



THE FAS LETTER

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE SERVICE

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY YEUTTER VISITS FAR EAST

Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Clayton K. Yeutter and FAS Administrator David L. Hume returned January 25 from a two week trip to four Far East nations. The purpose of the trip was to review the growing Asian demand for U.S. agricultural products.

They traveled to Japan, Korea, the Republic of China (Taiwan), and the Philippines. The Japan stop included a visit with the Japanese Vice-Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, who visited Washington early last year. In Korea, they toured a new harbor facility at Inchon which permits easier delivery and storage of grains. In the Republic of China, Dr. Yeutter and Mr. Hume toured typical farm areas, while in the Philippines they visited the International Rice Research Institute in Los Banos.

In all four nations, Dr. Yeutter and Mr. Hume met with government and trade decision-makers involved in U.S. agricultural trade, with U.S. trade representatives, and with our agricultural attaches.

JIMMY MINYARD NAMED ACTING ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR MARKET DEVELOPMENT; GLENN TUSSEY NAMED ACTING DEPUTY

Jimmy Minyard, deputy assistant administrator for market development since 1972, has been named acting assistant administrator. He succeeds Elmer Hallowell, who went to Rome last fall as agricultural attache.

Jimmy joined FAS in 1957, serving in a variety of commodity analysis and market development positions. He was assistant attache in Tokyo from 1963 to 1967. Last year he received the USDA Superior Service Award and the FAS Certificate of Merit for "exceptional service in planning worldwide market development programs with industry and state groups that increased U.S. agricultural exports and brought more efficient use of resources in market development." He is a graduate of Texas Technological University.

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FOOD EXHIBITION PROGRAM COMPLETED... Ag attache to Japan Larry Thomason (second from left) and Kunio Uyeno, FAS agricultural marketing advisor in Tokyo, are shown greeting Mr. Manabu Ito, Vice-President of the Hiroshima Chamber of Commerce (third from left) and Mr. Haruyuki Kanda, manager of the Hiroshima Chamber of Commerce's Industry Division, at the recently held American Foods Exhibition in Hiroshima. The Hiroshima show was one of four held in Japan by FAS in 1974. Attendance at all four exhibitions totaled 2,995 food industry representatives from all parts of Japan. The 1975 FAS program will include participation in the International Hotel and Restaurant Show, to be held March 14th through 18th, and a series of in-store promotions at department stores throughout the country.

RETIREMENTS AROUND FAS

Doris Laut retired December 22 after almost 36 years of government service, all of which were with the Department of Agriculture. Doris was head of the Information Services Staff from 1969 until her retirement. Previously she had served as secretary and administrative assistant in the Office of the Assistant Administrator for Management. Her other assignments in USDA included a stint as secretary to former Secretary of Agriculture Brannan. Doris also served in USDA's Office of Information (now the Office of Communication) and in the Rural Electrification Administration.

After over 23 years of Federal service, all of which were with USDA, **Ida Hooker** retired at the end of December. Ida was secretary at the International Organizations Affairs staff of FAS since 1959. She had also worked in the Forest Service and the Office of the Solicitor. From 1949 to 1951, she was a secretary at several local private firms.

Another end-of-the-year entrant into the leisure club of retirees was **Horace Porter**. Horace was chief of Cotton Division's Competition Branch from 1957 until his retirement. Previous assignments included two years in Paris as assistant economic commissioner for the State Department's Food and Agriculture Division.



Harry Dunkleberger retired in January after 35 years of Federal Service. He was director of the P.L. 480 Program Planning Division until his retirement. Previously he had served in the Private Trade Credit Sales Division in EMS and as Assistant to the General Sales Manager for Credit Sales in the Commodity Stabilization Service.

James Birkhead was an end-of-the-year retiree. He had logged almost 33 years of government service. Jim was Assistant to the Deputy Assistant Administrator for International Trade from 1970 until his retirement. The rest of his FAS career was spent with the Tobacco Division, where he served as chief of its Competition Branch and as Associate Director. From 1968 to 1970 he was detailed to the Agency for International Development, Zambia. His other government assignments included stints at the Departments of Labor and Interior.

Almira Hancock retired December 31 after almost 35 years of Federal Service, all but three of which were with FAS and its predecessor agency, OFAR. Since 1963, she was Import Control Assistant for Trade Operations Division's Import Branch. Previously, she served as secretary throughout almost every program area in the agency.



