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TEN TAKE TRAINING

Ten members of attache staffs abroad arrived in Washington on September 17 for one of the most comprehensive 6-week training programs ever undertaken by FAS.

The group is the largest that has been brought to the United States, say assistant administrators Doug Crawford (Attaches) and Art Minor (Management).

Jim Boulware, Far East area officer in charge of coordinating program plans, says the agenda

not only includes full briefing on "what makes FAS tick" but also is designed to acquaint the foreign assistants with the workings of ARS, AMS, SCS, ASCS, FES, FS, Food & Drug, State, and Commerce.

From October 3-22, the group will be on a field trip to areas of agricultural interest throughout the eastern and central United States and will attend the American National Livestock show in Kansas City, Mo.



Foreign-national employees of FAS are welcomed to Washington by Administrator Ray Ioanes, who by 11 a.m. has almost cleaned out the contents of his "In" box.

Left to right: Leon E. Yallouz (Rio de Janeiro), David P. Evans (London), Oscar LaFuente-Bentzen (Guatemala), Takeo F. Takeshita (Tokyo), S. C. Feng (Hong Kong), Vishwa M. Tandon (New

Delhi), Michael N. Bekhash (Beirut), Carlos Viera (Salisbury), Bjorn K. Leborg (Oslo), and Herman Keyman (The Hague).

The new FAS organization chart came out the same week we went to press, so for handy reference it is reproduced on pages 6-7.



RICHARD W. REUTER (center) has succeeded George McGovern as director of the Food for Peace program. Secretary Freeman congratulates Mr. Reuter after swearing-in ceremonies at the White House. Paul S. Willis (right), president of the Grocery Manufacturers of America, is national chairman of the American Food for Peace Council.

Mr. Reuter, who has resigned as executive director of CARE, has been in the foreign aid field for 16 years, during which he has traveled over 1-1/2 million miles.

STEFF SAYS . . .

Alfred Stefferud, USDA Yearbook editor, says he's now an expert on the agricultures of two continents (Europe & Asia) after a summer trip abroad to serve as information director for the U.S. pavilion at the Near East Int'l Trade Fair in Tel Aviv, Israel, which drew large crowds from 4 p.m. to midnight (fair hours).

In traveling to and from Israel, Steff was able to brief himself for work on the 1964 Yearbook, which will be devoted to the subject of foreign agriculture.

"Most impressive in my wonderful trip," he reports, "was the ability of the Americans I met --especially the agricultural attaches--to know everything, have the greatest respect of non-American agriculturists, and to go all out so they can see and hear everything."

UP A NOTCH

William B. (Bill) Callan, agricultural officer at Port-of-Spain, suddenly became a full-fledged agricultural attache on Aug. 31, when the Trinidad post gained Embassy status.

Bill's former coworkers in Dairy & Poultry Div. agree that "it couldn't have happened to a nicer guy."

ON THE BEAM IN HONG KONG

"Food and Population in Asia," was the subject of a paper presented by Brice Meeker during the University of Hong Kong's Dept. of Extramural Studies' Seminar on "Freedom from Hunger." The 4-day August seminar was sponsored by the Bangkok office of FAO.

Our agricultural officer also was on a Radio Hong Kong panel discussion about food in Asia.

Other panel members were Geroge Mulgrew, FAO public affairs officer; Robert Chandler, director of Int'l Rice Research Institute at Los Banos, Philippines; and Kenneth Topley, Hong Kong Gov't Commissioner for Cooperatives and fisheries.



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R a M B L i N g

The nip of fall in the air, the brilliant hues of autumn-tinged foliage, and the smell of wood smoke don't permeate the old So. Bldg. much, but we're getting all three before, after, and in-between working hours. Result: more zest for life in this "land of pleasant living."

Chuck Elkinton, asst. adm. for int'l affairs, got a preview of the fall foliage show when he went to Gull Lake, Mich. in early September (4-12) to represent USDA at the 12th Annual National Agricultural Policy Conference sponsored by the Farm Foundation. Conferees dealt with reports by Federal-State Extension teams that conducted studies abroad earlier this year to facilitate U.S. agricultural exports.

