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AN ITALIAN STARLET . . .
AT ROME'S FOUNTAIN OF TREVI?
No. It's FAS's own overseas secretary,
Eleanor Kaniecki, tossing a coin in the Patio fountain
of USDA's Administration Building.
She just wants to ensure her return to the Agriculture complex
before taking off for her newest secretarial post -- Warsaw.

HARALD C. LARSEN

Former attache Harald C. Larsen, valued member of the FAS family, died June 9 of cancer at Alexandria Hospital, Va. He was 59.

Harald had been reports officer since 1960, when he completed 5 years' service as attache to Sweden and Finland. His untimely death ended a 33-year career with USDA and affili-

ated agricultural organizations.

Before duty in Sweden, he was in Iran from 1952 to 1955 with the International Cooperation Administration, and as financial adviser to the Iranian Development Bank. For his help with land reform programs of Iran, he was decorated by the Shah with the Royal Order of the Crown.

Born in Logan, Utah, Harald had a BA degree in agricultural economics from South Dakota State University and an MS from Kansas State University.

He joined USDA in 1933 as a land bank appraiser for the Farm Credit Administration in St. Paul, Minn. Shortly later, he came to Washington with the old Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and from 1939-52 was with the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

Harald will be deeply missed by his FAS colleagues and the many other friends he made during his active and extensive career. Sincere sympathy is extended to his wife, Waida, 2808 Cameron Mills Rd., Alexandria, Va., and other members of his family.

BOY IN BRUSSELS

Mr. and Mrs. John Fuerlinger announce the birth of a son, John Thomas -- their first -- who was a Valentine present (Feb. 13) in Brussels.

Mrs. Fuerlinger, the former Harriet Duff, is U.S. resident secretary on Attache Montel's staff in Belgium, and formerly was with FAS in Bonn and Warsaw.

SECRETARIAL PROFILE

Eleanor Kaniecki -- cover girl of the month -- was serious when she tossed her penny into the USDA fountain. She wants to return to it. But she's also looking forward to arrival at her Warsaw post in August.

A Cleveland native, Eleanor is the kind of secretary that FAS would like to have more of. Not only is she graciously efficient, but she also has insatiable interest in the language, people, and cultures of other lands.

"Hardship" posts are right up her alley. She always ferrets out the pleasant things about them.

In 11 years with FAS, Eleanor has already been at 5 posts on 3 continents. After a half-year in Tokyo, she put in regular tours of duty in Bangkok, Stockholm, Leopoldville, and Moscow. She returned from the USSR this summer for home leave in the Cleveland area before heading for Poland.

Aside from life and friends abroad, Eleanor likes cooking, music, clothes, native hand-crafts -- and cats. While in Moscow she bought 2 kittens for a ruble at the Moscow bird market (only place that sells live animals). At departure, she gave away one of her kittens, but the other is now being boarded in Vienna and will be joining Eleanor in Warsaw.

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Sympathy is extended to retiree Catherine Pierce on the death of her husband, Frank, in Washington on July 6. Catherine was longtime chief of information service branch.

Near Belgrade, white-shirted Attache Clyde Keaton checks cargo with V. Ormaj, Granexport's wheat division director (at left), Z. Panic, director of the Kombinat of baking and milling industries, and (at back) an employee of the silos where wheat will be stored.



KEATON ON THE RUN IN YUGOSLAVIA

Belgrade bakeries, ports, and trade fairs have been keeping Attache Clyde Keaton well occupied in recent weeks.

A tour of the "Klas" bakery in Belgrade, in company with Ambassador C. Burke Elbrick, indicated that there is no Yugoslav slump in demand for fat loaves of high-quality bread made with American wheat.

A stint of duty at the world-famous trade fair, "Novi Sad" -- where the U.S. had an information center -- affirmed Yugoslavia's interest in international trade.

And a hot day's trip to docks near Belgrade convinced Clyde and the Ambassador that U.S. wheat is getting ashore -- the hard way.

FAS DUO-PIANISTS SCORE HIT

The world at large has Victor Borge and Jose Iturbi.

But USDA has "Berk" (R. L.) Beukenkamp (Export Programs) and Francis Harrell (Trade Projects).

The FAS virtuosos recently combined their talents as pianists and reparteeists to present a two-piano classical concert to an appreciative audience in Jefferson Auditorium.

Open to the public, as well as USDA, the concert was sponsored by the Welfare and Recreation Association under direction of Charles H. Cunningham.

