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## ASSISTANT SECRETARY PALMBY AT PARIS MEETING FOR EC ATTACHES

Attaches from the EC countries spent a busy and beneficial two days in Paris on April 11-12 when they met with Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Clarence Palmbly, Deputy Administrator for International Trade Howard Worthington, and Assistant Deputy Administrator for International Trade Richard DeFelice to discuss matters of mutual interest.

Attaches attending the meeting included Tom Street (Paris), Kenneth Ogren (OECD, Paris), Ernest Koenig (EC, Brussels), Harold Koeller (Brussels), Brice Meeker (The Hague), George Parks (Bonn), Anthony Cruit (Geneva), R. L. Beukenkamp (Rome), and David L. Hume (London).



## POST IN COMMODITY PROGRAMS FOR EX-ATTACHE TURNER OYLOE

Turner Oyloe has been named Deputy Assistant Administrator for Commodity Programs, replacing retiree Paul Quintus.

For the past four years, Turner has served as Assistant to the Assistant Administrator for Commodity Programs. He came to FAS as an agricultural economist for the Dairy and Poultry Division in 1962, and went to London in 1964 as an Assistant Agricultural Attache.

A South Dakotan by birth, Turner has B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural economics from South Dakota College and a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from the University of Minnesota. He spent one year at South Dakota State College as an instructor in poultry marketing and was a graduate teaching assistant and research fellow at the University of Minnesota from 1958-62.



## A DISTINGUISHED FRENCH VISITOR

Paris Attache Tom Street accompanied the Honorable Jacques Duhamel, French Minister of Agriculture, to Washington in mid-March for a four-day official visit. Minister Duhamel discussed a wide range of agricultural matters of mutual interest with Secretary of Agriculture Hardin and other U.S. officials, and also visited some beef cattle farms and feedlots in the Washington area.

During his brief stay, Minister Duhamel found time to address FAS employees in Jefferson Auditorium on "Europe After 12 Years of Economic Integration."



Howard L. Worthington

## HOWARD WORTHINGTON APPOINTED NEW DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR FOR TRADE

Howard L. Worthington was appointed April 1 to the newly established position of Deputy Administrator for International Trade in FAS. Richard DeFelice has been designated Assistant Deputy Administrator.

Howard returns to FAS after two years service as Director of the State Department's Office of International Trade, Bureau of Economics. Prior to this assignment, he was Assistant to the Assistant Administrator, International Trade, FAS (1963-64) and FAS Deputy Assistant Administrator, International Trade (1964-67). He has also served as an international economist with the Department of Commerce and the U.S. Tariff Commission.

The new appointee holds a Distinguished Service Award from FAS in recognition of his representation of U.S. agriculture's interests during the Kennedy Round trade discussions in Geneva. He also holds the Department's Superior Service Award.

Howard was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts. He received a bachelor of science-foreign service degree from Georgetown University in 1955, and has done graduate work at Georgetown and UCLA. He began his government career in 1955.

# LOOKING IN ON SOUTH AMERICA

Dick Smith, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Attaches, made a four-week post inspection this spring which covered six South American countries. He found our colleagues 'way down South occupied full-time with such diverse interests as cattle shows, livestock exports, ag situation reports, PL480 operations, field trips (sometimes on horseback!) to plantations and ranches, coffee crop inspections... and a multitude of other agricultural matters. Field work and Attaches are synonymous, and field trips into the interior of South America can sometimes be adventurous undertakings—what with following a trail through either torrential rain or clouds of dust... coaxing the trusty but protesting jeep to make that final mile home... or finding a place in a crowded bus when plane connections just don't work out! However, these hardy fellows take such small details in stride, and have become adept at outwitting the most difficult trail.