Harry Varney is back at his Karachi post after home-leave rest and a look-over of his farm in Vermont, where he was the subject of several interviews (illustrated) by Vermont newspapers.

George Stanley Brown, a former agricultural officer in Moscow, is now asst. chief of the East European analysis branch in Wilhelm Anderson's Regional Analysis Div. of ERS.

Guy Haviland has joined FAS's Program Operations after 2 years in Livestock & Meat.

Eduardo G. Corpuz, former local assistant on the Manila attache staff, recently dropped in to renew old FAS acquaintances and make new ones. Since September '61, Eduardo has been a fulltime graduate student in ag economics at the East-West Center of the University of Hawaii.

Out in South Dakota . . .

FAS's Foreign Training Div. was well represented at a late-summer Int'l Seminar on Water and Soil Utilization attended by 200 persons from 31 countries.

Director Cannon Hearne was one of the seminar speakers, and Program Specialist Milton A. Norland coordinated USDA participation.

Other U.S. agencies participating were State, Interior, Army, and HEW. Max Myers, a former FAS Administrator, headed the So. Dakota State College committee that sponsored the seminar.

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Over in Rabat . . .

A talk by Gordon Loveless about the functions and magnitude of Public Law 480 was so well received that USIS and local authorities asked to have it translated into French for distribution to French-speaking countries in Africa.

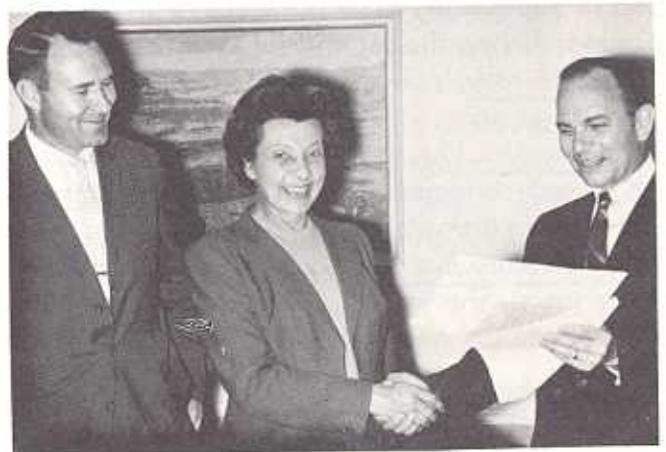
And in Lagos . . .

Attache John Wenmohs reports from Lagos that 47 countries (including the USSR) will exhibit products at the International Trade Fair in the Nigerian capital Oct. 27-Nov. 18.

U.S. participation in the Lagos fair is a joint USDA-Commerce undertaking. Martin F. Smith (Trade Fairs) and Bruce Silcox (Dairy & Poultry) will be there to work with cooperators promoting U.S. rice, poultry, bulgur, soybeans, and non-fat dry milk.

HAPPY DAYS IN SALISBURY

One of Paul F. Geren's first official acts as new consul general in Salisbury, So. Rhodesia, was presentation of an FAS Certificate of Merit to Mary Ellis, secretary in the attache office.



Agricultural officer Paul Ferree (above, left) is obviously happy about the whole situation. He says, "Mary thinks she looks pretty bad, but I think she looks pretty good, and I look awful." They all look good to us.



Attache Henry Hopp's Five-Year-Term in Bogota, Colombia, ended in late September, when he took over as attache in Mexico, after a few days between-post conferences in FAS/W.

Meanwhile, Bob Adcock has been packing up his pictures and other Kenya memorabilia in preparation for the trek from Nairobi to Bogota. He's scheduled to succeed Henry in Colombia about mid-November.

And who's going to Nairobi? Bill Hatch, of course. Our Dublin attache and former attache in Tehran expects to reach Nairobi mid-October. Meanwhile, Mrs. Hatch and the "children" will winter in western U.S. Daughter Beulah Jane is at Brigham Young University, and teenagers Bill and Patricia are in high school at Idaho Falls (Idaho).

Natives and foreigners report that Dwight Bishop fell back quite smoothly into his old African groove and did a fine job while recently filling a temporary attache assignment down in Leopoldville. He is now back at his desk in the Livestock & Meat Products Division.

