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## OVERSEAS ACTIVITY

Chuck Elkinton, Rio, recently took a trip by jeep through the drought stricken area of north east Brazil. He reports that in the drought area some 1,700,000 people have been forced to leave their homes.

Claude Dobbins, Bogota, and Paul Ferree, Rio, report to Washington for reassignment after home leave.

In the U. S. on home leave and consultation or returning to their posts are Robert A. Nichols, Buenos Aires; Dwight R. Bishop, Leopoldville; James H. Boulware, Canberra; Harold L. Koeller, Belgrade; Paul Findlen, Rome; Garth Thorburn, Paris; and Edward J. Bell, Athens.

Ruth Bertovich, New Delhi, has returned to Washington for reassignment.

## WASHINGTON HAPPENINGS

LeRoy LaMaster, formerly attache in Montevideo and now on Secretary Benson's staff, and Mrs. LaMaster are the happy parents of a girl, Brenda Babette, born August 29. She also is a first child.

Marye B. Stuart, secretary to the chief, commodity analysis branch, Cotton Div., retired on October 31. Mrs. Stuart joined the Department in 1934 in SCS. She also worked on Point Four activities in OFAR, and joined the Cotton Div. in 1954.

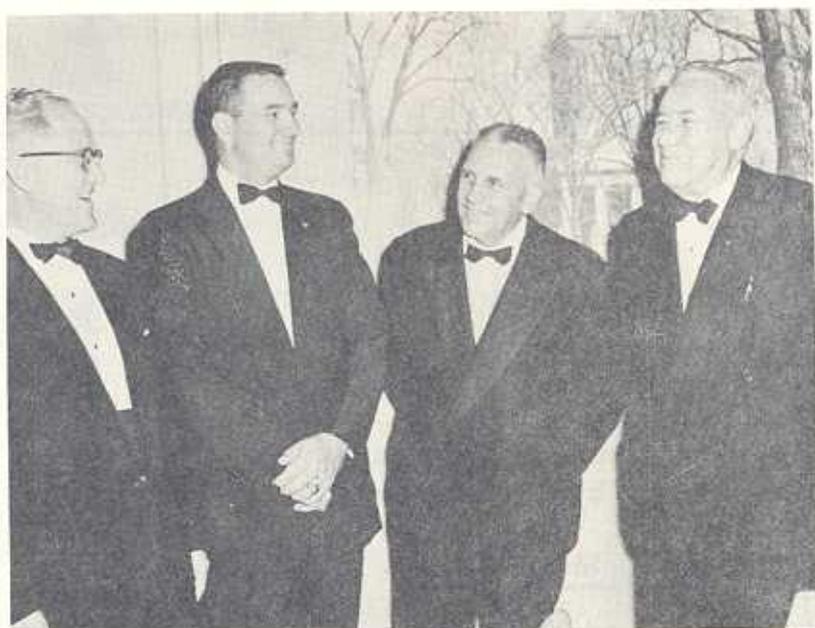
Two former members of the attache "family" became proud parents recently. Yolande Welch, formerly of the Rio office, and her husband welcomed a baby boy, Timothy Ransom, who arrived on October 7. This is their first child.



## U.S. EXHIBIT BEST AT MUNICH

The U. S. exhibit at the German Food Fair in Munich (Sept. 25 - Oct. 5) won the gold medal for being the fair's best international exhibit. The U. S. won over 44 other country exhibits. The award was presented by the Businessmen's Association of Munich and was received in behalf of FAS by Horace Bolster, manager of the exhibit. Our congratulations to our Trade Fair people and all others who had a part in designing and staging the exhibit.

For a view of some of the "products" at the Munich Food Fair above Paul Taggart, asst. attache, Bonn, explains the special values of U. S. fruit to Miss Marlies Behrens, Miss Germany of 1958.



### HOUSE AG COMMITTEE STUDIES EUROPEAN TOBACCO SITUATION

Three members of the House Agriculture Committee accompanied by Robert Owen, Dir., FAS Tobacco Div., spent 8 weeks in Europe this summer investigating the tobacco trade situation. They conferred with government officials, tobacco importers and manufacturers, agricultural attaches and Embassy officials. The committee was also looking into U. S. Government operations in tobacco trade.

Congressmen who made the trip were John C. Watts, Kentucky (chairman), W. Pat Jennings, Virginia; and Ross Bass, Tennessee. They visited the following countries: Ireland, United Kingdom, Belgium, France, West Germany, Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Denmark, Sweden, Finland, and Norway.

(Above left) Committee members visit a cigarette factory in Piraeus, Greece. (Standing l to r) Congressman Jennings, Congressman Watts, and agricultural attache Ed Bell. (Kneeling l to r) unidentified technician, Congressman Bass, and Mr. Papadakis, Greek tobacco official.

