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ON FIRST VISIT to United States, Albert Eberhard (left), professional agriculturist on Bern attache staff, stops in FAS/Wash to exchange notes with Clancy Jean (center), chief of Grain & Feed's foreign marketing branch, and Tim Engebretson, European area officer.

## BERN ATTACHE ASSISTANT ON MISSION TO U.S.

Albert Eberhard, professional agriculturist and "right-hand man" on Attache Print Hudson's staff in Bern, has been seeing America for the first time as a member of a 5-man Swiss Wheat Trade Mission touring the United States.

The tour was sponsored by Great Plains Wheat, Inc., with FAS cooperation.

The itinerary included two of the nation's coldest cities -- Fargo and Bismarck -- and also Minneapolis, Kansas City, Enid (Okla.), Oklahoma City, and Houston.

After final briefings in Washington, Eberhard

expects to be back at his post by March 1.

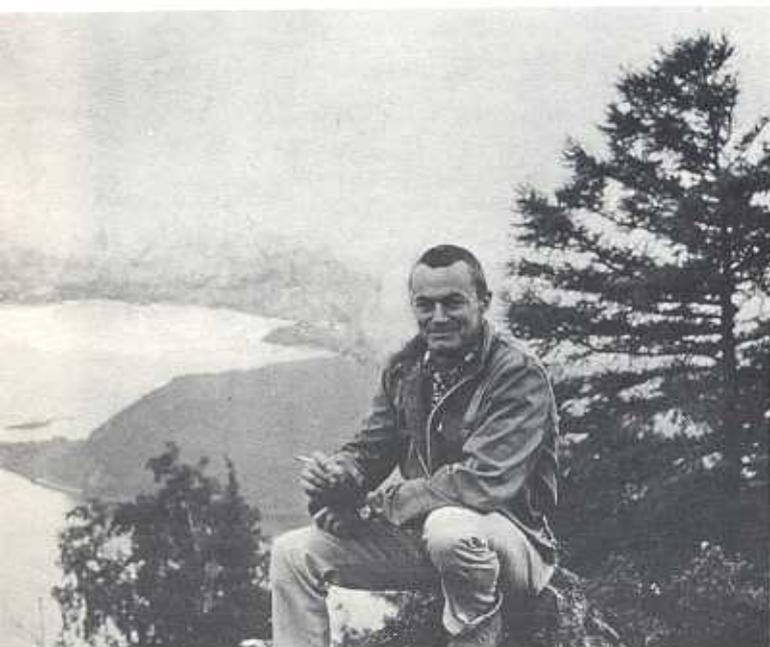
He joined the Bern staff 3 years ago after 17 years of agricultural experience that included FAO work in North Africa, Swiss extension service, and management of one of Switzerland's most highly mechanized farms.

Eberhard has an agricultural engineering degree from the Federal University of Technical Sciences at Zurich. He also qualifies as a member of FAS's Parents-of-Twins Club, as the eldest of his four children are twins (boy and girl). There are two younger daughters and an attractive wife, too.

## EX-MUSCOVITE IS NEW ERS CHIEFTAIN

Acting ERS chief of both East and West European analysis branches is now Stan Brown (George Stanley), former member of the attache family circle.

Stan has thrice served FAS in Moscow -- as assistant attache from 1960-62, as temporary acting attache during the summer of '64, and again on TDY in the summer of '65 giving Attache Brice Meeker an assist.



SITTING HIGH over Lake Baikal, outer Siberia, is Stan Brown when he was temporary attache in the USSR. Photo was taken last 4th of July by Assistant Attache David Schoonover (still on the job), when the two made a 4-day trip on the trans-Siberian railroad to size up crops in remote rural areas.

## SELLERS GOES SOUTH

Roy Sellers (Barter & Stockpiling) left FAS in January to become the Rural Community Development Service's state director for Alabama, with headquarters in Montgomery.

Roy has been with FAS for 10 years, during which he was longtime agricultural officer in Bombay and later was attache in Lisbon.

## EULER SPEAKS

"Poland On Its 1,000th Anniversary" was the timely topic of Roger Euler, speaker at the February meeting of the FAS Club. Roger recently returned to FAS/Wash after 4 years as attache in Warsaw -- where he's now been succeeded by Harold Champeau.

Another former attache, Marshall Fox (ex-Costa Rica and now with IADS) is slated to be speaker at the next Club meeting March 4, says Duane Clark, vice-president and program chairman.