DORIS LAUT RETIRES . . . Doris Laut, head of the Information Services Staff in FAS, retired December 22 after almost 36 years of Federal service, all of which were with USDA. She paid a return visit to FAS in early January for her retirement party. Above are two photos taken during the festivities.

Left, Doris greets fellow retiree Ken Olson, who was Director of Information in FAS until he retired in 1970.

Right, Doris poses with the rest of the Information Services staff. Left to right are Ed Cornick, Robertha McLean, Doris, Sandy Todd, and Sally Turett.

Dena Dworsky, secretary to the Assistant Administrator for International Trade, retired at the end of December after logging more than 34 years of Federal service, all of which were with the Department of Agriculture. Dena began her career in the old Bureau of Agricultural Economics. She worked for two years in Extension Service before coming to OFAR, predecessor agency to FAS. Dena served as an administrative assistant in Bonn (1956-58) and Rio de Janeiro (1958-60).

After almost 36 years of government service, **Elizabeth Sparks** retired at the end of December. Elizabeth was secretary in the Dacca office since 1973. Previous overseas assignments for FAS included stints in Taipei, Rawalpindi, Hong Kong, and Leopoldville. She also worked for the American Red Cross in Tokyo and Stuttgart, and for the War Department in Seoul.

James Hartman retired in January as director of Livestock and Livestock Products Analysis Division. His USDA career included attache assignments in Canberra (1955-56); New Delhi (1956-59); and Dublin (1959-61). Before coming back to FAS/W's Livestock and Meat Products Division. He was chief of that division's marketing branch from 1962 to 1965, when he became division director.

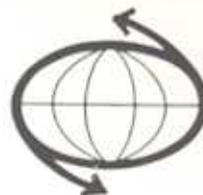
Louise Dean retired at the end of December after over 32 years of government service. Louise was secretary in the P.L. 480 Program Operations Division when she retired, and had been working in FAS and the former Exporting Marketing Service since 1963. She began her government career at the Civil Service Commission in 1942 and first came to USDA two years later. Louise also worked at a number of other government agencies, including the Department of War, Air Force, Interior, and State, and the Federal Housing Administration.

Eugene Olson retired November 30 after logging over 31 years of government service. He first came to FAS in 1959 as Special Assistant to the Director of U.S.S.R. Agricultural Affairs. In 1961 he became European Area Officer, and one year later he was named International Projects Coordinator. He transferred to Ottawa in 1969, and served as ag attache there until his retirement.

After 32 years of government service, **Virginia Eastman** said goodbye to the 8:30 to 5:00 routine on October 17. She came to USDA in 1947 as a research clerk at the old Bureau of Agricultural Economics. In 1952 she joined FAS's predecessor agency, OFAR. Virginia held many personnel staffing positions in OFAR and in FAS, her most recent being employee relations specialist since 1966.

Edward Seeborg retired at the end of December after having served in Grain and Feed Division since 1959. He joined the Department of Agriculture in 1949 as a collaborator for the USDA Crop Research Division in Pullman, Washington. Previously, Ed worked for a variety of milling companies in Oregon, Washington, and Minnesota.

Another end-of-the-year retiree was **David Humphrey**. He retired after completing almost 32 years of government service. He came to USDA in 1961 and served in ASCS, the Office of the Secretary, and ARS, before coming to EMS (now FAS) in 1969, where he served as an agricultural marketing specialist.



WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Jules Renaud, whose last FAS assignment was at the MIATCO office in Chicago, writes that he and his wife Mary are midway along a six-month sentimental journey to areas in the western half of the United States where they lived while Jules worked for the Soil Conservation Service. At last report, the Renauds were nearing the end of a 3 month stay in Portland, Oregon, to help son Chris start a new restaurant. They plan to travel through Colorado, Utah, and New Mexico, and visit friends and relatives in California, Arizona, and Florida on their way back to their home in Fairfax County, Virginia.

Chester Davis writes that **Mrs. Paul Taggart** is not the only member of an FAS retiree family who is pursuing an interest in gems. (See the previous issue of the **FAS Letter**.) He and Mrs. Davis mined several rubies and sapphires in North Carolina last June, including a three carat ruby that made a ring for Mrs. Davis to show off for their 40th wedding anniversary last August 18th. More recently, the Davises returned from a Caribbean cruise (and reported having had a fine time) and spent the holidays entertaining fellow FAS retiree **Jim Gehr** and his family.