DISTAFF SHIFTS

Freda Weimer, former agricultural reports assistant in The Hague, was due in London at the end of September, after home leave in Arizona. Freda is filling the secretarial spot vacated by Eleanor Birely, now on home leave before her next assignment.

Mary Thacker, secretary to John Montel (USEC asst. attache) says she is enjoying her assignment in Brussels.

Rose Mary Bland is back in Madrid (and glad to be there, she writes), after home leave that took her to Connecticut, Ohio, and California.

After her tours of duty in "Leo" and Ankara, secretary Grace Novak is readjusting herself to the arduous Washington life. She's in Fats & Oils Div., at least for awhile.

Virginia Fackrell is scheduled to leave Djakarta in mid-October for home leave and reassignment.

HAGUE HOMECOMING FOR HAL

It was a homecoming for Harold Lawrence Norton when he landed at The Hague in September as new assistant attache on George Parks' staff.

Hal was in Holland in 1949-50 when his father, the late Lawrence H. (Boots) Norton, was director of food and agriculture for the Netherlands under the Marshall plan.

In more recent years, Hal has been with our Trade Policy and Fruits & Veg. Divisions. He got his BS from the Univ. of Maryland; he also had a year at Kansas State Univ.

The new Hague assistant has the distinction of belonging to FAS's "twin-owners" club"; his daughters, Elizabeth and Kathryn, are 3-1/2. Son Lawrence H. II is 2. (Other club members are Bob FitzSimmonds (Fruits & Veg.) and Ken Murray (Grains & Feeds).

KROSS FILLING NEW GENEVA POST

John Kross (ex Ankara and Brussels) draws not only a new post but also a new and challenging job.

He's scheduled to arrive mid-October in Geneva, where he will be FAS representative with the U.S. Mission to the European Office of the United Nations and Other International Organizations.

At his new post, John will help out in connection with GATT and related activities, and will assure better continuity of USDA representation at the many international conferences held in Geneva.



MR. MAC INERNEY COMES TO WASHINGTON

Sure and before he left Killarney, Marcus must have kissed the Blarney ... and he's intelligent, too!

That was the happy impression left on FAS/Wash after a recent visit by Marcus MacInerney, agricultural asst. in Dublin.

He passed through Washington after a tour of the U.S. with an Irish wheat team invited here by Great Plains Wheat. The group visited major grain-producing and marketing areas and renewed acquaintances with members of a U.S. team who visited Ireland last year.

The Air Force Academy chapel in Colorado was on Marcus's route. He had this to say about its controversial architecture. "It's beautiful! It reminds me of rockets pointing to the sky; and after all, if you can fly to the moon in a rocket, why can't you fly to Heaven in one too?"

One of the most prized souvenirs he took home was a 25¢ corn cob pipe bought in Chicago. He also purchased some moccasins from (quote) "some commercial semi-Indians."

A native of County Limerick, Marcus's agricultural career dates back to his knee-pants days when he cut shillelaghs from the nearby forests and sold them at Shannon Airport.

He later attended Salesian Agricultural College, the Univ. College at Galway, and the Univ. of Dublin.

MARCUS takes a break after attending sessions of House and Senate.



"WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILIN' sure they steal your heart away." Here Marcus is flanked on the left by blonde Carolyn Yates (Inf. Div.) and on right by brunette Sally Fagan (European Area office).

ISEBRANDS - MARTHINSEN

Laura J. Isebrands was an August bride. Her marriage to William H. Marthinsen, of Easton, Pa., took place in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, when Mr. Marthinsen was on assignment as consultant with the Department of State. The couple are now living in the Washington area.

Laura was formerly secretary in the agricultural attache office in Karachi, Pakistan, and is now secretary to Latin American area officer Paul Taggart.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Allewelt announce the birth of a son (their second boy and third child). Charles William was born August 14; his father is in Fats & Oils Division.

BRODELL - YOUNGMAN

The marriage of Mrs. Fay Marston Brodell and Wilbur Hughes Youngman was recently announced. They are now "at home," 12808 Meadowood Drive, Silver Spring, Md.