GLOWING PERFORMANCE BY "AMERICAN JEWELS"

(By Special Correspondent, Attache Paul Ferree)

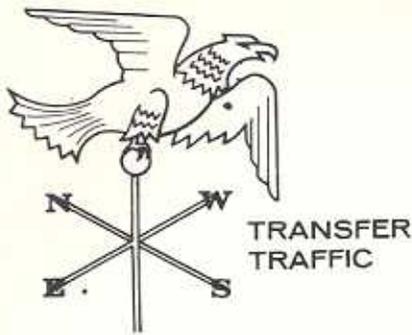
Lois Gore, FAS overseas secretary in Rabat, and her singing group, "The American Jewels," gave their 10th concert on June 16 at the Agdal Theater before an enthusiastic audience of about 1,000.

This may be the group's last concert for a while, since two "Jewels" are leaving. Besides the star, Lois, the group includes Mrs. Jean Foster, wife of an Army sergeant; Frances Sparkman, an Embassy secretary, political section; and Sgt. Joseph Gregory, Marine guard.

Lois has now had concerts (non-profit) in many Moroccan cities and has even sung for Moroccan royalty and foreign diplomats at U.S. Ambassador Henry J. Tasca's residence.



SINGING FAS SECRETARY in Rabat, Lois Gore, poses with her "boss," Attache Paul Ferree (right) and an FAS/W visitor, Guy Schilling, whose itinerary included Morocco on a 'round-the-world cotton survey trip.



WEBB AND TUSSEY TAKE TO FIELD

H. Reiter Webb (the H. is for Henry) and W. Glenn Tussey (the W. is for William) are latest additions to the team of assistant attaches to be assigned to Europe -- London and Rome, respectively. Both are former cotton marketing specialists.



H. REITER WEBB



W. GLENN TUSSEY

Webb is scheduled to arrive in London about August 18. He'll take over from Turner Oylor, who is returning for an FAS/W assignment.

The new man on Attache Bob Anderson's staff won a 1966 USDA Superior Service Award for "exceptional imagination, foresight, and leadership in planning and evaluating the cooperative foreign market development program."

A Memphis native, he did his undergraduate work at Southwestern at Memphis after a stint with the U.S. Marine Corps. Later he graduated magna cum laude with an LLB from American University.

He joined USDA in 1954, and FAS's Cotton Division in '61. Since '63, he's been chief of the analysis and evaluation branch of Trade

WORLD PROBLEMS. The scene is the Red Room of FAO headquarters in Rome. The fellow in the light suit (right) is Bill Doering, head of the U.S. delegation to the 40th Session of the FAO Committee on Commodity Problems. To Bill's left is alternate delegate Fred Sanderson, Department of State.



Projects.

Extra-curricular activities include sailing and bowling. Mrs. Webb (Patricia), sons Alan (14) and Kevin (4), and daughter Karen (12) are looking forward to the duty tour in Britain.

Tussey will be arriving in Rome about mid-August to succeed Dan Sheppard on Attache Tetro's staff. (Dan is slated for appointment to Beirut after home leave.)

The new Rome assistant has been chief of the Cotton Division's foreign marketing branch since 1961.

He joined USDA in 1949, first serving as assistant county extension agent. Later he was, in turn, extension marketing specialist with No. Carolina State University and extension economist with FES in Washington. He came over to FAS in '61 after marketing work in AMS.

Glenn is a North Carolina product (Lexington), with both BS and MS degrees in ag economics from No. Carolina State University.

While in Rome he hopes to find a few moments to indulge in his favorite sports: browsing around for old books, and photography. His wife, Hazel, and children Deborah (15), Lydia (13), and Michael (8) will be with him.

SOUTH AMERICAN SWITCHES

Dick Welton, ass't attache in B.A. who's been on home leave, will be moving up to rank of full attache in San Salvador in early August.

Dick Smith, attache in San Salvador, is slated to take over Bob Adcock's attache desk in Bogota in September. Bob will be taking another field post.

Carlos Ortega is succeeding Jim Gehr in Caracas at beginning of August. Jim came into FAS/W on July 11 for a Washington job, after leave.

Garth Thorburn -- who's been in the field nearly 10 years -- first as ass't attache in Paris and then Rio, and for the past 5 years as agricultural officer in Sao Paulo -- will be another August returnee for "Mall" duty. (News of his replacement is below.)

