



THE FAS LETTER

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE SERVICE

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CLAYTON YEUTTER NAMED ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AND COMMODITY PROGRAMS

Clayton Yeutter, Assistant Secretary for Marketing and Consumer Services since January, 1973, has been reassigned to be Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs. He succeeds Carroll Brunthaver, who resigned February 1 to work on a proposed international food reserve.

In his new assignment, Dr. Yeutter will head the Department's domestic farm programs and its export operations.

He has been with USDA since 1970, when he was appointed Administrator of the Consumer and Marketing Service, now AMS, and APHIS. Before joining the Department, Dr. Yeutter was director of the University of Nebraska's agricultural mission to Colombia. The program, financed by the Ford and Kellogg Foundations, involved six midwestern universities and was designed to upgrade agricultural teaching, research and extension efforts in Colombia.

A native of Eustia, Nebraska, Dr. Yeutter graduated from the University of Nebraska and was named the nation's outstanding animal husbandry graduate in 1952. In 1963, he graduated "cum laude" in law from the University and obtained his Ph.D. in agricultural economics.



DISNEYLAND, DAIRY & POULTRY COLLABORATE ON EXPORTS ... Two of Disneyland's best known residents, Donald Duck and Goofy, took time from their busy schedules to pay a visit to Dairy and Poultry Division's exhibit at the Pacific Egg and Poultry Convention. The convention was held in Anaheim, California, from March 6 to 8. Left to right: Goofy; John de Courcy, Dairy and Poultry; Donald Duck; Herb Ford, Dairy and Poultry; and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Rich, two of the other participants at the convention.

SECRETARY BUTZ RETURNS FROM ASIA

Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz returned in late April from a three week trip to Asia. His trip took him to Japan, Korea, Thailand, Hong Kong, the Philippines, and the Republic of China (Taiwan).

In the Philippines, Secretary Butz visited the International Rice Research Station, which has been a forerunner in developing important new strains of rice. In Tokyo, Secretary Butz held talks with the Japanese Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, and opened the American Food Festival. The Festival, a major trade effort sponsored by the state departments of agriculture in cooperation with the Japanese Export Council, drew 117 exhibitors from 38 states.

While in Taiwan, Secretary Butz had the opportunity to view firsthand some of the agricultural projects which typify that nation's efforts at agricultural development. In Bangkok he conferred with ag attaches from India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Malaysia, and Bangladesh. In Korea, Secretary Butz made an on-site visit to the emerging livestock feeding program that has been initiated under joint U.S.-Korea sponsorship.

NEW FOREIGN LANGUAGE POLICY ESTABLISHED

A new, strengthened foreign language policy for employees who are either serving abroad or are candidates for overseas positions has been issued by FAS. Achievement of the minimum proficiency requirement in a foreign language will be a prime factor in selection for overseas assignment, reassignment, promotion, and incentive awards. Supervisors and managers now have key responsibility for giving language training high priority in the career development plans of employees.

A minimum proficiency requirement of S(speaking)-3/R(reading)-3 has been established for professional employees assigned to a post requiring skill in that country's language. Secretarial employees assigned to such posts must achieve a level of S-1/R-1.

Part-time and full-time language training programs will be used to enable employees in FAS/W to complete the language requirement. Selections of employees for these training programs will be based on planned future requirements for filling overseas positions.

Employees already serving in posts where language proficiency requirements have been established will be required to achieve the minimum proficiency level if they have not already done so. Those overseas employees who are not presently serving at such posts are encouraged to enroll in a part-time tutorial program in a world language.

Posts requiring proficiency are listed below:

POST	LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQ.
Netherlands, the Hague	Dutch
Hong Kong	Mandarin
Belgium, Brussels	French
Belgium, Brussels/USEC	
France, Paris	
France, Paris/OECD	
Liberia, Monrovia	
Morocco, Rabat	German
Switzerland, Geneva	
Zaire, Kinshasa	Italian
Germany, Bonn	
Switzerland, Bern	
Italy, Rome	Polish
Italy, Milan	
Poland, Warsaw	Japanese
Japan, Tokyo	
Brazil, Brasilia	Portuguese
Brazil, Rio de Janeiro	
Brazil, Sao Paulo	
Portugal, Lisbon	
USSR, Moscow	Russian

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LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY REQ.

