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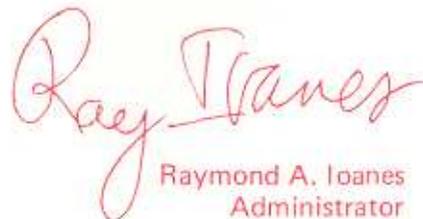
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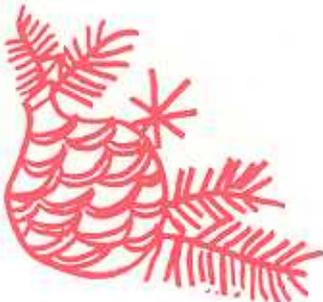
Dear Friends Overseas:

At this special season, it is a pleasure for me to extend warm personal greetings to all of you who serve at our attache posts.

The closing year has been a busy one for all of us, bringing new challenges and new opportunities as we work together to promote the interests of American agriculture. We at home have appreciated the enthusiasm and devotion of you who represent FAS abroad. Our joint efforts during 1970 have been rewarding; we anticipate even greater accomplishments in 1971.

To you and your families... and to each member of your staff... a very happy holiday season and a bright new year!


Raymond A. Ioanes
Administrator



YOUNG FARMERS FROM FRANCE LOOK AT THE U.S. FARM SCENE

Members of the National Center for Young Farmers, a French farm organization, believe that the best way to learn about agriculture throughout the world is by firsthand observation. Thus, one of their special activities each year is a visit to a foreign country for the purpose of studying its agriculture.

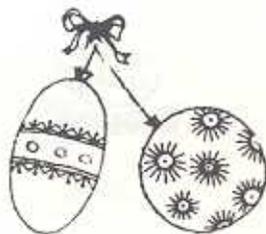
This year, when the organization's young delegates (who ranged in age from 23 to 35) wanted to take a look at agriculture in the United States, Attache Tom Street of Paris promptly got busy to help plan a trip that would be both interesting and educational for the 8 young men and 2 young ladies who would be representing the National Center. With a helping hand from FAS/W, the group left France on November 7 with a busy 10 days in the U.S. ahead of them.

First stop was Washington, where all USDA agencies participated in a series of conferences covering USDA policies and programs.

FAS Administrator Ray Ioanes welcomed the visitors at the opening session, and reviewed for them the changes in agriculture during the past 20 years. Other FAS speakers were Deputy Administrator Howard Worthington and Deputy Assistant Sales Manager Art Mead of Export Marketing Service.

An informal luncheon meeting with Deputy Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Andrew J. Mair was a feature of the three-day Washington program.

A whirlwind visit to Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin took the group to the Board of Trade and the American Farm Bureau Federation headquarters in Chicago, as well as to Purdue and the University of Wisconsin. Land grant college work, particularly extension service activities, was of special interest, and the field trip was rounded out by visits to a number of farms in this area.



HANDICRAFT FUN IN TAIWAN ... Milly Pettipaw (left), wife of Attache Norm Pettipaw of Taipei, and Mrs. Eric Orme, wife of the Army Attache, display an attractive collection of handicrafts they have made for the International Women's Club Christmas Bazaar.



A REFLECTIVE MOMENT ... Young farmers from France take notes as Administrator Ray Ioanes of FAS (at left) discusses the many changes that have taken place in U.S. agriculture since 1950.

NEW EXPORT TRADE DIVISION FOR FAS

Raymond E. Vickery has been named director of the new Export Trade Services Division of FAS which officially began operation on November 2. Ray has been director of Reports and Statistics for the past four years, and headed the Grain and Feed Division from 1957-66.

The new division will concentrate its efforts on developing programs to increase involvement of U.S. state agencies, trade associations, producers, exporters, transporters, bankers, service agencies, and other related trade organizations in expanding U.S. agricultural exports. One phase of its program will be the operation of a Trade Opportunity Referral System, which will keep U.S. suppliers informed of export trade opportunities for U.S. farm products.

Staff members of the new division include Alex Bernitz, former assistant attache in Bonn; Lloyd Williams, who was assistant in Manila and Havana and attache in Rangoon; and Gerry Shelden, whose field service includes an assignment as assistant attache in Paris and a tour of duty as attache in Monrovia.



FAMILY



WHEN SANTA COMES TO TOWN . . . The smile on the face of Maria Teresa Trione reflects her pleasure in meeting Santa Claus last year. It is evident that the pleasure was mutual, since Santa lingered long enough to have this photo made for his young friend's memory book. Maria Teresa, age 9, is the pretty daughter of Steno Teresa Trione of the Rome agricultural office.



DOWN IN SANTO DOMINGO . . . Christmas festivities in the Dominican Republic resemble a U.S. 4th of July celebration—and here are three members of the younger set who are pretty excited about the whole idea. Jimmy, Kathy, and Patti McConnell are the children of Attache Bob and Ginny McConnell, who expect to enjoy a lively holiday season.