Quentin Bates, who retired last June after a long career in FAS, has signed on as a consultant with E.A. Jaenke and Associates, Inc., a Washington-based firm. He will be working on international trade and market promotion questions. In the months since his retirement, Quentin and his wife, Madelyn, have been traveling in Florida, and through the Caribbean. Between trips, they did some gardening around the house, and Quentin lowered his golf handicap by five strokes.

Memo to other retirees: Keep the letters and postcards coming! Send us news of your doings to Room 5080-South.

ROAMING AROUND

Two of our ag attaches recently sat in on panels sponsored by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) in Paris. The subjects discussed were productive capabilities in China and the Soviet Union. **Harold Champeau**, agricultural officer in Hong Kong and an expert on Chinese affairs, was a member of the China panel, which convened in Paris during early February. Harold recently visited the PRC and was able to share some first-hand knowledge of Chinese agriculture with his audience. **Roger Euler**, currently ag attache in Brussels and a former attache in Moscow, sat on the panel discussing Soviet productive capability. He was leader for ERS's Soviet Union program area before his current attache assignment.

FAS'ers were sorry to hear of the death of the father of **John Riesz** right before Christmas. John is currently serving as ag attache in Monrovia.

Welcome to **Hovaguim Kizerian**, new program analyst in the Beirut office. He succeeds **Michael Bekash**, who recently retired. Hovaguim worked for the Lebanese Ministry of Economy and Trade before coming to FAS.

Most of our attache and secretarial movements take place in the summer months, but a couple of early birds will be heading to new vistas in April:

Phil Holloway will be heading to Tokyo to take up duties as assistant attache there. He succeeds **Alan Hemphill**, who is returning to FAS/W. This is Phil's first field assignment. He has held a variety of positions in management, market development and commodity analysis, his most recent being in Dairy and Poultry Analysis Division.

Becky Adamson will be heading for Brasilia, where she will be secretary at the ag attache office. She will be succeeding **Jessie Hidalgo**, who will be coming to the U.S. for home leave prior to transferring to Mexico City later this spring. Becky came to FAS in 1973 and has worked in Export Trade Services and Attaches/Washington. Since last fall she has been secretary to Near East and Africa Officer Ted Freeman.

Congratulations to **John McDonald**, ag attache in Guatemala City, on his marriage to Sheryl Anderson December 28.

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Tim Engebretson**, ag attache in Ankara, who was recently evacuated to Frankfurt for hospitalization.



BERK BEUKENKAMP ADDRESSES SEMINAR IN BRAZIL . . . Pictured here is "Berk" Beukenkamp (right), ag attache to Brazil, addressing the participants in the Seminar on Commodity Future Trading held in Rio de Janeiro last fall. Seated next to Berk is D. Fred Uhlman, president of the Chicago Board of Trade. The two other men in the picture were not identified.

One attache report on holiday activities arrived in Washington too late for inclusion in the December issue of the **FAS Letter**, but we are happy to be able to share with you now attache **Rado Kinzhuber's** report on an evening of music held in the Kinzhuber home in December. "December Song" was organized and produced by Owen Reid, features editor of the **Pretoria News**, with the help of his wife Gwyn Reid, secretary to ag attache Kinzhuber, and a capable committee. Proceeds from the event were donated to the **Pretoria News LEARN** fund, which aids in the education of Africans living in and around Pretoria.

A number of overseas personnel stopped by over the holidays and after to say hello to the folks in FAS/W, including secretaries **Sally Fagan** (London) and **Inez Jarvis** (Lagos).

Yusif Durosoy, local professional in Ankara, spent the holidays touring the United States with a cattle-buying team. Before heading back to Turkey, he stopped off in FAS/W for consultations.

Bob McConnell stopped off in South building en route to his post in Caracas after coming to the States to visit his mother, who was ill. We are happy to report that she is well on the road to recovery.

Dick Barnes, former assistant in Caracas, stopped off in FAS/W on his way to Madrid in January to take up new duties as assistant attache.



NICE PLACE, ISN'T IT? ... Carolyn Herda and her poodle, Button, seem to agree that Seoul, Korea is a delightful place to live and work. This picture was taken in the Japanese garden adjoining Carolyn's apartment building. She has been serving as secretary to ag attache Gordon Nicks since July.

