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FAS OPENS TAIWAN POST; REOPENS POST IN DJAKARTA

FAS now has an agricultural attache in Taiwan for the first time, and the Djakarta post has been reopened after a three-year lapse. These are the highlights of many recent attache changes and shifts.

Filling the new Taiwan post is Norm Pettipaw, formerly attache in Tel Aviv and Djakarta. He took over his new duties in October.

Prompting FAS to open the new post was the rapid shift Taiwan has been making from aid to trade in recent years. Our agricultural exports for dollars to Taiwan in 1967 totaled \$82 million compared to only \$2 million in 1955. Exports under government programs, during the same period, decreased from \$58 million to \$22 million worth.

Jack Anderson reopened the Djakarta post which was closed three years ago when the political situation in Indonesia became unsettled. Jack has been with FAS since late 1967, in the Office of the General Sales Manager. Since joining

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the Government in 1952, he has been on overseas assignments most of the time, primarily working with agricultural programs. He has served in Haiti, El Salvador, Korea, Colombia, and Taiwan. He and his family arrived in Djakarta in early October.

(See Transfer Traffic for more changes among our attache family.)



Paul Quintus, who served 6 years as attache to Paris, and his successor Tom Street pose with a medal given Paul by l'Assemblee Permanente des Presidents des Chambres d'Agriculture, an organization representing French agricultural interests. Paul was praised by French officials as having contributed to better Franco-American understanding of agricultural policies.



ROBERTS DEATH SHOCKS USDA

The Attache Service and all of FAS suffered a cruel blow October 2 with the death of Richard H. (Dick) Roberts, our attache in Canada, at the age of 54.

Dick had worked all the previous week end to clear his desk before a short vacation to eastern Canada with his wife, Helen. After an all-day drive Monday to Rimouski, Quebec, he became ill Tuesday morning, lapsed into unconsciousness later that morning at the hospital, and died 36 hours later of what was found to have been a cerebral hemorrhage.

He joined FAS in 1953 as director of the Foreign Trade Programs Division, became deputy assistant administrator for Export Programs in 1956 and served in that position until he went to Canada in 1965 to succeed the late Fred Ros-siter.

A native of Iowa, Dick had the distinction of receiving his Ph. D. in political science from the University of Iowa at the age of 21. He came into the Department with the old AAA program in 1937 and had been in USDA since except for 3 years of World War II Navy service.



Richard H. (Dick) Roberts

Memorial services were held both in Ottawa and at the Roberts family church in Arlington, Va. Burial was in Easton, Md., near Helen's former home. Dick's mother, a sister and a brother also survive.

MARTIN GERRITY DIES

A week later, on October 9, pneumonia claimed the life of Martin Gerrity, 50, head of the Livestock Division's competition branch.

Martin, a Pennsylvania native, had been in USDA 20 years, had traveled extensively abroad to make studies of foreign livestock production and trade and met frequently with livestock producer groups in the United States. He had been a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars and was active in the Knights of Columbus lodge.

Surviving Martin are his wife, Nancy; four sons, and two daughters.

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Bruce McKenzie (right), Kenya Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry, stopped at the U.S. Attache Office in Nairobi to say goodbye to Attache Howard Akers, reassigned to FAS/W, and to welcome the new Attache, Bill Davis, and Mrs. Davis.





TRADE TEAM VISITS BELGRADE

Frank Ehman, agricultural attache to Belgrade (top photo), and John Wenmohs, now attache to Tel Aviv, (lower photo), met with Vladimir Ormai, commercial director of GRANEXPORT, Yugoslavia's principal wheat importing firm, to discuss U.S. agricultural exports to Yugoslavia during a recent trade visit there.

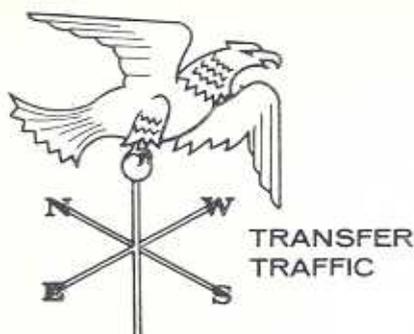


Attache Doug Crawford welcomed his new assistant, Larry Davidoff, to the office in Madrid during a special America Day celebration at a USDA food fair there.

