



THE FAS LETTER

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE SERVICE

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RICHARD J. GOODMAN NAMED ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR

Richard J. Goodman has been appointed Associate Administrator for FAS, and has taken up duties relating to general trade policy in agriculture. The new Associate Administrator has already had a chance to visit with attache staffs in Paris and Geneva during trade discussions early in December.

Mr. Goodman is a native of Milton, North Dakota, and is a graduate of North Dakota State University. He received a doctor's degree in agricultural economics from the University of Minnesota in 1962.

He brings to FAS a rich background of experience from previous employment in Universities, private trade, and Government.



MILT ANDERSON NEW ATTACHE IN QUITO

Milt Anderson of Reports and Statistics returned to the field at the beginning of December as Agricultural Attache in Quito, Ecuador.

Milt, who previously was assistant attache in Monrovia, from 1967 to 1971, and joined FAS in 1963 after seven years with ERS. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, where he also did graduate work.

Milt, wife Carol, and their three children, Kerry, Scott, and Bonnie Jean, completed a visit to Minnesota before departure, visiting with friends and relatives. They arrived in Quito in the first week of December.

Wally Rowan, who served as acting attache in Quito while Milt went through orientation, has now returned to his work in FAS Washington. Wally, who did an excellent job filling in, reports his temporary assignment was very interesting.

CONGRESSMEN VISIT POSTS ON FIVE CONTINENTS

Members of Congressional Agriculture Committees visited attache posts and agricultural centers on five continents during the Congressional recess recently.

The largest delegation was led by House Agriculture Committee Chairman W. R. (Bob) Poage, D-Tex., and made stops in Dacca, Sudan, Ethiopia and India. The delegation examined food relief and PL 480 activities. Committee members accompanying Congressman Poage were Tom Abernethy, D-Miss.; Frank Denholm, D-S.D.; William Wampler, R-Va.; George Goodling, R-Pa.; Wiley Mayne, R-Iowa; and Keith Sebelius, R-Kan.

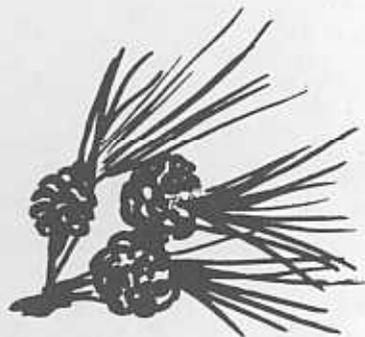
Congressmen Jamie L. Whitten, D-Miss., also of the House Agriculture Committee, made a separate trip to South America, with stops scheduled in Caracas, Brasilia, Rio, Buenos Aires, Lima and Quito.

From the Senate side, Senators Hubert Humphrey, D-Minn., and Henry Bellmon, D-Okla., visited Warsaw and Moscow. The senators, both members of the Senate Agriculture Committee, planned to look into East-West trade in agricultural commodities, and in particular prospects in the grains sector for U.S. producers in the Soviet market.

BILL DOBBINS NEW LATIN AMERICA AREA OFFICER

Bill Dobbins, who has been with the Trade Fairs Division, has been named Area Officer for the Western Hemisphere. It will be a return to work in the Attache Service for Bill, who previously served in Rome from 1968 to 1970.

Bill joined FAS in 1955, serving first in the Import Division, and then in Trade Fairs from 1961 until his assignment in Rome. Prior to joining FAS, Bill was Assistant Commandant of Cadets at Virginia Polytechnic Institute in Blacksburg, Virginia. He received his bachelor's degree there in agricultural economics.





JUNIOR PROFESSIONALS VISIT SOUTHERN STATES. . . Junior Professionals in FAS recently returned from a week-long trip to the South that took them to cotton, rice and citrus regions. Main stops were in Tennessee and Texas.

The trip was part of a continuing professional development program of FAS. Earlier trips for the junior professionals have included a week-long trip to the Midwest, featuring feedlot operations, grain production centers, and agricultural trade centers.