In Argentina, Attache **Joe Dodson** made a three-day field trip in late March to Uruguay, with a day's travel through the farming country east of Montevideo to the town of Minos. Joe and local Ag Assistant **Zafiro Zafiriadis** of the Montevideo office stopped at the Animal Health Research Station and the Aftosa Research Station for briefings on the work being done. While Dick was in Buenos Aires, the Dodsons had a reception for him at their home—with more than 80 persons on hand to enjoy the Dodson hospitality. Guests included the Minister of Agriculture, other Government officials, and business people. Assistant Attache **Gordon Lloyd**, who shouldered the Attache duties while Joe was on home leave, is finding his S.A. assignment a contrast to his earlier environment in snowy Ottawa. Secretary **Jeanette Kokay** was experiencing the last-minute flurry preceding departure from post, while newcomer **Sharon Gail Smith** was flying in to take over her first overseas desk. Dick found capable **Edna Accari** happily combining the careers of local secretary and new homemaker. Econ Specialist **Eduardo Descalzo** of the Buenos Aires office is an old hand at FAS/AA work, having served since 1955 with Attaches **Bob Tetro**, **Doug Crawford**, **Quentin Bates**, and **Joe Dodson**.

The Attache complement in Brazil was equally busy. Attache **Jack McDonald** flew from Rio de Janeiro to Brasilia in March to call on the Brazilian Minister of Agriculture and to visit Counselor **Stephen Low** at the Embassy's Brasilia office. In February, Jack made a whopping 4,500-mile road trip of three weeks through the Brazilian states of Minas Gerais, Goias, Mato Grosso, Parana, Santa Catarina, and Rio Grande do Sul for a firsthand look at agricultural activities. Accompanying him was Program Specialist **Gregorio Ballian**. Assistant Attache **Harold Rabinowitz** is looking forward to his upcoming assignment as Agricultural Officer in Sao Paulo. On the summer home leave list is Assistant Attache **Bob Johnson**, who'll be taking an assignment in FAS/W. Others who help to carry out the varied activities at this post are U.S. Secretary **Eulalie Kraft**, Economist **Yehouda Yallouz**, and secretarial helpers **Isabel Ribeiro** and Mrs. **Sylvia Costa Mendes**.

Ag Officer **Shackford Pitcher** is completing six years of overseas service in Brazil. He leaves Sao Paulo this summer for home leave and reassignment in FAS/W. He'll be stopping off on the way home to act as Attache in Rio de Janeiro while **Jack McDonald** is on home leave. Shack's wife **Birgitta** and the Pitcher small fry will go to Finland for a summer vacation with Birgitta's family. Handling the secretarial chores in the Sao Paulo office is **Anneliese Bueno**.

Looking in on Chile, Dick found Attache **Waldo Rowan** starting his third tour of duty. Livestock and swine shows, as well as PL480 activities, are major activities here. In leisure hours, the Rowans are enthusiastic gardeners—as is evidenced by the beautiful grounds at their Santiago home. **Mildred Rowan** is also very active in women's activities and was recently chairman of the Women's Club committee which published a very attractive picture calendar of Chilean scenes as one of its special projects. Sales of the finished product were extremely successful, and proceeds went to charity. The local contingent in the Santiago office is a unique FAS unit, in that they have been together for over 11 years. This unusual "team" is made up of Ag Advisor **Rolando Guzman**, Ag Assistant **Eliana de Dominguez**, and Administrative Assistant **Jean McFarlane**.

During almost two years in Colombia, Attache **Garth Thorburn** has managed to cover a great part of the country's agricultural area. Garth made one trip into the interior with **Ambassador Vaughn** to visit papaya plantations and cattle ranches—and the fact that the only way to view these areas is by horseback failed to daunt the Ambassador and Garth. In the Bogota office, Secretary **Ethelwyn Brown** was anticipating travel to the U.S. in May, and **Carlos Van Cotthem** was fast adapting to his new duties as ag assistant. Actually, Carlos is no stranger to FAS, having previously been Latin America Director of the U.S. Feed Grains Council. Also contributing to the operations of the Bogota office are Economic Advisor **Uldarico Diaz** and local secretary **Olga Daza**. **Jose Umama**, former economic assistant in Bogota, has gone into his own business of exporting flowers to the U.S.

In Peru, Dick discussed office operations with local Ag Economist **Julio Castillo** and Research Analyst **Luis Humbert Arrese**. Julio is doing a commendable job in Lima during the absence of an Attache at this post. Assisting him in addition to Luis is local secretary **Edda Martinez**. Luis, incidentally, is an entomology graduate of Texas A&M.