TRAEGER LOOKS AT PHILIPPINE RICE

Attache Fred Traeger (third from left) guided Ambassador G. Mennen Williams on a tour of Philippine rice fields and agricultural facilities. Left to right are Philippine Undersecretary of Agriculture Umali; U.S. AID Director Haraldson; Traeger; Mrs. Williams; Mr. Williams; a scientist of the International Rice Research Institute, The Philippines; IRRI Director Chandler.





George A. Parks arrived in Bonn on September 26 to assume duties as agricultural attache. He replaces Paul G. Minneman, who will retire following his return to the United States. George had been acting General Sales Manager.

William F. Dobbins of the International Trade Fairs Division went to Rome in September as assistant attache, replacing W. Glenn Tussey, who is now director of the Cotton Division. Bill completed a course in Italian in FSI before leaving for Rome.

Richard Welton, attache in San Salvador, underwent an appendectomy in Washington on October 5, but will return to his post until December at which time he will be reassigned to FAS/W. Stan Phillips, Program Development Div., who will replace Dick, expects to arrive in San Salvador in January. Stan is now studying Spanish at FSI.

Dr. Herman Binger, formerly of ARS in the Western Utilization Research and Development Division, Albany, Calif., spent late summer in Washington for orientation prior to his departure in September as assistant attache to the U.S. Mission to the European Communities in Brussels. Dr. Binger's responsibilities will be in the field of food, feed, and livestock sanitation laws and plant pesticide regulations.

Robert J. Svec arrived in Moscow in late August. He replaces David Schoonover as assistant attache. Bob was formerly in the Grain and Feed Division, FAS/W.

Jim Benson, of the Office of the General Sales Manager, is now assistant attache in Paris. This is Jim's first overseas tour.

George H. White has replaced H. Reiter Webb as assistant attache in London. George arrived at his new post in August. He had been in the Trade Policy Division. After home leave, Reiter moved into new assignment as Chief, marketing branch, Fats and Oils Div.

DEAVER RETIRES

Cecil M. Deaver, Program Operations Division, retired from FAS in August. He had 35 years of USDA service, starting with the old AAA in 1933.

NHK-TV FEATURES U. S. BEEF PROMOTION'

Japan's largest TV network, NHK, filmed a beef exhibit held in the Tokyo Trade Center for two of its evening newscasts. Ken Nuernberg, FAS meat marketing specialist watches filming.



Richard A. Smith, former attache in Bogota, has been reassigned in FAS/W as acting deputy assistant administrator, Agricultural Attaches.

Richard A. O. Schwartz, attache at Kinshasa since February, 1966 left the post September 7 for reassignment in FAS/W. The new Attache is Verle E. Lanier, who assumed his duties in early October.

John R. Wenmohs arrived at his new attache post in Tel Aviv in October, replacing Volorus H. Hougen, who is returning to the United States to retire. In between his former Hong Kong assignment and his new post, John accompanied a U.S. Agricultural Trade Mission to Eastern Europe.

Dale K. Vining is the new attache in Kuala Lumpur, replacing Bob Adcock. Bob retired from FAS on August 31 and had joined the Agricultural Economics Dept., Oklahoma State University. Dale arrived at his new post in late September.

Joe Givhan, president, Alabama Red Angus Association, points out qualities of Alabama Boy, Red Angus bull donated by the association to the Ministry of Agriculture, El Salvador. Left to right are Guillermo Ramos, local assistant in the U.S. attache office, San Salvador; Juan Pablo Rubio, director, Livestock Division of Ministry of Agriculture; Minister of Agriculture Berrios; Givhan; and Dick Welton, Agricultural Attache to San Salvador.