Drawn from all divisions of FAS, they have been meeting regularly to discuss topics relating to their work, and hear specialists from the Service and outside lecture on agricultural production and exports. Since the beginning of the revamped program in September 1971, two junior professionals have joined the attache ranks—Frank Piason in Rome, and Bryant Wadsworth in Tokyo, with a third, Dick Barnes, slated for Caracas.

Shown here at the first meeting of the group last year are, (far left, front to back) Bruce Baker, Frank Piason, Willie Brooks, Daniel Baker, Stuart Proctor, Margaret Mason; (center left, front to back) Sylvia Wallace, David Ingram, Susan Brown, Bruce Benton; (center right, front to back) Kerry Reynolds, Paul Drazek, Franklin Lee, Rosine Plank, Larry Stenswick; (far right, front to back) Mary Wilson, Evans Browne, Emanuel McNeil, Sharon Landers, Lloyd Pleck, Richard Barnes; (extreme right) Bryant Wadsworth. Absent were Larry Bush, Mary Jo Hall, Arthur Hausamann, Barbara Keller, Patricia Paige, and James Willis.



"IN HOPES OF SAINT NICOLAS" . . . Frederic, 4, and Elizabeth, 7, children of Al and Pam Persi, confer with Saint Nicolas on important subjects prior to an anticipated visit. In Belgium, where Al is serving as assistant attache, St. Nick delivers gifts on December 6 rather than on Christmas Day. We understand the outlook was favorable following the negotiations.

CHAMPION CHEESE. . . Terry McCabe, chief of the Import Branch, FAS/W, is shown cutting the cheese that won the title of "1972 World's Champion Cheese Maker" for Domenico Rocca of Reggio Emilia, Italy. The competition, sponsored by the Wisconsin Cheese Makers' Association, was held in Oshkosh, Wis., in November. Terry credited the efforts of ag attaches for the large number of foreign entries—57 from 10 countries among a total of 123 entries. McCabe said several entries from Switzerland had been expected, but they got caught in a delivery snafu and never arrived.





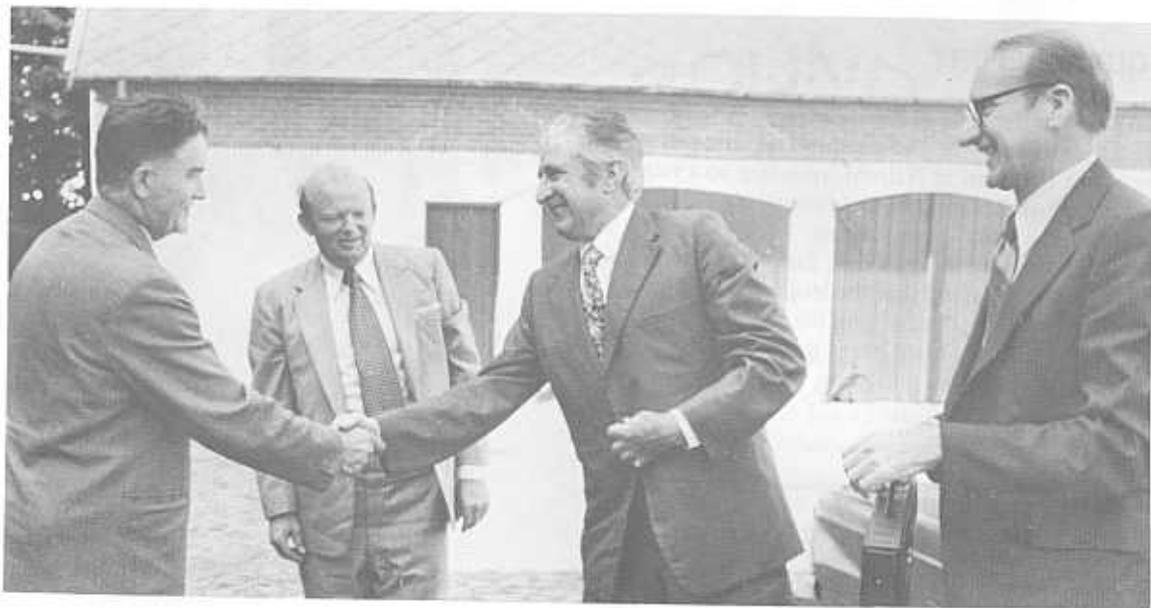
TOM STREET RETIRES AFTER 32 YEARS SERVICE. . . In a last get-together in Paris, U.S. Ambassador Thomas Watson, left, joins Deputy Chief of Mission Jack Kubish, right, in wishing Tom Street well as he leaves for retirement.

