



# THE FAS LETTER

TO AGRICULTURAL ATTACHES AND OFFICERS

Number 117

February-March 1964



MATTHEW DROSDOFF

## DROSDOFF NEW IADS ADMINISTRATOR

Secretary Freeman announced on Feb. 19 the appointment of Dr. Matthew Drosdoff as Administrator of the International Agricultural Development Service. Dr. Drosdoff, who has been Food and Agriculture Officer for the Agency for International Development's mission in Vietnam since 1962, will have responsibility for coordinating the Department's participation in overseas technical assistance programs.

Born in Chicago in 1908, Dr. Drosdoff took a Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin in 1934. He began work with the Department of Agriculture in 1935. He later served as technical adviser in soils and mineral nutrition in Colombia, Bolivia, and in several Central American countries. In 1955 Dr. Drosdoff went to Peru for AID's predecessor organization, ICA, and to Vietnam as Deputy Food and Agriculture Officer of AID in 1960.

\* \* \* \* \*

FAS has had a major part in developing plans for the 1964 "Yearbook of Agriculture," which will be devoted to the U.S. stake in world agriculture and trade in agricultural products. FAS personnel are writing a number of the chapters.



The Under Secretary of Agriculture, Charles S. Murphy, paid a visit to the Trade Center in Tokyo on January 28. Here he is examining the IBM exhibit, an "Olympic Tele-Processing System," which will be used during the Olympic Games. L. to r. Philip F. Dur, Consul at Nagoya; Joseph C. Dodson, Attache, Tokyo; David R. Strobel, Assistant Attache, Mr. Murphy, and Clifford G. Pulvermacher of ASCS.

## FAS REPRESENTED AT TRADE POLICY SEMINARS

Frank Ehman and Bob Gastineau have been representing FAS in leading discussions of trade policy at several seminars on executive development organized by USDA's Office of Personnel. The December session was held at Lincoln, Nebraska. The January session was at Berkeley, California, with the last of the series scheduled for March in Asheville, North Carolina.

# Ra **M** B Li N g a R o U N d

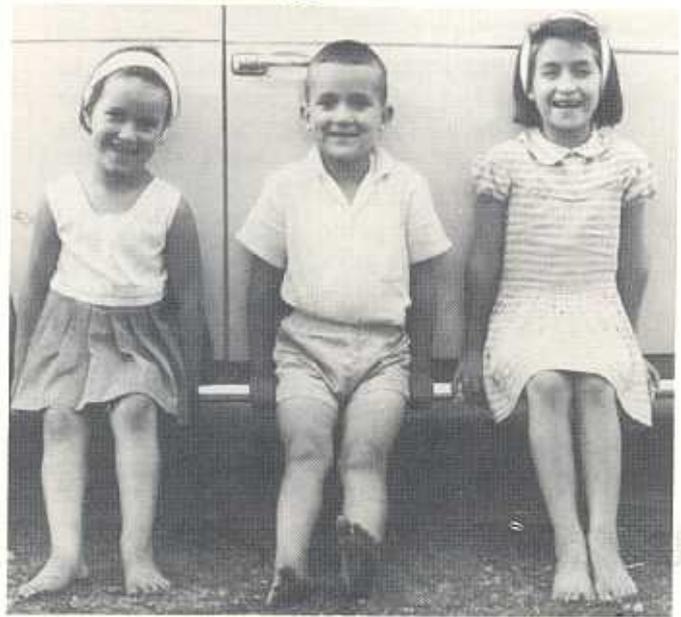
Dwight R. Bishop, whose attache service has included duty tours at Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro, Havana and Leopoldville and who for some time has been in Livestock and Meat Products Division, is now with Department of Defense. He'll head the agricultural phase of economic development in the Ryukyus.

The new Assistant Attache in New Delhi is Stanley W. Phillips, who has been with the Department of Agriculture since 1951. He was most recently in Trade Projects Division, FAS.

Raymond H. Shegogue, Jr. is back in the Program Development Division after two months of temporary duty in the Office of the Agricultural Attache, New Delhi.

Gordon Loveless, Attache in Rabat, spent February on an official visit to Libya and Tunisia.

Virginia L. Stratton, formerly in IADS arrived in Cairo January 15 to be the secretary of Attache James A. Hutchins, Jr.



The three children of Johannes H. Kruger, Agriculturist, Pretoria smile for the photographer. L. to r. Lynette (4 years old), Charl (6 years), and Elsa (8 years).

\* \* \* \* \*

Paul Ferree, Attache at Leopoldville, had an interesting eight day trip during the first half of January crossing the equator by air to visit provinces in the North and Northeast of the Republic of the Congo.

Etudiants de la belle langue Francaise in FAS are improving their linguistic ability through a newly formed luncheon club, of which Guy A.W. Schilling, Cotton Div., is president. The menus are not in French but the conversation is. Bonne chance, mesdames et messieurs.