(Above right) Attache Bob Anderson (left), London, chats with Congressman Jennings, Alonzo Edwards and J. B. Hutson before the tobacco dinner in London Sept. 3. Both Mr. Edwards and Mr. Hutson are officials of Tobacco Associates, Inc., Washington, D. C. The tobacco dinner was held to celebrate the 350th Anniversary of international tobacco trade between the U. S. and the United Kingdom.

### WASHINGTON HAPPENINGS (Con't.)

Mrs. F. Helen Ellis retired on Oct. 31 after more than 30 years of Government service. Most of these years have been with the Trade Statistics Branch of FAS.

James P. "Andy" Anderson, with the Department for the past 17 years, retired from the Administrative Services Div. on Oct. 31 because of disability.

### FAS TRAVEL

Bob Tetro, Asst. Administrator, Attaches, is spending three weeks in Europe where he will confer with attache and Embassy officials on administrative and program needs, and also be an alternate delegate to the FAO Council meeting in Rome.

Also attending the Rome FAO Council Meeting as alternate delegates are Bob Tetro, FAS Asst. Administrator, Attaches, and Oris V. Wells, AMS Administrator. Ralph Phillips, FAS Director of International Affairs, will be the associate delegate. Clayton Whipple, attache, Rome, will attend the FAO meeting as an advisor.

Jack Nichols, Asst. Dir., Foreign Training Div., and Carlos Ortega, program specialist (FTD) attended the Conference on Inter-American Exchange of Persons in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Oct. 14-18. The conference was sponsored by the Institute of International Education and the Pan American Union and was attended by over 200 leaders in educational exchange, business and industry, government and private organizations from North and Latin America.

J. Henry Burke, marketing specialist, Fruit and Vegetable Div., is currently on a 3-months tour of 12 European countries. He is taking a look at the European markets for U. S. fresh and processed citrus products. He will return to the U. S. about December 6.

#### FOREIGN NATIONALS ATTEND SCHOOL

The first FAS training school for professional foreign nationals from our attache offices started in Washington Oct. 20. The school will run about four weeks. The purpose of this school is intended as career training for the service which will strengthen the attache staff and also contribute to greater service to American agriculture.

The men included in the first school were selected on the basis of their records and length of service. They include: Cornelis de Goede, Canberra; Des Raj Gulati, New Delhi; Hameed M. Farooqui, Karachi; Ludvig I. Madsen, Copenhagen; Rolando P. Guzman, Santiago; and Roberto Solis, Mexico City.

Anton Brugger, Vienna, was also selected but was unable to attend.



#### 1958 DUTCH TULIP QUEEN

We can always count on a picture from Robert Reed, The Hague, once a year when the Dutch Tulip Queen is selected. This year the Tulip Queen is Miss Helen Quant, a college student. She came to the U. S. in October to attend the American Royal Exposition at the invitation of the mayor of Kansas City. During her two and a half months stay in the U. S. she also will be visiting cities from coast to coast on behalf of the Dutch bulb industry.

Among those attending a sendoff for Miss Quant at the American Embassy were (above) Robert W. Barnett, Economic Counselor, (left) and Bob Reed, attache, (right).



### THE FAS LETTER

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United States Department of Agriculture  
Foreign Agricultural Service  
Washington 25, D.C.

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#### MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

#### ATTACHE STAFFS

Part of the U. S. exhibit at the recent World's Poultry Congress in Mexico City is the background for the M. C. attache office staff. From the smiles it looks like they are all very pleased with our exhibit.

(l to r) Charles K. Baker, asst. attache; Ana M. Gomez, asst. attache; Ruth A. Henderson, admin. asst.; Roberto Solis, chief economic asst.; May R. Arkus, admin. asst.; and William G. Lodwick, attache. Not in picture, Enrique F. Baken, economic asst.



#### SALISBURY,

#### SOUTHERN RHODESIA

The attache staff in the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland is shown posing in front of a statue of Cecil John Rhodes in Salisbury, where Jean Elaine Househam is secretary to Tilmer O. Engebretson, attache.

The FAS office in Salisbury also reports on Mozambique, in addition to the federated British territories of Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia and Nyasaland.



#### COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

This photo was made in the Copenhagen office earlier this year when attache Elmer Reese received his 20-year length of service award. The Copenhagen office also reports agricultural facts and figures on neighboring Norway.

(l to r) Ludvig I. Madsen, agri. asst.; Irene Rolner, secretary; Elmer A. Reese, attache; Jytte Anderson, Steno-clerk; and Mrs. Reese who was on hand for the occasion.