Caracas is headquarters for **Bob FitzSimmonds**, who is thoroughly enjoying his first tour of duty as an Attache, along with wife **Nancy** and the five FitzSimmonds youngsters. Nancy is active in the Diplomatic Corps Wives group in Caracas. The U.S. resident secretary at this post is Mrs. **Anna Ballou**, whose husband is chief of security at one of the large American oil companies here and formerly an officer in the military Attache service. Bob's able ag assistant is **Gustava Esquivar**, and Mrs. **Halyna Linde** as office assistant rounds out the Venezuela staff.

## BOB TETRO RETIRES; TAKES POST WITH FAO

Robert C. Tetro retired from FAS service on May 4 after 34 years with the U.S. Government. Bob, however, will continue to be active in the agricultural world, having been named Senior Economic Officer of the North American Liaison Office of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, headquartered in Washington.

Bob's USDA career began in 1935 as a Bankhead-Jones marketing assistant with the Extension Service at Amherst, Massachusetts. He became an agricultural economist in marketing analysis work for the Agricultural Adjustment Administration in January, 1939. In 1940 he joined the BAE, Farm Management Division, returning to that division after three years with the U.S. Navy during World War II. He became secretary of USDA's outlook and Situation Board in 1946, a position which he held for over four years.

From 1950 to 1954, Bob was Agricultural Attache to Italy, and to Argentina in 1954-55. He served as Assistant Administrator of FAS from 1955-61, and was named Administrator in 1961. He returned to Rome as Agricultural Attache in 1962, and remained in this post until his return to Washington several months ago.

Bob has been an able representative of the U.S. at international agricultural conferences on many occasions, and in 1959 received a USDA Superior Service Award. He also holds the grade of Officer du Merite Agricole, presented to him by the French Ministry of Agriculture for his outstanding contributions to international agricultural affairs.

A native of Watervliet, New York, Bob received B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural economics from Massachusetts State College.

Bob's many FAS friends will follow his FAO activities with personal interest—certain that he will bring to his new career the same talent that has been a Tetro trademark throughout his years with USDA. And, since FAS and FAO are South Building neighbors, we'll seeing this retiree often!



## FAS EMPLOYEE DE VERTEUIL DIES AT PORT-OF-SPAIN

Bernard L. de Verteuil, Agricultural Analyst for FAS's Southern Caribbean Area office, died March 11, 1970 after a short illness.

A former employee of AID, Mr. de Verteuil joined the FAS staff September 15, 1963. His practical expertise in coffee, cocoa, sugar, and coconut production and his broad general knowledge of all tropical products have made a substantial contribution to the effectiveness of Port-of-Spain's FAS office during the past seven years.

Co-workers in the field and in FAS/W will remember Mr. de Verteuil not only as a well qualified tropical crops expert but also as a good overseas friend, extremely loyal to the Foreign Agricultural Service and to the United States.



**THANKING THE MASTER OF CEREMONIES...** *Foreign Agriculture* Editor Alice Fray Nelson says thank you to FAS Administrator Ray Ioanes, who made the gift presentation (an electric portable typewriter) at her recent retirement reception. The Nelson party featured flowers and food and friends galore... and the presence of a beaming husband, a charming mother, and a proud brother and sister-in-law gave a special touch to the affair.

## LIVESTOCK SHOW TIME FOR CENTRAL AMERICA ATTACHES

Attache Stan Phillips of El Salvador has been extremely busy in recent weeks with arrangements for the U.S. and Central America Livestock Show which was held April 26-May 3 in Managua, Nicaragua. Cattle from both the U.S. and Latin America were on parade at this show.

Stan spent several days in early March in Managua, working on arrangements for the show and meeting with Embassy officials. He also met with the rural development officer for AID during this visit.

Attaches Byron Montgomery of Costa Rica and Wayne Sharp of Guatemala assisted Stan with activities connected with the show.

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Howard Akers, Acting Director of the Fats and Oils Division, spent the month of March reviewing fats and oils promotion activities in the field and going into fats and oils trade matters in general.



**LOOKING OVER A PARTY SURPRISE...** Scores of friends and co-workers flocked to the reception for retiring Assistant Administrator of Management Art Minor in early April. Added to the good wishes that greeted the honor guest were gifts—one of which was the scrapbook of letters seen here. To Art's left is Amy Minor, with Deputy Assistant Administrator of Management (now Acting Assistant Administrator) Ken McDaniel at the right, and FAS Administrator Ray Ioanes at the extreme right.