THE KHOSLAS CELEBRATE DIWALI . . . The loveliest of all Indian festivals is *Diwali*, when an atmosphere of excitement and rejoicing prevails. On *Diwali Day*, merchants close accounts and open new ones. It is a season for new clothes, sweetmeats, meeting with friends, and decorating with a profusion of lights. In this scene, the family of Ag Analyst Dharam Khosla of New Delhi performs "Pooja" to please Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth. At the extreme right is Mrs. Khosla, with Rajiv and Rajesh next to her; Aasheesh is in the center, and Dharam is on the left.

PHOTOS



FROM SUNNY ROME . . . This young beauty is two-year-old Sandra Cacciaguerra, daughter of Ag Specialist Alberto Cacciaguerra of the Rome office. We understand she's been anticipating the coming of Santa for some time . . . so the bearded old fellow has an enthusiastic welcome in store when he visits the Cacciaguerra home.



SPARKLERS FOR THE TANDONS . . . New Delhi Ag Economist V.M. Tandon and his family were celebrating *Diwali* with sparklers when the photographer snapped this picture. This festival, which is held in November, commemorates the return of Lord Rama, a Hindu god, to his home city after 14 years of exile imposed by his father. *Diwali* is a festival of lights, with thousands of oil lamps and colored lights illuminating homes and public buildings throughout India. From left to right in this photo: Ashwani, Mrs. Tandon, Indu, Satish, and Ag Economist Tandon.



AT HOME IN DENMARK . . . Attache Harlan Dirks and his family moved into their new home in Copenhagen in early August—in plenty of time to get settled for a Danish Christmas celebration. Note the fireplace . . . handy for hanging those Christmas stockings! From left to right in this picture: Angela, 2; Harlan, Delphia, and nine-year-old David.



ROGER E. NEETZ GOES TO BONN

Roger and Victoria Neetz will be enjoying the festivities of a German Christmas this year, having arrived in Bonn early this month. Roger is the new assistant agricultural attache in Attache George Parks' office, replacing Bud Anderson. Bud was recently named as attache to New Zealand.

A native of Pennsylvania, Roger holds a B.S. degree from Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. He did graduate study in economics at American University from 1953-56. He also attended Muhlenberg College, Allentown, Pennsylvania, for one year.

He joined USDA/OFAR as an economist in 1949, and for the past three years has been with the Europe and Soviet Union Branch of ERS.



BUENOS AIRES ASSIGNMENT FOR JAMES P. RUDBECK

The holiday season promises to be a hectic time for James and Mary Rudbeck, who will be getting ready to depart for Buenos Aires in early January. Jim will be assistant attache in the office of Attache Joe Dodson, replacing Gordon Lloyd who is returning to FAS/W for home leave and reassignment.

The new appointee is originally from Kearny, New Jersey, and has B.S. and M.S. degrees in economics from the University of Maine. He was a graduate research assistant at the University of Maine from 1963-65, and joined the Grain and Feed Division of FAS as an economist in 1965.

Mary is well known in FAS, having been an associate editor on the staff of *Foreign Agriculture* magazine. She was Mary Nicolini before becoming Mrs. Rudbeck.



INTRODUCING MARIA OF SAN JOSE . . . This attractive young lady is Maria de Brenes, Costa Rican clerk-steno in Attache Norm Kallemeyn's office. Maria was with the United Nations in New York and the Budget and Fiscal section of the Embassy before coming to the San Jose office.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENT FOR ADMINISTRATOR RAY IOANES

FAS Administrator Ray Ioanes has been named a vice-chairman of the National Cattle Industry Advisory Committee appointed in November by Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin. C&MS Administrator Clayton Yeutter is also a vice-chairman.

Director of Agricultural Economics Don Paarlberg will serve as chairman of the committee, whose 36 members represent all segments of the industry from producer to consumer.



GINNY LENDS A HAND . . . Ginny McConnell, wife of Attache Bob McConnell of Santo Domingo, hands diapers to Sister Trinidad, head nurse at the Ried Cabral Childrens Hospital. Looking on is Dr. Luis Fernandez, one of the chief doctors. Ginny is chairman of the Embassy Wives' sewing group which in the past several years has donated many items (diapers, blankets, clothing) to the hospital.



ROAMING AROUND

Assistant Ag Officer **Ed Bauer** of Hong Kong was an enrollee in the Kepner-Tregoe management course conducted at the post December 7-11.

Retiree **Paul Minneman**, who has been pinch-hitting at the OECD office in Paris, is returning to the U.S. in mid-December.

Secretary **Kitty Myers** is enjoying home leave in Arkansas and New Jersey. She'll be reporting for FAS/W duty in early January. Mrs. **Jeanne Poff** is the new U.S. resident secretary in Attache **Frank Ehman's** office in Belgrade.

Susana C. Mequi is the new foreign national secretary in Manila.

An unanticipated change in travel plans occurred last month... after the *FAS Letter* had gone to press. Medical matters delayed the departure of Secretary **Rose Mary Bland** for Korea, and **Mildred Peitz** of the Personnel Division departed in late November for TDY in Attache **Clancy Jean's** office in Seoul. Mildred is an old hand in the field, having served in Vienna several years ago. Meanwhile, **Rose Mary** is carrying out doctor's orders in her usual capable fashion.

