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3099 FOREIGN AGRICULTURISTS TRAINED IN 1959

The Foreign Training Division reports 3099 foreign agriculturists visited the United States in 1959, compared with 2662 a year ago. Agricultural journalists from Sudan, Liberia, Libya, Colombia and Brazil are shown (right) at a corral on the Climbing Arrow summer range in Montana, studying range practice under Montana State College auspices.

ICA agricultural participants who require special training programs were up from 1228 to 1453. Agriculturists under State Department's international exchange program (IES) increased from 138 to 161. Thirty visitors came through sponsorship of European Productivity Agency, a program initiated in 1959. FAO sponsored arrivals decreased from 54 to 30.

Japan led in number of 1959 arrivals with 159, followed by Brazil, India, Turkey, and Yugoslavia. Agricultural visitors came from 89 countries, including the Soviet Union, Poland, and Bulgaria.

Over the past few years, the trend shows increasing numbers from India and Pakistan. The figure for Sweden rose 250 percent to 71, all of them traveling without U.S. Government sponsorship. More foreign agricultural visitors (639 in fiscal 1959) continue to come from Europe than from any other world region.



BENSON MAKES TRIP TO EUROPE

Secretary Benson is currently on a 3-week visit to Europe during which he will visit 7 countries.

Traveling with the Secretary are Lew Rock and Bert Tollefson of his office and Bob Tetro, Asst Adm for attaches, and Eugene Olson, European analysis, of FAS.

Countries being visited are Yugoslavia, West Germany, Poland, the Soviet Union, Finland, Sweden, and Norway. The trip is scheduled to end Oct. 9.

The trip is part of a long range world agricultural trade and market development program planned early in the Administration.

Secretary Benson said: "I am pleased to be able to make these visits at this time. We are anxious to become better acquainted with the agriculture and the agricultural leaders of these countries."

HENRY HOPP & FRIENDS

U.S. SHEEP TO HELP
GUAJIRO INDIANS

Attache Henry Hopp and USOM Director Metcalfe Walling, at the request of the Colombian government, recently took part in a study of a possible livestock program in the Guajira peninsula, a remote and primitive area extending out into the Caribbean.

Using Indian guides, the group covered 900 kms by jeep, subsisting largely on goat meat, rice, and plantain bananas, and sleeping out-of-doors in hammocks.

The Guajiro Indians, who take pride in being "uncivilized", are hospitable. Main economic activity is the raising of goats and sheep, but shearing is unknown. The Indians consider that clipping the wool is "civilized" and take no interest in it.

One practical result of the trip was a decision, endorsed by the Colombian Ministry of Agriculture, to purchase two planeloads of U.S. sheep and Angora goats. These animals are to be distributed through the tribal organizations to complement an educational program.

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TONTZ, WEST, KIRBY TAKE
TOP CONFERENCE ROLES

Several FAS personnel attended the late summer American Farm Economic Assn meetings at Cornell.

Bob Tontz, Trade Statistics, was chairman of the section on agriculture in underdeveloped regions. Quentin West, Far East analysis, presented a paper on the role of U.S. agricultural products in the economic development of the Far East.

Also in attendance were FAS Adm Max Myers; Louis Smith, Latin America attache area officer; Riley Kirby, Far East analysis; Hugh Kiger, Tobacco; Ken Murray, Far East analysis; and Karen Friedmann, European analysis.

In late September, Riley Kirby presented a paper on land reform and economic development in Japan at the Conference on Land Tenure, Industrialization, and Social Stability at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

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SYBIL HUMPHRIES JOINS
AMERICAN AIRLINES

Sybil Humphries -- a former Miss FAS and Miss Agriculture -- has left a host of friends and admirers in FAS to enter American Airlines' hostess school in Dallas.

The course started Sept 3 and lasts about six weeks. All our good wishes go with Sybil. We hope we're lucky enough to catch one of her flights some day.

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RETIREMENT PARTY FOR BILL YOUNGMAN

Bill Youngman, Grain-Feed was honored at a retirement party on Sept. 30. Many friends attended the afternoon affair and contributed toward a gift. In addition, Bill's associates are collecting letters from his well-wishers, to be bound in book form and presented to him.

Horace Bolster, formerly reports and training officer for the attache service, will take Bill's place in the Grain-Feed division.

Bill plans to spend most of his time gardening and fishing, and will continue as gardening editor of the Washington Star.

Bill, who comes from Illinois, emphasizes that his address will still be 12808 Meadowood Drive, Silver Spring, Md. Among the things holding bill in the Washington area are eight grandchildren and a host of friends. As Bill says:

"Our friends are in this area and we don't want to leave them."

All of us feel the same way toward you, Bill. Best wishes to you and yours in the years that lie ahead, from all your friends and associates in FAS.