## ANNUAL AREA CHECK-UPS

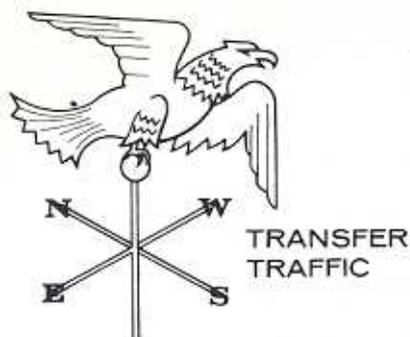
Dale Farringer, Latin America area officer, left February 7 for a 3-week trip to Mexico, Guatemala, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Panama.

Afif Tannous, Africa & Mid-East area officer, departs February 28 for a 5-week trek through Africa.

They'll both be checking with attaches on the progress of various programs in which FAS has an interest, and will take up any special problems, needs, or activities in which the "home office" can be of help.

USDA AGRICULTURAL YEARBOOKS of special interest to Kenya's agricultural leaders are presented at a ceremony in the Nairobi attache office. L. to r. are J. R. Ruchti, deputy chief of mission; E. Khasakhala, chairman, Kenya Agricultural Produce Marketing Board; J. Opembe, general manager, Produce Marketing Board; R. C. Heater, American embassy staff; Mrs. Irene Rose, agricultural economist; and Attache Howard Akers.





## "JUNIOR PRO" LLOYD ASSIGNED TO CANADA

Gordon H. Lloyd is newly appointed assistant agricultural attache in Ottawa, with arrival slated before the end of February.

He's a native of Wymore, Nebraska (near Beatrice, which is near Lincoln). He started up the FAS ladder as a junior professional summer trainee in '58; then after he got his BS degree in ag economics from the U. of Nebraska, he became a permanent member of the Grain & Feed-staff in 1959.



GORDON H. LLOYD  
... to Ottawa

Canada won't exactly be new territory to him, for one of his first assignments involved an on-the-spot survey of the wheat situation there -- out of which grew a popular FAS-M publication. In pre-FAS days, Gordon spent 4 years in the Air Force and 3 years farming in Nebraska.

In private life, he spends spare moments skiing (in winter); playing with his 19-month-old son, David; or participating in church activities. He has been president of the 6th Presbyterian Church young adult group in D.C. and has also been on the board of deacons.

Mrs. Lloyd is the former Virginia Freeman, a native Washingtonian.

## LANKFORD NEW ATTACHE TO SWEDEN

Jim Lankford (James F.) arrives in Stockholm this month to succeed Hugh Robinson as attache. Hugh will be heading Stateside in late February for an FAS/Wash desk.

The Stockholm post will be Jim's second tour with the attache service. From '58-60 he was ass't attache in Bogota. Since then, he's been with the Research Program Development & Evaluation Staff of ARS.

Mrs. Lankford will be going to Sweden with her husband, and their 18-year-old daughter, Mary Anne, will join her parents when school is out in June.

The Jack McDonalds left Ottawa in early February and have been enjoying a well-earned fortnight in the Bahamas before Jack takes over his new job in the Office of the Secretary.

Lloyd E. Jones, Jr., joined the reports and analysis staff of Program Operations Div. on January 17. A retired U.S. Army Lt. Col., Lloyd came to FAS after two years with NASA. He's an alumnus of the University of Missouri, his native state.

## ABOUT INDIA

"India's Food Situation," was the subject of guest speaker, Madan Gopal Kaul, Minister of Coordination of the Embassy of India in Washington, at the bi-monthly FAS-sponsored luncheon for foreign agricultural diplomats January 24.

## SOME LIKE IT COLD . . . SOME LIKE IT HOT

Up North, retiree Gordon Schlubatis has been "working like a beaver" building a house and orcharding in Coldwater, Michigan.



GORDON AND HARRIET SCHLUBATIS brave wintry winds to pose in front of their new home in Michigan.

Down South, meanwhile, retiree Quincy Ewing has been "lazy as a dog," lolling in the sunshine of Liberty, Texas.



QUINCY EWING'S favorite combination is book, dog, and hammock, for full enjoyment of winter sun in Texas.

### WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

The whereabouts of attaches and assistant attaches who return from the field for FAS/Wash jobs sometimes becomes obscure in the 10 miles of South Bldg. corridors -- not to mention the Auditors' Bldg.

