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GREETING Secretary and Mrs. Freeman in Tehran is the Iranian Minister of Agriculture, Hasan Arsanjani and aides. Iran was the third stop on the Secretary's 'round-the-world trip, October 7-November 11.



"STRICTLY PERSONNEL"

"New" faces in old places and "old" faces in new places make up the November picture of FAS.

Paul Taggart is now area officer for Latin America. After 4 years in Bonn as asst. attache -- and a few weeks of invigorating leave -- he took over the area desk early this month.

Norris C. Ellertson, new to the FAS family, left for Vienna in late October to replace veteran Einar Jensen as attache in the Austrian capital. Norris formerly was the State of Minnesota's Deputy Commissioner of Agriculture. Einar will be returning to FAS/Wash for assignment.

Larry Diehl, asst. attache in Ottawa, is moving into the attacheship at Rangoon.

Alvin E. Gilbert, asst. attache in Manila, will be attache at the newly established San Salvador post. He plans to arrive there in January after holiday-time home leave in his native Maine.

Joseph R. (Joe) Williams, former director of CSS (now ASCS) Tobacco Div., has joined the ranks of FAS as marketing specialist/asst. attache abroad. He's assigned to Brussels, where he will work with Attache Ray Ogg and staff.

AND, Gus Burmeister is retiring ...



GUS BIDS ADIEU

Gustave Burmeister, leader and landmark in foreign agriculture, and veteran of 38½ years with USDA (his first and only employer), is retiring about January 1 to enter private industry in the Washington area.



Gus, particularly well known to the U.S. fruits, vegetables, and sugar trade, was active in the reconstitution of FAS in 1953. He became Asst. Adm. for Market Development in the reorganization, after 10 years as Head of the Fruits, Vegetables, and Sugar Division in OFAR. Some of the original market development projects organized under his direction are

still going strong.

In 1955 he was named Asst. Adm. in charge of Agricultural Trade Policy and Analysis. Since last spring he has been Asst. Adm. for International Affairs.

Prior to his OFAR service, he was an agricultural economist in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics; and "way back," he was a crop and livestock estimator in Texas, Wyoming, and New England.

Gus says one of his chief "distinctions" is having occupied the same South Bldg. office continuously for 8 years.

AMONG THE MISSED

Art Mead's genial and informative personality is missed in the South Bldg. Our former chief of the Reports and Analysis Branch of Programs Operations Div. has moved across the street to be an Assistant to Asst. Sec'y. John P. Duncan, Jr.

ON THE INTERNATIONAL FRONT

Delegates from 82 countries are attending the FAO Conference in Rome this month (Oct. 30-Nov. 23); action on membership applications from 17 other countries, mainly new African nations, is on the Conference agenda.

Asst. Sec'y John P. Duncan, Jr. is the U. S. delegate. FAS's Adm. Robert C. Tetro and Director Ralph W. Phillips, Int'l Organizations Div. (IOD), are associate delegates. Attache Clayton Whipple (Rome) and Max L. Witcher, IOD, are advisers.

On the distaff side, Ella J. Spicer, IOD, is documents officer and Ruth Allen, secretary to Adm. Tetro, is assisting with the delegation's work.

The 36th and 37th Sessions of the 25-country FAO Council will be held at the end of the Conference, respectively. Tetro is the U. S. member, Phillips is an associate, and Whipple and Witcher are advisers.

John Scholl, Sugar & Trop. Products Div., is back from Rome, where he was alternate U. S. delegate to the Oct. 15-16 meeting of the Statistical and Executive Committees of the FAO Cocoa Study Group. Among the statistical committee's accomplishments was the preparation of a supply-demand outlook for cocoa.

WHERE'S JERRY?

"Jerry" Tichenor has been mighty hard to track down in recent weeks.

"The truth is," he says, "with Fowler Hamilton's appointment as Administrator of the new Agency for International Development (AID), established Sept. 4, Secretary Freeman advised Mr. Hamilton that I would be available to serve as USDA's representative on matters of mutual concern to both agencies...and I am!"