PITCHER TO SAO PAULO

Shackford Pitcher will be heading for his new post as agricultural officer in Sao Paulo about August 23, after home leave in the Los Angeles area. He's been ass't attache in B.A. the past 2 years.

"Shack's" Portuguese-speaking children, Karen (3) and John (1) took the long way home from Brazil to the States -- stopping off in Finland for a visit with their grandparents.

TURKISH DELIGHT

Mr. and Mrs. Yusef Z. Durusoy, Ankara, announce the birth on May 28 of their second daughter, Sibel, who weighed in at 6 lb. 9 oz.

Yusef is agricultural assistant on the attache staff in Turkey.

HONORS UP NORTH

Foreign nationals on the attache's staff in Oslo and Copenhagen were presented FAS certificates of merit and cash awards by U.S. ambassadors at their respective posts . . .

"For exceptional performance in maintaining the continuity of the activities of the agricultural attache's office for Denmark and Norway during a period of transition between attaches."



(Above) IN OSLO, Ambassador Margaret Joy Tibbetts presents award to Bjorn Leborg, Norwegian assistant to our agricultural attache to Norway and Denmark; Art Rollefson (with glasses).



(At left) IN COPENHAGEN, Ambassador Katharine Elkus White (l.) gives awards to Irene Rolner, Jytte Anderson, and Anders Kristensen, Jr. -- foreign national assistants on attache staff; U. S. Deputy Chief of Mission, Frank G. Siscoe, is on hand (r.) to extend congratulations to the group.

ROAMING AROUND

"Dog days" in the Nation's Capital have brought temperatures over 100°.

Overall FAS production performance may possibly have registered a statistically negligible decline. But performance ratings remain high for veterans who recall their years B.A.C. (Before Air Conditioning).



Nominee for courage in recent weeks is Personnel Director Joe Phillips. His patriotism never flagged (much) when he spent 4 hours in century-mark heat to see that his wife and children had prize seats for the 4th of July fireworks display at the Washington Monument, and saw the whole show.

At the same time . . . Dalton Wilson was driving his way 4,112 miles from Guatemala to Washington, DC, via Mexico and Louisiana, to start home leave in early July. He'll be returning to his attache post.

Administrator Ray Ioanes accompanied Secretary Freeman to Kyoto, Japan, in early July for the 5th meeting of the Joint U.S.-Japan Committee on Trade and Economic Affairs.

Jim Frink, ass't attache in Tokyo, picked mid-July to start his Stateside home leave. He'll be returning to Japan in the early fall.

Meanwhile, Bill Schaal -- who has succeeded Russ Strobel as Tokyo Trade Center manager -- is getting ready for the upcoming trade shows there: one featuring grocery and specialty foods, Aug. 15-26; and a poultry exhibit to be staged Sept. 5-13.

"BON APPETIT," says Attache "Steve" Stephanides (left) to his companion, Amir Saleh, director of the Par Cotton Ginning & Oil Mills Corp., as the two sit down in Tehran to a chicken dinner sponsored by the Soybean Council's Iranian office to show the top quality of food fried in U.S. soybean oil.



Eula Lee Adams, longtime FASer who at the time of her retirement last year was secretary to Africa & Mid-East area officer, recently visited old friends in So. Bldg. After a holiday at Rehoboth Beach, she's returning to her Indiana retirement headquarters.

Cotton specialist "Tilly" Bailey was among Clemson University alumni who returned to So. Carolina in June for the 40th reunion of the Class of '26.

Elmer Hallowell made a quick trip out of Tokyo in June to attend his daughter's wedding in Fairbanks, Alaska, and his son's graduation from William and Mary. He also found a few minutes to touch base with FAS/W.

Al Nagas -- who for many years handled procurement and supplies for FAS -- has been making the most of his retirement. With his family, he's been touring Germany, Italy, and France.



MEXICO CITY home of Attache and Mrs. John Scholl is scene of reception for Secretary and Mrs. Freeman during their visit "south of the border." The guests of honor (right) and the Scholls appear to be enjoying the conversation of gesticulating Congressman Elizio de la Garza (Texas).

The now full-fledged director of Fats & Oils Division, Hugh Robinson (ex Bonn and Stockholm) has moved into a new home: 5209 Ravensworth Rd., No. Springfield, Va. 22151.



REUNION OF TWO "PAULS." Memories of yesterday in Germany are exchanged by Far East area officer Paul Taggart and his wife, Louise, as they entertain Bonn agricultural specialist Paul Hess (right) at their home in Bethesda, Md. (The two Pauls worked closely together when Taggart was ass't attache in Bonn.