To catch up on returnees in recent months:

You'll now find Norman Pettipaw (ex-Djakarta) in the General Sales Manager's office; Bill Hatch (ex-Nairobi) and Bob Wuhrman (ex-Rome) in Livestock & Meats; and Bill Callan (ex-Trinidad) in Program Operations Division.

Formerly in The Hague, Hal Norton is now in foreign donations branch, Program Development Div., Export Programs; and Bill Bing is in Management Services, where he is working with Lee Dashner and Franklin Sonnabend in setting up the PPB System (Planning-Programming-Budgeting).



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### ON TRADE FAIR CIRCUIT

Bill Dobbins (Trade Fairs) left January 30 for Tokyo. He'll be temporary Trade Center manager there for a few weeks (probably up to June), and right now is getting things lined up for the Feed Exhibit and Seminar slated for March 7-18 in the Japanese capital.

Jim Martin (also Trade Fairs) was due back at his desk about Feb. 15 after a short swing in the Far East, where he concentrated on pre-fair plans in Hong Kong. FAS is scheduled to take part for the first time at an int'l trade show there in the early fall.

Meanwhile ... from London ... Elmer Winner, ass't attache in charge of Trade Center activities, reports the Food & Caterers' Show (Jan. 18-27) a big success. Helping with public relations work was Eleanor Ferris, on loan to us from C & MS.

Next exhibits on the road will be at Paris (CENECA - Int'l Agricultural Exhibition, Mar. 5-13) and at Verona (Int'l Agricultural & Livestock Fair, Mar. 13-21).

## CONGRESSIONAL INVESTIGATION -- OF PERUVIAN SOIL

Congressman Mark Andrews, of No. Dakota, is a farmer as well as a member of the House Appropriations Sub-Committee on Foreign Aid.

That's why, on a South American trip, he showed such interest in agriculture that Attache and Mrs. Fred Traeger took him on a Sunday outing to an agrarian reform project in an irrigated valley about 60 miles north of Lima.

DELVING INTO Peruvian soil are (l. to r.) Attache Fred Traeger; a Peruvian Extension official; Mrs. Mark Andrews; Congressman Andrews (R-No. Dakota); E. Gutierrez, AID advisor; and a Peruvian farmer, with back to camera.



## AFTER THE STORM

Chile is still recouping from storms of 6 months ago, reports Attache Wally Rowan from Santiago.

On a field trip through a 50-mile swathe of southern Chile, he saw evidence of damage done by the heaviest rains in 30 years, winds up to 100 miles an hour, and snow avalanches that severed roads in some areas.

Wheat, oats, and rape crops suffered. Irrigation works were torn up. Dams broke. Supplies of livestock from Argentina were cut off. And about 4,000 acres of timberland were so hard hit that the timber loss is equal to about two years of production.



OPERATION "WOOD SALVAGE" is observed in storm-damaged Chilean forests by Attache Wally Rowan (left) and Gordon Daniels, Embassy finance officer.

## ¿HABLA ESPANOL? . . . or PARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS?

If you can't get admitted to the Ivy League, Middlebury, or Georgetown for language training, you might consider FAS's "Early-Morning Language Courses" -- but you'll have to wait your turn.

The third session of the 100-hour courses in French and Spanish began January 24 to aid FASers in present or potential assignments. Strong demand for French has necessitated two beginning classes.

French students are Rolland Anderson, G. Stanley Brown, June Fitzpatrick, Ted Freeman, John Ginn, Robert Haresnape, John Hudgins, William J. Mills, Q. Martin Morgan, Norman Pettipaw, John Riesz, Mattie Sharpless, Hobart S. Sockman, and Robert Taylor, Jr.

Enrollees in the intermediate Spanish course are William Bowser, Alice Clark, Lee Dashner, Kenneth Howland, Robert Hurst, John Hutchison, Robert Ingram, and Kathleen O'Neil.

Personnel Division, which serves as "Admissions Office," says that other classes at the beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels will be organized as needs arise.

In the past year, six language-class alumni have been assigned to overseas posts.

# ROAMING AROUND

Agriculture is gaining ground on this year's calendar. This is the Year of the Horse by Chinese reckoning; and 'round the world, it's International Rice Year. What's more . . . azaleas are already blooming in Washington -- in a colorful circle around USDA's rejuvenated Patio pool.

In Cairo, Attache Jim Hutchins was host to visiting Congressmen W. R. Poage and Graham Purcell, both of whom are Texans and members of the House Agriculture Committee. During their visit in Egypt they met with UAR Minister of Agriculture, Shafik El-Khishen.