Another surprise was a plaque signed by Assistant Secretary Palmbly and Administrator Ioanes bearing the following inscription: "In recognition of his 37 years of dedicated loyal service to American agriculture and to his country; for his special contributions to the successful development and execution of Department of Agriculture programs; for his uniquely personal contribution over a period of 17 years to the establishment, growth and successes of the Foreign Agricultural Service; for his understanding leadership in the management of the Agency's programs; and for the friendship that he has extended, unstintingly, to us all." Presentation was made by Deputy Assistant Secretary Andrew Mair (International Affairs and Commodity Programs).

## SERVICE RECORD OF FOUR DECADES FOR AREA OFFICER PAUL TAGGART

One of the better known figures in the Attache service is veteran USDA employee Paul Taggart, Area Officer for the Far East and South Asia, who celebrated his retirement from over 40 years of Government service on May 1. Paul's Government career has included service with the Departments of Agriculture, State, and Army, and he has maintained an "A+" record for diligence and ability throughout these years of service.

A native of Nebraska, Paul received a B.S. degree from the University of Nebraska in 1922 and was a vocational agriculture teacher and later school superintendent until he began his USDA career in 1929 as a county extension agent. He was with the Farm Security Administration for several years, and in 1945 went to Stuttgart, Germany as Chief of the Food, Agriculture, and Forestry Branch of the Office of Military Government in Germany. In 1951 he was assigned to the post of Regional Agricultural Officer for HICOG for the British Zone in the Economic Recovery Program (Marshall Plan) and stationed in Hanover, Germany.

Returning to Washington in 1951, Paul joined the Foreign Operations Administration. Four years later he came to FAS as Program Coordinator for Latin America in the PL480 program. In 1957 he was assigned to Bonn, Germany as Assistant Agricultural Attache—a position which he filled for four years. He returned to FAS/W in 1961 to become Area Officer for Latin America, and in 1964 took over as Area Officer for the Far East and South Asia.

Paul is planning a number of leisure-time projects—one of which will be carried out at his favorite golf links. He'll be missed by his many friends here and abroad . . . but all join in wishing him a retirement filled with fun.



## FROM SOUTH AFRICA TO MOROCCO

Grain Marketing Specialist Roger Puterbaugh returned recently from four busy weeks at Attache posts in Africa, where he gathered a great deal of valuable information on grain production and trade as he made the long trek from South Africa to Kenya to Morocco.

In Pretoria, Attache **Bill Hatch** accompanied Roger on several calls, after which local Assistant **Hermanus Germishuis** went with Roger on a three-day field trip of 1,000 miles through the Maize Triangle.

Next stop was Kenya, where Attache **Bill Davis** and Roger made several calls before going on a field trip through the Rift Valley, the main commercial grain-producing area of the country. Back in Nairobi, the Davis family treated their Washington visitor to an unexpected Sunday diversion—an old-fashioned ice cream social, with Embassy guests bringing along their own freezers and pitching in to whip up some tasty refreshments for a midsummer day.

Attache **Dudley Williams** welcomed Roger to Morocco, with more calls on the agenda. A visit to the weekly agricultural bazaar in Rabat presented a colorful and animated picture, with an assortment of live animals, fruits, and vegetables . . . not to mention numerous fluent bargainers! The Williams family introduced Roger to the pleasure of eating Couscous at a dinner party in their home. "Delicious, but a conspiracy to put on unwanted pounds," was Roger's verdict.

Homeward bound, Roger stopped in Paris long enough to be briefed on agricultural matters by Assistant Attache **Jim Benson** and to sit in on Attache **Tom Street's** weekly staff meeting.



**SHORTHAND AND SMILES IN BEIRUT . . .** It was obviously notetaking time in Beirut when this picture was taken, with Attache Bill Horbaly happily expounding and Secretary Eleanor Kaniecki doing the recording. Looking on is Economic Analyst Michael Bekhash.

## in Europe

### ADMINISTRATIVE WORK AT ATTACHE POSTS IN EUROPE

Dick Passig and Keith Vice of Trade Projects Division, FAS/W, completed a four-week market development trip to European posts the end of March, during which time they met with Attaches, Embassy administrative personnel, and cooperators in eight countries to review market development administrative work.