Argentina, Buenos Aires	Spanish
Chile, Santiago	
Colombia, Bogota	
Costa Rica, San Jose	
Dominican Republic, Santo Domingo	
Ecuador, Quito	
El Salvador, San Salvador	
Guatemala, Guatemala City	
Mexico, Mexico City	
Peru, Lima	
Spain, Madrid	
Venezuela, Caracas	

The prescribed language proficiency level for all of the above posts is S-3/R-3, except for the following which is S-2/R-2: The Hague, Brussels, Monrovia, Bern, Milan, Warsaw, Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, Lisbon, Rabat, Santiago, Bogota, San Jose, Santo Domingo, Quito, San Salvador, Guatemala City, Lima, Madrid, Moscow, Tokyo, Kinshasa.



SAY CHEESE... Ag Attache in Lima Paul Ferree, right, and Colonel Alberto Natush, Bolivian Minister of Agriculture, strike a pose after attending a ceremony in Cochabamba, Bolivia. During the ceremony, Colonel Natush and Bolivian President Banzer presented 55 tractors and 1000 steel plows to campesino cooperatives. Paul attended the ceremony as part of an official 11-day visit to Bolivia.

A "CHIP" OF THE OLD BLOCK ... Assistant ag attache Bryant Wadsworth and his wife Janet recently celebrated the arrival of their "made in Japan" baby. Deborah Wadsworth, born November 16, 1973, submits to a family photo so that we can share the event. The children, left to right, are: Joseph, John, Deborah and Nancy.



NEW STAFFING PATTERN ANNOUNCED IN REORGANIZATION:

A new staffing pattern for the new Foreign Agricultural Service was recently sent to all FAS employees, announcing the administrative assignments of personnel from the Administrator through division directors. With the inclusion of the former Export Marketing Service and International Organizations Staff, a number of names new to field employees appear.

Upcoming issues will feature some of these key people who may not be well known in the field.



ALL PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR! . . . Pictured above is the Agricultural Attache Office Staff in London on "one of the rare occasions," says attache Bill Rodman, "when we were all present at the same time." Left to right, sitting: Sybil Jones, Phillippa Rees, Chris Elliott, Elizabeth Hugo, Mollie Iler (now with Cotton Division, FAS/W), and Christine Beckley, temporarily helping out with market promotion activities. Standing, left to right: Roger Puterbaugh, assistant attache; Glenn Whiteman, assistant attache; Ken Taylor, Market Promotion Specialist; Bruce McEvoy, assistant attache; Bill Rodman, attache; David Evans, agricultural economist; and Larry Stenswick, assistant attache.

ROAMING AROUND

The March issue of *Courier* magazine, published by the American Women's Club in Geneva, was guest-edited by Emily Thuroczy. Husband Nick, ag attache to the U.S. Mission in Geneva, took the stunning cover photo of Vienna's Johann Strauss statue. The magazine was a special issue devoted to a survey of music in all forms.

Sally Fagan, last reported to be starting temporary duty as secretary in London, has opted instead for a full tour.

"Berk" Beukenkamp, ag attache in Rome, presented a lecture-discussion of U.S. agricultural trade policy to key audiences in Bari and Naples recently. His presentation, given in Italian, described the world food situation, outlined U.S. plans to increase production, and concluded by stressing the need for international cooperation by both producers and consumers. "Berk's" lecture-discussions were covered by the region's leading newspapers, including *Il Globo*, a leading national economic daily.

Assistant attache to Brussels Al Persi will be heading for Bogota in midsummer. He will be the new attache there.



BANANA BANDITOS ... Attache Jim Rudbeck (San Jose, left) and Attache Don Nelson (San Salvador) took the time to pose while inspecting a banana plantation at Palmar Sur, Costa Rica recently.



BHORNCHAI RECEIVES "WELL DONE", CONGRATS, ON DEPARTURE ... Bhornchai Kunalai, 20 year veteran of the Bangkok attache office, retired last fall. This photo, marking Bhornchai's return in the beginning of this year to receive his Length of Service Award, just caught up with us, so we can share the event with his many FAS friends. Pictured are ag attache Guy Haviland looking on as Deputy Chief of Mission Edward E. Masters, right, presents Bhornchai Kunalai with his Length of Service Award.



MARK TRAEGER AWARDED "EAGLE"...Pictured above is Mark Traeger, left, receiving his Eagle Scout Award from Charge d'Affaires Thomas Dunnigan at the American Embassy in Copenhagen last January. Mark, who is the son of ag attache to Denmark Fred Traeger, has pursued a scouting career that began in South America and has included camping trips in the jungles of Asia and 50 mile hikes on the Appalachian Trail in North America before he received scouting's highest honor in Europe. The award ceremony was recorded on tape and photographed by USIA.