Al Gilbert (Sugar & Tropical Products) is due back in the Auditors' Bldg. about Mar. 8 after a 6-week swing around Africa to survey the present and potential situation in major coffee-growing areas.

Retiree "Doc" Scranton and Mrs. Scranton took off this month for a Caribbean cruise, after which they'll stay down Florida-way until spring breaks Northward.



IT'S A SMALL WORLD agree an anonymous gentleman from Uzbek and his new-found friend, Moscow attache wife Wilma Meeker, while they-chat on a park bench.

## NAME-DROPPING

Word has reached us (by surface pouch) that Martin G. Schubkegel observed the 1st-month anniversary of his arrival in Buenos Aires as ass't attache by representing Ambassador Edwin Martin at a street-naming ceremony in the city of San Fernando.

In a formal speech, Martin re-named the Crisol de Victoria the "John F. Kennedy Street," and unveiled a plaque marking the Nov. 24 occasion. His photo and remarks were featured in the B.A. newspaper La Nacion.



IN LEOPOLDVILLE. Ann Armentrout, taking a break from her French lessons and duties as secretary to the agricultural attache in Leopoldville, promenades along Congo River, with Brazzaville in sight on opposite banks.

## MARGARET BAKER ON "PROJECT HEADSTART"

The many friends of Margaret Baker, wife of the late Burton Baker, will be interested in knowing that the Washington Post (Sunday edition, Nov. 21) gave a full page to her byline story about her experience with Project Headstart.

The Project was begun last summer as an experiment to prepare children from underprivileged homes for school. Nearly 560,000 children aged 4 to 6 took part for 8 weeks.

The program was so successful that President Johnson has made it a permanent part of the American educational system.

Now a resident of Alexandria, Va., Margaret is one of the home interviewers who are "message bearers and information seekers, acting as a bridge between home and school."

"It is possible," she says, "to view sociologists' findings about poverty with the same dispassionate interest that one brings to an Agriculture Department crop report, but an interviewer who has sat on a soiled sofa for an hour and a half in a ramshackle house while the occupants permitted her to look into the most secret corners of their miserable existence can no longer view poverty in America as a statistic."



## T'ANKS FOR YOUR TIGER

Feeding a young Thai tiger is the latest problem confronting Bhornchai (Sam) Kunalai, marketing specialist in the Bangkok attache office.

Trade is booming in peaceful Thailand -- a nation more fortunate than others in the area. This accounts for the tiger that has become a part of Sam's family as a result of local sales promotion by a certain U.S. gas company.



In photo above, young Jaak Jaak (Kamjonchai) -- complete with tiger mask, tail, and spots -- is dunked in domestic-type tank by his sisters Jook Jook (Naraporn) and Jeek Jeek (Araya). The latter is wearing her glasses in typical American teen-age fashion. All are the children of Bhornchai Kunalai.

← REMEMBER "MAC"? Here he is (right), still in Beirut, receiving 20-Years-of-Service congratulations from Ambassador Dwight J. Porter. "Mac", of course, is none other than Attache D. L. MacDonald.



## THE ROBERTS ROUND

Dick Roberts has lost no time fitting himself into the harness as attache in Ottawa.

Among official activities, he has presented to Fischer & Sons (Shelbyville, Ind.) a trophy for the best earcorn exhibited at the Toronto Royal Agricultural Fair.

He's also been to Toronto for meetings of the Canadian Farm Writers' Federation.

Too, he participated at Montreal in the 19th annual meeting of Dairy Society Int'l, attended by 11 other members of the diplomatic corps and many Canadian government officials.

"PICTURE OF THE MONTH" (above) is taken out Manila way, where chicken-in-a-basket is tame picnic fare compared with succulent pig-on-a-pole. It's about to be served to Assistant Attache Walter Stern (left) and Attache Lee Paramore after a field trip to one of the largest and most modern Philippine "piggeries" -- owned by Emerito Ramos.



Especially at late-'65 annual meeting of Dairy Society Int'l in Montreal included (l. to r.) S. P. K. Dadzie, Ghana Trade & Investment Center, N. Y.; Mrs. Richard H. Roberts, wife of U. S. agricultural attache to Canada; Satoshi Ohara, 1st Secretary, Agriculture, Japanese Embassy, Ottawa; Don G. Colony, president of DSI; J. R. Sherk, dairy products division of production and marketing branch, Canadian Dep't of Agriculture; and Attache Roberts.