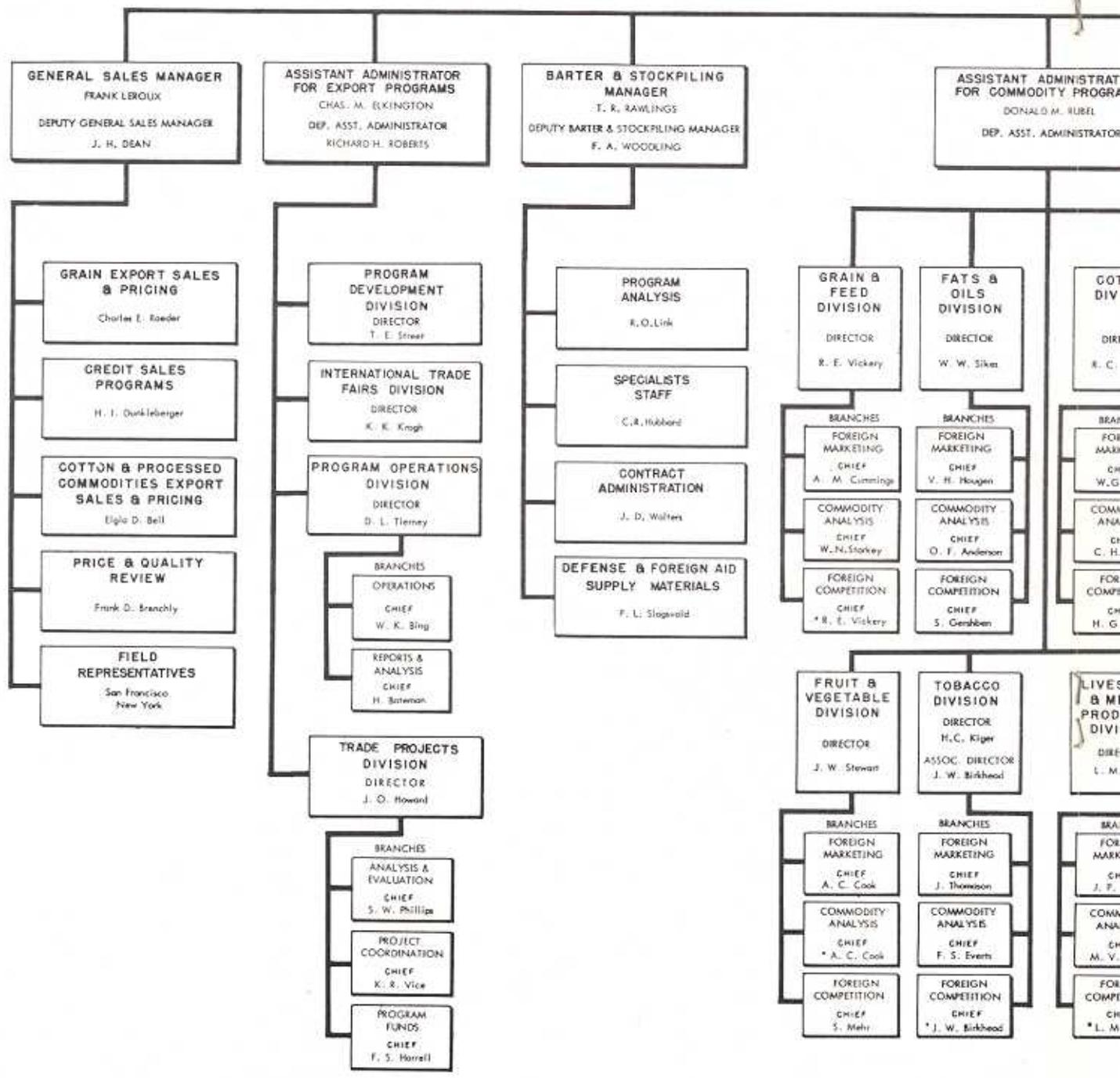
Bill, before retirement, was our seeds specialist (Grains & Feeds).

S.R.O.

There was standing room only, when Associate Administrator Clarence Eskildsen spoke at the FAS Club's first fall luncheon of the 1962-63 season. Esky's subject: "East and West Side Story of FAS."