Tom, who joined USDA as an employee of the Personnel Office, had served as agricultural attache in Paris since 1968, and previously was attache in Bern, and assistant attache in New Dehli. Other assignments in FAS included a stint as Deputy Assistant Administrator for Export Programs, and three years as PL 480 coordinator. During his government service, he received many awards, capped off by a Superior Service Award in 1966.

Tom and wife Judy have returned to their home in Alexandria, Virginia, and look forward to seeing old friends when they have a chance to drop by. Best wishes!

PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT VISITS U.S. FARM EXHIBIT. . . Portuguese President Americo Deus Rodrigues Tomas is greeted by Attache Harry Bryan at the entrance of the U.S. Pavilion at the Portuguese International Agricultural Exhibition in Santarem. The President reportedly found the exhibit, which featured the story of the "Modern Egg," very impressive.





AMBASSADOR, ATTACHE HARLAN DIRKS, TAKE DANISH FARM TOUR. . . Anders Anderson, left, President of the Danish Agricultural Council and Denmark's leading farm spokesman, greeted U.S. Ambassador Fred J. Russell on his farm in Jutland recently. Agricultural Attache Harlan J. Dirks, right, arranged a two day farm tour for the Ambassador, which included visits to Danish farms and food processing plants. In the background is Kjeld Ejler of the Danish Agricultural Council, who served as tour guide.

GOURMET WEEK IN AUSTRIA FEATURES U.S. FOODS. . . Residents of Dornbirn, Austria, were introduced to U.S. foods during a Gourmet Week that saw promotions at a supermarket, hotels, and decorations throughout the town. Attache Frank Ehman, right, paused for a picture with Carl Jahns, Poultry and Egg Institute of America, left, and store manager Herbert Drexel. The week-long special was part of new geared-up activities in the in-store promotion area.



A QUICK REPORT

As the Letter was going to press, this item found its way to our desk. We had to stop and share it with you. From Ted Freeman in Nairobi, referring to a request that a fence be installed around their property.

"Hear this! My cook swears to me that he saw a leopard in the garden last week. The night watchman says he has known all along that the leopard was there. In fact, some four or five years ago the leopard used to sun himself on the lawn. I had heard this story before, but was under the impression until last week that it was just a cock-and-bull story."

Ted, what can we say?



FATHER OF THE BRIDE. . . Attache Jerry kuhl and wife Lorly congratulate Nancy Fellows and John David after their marriage in Jarkarta this summer. Jerry stood in as father of the bride for the ceremony, giving away a secretary and a daughter at the same time.

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TO OUR READERS—

With our Christmas Issue, the FAS Letter returns to a regular publication schedule, probably bi-monthly to start. Interest from the field has continued to run strong for a newsletter that brings the field and FAS Washington into closer contact, and we hope this interest will continue.

In order to serve you, we still need to hear from you with news of your post, your family, and your staff. Keep us in mind when things are happening which you would like to share with your friends in FAS. And, when you have a picture which tells it better than our words, send it in. We'll be glad to return it to you if you request it be sent back. We need those cards and letters!