First stop was Germany, where the team reviewed administrative matters with Bonn Attache **George Parks** and his staff before journeying on to Hamburg for a worthwhile get-together with Ag Officer **Rado Kinzhuber** and cooperators.

Attache **Jim Lankford** in Stockholm filled Dick and Keith in on the lively market development program in Sweden. Dinner in a Stockholm restaurant which features U.S. beef was a pleasant treat at this stop.

After looking in on Attache **Harlan Dirks** in Copenhagen, the team proceeded to The Hague for a general meeting which had been arranged by Attache **Brice Meeker**, with the assistance of cooperators. The group met in the office of Great Plains Wheat in Rotterdam.

Another cooperators meeting was held at Attache **Harold Koeller's** office in Brussels. A familiar face in this city was that of former Attache (Germany, Yugoslavia) and retired TPRO marketing specialist **Brick Rehling**, who is now the European representative for the American Seed Trade Association. The Rehlings have begun to feel at home these days in their house in Brussels, with the "settling in" period behind them. Office duties and field trips make Brick's new career busy and varied.

Arriving in Switzerland, the travelers had visual proof of the old adage that says "a man's home is his castle." The fact is, Attache **Alan Trick** of Bern has an apartment home that really IS a castle—and Dick and Keith were invited to enjoy its charm at the end of a day of m.d. shop talk. The Trick castle's paintings—particularly the handsome wall murals—drew admiring comments.

Attache **Clarence Miller** welcomed the TPRO duo in Madrid, where more discussions took place. Keith visited in the home of Assistant Attache **Dale Douglas**, renewing acquaintances with members of the Douglas household first made in India in 1963 when Dale was assigned there by Western Wheat Associates.

The schedule at Attache **Ford Milam's** office in Lisbon called for a meeting with **Bob Peterson** and **Jose Posada** of the Feed Grains Council.



**SLEEPING BEAUTY...** This very young lady is the new daughter of Assistant Attache and Mrs. John Riesz, who made her debut in The Hague on February 16. Elizabeth Anne had a special welcome awaiting her from big brother Mark Daniel, age six.

### GREEK LIVESTOCK TEAM IN U.S.

A five-man livestock team from Greece visited the U.S. in late March and early April, accompanied by Soto Vlastaris, country director for the U.S. Feed Grains Council in Athens. The group was sponsored by USEGC, who worked out arrangements for the trip with Attache Jim Frink. Team members included a representative of the Ministry of Agriculture, the Agricultural Bank of Greece, and swine and cattle producers. During the course of their visit they saw livestock feeding operations in Colorado, Texas, Nebraska, and Iowa.



### FROM GREGG TO GOLF

For the past nine years, the gal who has occupied the secretarial desk in the office of the Assistant Administrator for Attaches has been Maxine Philippi, whose quiet efficiency and pleasant smile have made her a well-known member of the AA/FAS family. Maxine decided recently to give up typewriters, shorthand notebooks, and appointment calendars for other activities, and on April 23 officially checked out of Room 5065 for the last time. She leaves FAS with a record of more than 31 years of Government service, all of it with USDA—and the good wishes of friends at home and afield go with her. Actually, Maxine is not really retiring at all—according to Assistant Administrator Horace Davis, she's just moving her headquarters to the Westwood Golf Course!



Russ Strobel, Dairy and Poultry Division chief, reviewed the poultry market situation and export outlook, along with market development activities, during late March and early April. Attaches in Germany, Italy, Denmark, Sweden, Belgium, The Netherlands, and Great Britain assisted him during his three-week field trip. In the Middle East, Russ saw the launching of U.S. poultry products at the first U.S. food show to be held in Kuwait.

TRANSFER



TRAFFIC

Attache **Fred Traeger** is scheduled to leave Manila in July. After home leave in Montana, he'll be reporting to FAS/W for consultation and reassignment.

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Assistant Attache **Frank Waddle** is departing Manila this month for home leave and consultation. Frank will return to Manila as Agricultural Attache.

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Secretary **Elizabeth Sparks**, Rawalpindi, arrived in Washington May 5 for consultation. After home leave, Elizabeth will go to Taipei.

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With the closing of the U.S. Consulate General in Salisbury, Agricultural Assistant **Carlos Vieira** has been assigned to Attache **Ford Milam's** shop in Lisbon. Carlos reported for duty April 17.