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ON THE STEPPES



The Sovkhoz (State) Farm "12th of October", near Kostroma -- a dairy district northeast of Moscow -- was on the itinerary of the USDA livestock delegation visiting the USSR in July.

Pictured here (l. to r.) are Kalinnikova, Nadezhda Pavlovna (chief milkmaid); Malinina, Praskov'ya Andreevna, (chairman of kolkhoz), Hero of Socialist Labor, Laureat of State Prize;

M. V. Krylov (interpreter for delegation); Bill Horbaly (our agricultural attache); Lazar Volin (ERS); and Nezelenova, Dina Ivanovna (Oblast zootechnician).

Present, but not in picture, were other team members: Ned Ellis (ARS), Martin Gerrity (FAS), Nels Konnerup (ERS), William Lanier (AS CS), and David Pettus (AMS). Dave, incidentally, took this picture.

SQUARED AWAY

Elmer Hallowell, asst. attache in London the past 2 years, blew into FAS/Wash at August's end and had about a week to get settled before starting the Senior Seminar at Foreign Service Institute (FSI) on Sept. 5.

The Hallowell family works fast. Son Norman (19) has quickly become a hard-working freshman at William & Mary; and daughter Anne (21) is a junior at Ball State Teachers' College, Muncie, Indiana.

Before leaving Europe, the family made the "Grand Continental Tour" (annual leave, naturally) as a final fling in the field.

DID you know? That the USDA Library, now formally designated by Secretary Freeman as the National Agricultural Library, has about 1,186,000 volumes and receives publications in over 30 languages from over 200 countries.

COTTON TALK

T.L.W. (Tilly) Bailey is back home after a 2-month survey of European cotton markets and reports that "come-what-may" in the Common Market, he's satisfied that U.S. cotton is going to hold its own in the market we have or find.

He was particularly impressed with the upsurge in textile utilization research. "Our customers like our cotton," he says, "but there is a continuing job of passing out 'know how'."

ATTACHE LUNCHEONS RESUMED

FAS-sponsored luncheons for Washington-stationed foreign embassy personnel interested in agricultural matters were resumed Sept. 25 after summer "recess."

Speaker was Gladwin E. Young, deputy administrator of Soil Conservation Service, who discussed the international application of soil conservation.



BUSY DAYS IN BEIRUT

Attache D. L. MacDonald (Beirut) attended the 6th FAO Regional Conference for the Near East held in the Bekaa Valley, Lebanon.

← Pictured at left on conference site are (l. to r.): A.R. Sidky, FAO regional director, Cairo; Attache "Mac" MacDonald; Armin Meyer, U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon; and Halim Najjar, director general, Lebanese Ministry of Agriculture.

Back at the Embassy, Mac (right) witnessed presentation by Ambassador Meyer of an FAS Certificate of Merit to Mrs. Claire Sirgy, secretary in the attache office.



THANK YOU, MR. ELROD!

"I want to take this opportunity to bring to your attention the excellent cooperation I received from all of the agricultural attaches and their assistants.

"In every case I found that the arrangements were handled excellently, since the warm reception I received everywhere must in a very large way be attributable to the manner in which the attaches' offices had gone about making the arrangements."

These are the words of Warrick E. Elrod, Jr., chief of the Int'l Monetary Branch of ERS, who recently returned from abroad and took the trouble to write Asst. Adm. Doug Crawford a thank-you note.

Mr. Elrod specifically mentions Henry Baehr (Athens), Oldrich Fejfar (Ankara), Armin Rehling (Belgrade), Norman Pettipaw (Tel Aviv), and Joseph Williams (Brussels).

"Without their help," he writes, "I could not have begun to get accomplished what I did."

OUR NOMINATION FOR "MISS IXTLA OF 1962"

Cecille Protzman, longtime fiber specialist in Sugar & Tropical Products Div., is back at her desk after an on-the-spot survey of the fiber situation in Mexico--the world's biggest fiber-producing country.

Thanks to the help of our Mexico City staff--ast. attaches Ana Gomez and John Ray, secretary April Arkus, and chauffeur David Leal and to consular staffs in Yucatan, Tamaulipas, and Nueva Leon--Cecille says that she covered the henequen and ixtle areas, and was able to learn about Mexican government policies relating to the important industries related thereto.

