



THE FAS LETTER

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE SERVICE

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USDA TEAM VISITS EUROPE

A USDA team including Assistant Secretaries Clayton Yeutter and Joseph Wright, FAS Administrator David Hume and European Area Officer Stan Brown visited agricultural officials and other leaders in agriculture on a trip to five European countries September 10-21.

Highlighting the trip was a stop in Brussels, where the USDA team participated in the September 16-17 conference of ag attaches stationed in member countries of the European Community. Principal topics at the conference were agricultural and trade matters, as well as U.S. market development activities. Discussions were also held with officials of the EC.

The USDA team also visited Germany, France, The Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. They met with Ministry of Agriculture officials of each country, and, in Paris, with officials of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). Meetings were also held with farm and grain trade leaders.

FOREIGN NATIONALS TOUR U.S.

Twelve FAS foreign national employees recently completed a five week training program in the United States, focusing on agricultural programs and operations inside and outside FAS.

FAS Administrator David Hume, Assistant Administrator for Ag Attaches William Horbaly, Deputy Assistant Administrator Alan Trick, and Area Officers Stan Brown, Ted Freeman, Bill Dobbins, and Gene Ransom guided the participants through two weeks of briefings at USDA/W.

Among the highlights of the group's Washington visit was a meeting with Secretary Butz and Assistant Secretary Yeutter. The group also met with Deputy Assistant Secretary Bell. Much of the group's time in USDA/W was spent in FAS, where they met and were briefed by the assistant administrators and division directors on activities within the agency. The group also met with officials in several other USDA agencies, including ERS and ARS.

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GETTING ACQUAINTED . . . Pictured here are Secretary Earl Butz and Assistant Secretary Clayton Yeutter exchanging views with our 12 visiting foreign national employees. The discussion in the Secretary's office was the first of many held in USDA/W with Department officials. Clockwise from left are: Tomoo Moriyama; Vincent Biolley (partially hidden); Husin Anang; Francesco Guarneri; Guler Toruner; Guillermo Ramos Silezar; Christine Elliott; Vassilios Koronakis; Laurent Hedde; Assistant Administrator for Agricultural Attaches William Horbaly; Administrator David Hume; Supat Wibulseth; Trevor Lovell; Secretary Butz, and Assistant Secretary Yeutter.

RETIREMENTS AROUND FAS

Quentin Bates retired June 28 after almost 33 years of government service. He had served as ag attache in Brussels from 1971 until his retirement. Other attache posts where Quentin served were Buenos Aires (1961-66); Manila (1958-59); and Bogota (1955-57). Quentin also served in the State Department in Bogota (1953-55); Paris (1950-53); Ottawa (1948-49; 1946-47); and Winnipeg (1947-48). From 1968 to 1971 Quentin was Deputy Assistant Administrator for International Trade.

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After more than 37 years of government service, **Ken McDaniel** retired on June 28. However, he will be staying on as a management consultant in FAS.

Ken came to FAS in 1958 from the Department of the Army to head up Personnel Division. In 1963 he became Deputy Assistant Administrator for Management, and became Assistant Administrator for Management in 1970. He served as Assistant Administrator until his retirement. Earlier assignments in USDA included the Office of Personnel, the Production & Marketing Administration, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration.

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After 40 years of government service, **Galen Yates** retired July 18. Galen began his USDA career in 1949 in the Office of Information, after having worked at the Navy and Treasury Departments. After a stint in OMS, he came to FAS in 1966, working in market development, primarily as a trade fair manager.

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Carl Shutta, contract negotiator in GSM, retired after almost 33 years of Federal service, all of which were with USDA. Carl began his career in the Office of the Secretary. He transferred to Commodity Stabilization Service in 1955, and came to FAS in 1961 as part of the mass transfer of CSS to FAS. He transferred to EMS in 1969 and came back to FAS this year as part of the new reorganization.

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Overseas secretary **Angela Mittiga** retired June 28 after 26 years of government service. Angela's most recent post was in the ag attache's office in Brussels, where she served from 1971 until her retirement. Other posts where she has served are Warsaw (1968-71); Nairobi (1967-68); and Ankara (1964-66). Her overseas experience also includes having served in Ankara and Tel Aviv for the Department of State.