HORBALY GRADUATES

William Horbaly, former attache in Moscow, is now one of 232 graduates from the ten Senior Seminars held by State Department since 1958. Bill was among 24 to receive diplomas at the mid-summer ceremony in the Thomas Jefferson Room at the State Department.

After receiving his "sheep skin", Bill was pictured above with Under Secretary of State Nicholas Katzenbach, wife Mary, and daughter Marilyn.



Gordon Lloyd, former assistant attache in Canada, is studying Spanish at FSI prior to his next assignment as assistant attache in Buenos Aires. He expects to arrive there about mid-November.

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Larry R. Fouchs, assistant attache in Mexico City, will be returning in early November for home leave and reassignment in FAS/W.

Alvin E. (Gene) Gourley, marketing specialist in the Fats and Oils Division, arrived in Tokyo in mid-September as assistant attache in the U.S. Trade Center, responsible for USDA agricultural trade promotions.

James R. Hickman arrived in Ankara in late August. He is the new assistant attache, replacing William L. Davis, Jr., now attache at Nairobi.

Ross Packard, agricultural officer in Bombay, presents Dr. C. S. Patel, vice chancellor of Baroda University, State of Gujarat a PL-480 research grant check. The ARS research project to be worked on is "Genetic Transformation of Rhizobia."



Dean of the Ag Attaches Paul Minneman--who first represented U.S. agriculture abroad in 1936-- again represented the U.S. at the opening of the IKOFA, one of Europe's largest international trade fairs. Here, he greets Tom Morrow from FAS/W who was in Munich to serve as Finance Officer for the U.S. Exhibit. This was one of the last export trade promotion events for Paul as he will be returning to FAS/W soon for retirement.

Brice Meeker, attache in The Hague, meets a "friend" while on an excursion for ag attaches to Provinces of Limburg and North-Brabant. Photo was made on farm in Venlo.



ATTACHES BUSY WITH TRADE PROMOTIONS

From Stockholm to Tokyo, attaches are busy this fall with 11 trade promotion exhibits. Ranging from some of the large international trade fairs to special "trade only" type shows, attaches are helping promote U.S. farm products in Bangkok, Beirut, Belfast, Caribbean area, Cremona, London, Munich, Paris, Seoul, Stockholm, and Tokyo.

FAS HOLDS FIRST EXHIBIT IN KOREA

Attache Elmer Hallowell took time out from his Tokyo work to go over to Seoul to help open the first trade show for U.S. farm products ever held in Korea.

The U.S. Ambassador to Korea William J. Porter (center) opens the show and congratulates Elmer on a nice USDA exhibit. Wheat, corn, soybeans, and tallow were promoted. The young ladies in the photo were Soap Princesses, promoting the use of U.S. tallow in soap.



London Attache Dave Hume and wife and M. Sternberg, vice consul, U.S. Consulate, Belfast, visit the U.S. Rice Council promotion booth at the Ideal Homes Exhibition, Belfast and admire the USA Rice cake. Working behind the counter for the Council are (L-R)--Ann Smith, Lesley Scott, and Mrs. McQuiston, all from the Council's London office.



Ivan Johnson (left), FAS meat-marketing specialist and Jim Lankford, Stockholm attache (beside Ivan) discuss the merits of quality U.S. beef at the St. Erik's Fair in Stockholm in early September.

The Swedes showed lots of interest in beef and other U.S. food products.



POAMING AROUND

Alan Trick, attache in Switzerland, while on home leave in Houston, visited several areas of Texas to confer with local vegetable and fruit tradesmen who export to Switzerland.

Paul Quintus, former attache in Paris, is back in FAS/W serving as the deputy assistant administrator for Commodity Programs.

William C. Bowser, attache in Quito, returned there in early September from home leave.

Eulalie Kraft, Grain and Feed Division will replace Mary Jane Resendes Stewart as secretary in Rio de Janeiro. Mary Jane was married October 2 and is resigning. Eulalie will arrive in Rio about December 4.