AROUND WASHINGTON

Tim Engebretson's son Peter was married Oct. 28 to Laura Dirkson at Washington's National Cathedral. Serving as best man in the ceremony was Son Number Two, Tim, who has returned from a year in Switzerland. The new Mrs. Engebretson is the daughter of National Cathedral Program Director Wayne Dirkson.

WEDDING BELLS FOR THE GANG

Wedding bells have been ringing for FASers around the world since our last newsletter, with marriages in Rome, Jarkarta, New York and the Caribbean.

Mary Ellen Hazucha, secretary to Tony Cruit in Santo Domingo, found romance in the soft Caribbean nights, and has resigned her FAS position in favor of a new job as Mrs. Howard Hansen. Mary Ellen, who served for over two years in the Dominican Republic, and three years in Bogota as secretary, has made her new home in Battleboro, Vermont, where Howard works with Holstein-Friesian Services, Inc., the international marketing arm of HRS.

Tropical nights also played their part for Nancy Fellows, secretary in the Jarkarta office. Nancy married John David this summer, and now makes her home in Lagos, where John is a Foreign Service Officer. An added bonus at the wedding—attache Jerry Kuhl played father of the bride and gave Nancy away at the ceremony.

Shortly before Thanksgiving, one of our bachelors in the attache ranks decided on a better half, and so Forrest Geerken married Lynne Hallvik in Rome. Lynne was working at the Embassy in Rome when they met. Forrest is an assistant attache in Rome.

And, the bachelor ranks were further reduced when we received the news that Bruce McElvoy and Ann Barr have planned nuptials in New York City during the Christmas holidays. Bruce, now an assistant attache in London, met Ann when she worked on *Foreign Agriculture* magazine back in Washington. The new couple will make London their home. Congratulations!

Bill von Seggern and family were in Washington for a farewell and last hurrah after their retirement from post in Bangkok. New duties for Bill include fishing near their Clearwater, Florida, home.

ROAMING AROUND

Dick Schroeter, assistant attache at USEC Brussels, and family returned for some Thanksgiving turkey in California. After home leave, the Schroeters were to return to Brussels for a second term.

Carl Winberg, long-time attache in Islamabad, will spend Christmas on home leave. Before the vacation, Carl will have Washington orientation for setting up shop in Dacca, Bangladesh, as attache. Present plans call for opening the new office in early '73, and reducing Islamabad to a one-man post.

Stan Phillips, presently agricultural attache in El Salvador, will transfer to Islamabad in February. Stan will stop off enroute for a briefing in Washington.

Taking the Islamabad post as acting attache during the shift is **Walt Stern**, who is departing his post as agricultural officer in Bombay for assignment in Washington.

And, replacing Stan in San Salvador will be **Don Nelson**, currently assistant agricultural attache in Caracas. This will be Don's first post as an attache.

Oldrich Fejfar and family have arrived in Bombay to replace **Walt Stern**. After several years in Islamabad, Oldrich was able to brief Walt while Walt filled him in on things in Bombay.

Steve Stephanides and family were away from post in Tehran while they spent some time vacationing in Greece. Following the holiday, they returned to post. Steve will be coming in for home leave later this month.

Bill Starkey has volunteered to serve as acting attache in Tehran while Steve is away on home leave. Bill leaves the first week in January, and will remain in Tehran until around the first of March.

And speaking of **Mildred Rutledge**, in our last report Mildred was serving as the new secretary in the Far East Area Office. Now she has resigned from FAS to take a new job with the Treasury Department, and is out in the field again. Her first post with Treasury is secretary to the Treasury Attache in New Dehli, who shares an office with **Horace Davis**.

In the meantime, **Betty Love**, wife of an Embassy officer, has joined the Attache office in New Dehli as secretary on a part-time basis. Betty, who has a farm background, is providing valuable assistance to **Horace Davis** and his staff.

Virginia Stratton has recuperated from her recent illness, and is now serving as secretary to **Fred Traeger** and **Bill Dobbins**.