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Another end-of-the-fiscal-year retiree was **Bernice Hornbeck**. Bea has logged almost 34 years of government service. After having served in the Departments of Commerce and Labor, she joined FAS in 1956 as a commodity industry analyst in Cotton Division and served there until her retirement. Bea received an FAS Certificate of Merit and Cash Award in 1962, and the Blue Ribbon Award for Comprehensive Reporting in 1972 and 1974. Bea plans to continue to serve as a part-time consultant in Cotton Division.

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After serving with the Federal Government since 1930, **Sarah Murphy** retired June 28. Sarah came to FAS in 1954 as a statistical clerk in Grain and Feed Division, and continued there until her retirement. This past April, Sarah was awarded a Certificate of Merit for Special Achievement.

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Ione Boblitz, who headed the Statistical Services staff in Tobacco Division, retired June 7. She had served in the Federal Government since 1942. Ione first came to FAS in 1956, working as a statistical clerk in Foreign Agricultural Analysis Division. After a three year hiatus in ERS and GSA, Ione came back to FAS, this time to Tobacco Division. She served as head of the Statistical Services staff in that division since 1971.

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Madeline Piho retired August 30. She had been a supervisory statistical assistant in Fruit and Vegetable Division since 1967. Madeline came to FAS in 1957, after having worked for one year at GAO and three years at BAE. In 1964 and 1967, Madeline received the FAS Certificate of Merit.

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Helen Coleman, agricultural marketing specialist in GSM, retired July 9 after 21 years of government service. Helen started her USDA career in 1962, when she came to ASCS. She remained there until 1969, when she transferred to the former EMS. Helen came on board in FAS this year as part of the recent reorganization.

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AWARDS ABROAD



QUALITY STEP INCREASE FOR LUCILLE SARGENT . . . U.S. Ambassador to the Soviet Union Walter Stoessel congratulates FAS secretary Lucille Sargent for receiving FAS Certificate of Merit for Quality Step Increase. Lucille received the award for "high quality performance above that ordinarily found in her position."



LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD FOR WANDA MIGONI . . . Pictured here is Wanda Migoni, assistant at the Milan office, receiving her 10 year Length of Service Award from Consul General Thomas Pina.



AWARDS IN OTTAWA . . . The U.S. Embassy staff in Ottawa all got together to congratulate ag attache Eugene Olson and assistant attache Jack Mills for receiving FAS Certificates of Merit for Special Achievement. Gene's award was in recognition of his "outstanding service in effectively representing the Department of Agriculture and the U.S. farm sector while serving as agricultural attache." Jack's citation was for "sustained high level of timely and effective reporting of major trade and production developments in Canada and consistent efficiency in performance of duties." Pictured in the first row are, from left: W. M. Johnson, minister; George Myles, agricultural specialist; Peter Higgins, Second Secretary; Simone Grison, secretary, agriculture; Doris Wood, personnel officer; Eugene Olson; U.S. Ambassador to Canada W. J. Porter; Jack Mills; and Elke Cardo, secretary, agriculture. In the second row are, from left: Thomas Buchanan, Second Secretary; John C. Leary, Counsellor on Economic Affairs; and Edward V. Nef, Second Secretary.

ROAMING AROUND

The transit from summer to fall has brought a number of changes to the attache service, resulting in new attaches at three important posts:

Berk Beukenkamp, attache in Rome since 1969, has been assigned to Brasilia as ag attache. He succeeds Garth Thorburn, who is back in Washington working in Oilseeds and Products Analysis Division. Berk served as Deputy Assistant Administrator for Export Programs from 1965 to 1969. He and his family arrived in Brasilia October 1.

Succeeding Berk in Rome is **Elmer Hallowell**, who has been Assistant Sales Manager for Foreign Market Development since 1972. Elmer's attache experience includes stints in Tokyo, London and Bangkok. From 1963-65, he was Deputy Assistant Administrator for Agricultural Attaches. He and his wife June arrived in Rome October 21.