Viola Sullivan, who recently completed her tour in the USSR, has been assigned to TDY in Taipei, Taiwan, to be secretary in the Office of the Agricultural Attache, Norman J. Pettipaw.

Nancy Fellows, Tobacco Division, is in training preparatory to joining Jack Anderson as secretary in the newly opened Agricultural Attache Office in Djakarta.

Angela Mittiga has departed Nairobi for home leave and reassignment as secretary to the Agricultural Attache in Warsaw.

Eleanor Birely, who has served as secretary in London, Rome, and Moscow and recently at the Tokyo Fair, is currently serving as secretary to European Area Officer Tim Engebretson.

Art Rollefson, attache in Copenhagen, was in the States in early summer for the wedding of his daughter, Erika, at St. Olaf College in Minnesota.

Sharon Knecht assumed her new duties as secretary in the Office of the Agricultural Attache in The Hague, July 22.



Bob Tetro, attache, Rome (second from left) sits in on meeting of Committee on Statistics of the Study Group on Bananas in Rome. On Bob's left is the U.S. industry representative V. C. Folsom. Others shown are the Canadian representative (left) and from Thailand (right).



American honey catches the eye of Prime Minister O'Neill of North Ireland as he chats with C. E. Michelson, (holding jar of honey), manager of the U.S. Exhibit at the Ideal Home Exhibition in Belfast.

Attache Fred Lege, who always feels at home around cattle, and Ambassador Crook get away from their desks in Canberra to look at some Herefords at the Billalong Pastoral Co., New South Wales. (L-R) John Sanderson, owner of the Company; Ambassador Crook; Bill Crook; daughter of owner; Fred Lege; J. Darman, assistant to Mr. Crook; herdsman for Billalong; and, another daughter of the owner.

MISS FAS, 1967 MARRIES

Miss FAS of 1967, Darlene Smith was married July 27 to Richard A. Burton of Oxon Hill, Md. Darlene is still with the Program Operations Division.



Carlos Ortega receives the diploma of honor and merit "in recognition of his meritorious service in favor of this Chamber" shortly before his departure as attache in Caracas. Presenting the award is J. M. Paredes (left), President of the Chamber of Agriculture of Venezuela, and Dr. Pola Cusnier de Ortiz, Chief of the Office of International Affairs, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock in Venezuela.



Dave Riggs (left), assistant attache, The Hague, receives his 10-year service certificate from Ambassador Tyler (R.) Watching are "Tilly" Micsky and Koy Neeley, assistant attache.



WORLD FARMERS HONOR WHEELER MEMORY

The July issue of World Agriculture, published by the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, had warm words of tribute to the late L. A. Wheeler, who headed FAS's predecessor agency during most of the 1940's.

Said the publication: ".....it is for his incisive intelligence, strength of character, human kindness, and keen sense of humor that he will be missed most of all by his IFAP friends. Both his challenging and pithy working papers and his animated secretaryship of IFAP's commodity committees and groups endeared him to all those with whom he was associated."

Dr. Wheeler, 68 died in April in Claremont, Calif., where he had moved last fall to receive medical treatment. He headed the foreign agriculture work of the old Bureau of Agricultural Economics when it was given agency status in 1939 as the Office of Foreign Agricultural Relations. He became OFAR's

first director and continued in that position until 1948, when he went to the U. S. Embassy in Mexico as economic counselor.

Other recent deaths among foreign agriculture veterans: Dr. Arthur W. Palmer, 78, internationally known cotton marketing specialist and head of USDA's foreign cotton marketing work from 1939 to his retirement in 1954; died August 23.

Miss Caroline G. Gries, 91, former statistical researcher for OFAR, died at her home in Washington October 1.



A 20-year service pin went to Mary K. (Kitty) Myers, secretary to the attache in Belgrade during a recent Length of Service Awards ceremony. Pictured with her are (L-R) Marian Garvey, State Department, Irwin Tobin, deputy chief of Mission, Attilia Sestini, State, Ambassador Elbrick, Kitty, and Randall Goodnight, State.