Ben Thompson, Market Development, and **Ed Deariso**, Market Development, have begun training prior to assignments in overseas posts as assistant ag attaches. Ben will be heading for Mexico City, and Ed will be going to Manila.

Another staff member of Livestock and Meat Products Division, **Roger Lowen**, is currently training for assignment as assistant attache in Paris.

Jim Freckman, currently assistant attache in Mexico City, is scheduled to go to Kenya in midsummer as ag attache there.

Susan Buchanan arrived in Brussels in late April to begin work as secretary in the USEC office there. Prior to the Brussels assignment, Susan was secretary to Lou Davis, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Management.

Welcome to **Rose Bartlett**, U.S. resident and secretary at USEC, Brussels. Rose's husband, Tom, supervises communication and records at the U.S. mission to NATO.

Our sympathy goes to **Bill Scholtz**, ag attache in Trinidad and Tobago. His mother, Mrs. Pauline Scholtz, died March 20 in New York City. Memorial services were held there.

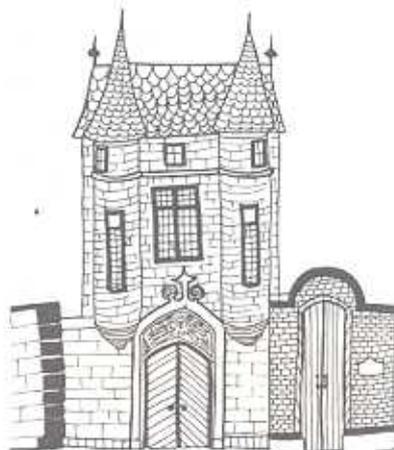
Ann Bibbo, secretary at USEC Brussels, will soon be heading to Tokyo, replacing **Eleanor Kaniecki**. Eleanor recently returned to FAS/W to replace **Teresa Horney** in the Personnel Division. One of her principal duties will be to oversee the attache secretaries' program.

Mildred Watts is now secretary in the ag attache office in Monrovia. She arrived there in early April, after having served as secretary in Hong Kong.

Harlan Dirks will soon be heading to Australia to serve as attache there. Harlan recently completed the one-year senior seminar program sponsored by the Foreign Service Institute. He previously served as agricultural attache in Copenhagen.

Fred Crook, economist in the Communist Asia branch of ERS's Foreign Demand and Competition Division, is currently in training in preparation for assignment as assistant agricultural officer in Hong Kong.

Also in training is **Larry Panasuk** of Livestock and Meat Products Division. Larry will be going to Moscow as assistant attache there.





Around Washington

Oscar Zaglits, well-known to ag attaches through his work in the Trade Policy Division and Office of the Administrator, is now living in California and would enjoy hearing from his friends in FAS. His address is 3735 Monterey Pine Street, #E-103, Santa Barbara, California 93105.

Stuart Proctor, Market Development, and his wife Cheri recently welcomed a new arrival into their family. Kristin Jordan Proctor was born the day after Valentine's Day. Mother, father and daughter are all doing fine.



WILLIAM K. BING, RETIRED BRANCH CHIEF, DIES

FAS'ers were saddened to learn of the death of William K. Bing, who served for many years in the Department of Agriculture, including several different assignments in FAS. Bill died on February 23 in Holy Cross Hospital, Silver Spring, Maryland, after a heart attack.

At FAS, Bill served as assistant agricultural attache to The Hague, and as Chief, Operations Branch, Program Operations Division. Prior to his retirement in 1972, he served as Chief, Management Services Division.

He is survived by his wife Dorothy, and two sons, Steven and William.

Memorial services were held in Charlottesville, Virginia.



DAVIS, COOK VISIT NEAR EAST, AFRICAN POSTS

Lou Davis, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Management, and Ross Cook, Personnel Operations Branch Chief, recently returned from a three week orientation trip to Africa and the Near East. Lou and Ross stopped off at posts in Ankara, Nairobi, Pretoria, Lagos, and Monrovia.

The trip to Africa was the third in a series of visits that Assistant Administrator for Management Ken McDaniel and his staff are making to selected posts in each of the four areas of the world. An important aim of these visits is to find ways to improve services to the FAS staff and families now at posts, and to those who will be going abroad in the future.

