transferred in late July to the Department of Transportation.

Charles Clendenen, assistant attache, left Rabat in late June for consultation and a Washington assignment.

Tom O'Connell, assistant attache in Mexico City, drove with his wife and two children to San Francisco for home leave. Tom will be in FAS/W on consultation this month prior to returning to his post.

Gerry Shelden, attache in Monrovia, spent a week in Upper Volta at the request of Ambassador Skinner, making a survey of the drought situation.

Harold Rabinowitz, assistant attache in Rio de Janeiro, and his wife and daughter Robin are on home leave in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Attache Fred Lege arrived in FAS/W on August 4 for consultation and home leave, after which he returns to Canberra.

Wilferd "Bud" Phillipsen, attache for Trinidad and Tobago, enjoyed home leave in Wisconsin following the Latin American conference in June. The Phillipsens have returned to Trinidad.

Dalton Wilson arrived in FAS/W from Lima on June 4. Following home leave in Florida he returned to Washington for the Latin American meeting, and is now reassigned to FAS/W.

Ross Packard, Bombay agricultural officer, is in FAS/W for consultation and Washington assignment.

Stan Phillips returned to San Salvador with his family after the Latin American conference. Stan had been alone at the post since February, but came home for his daughter Joyce's wedding on June 14.

Secretary Ethelwyn Brown of Lima was a direct transfer to Bogota and Mildred Rutledge of the Bogota office has been transferred directly to Monrovia.

Ted Freeman, assistant attache in Rawalpindi, will head for Tokyo about September 1. Ted is presently on consultation and home leave.

Virginia Stratton, our secretary in London, is presently on home leave in Montana and will be in FAS/W prior to returning to her post.

Another London employee, Assistant Attache Ken Murray, was in FAS/W on consultation in late July. Ken returns to Attache Hume's shop following home leave in New York State.

Ken Ogren, attache in the OECD office in Paris, is scheduled to return to his post in mid-September, following home leave.

Molly Iler, formerly secretary to Les Brown of IADS, has returned to FAS and will arrive at her new post of assignment, New Delhi, the latter part of August.

Secretary Freda Weimer left New Delhi in mid-July after two tours for home leave and reassignment.

Alex Bernitz, formerly assistant attache in Bonn, has been assigned to Export Programs, FAS/W.

Al Gilbert arrived in Lagos in mid-August to take over from Attache Rado Kinzhuber.

James Frink, assistant attache in Tokyo, was in FAS the early part of July. After home leave, he leaves for Athens where he replaces Don Motz as attache. Don will be returning to Washington in September for reassignment in FAS/W.



Ted Freeman, assistant attache in Pakistan, takes a look at a display of domestic wheat in a typical retail outlet.

#### AMONG OUR LOCALS

Alice Da Silva, faithful local secretary in Lisbon for some 19 years, retired as of June 30. . . . Hazel Mangaser joined the London staff on July 1 as a clerk-typist. . . . Congratulations to Oscar LaFuente, ag specialist in the Guatemala office of Attache Harry Bryan, for his July promotion. . . . Bonn secretary Gisela Schaefer has resigned to accompany her husband to his new position in Munich. . . . Hans Strickler is the new ag specialist in Attache Alan Trick's shop in Bern. . . . Terrence Norman, Ottawa ag specialist, had two and one-half days' orientation in FAS/W during July. . . . Francesco Guarneri has joined John Glew's staff in Milan as ag specialist, replacing Roberto Ravenna who recently resigned. . . . Milan Kukic has taken over the desk of Ag Assistant Alex Cerne in Frank Ehman's office in Belgrade. . . . Christian Ponsat is the new economist in Paris.

We are happy to report that David, son of Attache Waldo Rowan, has returned to Santiago following medical treatment in Georgia.

Dear Attache Staff:

Greetings from your new FAS Newsletter editor! We hope that our initial effort meets with your approval. At the same time, we invite you to help us in letting your co-workers around the globe hear about the many and varied activities which are part and parcel of your daily life. We look forward to receiving news of happenings from your post -- and we are especially hopeful that you'll get your cameras out and send us some "action shots" to bring added zest to the pages of the Letter.

As a beginning, here are a few ideas which may be helpful:

1. We'll Be Needing Field Photographs!

Good quality black and white or color prints are fine. If prints are not too sharp, just send along the negative instead (we promise it will be returned undamaged). We can use slides in a pinch -- and these, too, will be returned. Please concentrate on photos which include an attache staffer or member of his family.

2. What Kind of News?

Stories about field trips, participation in local and Embassy activities, vacations, hobbies, new babies, children's activities, weddings, visiting dignitaries, unusual work assignments and accomplishments -- all these are grist for the editorial mill.

3. The Distaff Side

Having served in the field, we know that attache wives and secretaries are involved in all sorts of interesting projects and activities. Please be assured that contributions from feminine "field reporters" are most welcome!

Lastly, we'd like your comments and suggestions for future issues. If you have some ideas, do let us have them. We look forward to making the Letter ... YOUR news sheet ... and we hope you'll join in the effort.

Sincerely,

Patty Shannon  
Editor, FAS LETTER

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Chris Champeau, 12 year old son of Attache Harold Champeau of Warsaw, made an unexpected trip to the hospital in Wiesbaden, Germany following an accident on his bicycle. Young Chris wore a plaster cast for a couple of weeks to hasten his recovery.

After a busy period organizing and managing the Santarem Fair, Attache Ford Milam of Lisbon ended up in the hospital with a mild case of hepatitis. He was released on July 15 and latest reports are that he is getting along fine.