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Thirty FAS golfers turned out for FAS's 4th Annual Golf Tournament, including 5 of the fairer sex. It seems that all won prizes. Here are the winners: (Men)

Low gross: Paul M. Astalos, 83; Duane Clark, 84.

Low net: Don Novotny, 73; Don Rubel, 74; George Wanamaker, 74; Quentin Bates, 75; Harlan Dirks, 75; Dick Smith, 75; Paul Taggart, 76; Leroy Hodges, 77; Ken McDaniel, 77; Dick Cannon, 77; Martin Morgan, 77; Raymond Shegogue, 77.

Shots closest to pin: Arthur Mead; James Hartman; Hugh Kiger; Raymond Ioanes.

Longest drives: Frank Jack; Abner Deatherage; Dale Haight.

Fewest putts: Al Gilbert.

Most 4's: Emil Stavriotis.

Most 5's: Jack Thomason.

Most 6's: Joe Creekmere.

(Women)

Low gross: Maxine Philippi, 96; Bonnie Jean, 99.

Low net: Fran Boczon, 70; Betty Ioanes, 72.

Longest drive: Polly Bell.



Mrs. Irene Rose, agricultural economist in the Attache Office, Nairobi, was presented a merit award by Deputy Chief of Mission Wendell B. Coote. The presentation took place at the residence of Howard Akers, who just departed from Nairobi as attache.

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Shortly after Bob FitzSimmonds arrived in Caracas, (below) he met with the Heads of Departments of the Venezuelan Ministry of Agriculture. Left to right: Luis J. Medina, agricultural engineer, Investigations Div; Donna Lee Hersey Sandin; FitzSimmonds; Miguel A. Morreo, director general; Pola C. de Ortiz, chief technical officer, International Agricultural Matters; Vicente Sarabia, assistant director, Local Planning Div.; Ciro Mujica, director, Secretary's Office; Calaudio Carrasquero, assistant director, Administration Div.; Guillermo Chacin Medina, assistant director, Extension Div.





Picture of a man who doesn't like what he is hearing. It's FAS'er Bill Doering, (second from right) who was the U.S. Delegate at the annual meeting of the FAO Committee on Commodity Problems, listening to another delegate on an international oils and oilseeds commodity agreement to "limit the competition" of U.S. soybeans and soybean oil with other oils and oilseeds. Gist of the U.S. reply: "No, period."

FAS ECONOMISTS LEARN HOW TO USE COMPUTER

Using trade statistics supplied by attaches, twelve of the younger economists in the Foreign Agricultural Service recently completed a two-week seminar on the capabilities of the computer to predict world production and trade changes mathematically. The group leader was Jose Ricardo, Office of Reports and Statistics. Participants were: Robert F. Bratland, Roger F. Puterbaugh, James P. Rudbeck, Larry F. Thomasson, Grain and Feed Div.;

Frank M. Conley, William P. Roenigk, Dairy and Poultry Div.; Edwin I. Cissel, Cotton Div.; Rex E. T. Dull, Sugar and Tropical Products Div.; Alan E. Holz, Fats and Oils Div.; Charles J. O'Mara, Tobacco Div.; Wayne W. Sharp, Live-stock and Meat Products Div.; Robert B. Tisch, Fruit and Vegetable Div.

"TILLY" BAILEY RETIRES

T. L. W. (Tilly) Bailey received many good wishes from FAS friends and others when he bid goodbye to FAS in early October. Tilly, a noted cotton fiber technologist, had 30 years service with USDA. He joined FAS in 1955 and was known by attaches and foreign cotton industry leaders around the world.

Many of his friends honored him with a farewell party on Oct. 3. He was presented a collection of lawn-keeping equipment, something he should enjoy with his prize Emerald Zoysia lawn.

Tilly expects to rejoin the staff of the Institute of Textile Technology in Charlottesville, Va., where he had previously worked for a number of years.

With Tilly at his retirement party were his wife and 3 of his 4 sons (one couldn't make it). (L-R) John, Joe, Mrs. Bailey, Jim, and Tilly.