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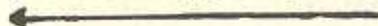


WILLEM LUYKX RECEIVES AWARD IN NEW EMBASSY

In the impressive new U.S. embassy in The Hague, Willem Luykx, senior ag asst, receives his 10-year service award from Herbert Fales, dep chief of mission. Attache Bob Reed looks on.

The presentation was made shortly after Willem returned from the in-service training course in Washington, during which the group traveled through the Midwest. He received special commendation for his outstanding service, faithfulness and cooperation.

The staff at The Hague is now housed at the far right on the third floor in the picture shown at left. This is a side view of the new embassy; the number of trees in front makes it impossible to get a really good photograph of the facade.





ANKARA ATTACHE STAFF

In front of Ankara's new Maltepe Mosque are (l-r): Phyllis Wells, sec; Attache Howard Akers; Nixar Osman, agricultural aide; Paul Overholtzer, asst attache; Sukru Kasaboglu, agricultural aide; and Mehmet Karakus, driver.

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SEVERAL ATTACHES HOME FOR CONSULTATIONS

In recent weeks several attaches have been in Washington for consultation, and in some cases, home leave.

Recent "visitors" to the halls of USDA have been John Montel, Guatemala City; Herbert Ferguson, Cairo; Elmer Reese, Copenhagen; Alvin Gilbert, Manilla asst; and Charles Ekinton, Tokyo.

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FAS ON THE ROAD

George Parks, dep asst adm MarDev, is on a month-long trip to western and southern Europe to discuss trade fairs and other market development activities and plans with trade fair participants,

attaches, and cooperators' representatives.

John McCracken, Grain-Feed, is in Europe to represent his division at the feed-grain exhibit in the 24th International Fair at Thessaloniki, Greece, and at the Fine Foods Exhibit (ANUGA) at Cologne. He will also consult at several points with trade groups and attaches to coordinate feedgrain activities.

Phil Toskes, Internal Audit, will carry out internal audit responsibilities with respect to market development projects, particularly wheat, soybeans, and dairy products, in Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Thailand, Burma, and the Philippines. He will return to Washington in late November.

Bob FitzSimmons, Fruit-Veg, will represent his division at ANUGA in Cologne and will call on fruit trade and French government officials regarding recent liberalization actions on fruits and the possibility of similar actions in the future.

Eric Berg, Fats-Oils, was in Canada during September conferring with government and industry representatives regarding status and future of the Canadian oilseed industry.

Lee Paramore, Cotton, is spending two months in Europe to study and appraise selected cotton market development projects and the current cotton marketing situation for U.S. cotton in Europe. He plans to visit 12 countries.

Hugh Kiger and LeRoy Hodges, Tobacco, will spend about two months in the Far East coordinating efforts to build and expand markets for U.S. tobacco.

Gerry Tichenor, dep asst adm for Attaches, is conferring with attaches and observing and evaluating attache programs in Sweden, Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium, England, and Ireland. He'll return to Washington on Oct. 10.

Director Bob Owen, Tobacco, is on a 6-week market development trip to Nor-

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BONN ATTACHE STAFF --- The beautiful, historic Rhine valley is the setting for this picture of the Bonn attache staff. In the background are 3 of the Siebengebirge (Seven Hills), the legendary home of the 7 dwarfs, and the ruins of the Drachenfels (dragon rocks) castle, where Siegfried slew the dragon.

Standing (l-r): Paul Hess, ag reports spec; Paul Taggart, asst attache; Attache Phil Eckert; Armin Rehling, asst attache; and Josef Wienken, ag reports spec. Seated: Marlise Wilke, ag operations asst; Anneliese Florian, sec; Iris Nichols, sec; Gisela Gelderblom, ag reports spec; and Margarete Beinhoff, sec.

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way, Denmark, Austria, Italy, Spain and France.

Bill Scholz, Dairy-Poultry, managed the FAS exhibit at the Dept of Commerce fair at Madras, India. Bill stopped to confer briefly with attaches at Athens, Bangkok, Hong Kong, and Tokyo. He plans to be back in Washington on Oct. 20.

Afif Tannous, Africa and Mideast analysis, will spend two months in Great Britain, Nigeria and tropical and north-

ern Africa. In Britain he will consult with the University of Edinburgh on their plans for the long-range study of future demand for U.S. agricultural commodities in Nigeria and with the attache in London on the same subject. He will make preliminary field investigations in Nigeria with Edinburgh University officials. The University is contracting with FAS for the study. Afif will take advantage of this trip to observe agricultural and e-

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LATIN AMERICAN BRANCH

WASHINGTON STAFF

Standing (l-r); John Lynch, ag econ; Gordon Patty, ag econ; Rena English, stat clerk; Howard Hall, ag econ; and Paul Ferree, ag econ. Seated: Gae Bennett, stat clerk; Mary Coyner, commercial anal; Agnes Sanderson, commercial anal; Dr. Arthur Kevorkian, chief; Kathryn Wylie, asst chief; Marguerita de la Torre, sten; Melvenia Peed, sec. Not shown are Constance Farnworth, ag econ; and Leon Mears, ag econ.