AID, which merges the Development Loan Fund and ICA, will coordinate all U. S. programs of economic and technical assistance.

Ra M B L i N g a R o U N d

Despite the reorganizational maelstrom of the Mall, the trees have donned their autumnal colors just as they always do. The wild geese are heading south in their same old formations. The scarlet of sumac is as brilliant as ever. And homecomings are everywhere -- even in FAS.

Among those who'll be eating their turkey and pumpkin pie stateside is Gene Ransom. He is leaving Manila in mid-November.

Jim Gehr, Monrovia, is another home-leaver (no pun intended!), now en route to spend the holidays at home.

Herb Ferguson also will soon be bound for home. He's scheduled to leave his Cairo post December 11.

Laura Isebrands, secretary to Attache "Mac" MacDonald in Karachi, will be home for Christmas after some annual-leave travel in Europe.

Henry Lint, former FAS'er, used his experiences as an attache as the basis for a talk he gave October 2 at Rutgers University. The occasion was the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the Department of Plant Pathology there. Retiree "Doc" Lint received the first Ph. D. in plant pathology and the second Ph. D. ever granted by Rutgers.

Wheat Associates, in cooperation with FAS, conducted a staff and policy conference in New Delhi, October 18-20. FAS was represented by Asst. Adm. Irwin Hedges and Director Ray Vickery, Grain Div.

Fred Rossiter dropped down from Ottawa for a few days in late October to participate in the quarterly Canadian-U. S. talks about grain export programs and related matters.

Leroy Hodges, Jr., Tobacco Div., is in Latin America discussing with foreign government and tobacco industry officials prospects for increasing the sale of U. S. tobaccos in South America.

"Prospects are good for further expansion of dairy and poultry products in the Orient and Middle East," Director Dave Hume, Dairy & Poultry Div., reports after a 'round-the-world trip.



Above, Joseph O. Parker, Chairman of the Intl. Trade Development Committee for the U. S. Poultry Industry, and Dave Hume (right), are bid farewell in Tokyo as they take off for Hong Kong. Their well-wishers are Mr. Eiichiro Nakamura, Managing Dir., Toriichi Poultry Trading Co., Ltd., Tokyo, and Executive Vice Pres. Japanese Poultry Processors Assoc., and his wife Yoko Nakamura.

Some days later Dave was hosted by Cairo Attache Herb Ferguson in Beirut where, among other things, they attended a rarely held bullfight.

A market-development visit to Nairobi, Kenya, by Charles Enlow and George Wilcox (Great Plains Wheat representatives) was the occasion for a reception by Attache Bob Adcock. Among the guests were Kenya Government and industry officials and the consulate staff.

Hilton D. Bateman is in Latin America for talks about P. L. 480 sales for foreign currencies, dollar credit sales, and barter matters. Harold Koeller is in Europe on the same kind of mission. Both are with Program Development Div.



YOUNG MEN GO WEST...East and North. Trio of Junior Professionals get together before they take off for their first foreign assignments as asst. attaches. Left to right: Dick Bell, Ottawa; "Ed" Deatherage, Manila; and Walter Stern, London.

SHAKEDOWN CRUISES

It'll be a "first time out" for three FAS-ers who will be leaving in late November to be asst. attaches in widely separated posts.

The threesome all entered FAS in 1959 under the Junior Professional Program.

Abner E. (Ed) Deatherage, an economist in Livestock & Meat Products Div., is taking over the Manila asst. attacheship. Ed hails from Joplin, Mo. and has a BS from the U. of Missouri.

Richard E. Bell, formerly in European Analysis Branch before it was absorbed by ERS, is assigned to Ottawa, Canada, where he will replace Larry Diehl. Dick is a native of Clinton, Ia. and holds BS and MS degrees from the U. of Illinois. His wife, Christina, and 3-month-old son, David, will be traveling with him.

Walter Stern also a European area analyst, will be going to London to take the place of Cabell Shull, resigned. Walter, a native New Yorker, earned his BS at Cornell.