Trips have already been made to posts in Europe and Latin America, as well as the Near East and Africa. A trip to the Far East is planned for the fall.



DAVIS, DAVIS, COOK AND COMPANY . . . Members of the staff of the Ankara Attache Office and their families enjoyed dinner with Lou Davis, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Management, and Ross Cook, Personnel Operations Branch Chief, during their recent visit to Ankara. Left to right, front row: Sibel, Tulin and Bilge Durosoy; Guler Toruner, secretary; and daughter Elif; Dartine Davis; Aysin and Yuksel Karakus; and Mary Davis. Standing: Mehmet Karakus, clerk; Lou Davis; Bill Davis, ag attache; Bastug Toruner and Yusuf Durosoy, chief technical specialist.



SON OF WILLIAM J. MILLS DIES SUDDENLY

Friends of William J. (Jack) Mills, assistant ag attache in Ottawa, and formerly with Fats and Oils Division, were shocked and saddened to learn of the sudden death of his eldest son, William Joseph Mills. He was 19 years old and died on April 2.

In addition to his father, Joseph is survived by his mother, Martha; two sisters, Janice and Bonnie, and a brother, William Jackson, Jr.

Memorial services were held in Kilmarnock, Virginia.

WINFIELD TUTTLE, BRANCH CHIEF, DIES

Winfield Tuttle, a well-liked and respected employee in FAS, died on March 23 after a heart attack. Winn served in the Grain Division, Export Marketing Service, now Foreign Agricultural Service.

Winn's long and distinguished career included service as Director of Foreign Operations, Great Plains Wheat. He also worked at Western Wheat. His widow, Veda, lives in Reston, Virginia. He is also survived by a son, Thomas, and two daughters, Karen and Mrs. Gwendolyn Short.

Memorial services were held in Herndon, Virginia.



A RE-MARKER-ABLE VISIT ... Stopping to inspect a marker on the border between the Dominican Republic and Haiti are Bob Fouchs, ag attache in Santo Domingo, and Lt. Col. Stanley Castleman, Air Force Attache. The photo was taken during a recent field trip Bob made along the International Highway which separates the two countries.

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HOTELYMPIA STAFF PRAISED... Trade representatives participating in the January Hotelympia trade show all joined in thanking the USDA Hotelympia staff for their work on the show. Staff members, pictured above, are, left to right: Bill Rodman, Ken Taylor, Chris Elliot, and Bruce McEvoy, all from the ag attache office in London; and Bob Mannion, Export Trade Services Division, FAS/W.



TWO ANGELA'S PLUS ONE MARIE-FRANCE EQUAL. a charming picture of three of our secretaries in Brussels. Left to right: Angela (better known as Ann) Bibbo, recently of USEC and now in Tokyo; Marie-France Rogge of USEC; and Angela Mittiga, of the Ag Attache Office at the U.S. Embassy, Brussels.

EHMAN-1, FAS LETTER-0

The FAS Letter apologizes for not having included Frank Ehman on the list of attache record-holders featured in the March issue. Frank's 15-plus years in the field brings the total number of years in the field accumulated by the jet-set record-holders to 178.

Currently posted in Bem, Frank's other posts have included Cairo (where he had a hair-raising evacuation in 1956), Port-of-Spain, Lisbon, and Belgrade.



SECRETARIAL RECORD HOLDERS SHARE 150 YEARS OVERSEAS DUTY

In our last issue, we promised a feature on overseas secretaries who have been in the field for 10 years or more. Our collection of record-holders have racked up 150 years of overseas service among them!!

Members of the overseas honor list include May Arkus, Mexico City (U.S. resident); Ann Bibbo, now in Brussels (USEC), and headed for Tokyo; Eleanor Burford, Paris (U.S. resident); Mollie Iler, now in FAS/W; Angela Mittiga, Brussels; Mary Myers, now in Trade Services; Iris Nichols, now in Fats and Oils; Eleanor Kaniecki, now in Personnel; Lucille Sargent, Moscow; Patty Shannon, Belgrade; Elizabeth Sparks, Dacca; and Mildred Watts, now in Hong Kong, and headed for Monrovia.

The twelve listed above have garnered a long and impressive list of awards and citations for their work. Congratulations are in order for all of them.

The FAS Letter needs more news items concerning overseas secretaries, attache families, and local employees. We want to hear from all of you! Send your contributions (including pictures!) to Susan McCullough, Room - 5944/South.

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