(N.B. Henequen is used in binder and baler twine. Ixtle, also istle, is pronounced is-tley. It's a brush fiber, like for brooms and for scrub brushes. And there are 2 distinct varieties into which we will not delve.)

"HELP WANTED" COLUMN

Do you have a picture of a pachyderm in pennisetum purpurem?

If so, please send your photo of an elephant in elephant grass to Paul Ferree (Salisbury) or to Bob Adcock (Nairobi).

Paul recently received a scholarly, top-brass request for same. His search through many, many pictures showed elephants standing in just about everything except elephant grass. So he passed the buck (admittedly a big one) to Bob with the following pithy suggestion:

"Elephant grass is pretty tall. So don't get a photo of a small elephant in tall elephant grass; get a big elephant in short elephant grass. Don't bother about buffaloes in buffalo grass, ducks in quack grass, or crabs in crab grass."

And we think we've got problems! (Come to think of it, a crab in crab grass wouldn't be too hard to supply from the Washington area.)



JYTTTE ANDERSEN, research clerk in the agricultural attache office at Copenhagen, is presented a 10-Year-Service certificate and pin by William McCormick Blair, Jr., U.S. Ambassador to Denmark. Present but not in picture are new Counselor of Embassy Stanley Carpenter and Agricultural Attache Harold Koeller.



RICHARD SMITH, asst. agricultural attache, presents a model of a true-type Holstein-Friesian bull to the owner of the grand champion bull at the Buga (Colombia) Agricultural Fair on behalf of the U.S. Embassy and the American Holstein-Friesian Association. In background (hat) is Merle Campbell, AID, dairy cattle judge.

AU REVOIR, KANGWAN;
WELCOME TAMMANOON!



Kangwan



Tammanoon

Resignations are not generally good news. But the resignation of Kangwan Devahastin -- jr. agricultural asst. in Bangkok, Thailand -- is cause for FAS pride (mixed, of course, with regrets).

Kangwan, who has been in the attache office since February 1959, has accepted a Fulbright Scholarship to study ag economics at Colorado State University, Ft. Collins. He says that the training he received under Attache Joe Dodson (now in Tokyo) helped him win the coveted award.

Kangwan's successor is Tammanoon Premsoontorn--and we hope incumbent Attache Sam Work does as well by him!

Tammanoon graduated from Kasetsart Univ. in 1957 with a major in agricultural extension,



SNAKE farm "Butanta," in Sao Paulo, Brazil, is visited by U.S. diplomatic group. L. to r.: Robert Reynolds, political officer; Herman J. Jelinek, commercial officer; Garth Thorburn,

agricultural attache; Minister Daniel Braddock, consul general in Sao Paulo; and Dr. Rouk, a renowned snake specialist. (The snake being fondled by Mr. Reynolds is harmless!)

GOOD NEIGHBORS

Never underestimate the power of a woman --and especially that of two women.

As a result of a visit to Bogota, Colombia, by Mrs. Arthur Cummings, wife of FAS's Grain & Feed Div. foreign marketing branch chief, there's a new "good neighbor" project in Latin America.

On her return to the United States, Mrs. Cummings collected a dozen cartons of used clothing and shipped them to attache wife, Mrs. Henry Hopp, who acted as "distribution agent" to get the articles to needy families.

Among recipients were the de Castano family, cited by a Bogota newspaper, "El Espectador," as worthy of aid.



LADY EXPLORER

FAS's lady explorer, Lorraine Gasperini (also secretary in the Bogota agricultural attache office) makes friends and influences people in the Amazon jungle.



Here's our girl with a happy family of Ticuna Indians, whose happy hunting grounds are a day's trip by dugout canoe from the village of Leticia (on the Amazon river where Colombia, Brazil, and Peru meet).

L. to r.: Senora Marina de Castano and her 3-month-old infant; Mrs. Fulton Freeman, wife of U.S. Ambassador; Mrs. Hopp; and Senora de Castano's widowed mother. Three de Castano children are in foreground.