Roger Euler, who has been heading up ERS's Soviet Union Program Area since 1972, has been named ag attache to Belgium, succeeding Quentin Bates, who retired June 30. Roger served as attache to Moscow (1967-72) and Warsaw (1961-65). He and his wife Jeanne arrived in Brussels in mid-October.

Harold Koeller, who has been filling in at the Brussels post since Quentin's retirement, has returned to Washington.

Congratulations are in order for **John Montel**, attache at USEC, Brussels. He married the former Nanette Frutkin here in Washington on September 23, after which Mr. and Mrs. Montel returned to Brussels.

Our sympathy goes to **Alan Hemphill**, whose brother died in a private plane crash in mid-September.

Catherine Merchant, former secretary in Lagos, is back in FAS/W. She is now secretary to Personnel Operations Branch Chief Ross Cook.

FAS'ers in Washington and overseas were saddened to learn of the sudden death of **Uldarico Diaz**, agricultural advisor in Bogota. Mr. Diaz died September 30 of a heart attack.

Richard Smith, who has been serving as attache in Mexico City since 1972, has returned to Washington. Currently, he is coordinating plans in FAS for the World Food Conference, which is to be held November 5-16 in Rome.



FAREWELL PARTY FOR FAS SECRETARY . . . Prior to the departure of Guler Toruner, FAS secretary in Ankara, for the U.S. where she participated in the FAS training seminar for foreign national employees, the USDA staff in Ankara gathered at attache Tim Engebretson's residence to bid her "bon voyage." Standing from left to right are Yusuf Durosoy, chief technical specialist; Mehmet Karakus, clerk; Tim Engebretson; Stan Harris, APHIS veterinarian; Stan Harris, Jr., and Bastug Toruner, Guler's husband. Seated from left to right are: Mrs. Engebretson; Sibel and Tulin Durosoy; Yuksel Karakus and daughter Aysin; Guler with daughters Ebru on her lap and Elif; Bilge Durosoy; Mrs. Harris and daughter Sara.

Michael Bekash, research analyst at the ag attache office in Beirut, retired July 31 after 28 years of service with the U.S. Government, most of it with FAS. A coffee-refreshment party was held for him, where his many Embassy friends presented him with a Schaefer pen and pencil set and a Unisonic calculator.

There are two additions to Jim and Mary Rudbeck's household in Costa Rica. They have adopted two children: four year old Jacqueline Alejandra, who came to the Rudbecks last spring, and baby James, Jr. who joined them in August.

There is a new arrival in the Richard Schroeter family in Brussels: young Stephanie Schroeter was born September 22. Mother, father and daughter are all reported to be doing well.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

This month's column has expanded to include news of the doings of two FAS alumni who haven't retired, as well as news of retirees.

Philip C. Habib, who began his distinguished diplomatic career as assistant ag attache in Ottawa, has been named Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs. Since his attache days, Mr. Habib has held several important posts at the State Department, including Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, and Senior Advisor to the U.S. Delegation at the Paris Meetings on Vietnam. In 1969 he was selected as one of the seven winners of the Rockefeller Public Service Awards for "distinguished service to the Government of the United States and to the American people." Mr. Habib has been Ambassador to Korea since 1971.

Carolyn Lewis, a former editor of the *FAS Letter*, has been named women's editor of the *Milledge Union-Recorder*, an award-winning weekly newspaper in central Georgia. Carolyn served in FAS in 1967 and 1968. Prior to her new assignment, she had been teaching journalism at Georgia College in Milledgeville, and serving as a correspondent for the *Macon Telegraph*.

And now, some words from our retirees:

Charlie Barber has done considerable moving around since his retirement from FAS's Cotton Division in July, 1972. After a year of "loafing and living it up on the beaches," he took a temporary consulting assignment in the Department of Commerce. Here he worked on controls and monitoring programs for agricultural products and for fertilizer. After that assignment ended this past July, Charlie headed back to the beach. He's also been catching up on yard work and just generally "enjoying the pleasures associated with the good life."

Howard Akers is another busy retiree. In the year since his retirement, he's moved to a farm in the Shenandoah Valley. Last fall he went to Japan as a consultant for FAS on the American Soybean Association's market development activities. Now he is serving as a consultant for the American Soybean Association.