Members of the Nairobi office were saddened by the recent death of local secretary **Jacqueline Fakun**. Mrs. Fakun, who had worked in the office since last April, and her husband were killed in an auto accident shortly before they were to leave for his new assignment in Switzerland. Their four-year-old son was left in critical condition.

Ed Cissel and his family will have departed from Rio when this letter arrives, as Ed prepares to take an FAS Washington assignment.

Tony Cruit was in Washington for a medical consultation, and unfortunately learned that he will have to return from his Santo Domingo post to an FAS Washington assignment for medical reasons. The Cruits will return around the first of the year.

Nancy Hudnall, secretary for **Dick Passig** in the Trade Operations Division, has switched desks for an assignment as secretary in the Monrovia office. She took **Mildred Rutledge's** place.

Europe was a favorite vacationing spot for several of our attaches while on annual leave. Alvin Gilbert and family took holiday there from their post in Lagos, and have now returned to post for a second term of duty.

Also seeing the sights were the Ross Packards, on home leave from their post in the Republic of Zaire. Ross and family returned to post from Europe in time for the traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

And John Riesz, now settled in as attache in Monrovia, spent some time recently checking the scene in some of the neighboring countries under his reporting jurisdiction.

Dudley Williams, attache in Rabat, reports that he, too, was on a recent trip, surveying in Tunisia and Libya. He is now back at his desk in the Embassy.

Isabel Najerra, formerly the secretary in Brasilia, will be taking Anna Ballou's place in Caracas around January 16, after Christmas and home leave in South Texas.

Anna Ballou, erstwhile Caracas secretary, has returned to the States and is currently in New York City pending final resolution of her husband's new business assignment.

Jack Williams and family are in the States on home leave from The Hague. Jack is making a side trip to Florida while he is states-side, taking a quick overview of the citrus situation there. The Williamses will return to post after the Holiday Seasons.

Frank Padavano and wife Cathy were in the U.S. of A. recently to see Frank's father get married in a New York ceremony. Following the festivities, they stopped off in Washington for a few days before returning to post in Port-of-Spain.

Bill Hatch and his family are on home leave from Johannesburg, South Africa. Following a vacation at his farm in Idaho Falls, Idaho, Bill will drop by Washington before continuing back to South Africa.

Quentin Bates, attache in Brussels, was in Washington in mid-October having some dental work done and visiting relatives. He is now back at post.

Clancy Jean is back in Seoul after home leave with his family in the States. Koy Neeley, who went to Seoul as attache in Clancy's absence, is back at his desk in Grain and Feeds, and reports all was going well in Korea.

Fred Traeger has returned from his first get-acquainted tour of his area. The three-week tour took Fred on visits to posts in India, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

Jim Benson served as acting attache in Paris while Ken Orgen finished consultations in Washington prior to departure. Ken arrived in Paris in early November to take up duties as the attache.

Ingrid Lewis, secretary in Bonn, is heading back for Washington for reassignment. She plans to take some night classes while working in FAS/W. Meanwhile, Cindy Lutenecker, scheduled to be Ingrid's replacement, has found other obligations will prevent her from taking the post. Ingrid's replacement was unknown at press time.

Carmen Williams, a U.S. resident in Santo Domingo, is now working at Mary Ellen Hazucha's desk as secretary for the attache.

Ann Bibbo, secretary in Moscow, reports that she is readying for the trip back to the States at year's end, and reassignment to USEC Brussels. Ann writes that she just completed her 12th trip within the USSR, this time to the island of Kizhi on Lake Onega. And, with all that traveling, she also writes that she planned several more trips before the December departure!

Mrs. Charles O'Mara was in Washington recently on emergency leave while her mother underwent surgery in nearby Ellicott City, Maryland.

Alberto Cacciaguerra, agricultural specialist in Rome, spent several days in Washington, briefing staff members on the Italian situation, and learning more about our operations.