Another holiday traveler is **Pamela Phillips**, who recently joined her parents **Stan** and **Florence**, and her younger sister, **Joyce**, in Islamabad, Pakistan, where Stan is serving as ag attache.



LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD FOR MILAN KUKIC ... U.S. Ambassador to Yugoslavia Malcolm Toon (right) is shown presenting a 10 year Length of Service award to Milan Kukic (left), Assistant I in the Belgrade ag attache office. Looking on is ag attache Jim Hickman.

James H. Starkey III, director of Trade Operations Division, has been named to the 1974-75 Department of Agriculture Young Executives' Committee.

The purpose of the 20 member committee, which is chaired by Under Secretary of Agriculture J. Phil Campbell, is to involve its members in work and topics that go beyond the activities of their own agencies. Members are chosen from a group of men and women 35 years of age or under and GS-12 level or above nominated by their Department agencies because of their accomplishments and potential for further growth.

Jim came to his present assignment after serving as agricultural attache in Bogota from 1972 to 1974 and as assistant attache in Mexico City from 1969 to 1972. He first came to FAS in 1965 as an international economist in Trade Policy Division. He worked there until he transferred to Mexico City.

He received his bachelor's degree in economics from Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, and his master's degree in economics from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.



Along with the orientation sessions, a number of field trips have been planned to enable the new professionals to obtain a first-hand look at various aspects of U.S. agriculture. Recently, one-day trips have been made to the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, and to various food processing facilities in Baltimore, Md., including the Amstar Sugar Refinery, which is pictured here. Future trips include a return to Baltimore in the spring to view port operations and facilities.



Around Washington

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM UNDERWAY

The 12th Professional Development Orientation Program was inaugurated on January 6th with introductory remarks by Associate Administrator Richard Goodman, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Commodity Analysis H. Reiter Webb, and Personnel Director Joseph Phillips. Administrator David Hume, and the Assistant Administrators and their deputies addressed the group in subsequent sessions.

The program, designed to acquaint new FAS professionals with agency programs and activities, consisted of two 1½ hour sessions per week for a six week period. There were 26 participants in this year's program, representing varied areas of FAS activity.

The program was developed by an advisory committee of new professionals which was chaired by Chris Goldthwait of Budget and Analysis Division. Committee members were Connie Alward, Program Operations Division; Susan McCullough, Information Division; Tom Slayton, Dairy and Poultry Analysis Division; and Bill Tinklepaugh, Export Trade Services Division.



HOW SWEET IT IS . . . Fred Karr (right), training director at the Amstar Sugar Refinery in Baltimore, explains a key step in the refining process to a group of new FAS professionals who stopped at Amstar during a recent one day trip to Baltimore. From left are Miyo Miyashira (back to camera); Chris Goldthwait (partially hidden); Neil Lawrence, Beverly Ladick, Jean Nelsen, and Bill Tinklepaugh.



DES RAJ GULATI RECEIVES CONGRATS, BEST WISHES ON DEPARTURE . . . Pictured here is Des Raj Gulati, economist in the New Delhi office, receiving a certificate of appreciation and congratulations on his retirement from ag attaché Ivan Johnson. Mr. Gulati retired last December after 32 years of government service. His retirement plans center around emigrating with his family to the United States. They will live in Houston.

Other members of the staff shown here are, from left to right: Larry Hall, assistant attaché; V.M. Tandon, agricultural economist; D.V. Khosla, economist; and P.K. Nathan, secretary.

MARKET DEVELOPMENT

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Succeeding Jimmy at the deputy assistant administrator position is Glenn Tussey. Glenn came to FAS in 1961 as chief of Cotton Division's Foreign Marketing Branch. After a 2½ year stint as assistant ag attaché in Rome, he returned to Washington to become Director of Cotton Division. In 1969 he transferred to EMS, where he served as Director of CCC Credit Sales Division. In 1974, he was detailed to the State Department to work with Ambassador Edwin Martin on the World Food Conference.

He received his bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural economics from North Carolina State College, and a master's degree in international affairs from George Washington University.

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AT THE HEAD OF HIS CLASS . . . Pictured here is John Puterbaugh, son of assistant ag attaché in London Roger Puterbaugh, being presented with a book by the Lord Mayor of London for being first in his class at the City of London School.