SOLONS STUDY AFRICA

To study agricultural conditions and market potentials, and to acquaint themselves with the work of agricultural attaches, are the objectives of a trip to Africa by 6 Congressmen representing the Agricultural Sub-committee of the House Appropriations Committee.

During November the group will be traveling in 10 African countries and will stop briefly in France, Italy, and the U.K.

In the party are Congressmen A. E. Santangelo (NY), H. Carl Andersen (Minn), Robert N. Michel (Ill), Silvio O. Conte (Mass), Charles R. Jonas (NC), and John M. Slack, Jr. (W. Va); also Staff Assistants Ross P. Pope and Kenneth Sprankle.

Area officer Afif Tannous has helped Staff Asst. Pope with trip arrangements. He has been aided by Attaches Loveless, Gehr, Wenmohs, Edens, Stephanides, Ferguson, Minneman, Whipple, and Anderson, and Agricultural Officers Adcock and Ferree--all of whom will be hosts to the Congressmen.



Paul F. Taggart, recently appointed Area Officer for Latin America, thanks Ambassador Walter Dowling for 30-Year Service Award presented to him shortly before he left Bonn.



NEWCOMERS TO F A S

Norris C. Ellertson (left) is our new attache in Vienna.

Joseph R. Williams (right) is our new marketing specialist/asst. attache in Brussels.



Demonstration of YWCA Nutrition Program in Bombay is watched by Jim Howard, Trade Projects Div., D. D. Hill; Director of Wheat Associates office in New Delhi; and Agricultural Officer Roy Sellers (left to right).





ON OPENING DAY of U.S. food exhibit in Copenhagen, Denmark (Oct. 13-22). Attache Elmer Reese accompanies Mrs. Lis Groes, president of the Danish Women's League and ex-minister of Commerce, and Her Royal Highness Princess Margarethe, next in line for the Danish throne, on an official tour of the exposition.

THANKSGIVING IN GHANA

Bill Scholz, marketing specialist in Dairy & Poultry, will have his Thanksgiving dinner in Ghana (we trust there will be more than nonfat dry milk and cocoa on the menu).

Bill will be assisting at the Commerce Dept.'s Food Fair being held in Accra Nov. 24-Dec. 24. The fair will include exhibits promoting U. S. poultry, rice, wheat, and instant nonfat dry milk. FAS is interested in showing Ghanaians how they can use the latter product with locally produced cocoa.

Before hitting Accra, Bill will help at the Hotel & Restaurant Trade Fair in Stuttgart (Oct. 27-Nov. 5) and then will stop in Hamburg for the big fair there.

RAMBLING ON...

Mrs. (Chuck) Elkinton and Mrs. (Don) Novotny have been elected President and Secretary of the U. S. Embassy Women's Club, Tokyo. Congratulations!

After foreign travel, which included the London Trade Center, Congressman Clifford G. McIntire of Maine reported to a wide U.S. radio audience that "our agricultural attaches are wonderful representatives of the American farmer." He had especially warm praise for Bob Anderson and Paul Findlen for Trade Center work.

NOTES FROM BUDGET & FINANCE

Virginia Rogers, Budget & Finance, is on a trip to Germany, Italy, and Spain -- her first European travel. She'll be conferring with attaches and Embassy officers about administrative matters relating to market development projects, and will help with fiscal affairs at the Hamburg fair.

Larry Ohler, too, is on the road. He is at Ft. Jackson, South Carolina -- on military furlough (U. S. Army).

Competition from Spanish almonds and canned fruit is getting an on-the-spot analysis by Harry Bryan, Fruits & Veg. Div., who has been in Spain since early October. He'll be back in FAS/Wash. about Dec. 1 after a week in London.

FAS's philosophical, cigar-smoking, golf-playing auditor, Abe Reed, gave the Bogota attache office and the various MD projects his usual thorough going-over in September. "Abe's counsel and advice are always a great help," says Attache Henry Hopp.

Henry recently helped orient a 60-man Peace Corps group. In addition to a talk on Colombian agricultural policy and institutions, he showed the corps his 45-minute sound movie on Colombia's highways and byways.