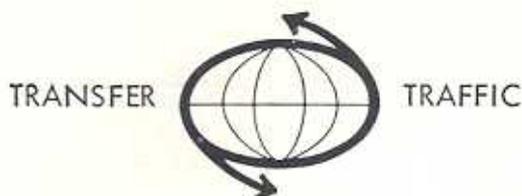
William J. Edens, Attache at Pretoria, contributed an analytical article on the production and consumption of dairy products in South Africa to the November 1963 issue of The Dairy Industrial Journal of Southern Africa.

Hugh V. Robinson returned to Stockholm on February 7 after home leave.

Paul F. Taggart, Latin America Area Officer, left in late February for a 5 to 6 week visit to Latin American posts.



The 5th American Jockey Club cup is presented to the winner by James H. Boulware, Far East and South Asia Area Officer, during his visit to Tokyo for the Attache Conference in mid-January. L. to r. Mori, trainer; S. Nohira, jockey; Joseph C. Dodson, Attache; Jim Boulware; H. Ishizaka, president, Japan Racing Association.



Joseph R. Williams has been transferred from Brussels to Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia where he is the Agricultural Officer at the American Consulate General. His responsibilities also include Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland, and Mozambique.

Lee R. Paramore was in Washington during the week of February 17th enroute from Rome to his new assignment in Manila.



Ag. Attache Joe Dodson (left) and Asst. Attache D.R. Strobel (right) gave Asst. Adm. "Art" Minor, an interested visitor to the Sixth World Cheese Show in Tokyo, a special run-down on the 41 different U.S. cheese items displayed. The show, at the U.S. Trade Center in Tokyo attracted more than 50,000 persons before moving to other locations in Japan to be visited by more than 200,000. Natural cheese is one of three dairy items liberalized for import into Japan.

\* \* \* \* \*

Raymond A. Ioanes, Administrator of FAS, has returned to his office after an absence caused by an eye operation.

DOUG DOES THE HONORS



Doug Crawford, assistant administrator for agricultural attaches, right, presents the Presidential "E" Award to H.B. Wallace, General Manager, Hy-Line Poultry Farms. Doug presented the award to Hy-Line in Kansas City in late February in recognition of the firm's outstanding success in expanding overseas sales of poultry breeding stock.

\* \* \* \* \*

Harald Larsen, Reports Officer, has just returned from a visit to a number of mid-west colleges. His principal interest was to determine the availability of a quantitative economist who would act as a Consultant to FAS on those functions which might be adaptable to Electronic Data Processing. This would be someone who could bridge the gap between the FAS analysts and the programmers already available in USDA. At the same time, he was interviewing graduate students who have training in this same area, for a permanent appointment. Mr. Larsen also reports considerable interest by graduate students in the Foreign Agricultural Service and in attache work. Several students who will receive their advanced degrees this summer and fall will be sending in their Civil Service Form 57. These will be circulated to interested divisions of FAS and ERS.

## EXTENSION OF P.L. 480 URGED

Many FAS'ers have been busy recently supplying Congress needed information regarding extension of Titles I and II of Public Law 480. In late February Secretary Freeman urged before the Foreign Agricultural Operations Subcommittee of the House Agriculture Committee extension of these titles for five years--through December 31, 1969.

He recommended for Title I an authorization that would permit programing at the same level as for the previous five years.

Changes requested in Title I authority include:

1. That the use of foreign currencies be authorized for procurement of equipment, materials, facilities, and services for internal security programs, in addition to the military categories presently authorized for the common defense.
2. That the existing 25-percent limitation on loans to private firms be eliminated.
3. That authorization be included for the sale of Title I currencies to voluntary agencies and to U.S.-flag vessels for payment of certain expenses incurred under the Act.
4. That the requirement of reports on activities under the Act be changed from every six months to each year.

For Title II, he recommended that the authorization be increased to \$450 million per year for the five-year period to provide for an expansion in economic and community development projects. Current authorization rate is \$300 million a year.



The new U.S. Trade Center in Milan was opened on January 28, 1964 by Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., Under Secretary of Commerce. Other speakers included the American Ambassador to Italy, G. Frederick Reinhardt and Consul General Earl T. Crain. The USDA and the Department of Commerce are cooperating in the Trade Center. Representing the Department of Agriculture were Robert C. Tetro, Attache in Rome, and Daniel Sheppard, Agricultural Officer in Milan. At the reception following the opening, six large American turkeys, donated by the Institute of American Poultry Industries, were served. Mr. Roosevelt (left) and Mr. Sheppard are shown enjoying the delicacies.

\* \* \* \* \*

### CLINT BROOKE TO BRUSSELS

Because FAS is concerned with trade restrictive features of legislation in the field of food health and sanitation, an assistant attache has been named to Brussels to provide technical assistance in the food health area to all attache offices in Europe and European representatives of market development cooperatives.

The new assistant attache is Clinton Lee Brooke, who since August 1963 has been a marketing specialist in the Trade Projects Division, and has had an extensive career in private industry as a research and cereal chemist, nutritional consultant, and in other capacities.



### THE FAS LETTER

*To U. S. Agricultural Attache Posts*

United States Department of Agriculture  
Foreign Agricultural Service  
Washington 25, D.C.

Send contributions to Audrey Cook,  
Editor, Rm. 5554-South, Ext. 4928