#### NEW DELHI, INDIA

The "India Gate" serves as the background of the New Delhi staff. The gate was erected by the British to commemorate their victory in World War I.

Seated (l to r), Wilson Daulat, driver; P. K. Nathan, agri. research asst.; and Vishwa Tandon, agri. research asst.

Standing (l to r), C. R. Eskildsen, attache; Gil Piquette, admin. asst.; James P. Hartman, asst. attache; and Des Raj Gulati, agri. asst.





## WASHINGTON STAFFS

1st row - left to right: Lillie Williams, accounting clerk, Marie Faulconer, clerk typist, Manuela Rigdon, clerk typist, Ruth Brooks, accounting clerk, Anna Haina, accounting clerk, Barbara Williams, voucher examiner, Barbara Hor, clerk typist, Beulah Norris, voucher examiner, Virginia Rogers, Chief, Foreign Currency Branch.

Standing - left to right: Dorothy Jones, voucher examiner, Dorothy Turner, voucher examiner, Georgia Hickerson, payroll clerk, Robert Francis, appropriation accounts supervisor, Margaret Scheier, accounts maintenance clerk, Hartman Steudl, Chief, Fiscal Branch, Alice Cross, payroll clerk, Claude Smith, voucher examiner, Mable Jones, voucher examiner and payroll supervisor, Thomas E. Morrow, Director, Budget and Finance Division, Vivian Goodwin, budget clerk, Salley Cross, voucher examiner, Rosalie Tierney, Chief, Budget Branch, Anna McCabe, budget analyst, Betty Moore, clerk typist, Emma Wulff, budget analyst.

Employees not in picture: Arthur Flatequal, Deputy Director, Budget and Finance Division, Betty Utz, clerk typist, Roma Dee Hiley, secretary, Minnie Beard, accounting clerk.

## BUDGET AND FINANCE DIVISION

## MCDANIEL NEW FAS PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

Kenneth F. McDaniel has been named FAS personnel director. A native of Oklahoma, Mr. McDaniel graduated from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, with a degree in agricultural economics. He joined the Department in 1936 in the Oklahoma State AAA

office. From 1943-46 he served in the Navy. In the fall of 1946 he went to Atlanta, Ga., in the Regional office of PMA. He came back to Washington in 1953 in the USDA Personnel Office. For the past two years he has been with the Department of Army.

### PAARLBERG JOINS WHITE HOUSE STAFF

Our mutual friend Don Paarlberg, former Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for marketing and foreign agriculture, on September 26 was appointed advisor on economic affairs by President Eisenhower. (He succeeded Dr. Gabriel Hauge.) Our hearty congratulations!

Don recently completed a trip to 10 countries in Europe, the Far East, and the Middle East where many of you had the opportunity to visit with him. The Department's successor to Dr. Paarlberg has not yet been announced.



### MORSE ON EUROPEAN TRIP

Under Secretary of Agriculture True D. Morse left for Europe on October 22 where he will be the official U. S. delegate to the FAO Council Meeting in Rome October 27 - November 7. He will also attend U. N. conferences on sugar and wheat in Geneva. In addition he will visit with attaches in Switzerland, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Austria, Germany, and England. He will return to the U. S. about the end of November.

### U.S. AND URUGUAYAN AGRICULTURE DISCUSSED

Henry L. Buckardt, Montevideo, (center) and U. S. Ambassador Robert F. Woodward, (right) discuss U. S. and Uruguayan agricultural matters with the Uruguayan Minister of Agriculture and Livestock Joaquin Aparicio in the Minister's office.

### P.L. 480 RICE ARRIVES IN MANILA



The first shipment from the June 1958 P. L. 480 rice agreement arrived in Manila in late September. On hand for this event were (above l to r) Quentin Bates, attache; General Leoncio Tan, manager, NARIC; Capt. H. Hochet of French ship "Tobago"; and G. Magnus, manager, Universal Commercial Agencies. Some 25,000 tons of rice are included in the agreement.



TOKYO SCHEDULE OF REPORTS CHART

Just as the FAS Letter is an exchange of information about people and events, it is also a medium for exchange of ideas about how to get the job done. Above is a photo of the unique way the Tokyo office keeps track of its reports schedule. Takeo Takeshita, chief statistician (left) and his assistant Tomitaro Sutani are shown discussing the status of the latest cotton report.

Here's how the report chart works. They use colors (colored masking tape) to show the status of each report. Green is for the period of preparation by the statisticians; a three or four day yellow strip is for review by the responsible assistant attache and for editing and typing in final form; red is for "in transit" time to Washington.

Mr. Takeshita estimates how the preparation of reports is progressing by putting a thumbtack along the green area to show progress of the report toward completion. If the preparation is slow, the tack may go under the yellow portion and sometimes...in the red!