Chester Davis writes that he has been living the good life since he retired from FAS in 1961. He and Mrs. Davis have traveled in Europe, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii, and have also made several trips throughout the United States. In between excursions he's been back to Washington on consulting assignments. Now living in Coral Gables, Florida, Chester has been keeping up with his gardening, and his golf game—and celebrated his birthday this past October 14.



TAKE A BREATH . . . The attache staff in Djakarta took time from their busy day to pose for a picture. Left to right are Husin Anang, program assistant; Janet Shaw, secretary, and Verle Lanier, ag attache.





Around Washington

A number of FAS/W staff personnel have been traveling overseas to help out at trade exhibits, and to assist ag attaches in planning future exhibits:

The FAS program leader for the U.S. information booth at the IKOFA exhibit was **Lloyd Williams** of Export Trade Services Division. Lloyd also stopped off in France to generate interest in the TORS program. He returned from his four week trip in late September.

Another ETS'er who touched onto European soil was **Bob Francis**, who went with a five man export sales team to Paris, Brussels, and Amsterdam. Bob also stopped in Stockholm and Hamburg to begin preparations for solo trade exhibits to be held in those cities in May and June of next year.

Bill Tinklepaugh of ETS was in Great Britain recently to lend a hand to assistant attache **Bruce McEvoy** at U.S. information booths in food shows at Manchester, Coventry and Edinburgh. During his four week trip, Bill also stopped in Munich to help out at IKOFA.

Kay Patterson, editor of *Foreign Agriculture* magazine, made a three week trip to Europe in late September to discuss the handling of agricultural information with the ag attache staffs, and to attend the EC ag attache conference held September 16 and 17 in Brussels. Kay's stops also included London, Bonn, The Hague, Vienna, and Madrid.

Two ETS staffers who recently headed south of the border were **Ed Collins** and **Duane Nelson**. Ed's four week trip took him to Guatemala, Trinidad, and Martinique. He helped out a solo trade exhibit in Guatemala City, and discussed market development activities with attache and embassy personnel in all three countries. He returned to FAS/W in late October. Duane's trip took him to Brazil where he managed the FAS exhibit at the Esteo Agricultural Show. On the way back to FAS/W, he stopped off in Mexico City to begin planning FAS's participation in a livestock show to be held in that city from November 16 to December 1.

John Davenport of ETS returned in late September from a trip to Japan, Hong Kong, and Singapore. He worked on advance planning for some of next year's market development activities in the Far East.

Wayne Sharp, formerly Deputy Assistant Administrator for Commodity Programs, and ag attache to Guatemala, recently joined the Council on International Economic Policy (CIEP) for his second developmental assignment in OMB's Federal Executive Development Program.

CIEP works to achieve a top-level focus on international economic issues, evaluating policy in the context of domestic developments and foreign policy objectives.

As a professional staff member of the CIEP, Wayne is working on their Industrial Commodities Group, which has responsibilities for issues dealing with international trade, agricultural and industrial products, natural resources and energy.

Wayne's previous assignment under the development program was Deputy Director of the Bureau of Domestic Commerce, U.S. Department of Commerce.

Friends of former Assistant Administrator for Management **Ken McDaniel** organized a golf tournament in his honor at the Chantilly Golf and Country Club on September 23. The winners of the Ken McDaniel Open were Administrator Dave Hume (low net score) and Western Hemisphere Area Officer Bill Dobbins (low gross score).

At the after-tournament dinner held at the country club, Ken's friends presented him with a book of letters, and with a set of Wilson Ultradyne irons.

Ken will remain as a consultant in FAS through December.





RETIREMENT PARTY FOR JOHN SCHOLL . . . Assistant Sales Manager for Commercial Export Programs John Scholl retired June 30. His friends in FAS/W held a party for him to wish him well. Standing here with the guest of honor are his wife Ethel and his son Steve.