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conomic development in tropical and northern Africa and appraise their possible effect upon U.S. agricultural trade. He expects to return to Washington about Dec. 18.

R. C. Sherman, Cotton Director, attended a meeting at Alexandria, UAR, to discuss the long staple cotton surplus problem in Egypt, Sudan, and Peru.

Hans Richter, European analysis, attended meetings of GATT committees II and III at Geneva, dealing respectively with agricultural protectionism and its effects on international trade, and export earning of underdeveloped countries. While on the Continent, Hans checked

on several market development projects. In early October, he goes on to Tokyo to represent USDA at the GATT multilateral consultations on balance-of-payments import restrictions. He will be joined there later in the month by

Dick DeFelice, dep asst adm for Tra-PolAn, and both will serve on the U.S. delegation to the 15th session of the GATT Contracting Parties.

Herb Ford, Dairy-Poultry, left in mid-September for a month of market development work in Italy, Switzerland, Germany, the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, and Portugal. His itinerary includes the fair at Cologne.

FARMERS NEED BUSINESS SENSE, SAYS EDENS

Bill Edens, Pretoria, addressed the National Wool Growers' Assn. of South Africa at their national convention at Port Elizabeth, stressing the importance of business management of farms.

Bill pointed out that farmers in America and generally have found they must cooperate increasingly with fellow producers in order to survive. Bill also paid tribute to the courage of the South Africa Wool Board for steadying the market when prices fell recently.

The South African press gave considerable coverage to Bill's speech. "Die Wolboer", the wool growers magazine, devoted a lead article to it, and the Farmer's Weekly ran an editorial which praised Bill's insight and contributions to the solving of agricultural problems generally.

Bill is shown delivering his speech. To his left is Mr. P.J.A. van Heerden, president of the National Wool Growers' Assn. To his right is Mr. H. Connan, president of the Cape National Wool Growers' Assn.



AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS AT \$3.7 BILLION, SAYS FAS

An FAS report shows U.S. agricultural exports at \$3.7 billion in fiscal 1959. Although 7 percent under 1958 value, actual volume remained unchanged.



GREEK PEACH ORCHARD

Ed Bell, Athens, and his assistants recently took a field trip in northern Greece and came back with several pictures and lots of information regarding crops in that area.

The picture above was taken in the peach orchard of Mr. Lanaras. From left are: Nick Triantaphyllides, senior ag asst; Mr. Pehlivanis, manager of the orchard; Costas Athanassiadis, ag asst; and Mr. Validis, fruit inspector of the Greek Ministry of Agriculture.

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"MAID OF COTTON" A HIT WITH AUSSIES, SAYS JIM BOULWARE

Jim Boulware, Canberra, accompanied the "Maid of Cotton" party to Sydney, Brisbane, and Melbourne this summer. Jim and Carl Campbell, Cotton Council International's tour manager, renewed contacts with the cotton trade.

Jim feels the Maid's initial Australian visit was well worthwhile. Immediately following the Maid's visit, and perhaps coincidentally, Australia relaxed import restrictions to permit the shipment of some cotton material from the dollar area.



26 ENGAGE IN FAS JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

An extensive summer orientation course was held for 21 juniors and 5 student trainees as part of the FAS junior professional development program. Emphasis was on imparting a general understanding of the organization and functions of FAS and USDA.

The course, arranged and coordinated by the personnel division, included a luncheon and welcome by FAS Adm Max Myers, field trips to Beltsville and the Census Bureau, and talks by 32 different USDA officials.

In the picture are, seated (l-r): Bela Feher, Michigan State; Richard Lewis, Cornell; Robert Allewelt, Penn State; Kenneth McDaniel, Director, Personnel; William Hall, VPI; Phillip Brown, Colorado State and Robert McConnell, Cornell.

Standing: Robert Wuhrman, Kansas State; Joel Finler, Cornell; Abner Deatherage, Florida; Guy Haviland, Maryland; Edward Quinones, Ohio State; Dewain Rahe, Purdue; Harry Bryan, New Mexico A&M; Lionel Hamilton, Utah State; Richard Bell, Illinois; John Wilt, Penn State; Byron Montgomery, Utah State; and James Ross, Illinois.

Not shown are Lester Brown, Maryland; Marion Eggleton, Purdue; James Freckman, Maryland; Vernon Harness, Alabama Polytechnic Institute; Gordon Lloyd, Nebraska; Kenneth Murray, Cornell; John Parker, North Carolina State; David Riggs, Vermont; Richard Smith, New Hampshire; Walter Stern, Cornell; and Ronald Buford, Sam Houston State Teachers.

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