WASHINGTON REVISITED BY VETERAN BONN FAS AIDE

Paul Hess -- German agricultural specialist on our attache staff in Bonn -- recently revisited Washington during a trip to the U.S. as liaison member of a German grain trade mission sponsored by Great Plains Wheat, in cooperation with FAS. It was his first Stateside trip since 1958.

Paul has been associated for almost 20 years with FAS and other U.S. government agricultural sectors in Europe. His long career is so colorful that it warrants capsule recounting:

After student days at the University of Cologne, Paul became a farm manager in East Africa (Tanganyika). He was interned by the British in World War II, but later was repatriated to Germany only to be drafted into Hitler's army after a few months as a high school teacher.

Captured by the Allies in '41, he was a prisoner of war for 5 years in Libya, So. Africa, Canada (Alberta), and England. After returning to Germany again in '46, he went to work for the U.S. government -- serving successively

BARTER'S BOOMING

Though these are days of rapid change, barter -- man's oldest way of doing business -- not only survives but is making a big contribution to our record agricultural exports.

Here Tom Rawlings and Otto Atzert, manager and deputy manager of FAS Barter & Stockpiling, show the record to a co-worker, Lt. Col. Gilbert Frisbie. He's been their liaison officer with Department of Defense since 1963, and is now retiring.



FRISBIE, RAWLINGS, AND ATZERT (left to right)

During FY 1966, FAS barter operations accounted for about \$266 million worth of procurement of foreign goods and services in exchange for U.S. farm products. Over half of this was for DOD, including munitions, aerospace research items, maintenance and modifications of aircraft.

This type of procurement not only has moved farm products but saved dollars for the Treasury.

Bill Frisbie, well known to many attaches in Europe, has been succeeded by Lt. Comdr. E. B. Coleman, USN.

with OMGUS, HICOG, and FAS.

He was one of the Bonn attache staff when it won a USDA Superior Service Unit Award in '57, and in '64 he was an FAS Sustained Above-Average Performance awardee.

Paul -- a "green thumb" gardener -- has a son entering college this fall.

Along the Line:



THINGS weren't really as hectic as they look in this view of the U.S. exhibit at the 1966 AIDA international food show, in Copenhagen. Attache Art Røllefson and his uniformed Danish helpers soon had things well in hand for opening day. The Danish girls are Judy Peterson (l.) and Bolette Jacobsen.

ICAC DELEGATES FETED IN LIMA

A cotton-canopy "sky of blue" covered Attache Fred Traeger's garden in Lima when the U.S. delegation to the 25th plenary meeting of the International Cotton Advisory Committee were hosts at an evening reception for ICAC conferees from other nations.

Prominent delegates at the Silver Anniversary sessions included Bob Sherman, Cotton Division director and U.S. delegate on ICAC's Standing Committee. Attache Traeger, an adviser, was in charge of reception arrangements.

Horace Porter (Cotton Div.) was also able to include the Lima meeting while on a competition study that took him to Mexico, Guatemala, Peru, Nicaragua, and El Salvador -- where attaches were on hand to brief him and arrange conferences with key men in cotton circles.

TRAVELERS' AIDE

While in Rome at FAO meet (see page 5), Bill Doering worked with Mollie Iler of the attache office on the final draft of the 4th edition of the "Guida Tetro-zinni" -- FAS travelers' guide to Rome's restaurants. It was due off the press in mid-July and available on request at Attache Bob Tetro's office.

SHADES OF ROBINSON CRUSOE!

Tobago -- fabled island of Robinson Crusoe -- was one of the side trips taken by delegates to the 3rd Session of the FAO Working Party on Pasture and Fodder Development in Tropical America.

About one-third of the "technicians" at the conference were Americans -- among them Frank Ehman, attache at Port-of-Spain, site of the main sessions.

TRADE FAIR TIDBIT

Among U.S. company representatives who will be in Hong Kong to assist with the U. S. exhibit, Aug. 20-Sept. 2, is Mr. Floch, who will appropriately be promoting sales of American poultry.

BEFORE departure from Athens attache post for home leave in July, Don Motz accepts congratulations of U.S. Ambassador Phillips (left) for 30 years' U.S. government service.



AT HARDSHIP POST. Attache and Mrs. Dudley Williams and daughter, Renate, relax on beach close to their quarters in Monrovia, Liberia.