NEW RECORD FOR FAS POLICE BOYS' CLUB DRIVE . . . For the third consecutive year, the EEO Advisory Committee of FAS conducted a fund-raising drive for the Metropolitan Police Boys' Club. This year generous FAS'ers contributed \$1,066—enough money to send 15 inner city boys to summer camp, and more than the combined amount of money raised in FAS in the two previous drives.

Pictured here is Frank Lee, a member of the EEO Committee, presenting a check to Inspector Anthony F. DiGennaro of the Metropolitan Police Department. Looking on proudly are Spanish-speaking Coordinator Isabel Smith, Administrator David Hume, and Advisory Committee member May Barrett.

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From Washington, the group embarked on a 2½ week swing through the southern and midwestern states for a first-hand look at the production, processing and exchange of various agricultural commodities. Among their stops were the Cotton Exchange in Memphis, the World Dairy Exhibition in Madison, Wis., the Chicago Mercantile Center, and the Chicago Board of Trade. Accompanying the group was L. J. McMillan, Representation and Foreign Visitors Staff Coordinator, and Ed Cissel, Dairy and Poultry Marketing Division.

Participating in the trip were Husin Anang of Indonesia; Vincent Biolley, Morocco; Carlos H. Bolanos, Costa Rica; Christine Elliott, England; Francesco Guarneri, Italy; Laurent Hedde, France; Vassilios Koronakis, Greece; Trevor Lovell, Trinidad; Tomoo Moriyama, Japan; Guillermo Ramos Siliezar, El Salvador; Guler Toruner, Turkey; and Supat Wilbulseth, Thailand.

The program was developed by the Agricultural Attache staff in FAS/W, with assistance from staff members in FAS, ERS, ARS, Farm Credit Administration, Farmers Cooperative Service, Extension Service, Forest Service, and Soil Conservation Service.

JANETTE PEACH, FORMER STATISTICAL SUPERVISOR, DIES

Janette Peach, retired head of Cotton Division's statistical staff, died August 21 at her home in Alexandria, Virginia. She was 58 years old.

Janette retired from FAS June 25 after having served for 32 years in the Federal Government. She came to FAS's Foreign Training Division in 1957 and transferred to Cotton Division a year later. She served as supervisory statistical assistant in that division from 1957 until her retirement. She is survived by her husband, Charles, four sisters, and two brothers.

Memorial services were held in Springfield, Virginia.



PLEASED TO MEET YOU . . . Ag Attache to London Bill Rodman (second from right) introduces Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs Clayton Yeutter (second from left) to Max Levin, of Max Levin and Partners, Ltd., during a reception held at the American Embassy in London. Looking on is Assistant Secretary for Administration Joseph Wright. Assistant Secretaries Yeutter and Wright were in London during their 11 day visit to five European countries to discuss agricultural trade with FAS attaches and with European agricultural officials and leaders.

THREE FAS SUMMER AIDS EARN AWARDS

Three FAS summer aids received Certificates of Merit for Outstanding Achievement at a ceremony on August 30. The three awardees were Janice Moore of Export Trade Services Division, Cassandra Todd of Information Division, and Adrienne McAdoo of Management Analysis Division.

Joseph Phillips, Director of Personnel, greeted the awardees and guests. Administrator David Hume presented the awards. Each recipient received a certificate and a check for \$25.00.

Janice Moore's award was in recognition for her "outstanding sustained performance in assisting the secretarial staff of the Export Trade Services Division." The award was Janice's second as an FAS summer aid.

Cassandra Todd's award was in recognition of her "outstanding sustained performance in assisting the Information Division of the Office of the Administrator. She is also a two-time award recipient.

Adrienne McAdoo's award cited her "outstanding achievement in learning and operating a sophisticated automatic typewriter and applying that knowledge to prepare approximately 1,000 letters under extremely tight time constraints."

This past summer, FAS employed 17 summer aids. Eleven of these employees worked here as part of the Federal Stay-in-School Program. Under this program, a summer aid may be converted to part-time employment status when classes resume in the fall.



SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT CITATIONS . . . Pictured here is Administrator Hume with Janice Moore (left) and Cassandra Todd, two of the summer aids who received FAS Certificates of Merit for Special Achievement. Missing is Adrienne McAdoo.

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