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**Jeanette Kokay**, secretary in Buenos Aires, arrived in FAS/W in early April for consultation and reassignment. Jeanette is presently assigned to the Personnel Division.

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Attache **Harry Bryan** left Guatemala City last month bound for home leave in El Paso, Texas. Harry is scheduled to arrive in Washington in mid-May for consultation and reassignment.

# ROAMING AROUND

Beirut Attache **Bill Horbaly** took off for the Nile Valley in late March for a brief vacation with his wife **Mary** and young **Marilyn** and **Bill Horbaly**.

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There's a new local secretary in the Nairobi office of Attache **Bill Davis**. She is **Mrs. Lorna Elizabeth Taylor**.

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On the early April work list of Assistant Attache **Milt Anderson** of Monrovia was a five-day field trip to lower Sierra Leone, made with a Second Secretary of the Embassy. Purpose of the trip was to review agricultural production projects and research in this region.

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Upon **Milt's** return, Attache **Gerry Shelden** donned his traveling shoes and left Monrovia to spend five days in Guinea. **Gerry** assisted the Embassy in Conakry on PL480 matters and on market promotion for U.S. exports.

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Marketing Specialist **Ken Nuernberg**, Livestock and Meat Products Division, spent the month of April promoting U.S. choice beef in Tokyo and Hong Kong. Attache **Elmer Hollowell**, Assistant Attache **Gene Gourley**, and Ag Officer **Steve Washenko** were glad to lend a hand in this commendable activity.

**SALAD SAMPLING IN JAPAN...** When the Tokyo Women's College, an adult education school with about 3,500 students, organized a send-off reception in late February for a 43-member team of Japanese housewives who are visiting the U.S., the gentlemen pictured here joined enthusiastically in the salad sampling that was a popular feature of the reception. Samplers are (from left to right) **Scott Sawyers**, Far East Director, American Soybean Association; Assistant Attache **Leon Mears**, who greeted the team; Prince **Mikasa**, youngest brother of Emperor Hirohito and honorary president of the College (who sampled all of the salad dishes featured); and an unidentified professor from the school. The American Soybean Association's Tokyo headquarters assisted in the preparation of a variety of salads and vegetable oil dressings, including such dishes as stamina salad, fried tofu salad, and that ever-popular American standby, chicken salad.

**Art Rollefson**, who has had Attache assignments in Burma, Japan, and Denmark, returned to FAS/W in late April following a nine-day assignment in Rome, where he served as alternate U.S. delegate at the FAO Working Party conference which dealt with tea. Participants in this international meeting had a full and informative schedule, reports **Art**, who now heads the Special Studies Branch of the Sugar and Tropical Products Division.

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**Campos S. De Moya** is the new agricultural economist in Attache **Bob McConnell's** office in Santo Domingo.

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In Tel Aviv, Attache **Duane Clark's** daily calendar continues to set a busy pace for him. Official travelers both to and from the U.S. have been numerous, and **Duane** is quite actively involved in assisting with their programs.

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**Don Rubel**, Assistant Administrator for Commodity Programs, FAS/W, was in London and Dublin the first three weeks of March to confer on trade matters, particularly in the fields of livestock, meat, and lard. Attaches **Dave Hume** and **Gene Ransom** gave a helping hand in setting up arrangements for helpful meetings with trade and Government officials.



# SPOTLIGHT ON THE FAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA

Area Officer **Paul Taggart**, accompanied by his wife **Louise**, returned in early April from a post inspection tour in the Far East and South Asia. He reports that Attache offices throughout the area were humming with activity. Let's look in with Paul on our co-workers in the Eastern Hemisphere.

Initial stop on a crowded six-week schedule which took Paul from Tokyo to Rawalpindi was Attache **Elmer Hallowell's** office in Tokyo, where our area officer found Elmer and his able staff up to their ears in work. Greeting the FAS/W traveler were Assistant Attaches **Gordon Nicks**, **Leon Mears**, and **Ted Freeman**, as well as Secretary **Margaret Lynch** who returned a few months ago for her second tour of duty in Japan. At the Tokyo Trade Center, Assistant Attache **Gene Gourley** and the Trade Center staff briefed Paul on special activities at this post. In addition, Tokyo's weatherman helped to make the Taggarts feel quickly at home by supplying some climate comparable to that sometimes found in Washington... including a four-inch snowfall on February 28! While in Tokyo, **Mrs. Hallowell** and **Mrs. Taggart** made a very interesting trip to Kofu, the gem-cutting center of Japan.