Before he headed West for home leave in California, Attache **Steve Stephanides** spent a couple of days in Tennessee and Georgia to explore market expansion possibilities for poultry breeding stock and poultry feed grains in Iran. Attache and Mrs. **Stephanides** are now back in Tehran for their third tour of duty.

Attache **Al Gilbert** of Lagos is accompanying **Charlie Barber**, chief of the Cotton Division's commodity analysis division, on a trip through northern Nigeria to look over cotton production in the area. Present plans include a trip by car across the border into Chad, another cotton-growing region.

FORMER ATTACHE BELL HEADS GRAIN AND FEED DIVISION

Former Attache **Dick Bell** has been named director of the Grain and Feed Division, following the appointment of **Clancy Jean** as agricultural attache to Korea.

Dick comes from Clinton, Illinois, and has B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural economics from the University of Illinois. He did graduate work at the University of Maryland, and was a staff assistant at this school in 1958-59.

He joined the Agricultural Analysis Division of FAS in 1959, and in 1961 went to Ottawa as assistant agricultural attache. After serving as assistant attache in Brussels from 1963-65, he was assigned to Dublin as agricultural attache from 1965-67.



CHARLES R. ENLOW HONORED

Friends and former co-workers of **Charles R. Enlow**, who was ag attache at Pretoria and Ankara from 1944 to 1950, will be happy to hear that he was awarded the **Frank N. Meyer Memorial Medal** for 1970 in ceremonies held this summer at the University of Indiana. This memorial was established in 1919 by the American Genetic Association.

Mr. Enlow was honored for his work in introducing grasses that have become outstanding in the dryland areas of the U.S. as well as for assisting with the introduction of new plants and the development of conservation programs in Africa and the Near East. He was cited especially for his recent work as leader of the USDA Plant and Seed Multiplication Team (AID) in Vietnam, which introduced the IR-8 rice into Vietnam, helping it to become an exporter of that crop. Team leader **Enlow**, at age 73, was the group's oldest member.

When he retired in 1950, **Mr. Enlow** went into private business, but has served since then on numerous occasions as a USDA consultant.

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ROAMING AROUND

Isabel Najera will arrive in Rio de Janeiro in mid-January to serve as secretary in Attache Jack McDonald's office. She replaces Eulalie Kraft, who is returning to FAS/W for home leave and reassignment. A newcomer to the field crew, Isabel hails from Laredo, Texas, and has been secretary in the Grain and Feed Division for the past year. She did a secretarial stint for Allied General Corporation in Georgetown, Guyana, in 1968 and also worked in Mexico for four years.

Christmas in the Congo: Mrs. Margot Franck, third country national secretary, and Ag Specialist Dimitri Tratolos will be enjoying Christmas with their families at their homes in Kinshasa. Attache and Mrs. Verle Lanier are heading south to spend the two-week period prior to Christmas visiting Johannesburg, Durban, and Capetown, South Africa. They'll return to Kinshasa in time to celebrate Christmas and New Year's with Tuncay's parents. This is Verle's third Christmas in the Congo.

Attache Garth Thorburn of Bogota saw the judging of Brown Swiss, Holstein, Charolais, and Cebu cattle at the Fair at Bucaramanga in late September.

Mrs. Sunantha Pakunpanya of Bangkok has been busy in recent weeks with a review course in shorthand at the Chareon Krung Vidhya School.

Doug Crawford, Area Officer for the Western Hemisphere, looked in on several of the Latin America posts during a flying visit which began September 20 and ended October 10. Offices included in Doug's itinerary were Santo Domingo, Port-of-Spain, San Jose, San Salvador, Guatemala City, and Mexico City. He reports a busy field crew South of the Border.

Autumn Bride: Clerk-Steno Guler Tosun of Ankara became the bride of Bastug Toruner in a ceremony which took place in that city on October 29. Congratulations and best wishes!

Condolences: Agricultural Attache Anthony Cruit of Geneva returned to the U.S. in mid-November, because of the death of his father, R. Clyde Cruit of Bethesda, Maryland. Tony's father was a patent lawyer in the Washington area for more than 60 years; and was also well known as a yachting enthusiast, having won many sailing trophies.

Elmer Hollowell, attache in Tokyo, was a flying visitor to the U.S. at Thanksgiving time, when he attended his son Norman's wedding in Tennessee on November 28. Elmer also spent a few days in FAS/W catching up on legislative matters.

Secretary Nancy Fellows of Djakarta arrived in FAS/W on December 9. Following home leave, she'll return to Attache Jerry Kuhl's shop.

Assistant Attache Dale Douglas of Madrid spent the latter half of October at his home in Idaho, because of the serious illness of his father.

Saad Hajoui is the new agricultural reporting assistant in the office of Attache Dudley Williams of Rabat.

Judy Clark, wife of Attache Duane Clark of Tel Aviv, won the low net in the women's Calloway Division of the Embassy's Memorial Day Golf Tournament with a 66... not bad for someone who just began to play the game in April!

The Berk Beukenkamps of Rome will spend the Christmas holidays skiing in Garmish-Partenkirchen, Germany.