At our newest Attache post in Taipei, Paul found Attache **Norm Pettipaw's** office well organized and operating smoothly following its opening a couple of years ago. On the weekend, the Taggarts joined a tour to the Taroko Gorge, a magnificent scenic attraction. Another special treat in Taipei was an outstanding Chinese dinner as the guest of local Agricultural Assistant and Mrs. **Ching-Che Chin** at the family-owned resort hotel operated by Mr. Chin's parents. **Ruth Javrotsky**, formerly in the FAS agricultural office in Hong Kong, has been doing a fine job filling in at the secretarial desk in Taipei since the departure of **Iris Nichols** for home leave and reassignment.

Traveling on to Hong Kong, Paul was brought up to date on the various activities of this post by Agricultural Officer **Steve Washenko**. The Washenkos are anticipating home leave in June, and Assistant Agricultural Officer **Ed Bauer** is getting his feet wet preparatory to running the store during Steve's absence. Secretary **June Berger** is happily settled in her Hong Kong home, and finding her first field assignment a most enjoyable experience. In Hong Kong, Paul enjoyed an excellent Chinese luncheon in the company of Ag Analysts **Sheo Chang Feng** and **Yueh Tung**, both of whom he had met on earlier trips into the area. After Paul's departure for Manila, Louise enjoyed a fine Chinese dinner with **Mr. and Mrs. Tung**.

The travelin' Taggarts parted company in Hong Kong, with Mrs. Taggart lingering on to explore the city's enticing shops. On to the Philippines went Paul, to meet with Attache **Fred Traeger** and Assistant Attache **Frank Waddle**. Home leave plans for **Frank** and **Paula** and their four youngsters were well under way. **Fred** and **Virginia**, with their three offspring, will follow suit in July. At the helm in the secretarial spot is **Vi Sullivan** (ex-Rome, Brussels, and Moscow), with Ag Assistant **Conrado Monserrat** and Clerk-Steno **Ester Dalit** rounding out the Manila force.

Bangkok was a city of reunions for Paul. Here he saw Attache **Bill von Seggern** and his wife **Marge** and was briefed on Bill's activities in the field as he becomes acquainted with agricultural Thailand. Attache von Seggern and Paul are former co-workers and friends of more than 30 years' standing. Another pleasant reunion was that enjoyed in the home of Secretary **Mary Jane Stewart** and her husband **Karol**. Mary Jane was Paul's secretary in FAS/W several years ago prior to going to Rio de Janeiro as secretary in the Ag Attache office.

There were other old acquaintances in Bangkok, too—Marketing Specialist **Bhornchai Kunalai** and Secretary **Sunantha Pakunpanya**, as well as Embassy Economic Officer **Norman Smith**, who served as Acting Agricultural Attache between the departure of Attache Sam Work and the arrival of Attache von Seggern. Norm and Paul knew each other 25 years ago in Germany. On the scene here was also one new face—**Khun Sommai Panyathorn**, ag specialist.

Mrs. Taggart joined Paul in Bangkok following a 24-hour visit to Saigon, where she saw former Attache and Western Hemisphere Area Officer **Dale Farringer**.

Checking in at Attache **Carl Winberg's** office in Rawalpindi, Paul was filled in on the activities at this PL480 post. Secretary **Elizabeth Sparks** was getting ready for May home leave and her upcoming assignment in Taipei. Completing the welcoming committee in Pakistan were Ag Economist **Muhammad Arif Mahmood** and Administrative Assistant **Mohammed Ali**. While Carl and Paul talked shop at the Embassy, Mrs. Taggart inspected the town's bazaar. Dinner and more shop talk followed at Carl's home with its walled-in garden and attractive furnishings.

Field inspection completed, the Taggarts began their homeward journey—pausing for a few days' leave in Iran and Greece. After looking in on Attache **Steve Stephanides** in Tehran and Attache **Jim Frink** in Athens, they explored ancient Rhodes and some of the antiquities of Athens before returning to home base.

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