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FIRST U.S. WHEAT FOR LUANDA. An ultramodern suction method of cargo handling was recently used to unload the first shipment of American wheat in Luanda. Attache Steve Stephanides, Leopoldville, reports that because of erection of a new flour mill Luanda now imports wheat instead of flour. History was made when the flour mill owner was convinced that he should buy his first wheat from U.S. sources. (We're sorry Steve's not in the picture.)

MARKETERS, ECONOMISTS, BEET GROWERS HEAR MYERS

Adm Myers' schedule calls for 3 important talks to marketers, economic policy makers, and farmers in the Midwest before his departure for the Lima attache conference. On Nov 3 at Purdue University he addressed the North Central Regional Extension Marketing Conference. On Nov 30 he will participate in the First Annual Farm Policy Review Conference at Ames, Iowa, and on Dec 1 he addresses a convention of sugar beet growers in Moorehead, Minnesota.

FOOD-FOR-PEACE AND FREEDOM-FROM-HUNGER GAIN IMPETUS

Major attention given world food problems in 3 international forums during Oct has lent impetus to the use of surplus food for food-deficient peoples.

The UN General Assembly Oct 26 adopted a resolution focusing attention on the needs of food-deficient people and on the possibility of further assisting such people to increase productivity. The Assembly invited FAO to take the lead in the matter. The FAO Council the next day authorized FAO Director-General B. R. Sen to begin studies looking toward concrete proposals, and designated a 13-government committee and the Chairman of the Committee on Commodity Problems to advise him. The 13 governments are Argentina, Brazil, Canada, France, Ghana, India, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Pakistan, Thailand, U. A. R., U. K., and U. S.

The work will be carried out within the framework of the CCP and its Consultative Subcommittee on Surplus Disposal.

A 10-government Advisory Committee on the FAO Freedom-from-Hunger campaign met in Rome from Oct 17 to 21 to review the progress of the campaign. Adm Max Myers served as U. S. delegate, with Ralph W. Phillips, Director of International Organization Affairs, as alternate. Asst Sec Clarence Miller was U. S. delegate to the FAO Council session, with Myers as alternate and Phillips as associate. Clayton Whipple was adviser.

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U.S. FAO DELEGATION. Members of the U.S. delegation at the 34th session of the FAO Council in Rome. They are: Ralph W. Phillips, Dir Intn Affairs (second from left); James Cavin (AMS); Adm Max Myers; and Asst Sec Clarence L. Miller.

YUGOSLAV OFFICIAL TOURS U.S.

Harold Koeller, Program Coordinator, PPD, and the former attache in Belgrade, served as escort officer for Yugoslav Secretary of Agriculture Slavko Komar during his recent visit to the U.S.

FOOD--

Meanwhile, work has started on planning U.S. participation in the Freedom-from-Hunger Campaign. **Bob Reed**, back from The Hague, is coordinating the work.

229 ATTEND FOR. AGRIC. SERVICES CONFERENCE

How agricultural participants are chosen for training in the U.S. and how their training proceeds through ICA, USDA, and training locations, including their return home, unfolded for 229 conferees here in Washington at the Ninth Conference on Agricultural Services to Foreign Areas, Oct 17-21. It took a 28-foot flannelboard and some dozen speakers from ICA, USDA, and the Land-Grant colleges to tell the story but it was the "hit" of the Conference for its role in clarifying a complicated process.



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SECRETARY BENSON IN FAR EAST

Sec Benson is making his third trip abroad this year for development of markets and good will. This time he's in the Far East. His itinerary is taking him to Tokyo, Taipei, Manila, Sydney, Canberra, Auckland, and Wellington. The Secretary is exploring the possibility of increasing foreign markets for U.S. agricultural commodities in the Far East and is discussing trade problems and the Food-for-Peace program with officials of the countries visited. FAS people with him are Gus Burmeister and Dewey Termohlen (retired).

He left for the Far East not long after returning from a similar trip to Latin America where his itinerary included Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, and Peru. "Scotty" Kevorkian accompanied him. Last summer he visited the West European Common Market countries and the Middle East. Quentin West was his FAS aide. The Secretary has made 6 foreign trade trips in all since 1953.



COLOMBIAN PRIEST GRATEFUL FOR U.S. AID. Adm Max Myers looks on as Father Carvajal of the Tenza Parish, representing 120,000 poor Indian farmers of Colombia, presents a platter of Chirimoya fruit to Under Sec of State C. Douglas Dillon in appreciation for American assistance. The presentation was made on the departure of the U.S. delegation from the Conference of 21, held at Bogota. Appearing in the photograph (left to right) are : Father Carvajal, Adm Myers, and Under Sec Dillon.



CCI SECURES COTTON AGREEMENT WITH NORWEGIAN ASSOCIATION. A cooperative agreement between the Cotton Council International (CCI) and the Norwegian Textile Association was signed in Bergen, Norway, on Sept 16. (Left to right) Howard Stovall, President of CCI; Elmer A. Reese, agricultural attache; Kr. Stoltenberg, Norwegian Textile Association; and Read P. Dunn, Executive Director of CCI

ATTACHES TO MEET IN LIMA

U.S. agricultural attaches in Latin America will meet in Lima, Peru, Dec 5-8, at a foreign market development conference. Max Myers; Bob Tetro, Pat O'Leary, Wilhelm Anderson, Harald Larsen, Charlie Davenport, and Arnold Beasley are scheduled to represent FAS/Wash.



MEXICO CITY ATTACHE STAFF WELCOMES AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS. Asst Sec of Agriculture Clarence L. Miller (seated second from right) and Adm Max Myers (seated extreme right) headed the American delegation to the OAS Conference on Agriculture and the FAO Regional Conference for Latin America, held concurrently in Mexico City. During their trip, the two visited Burl Stugard and his staff. Appearing in the back row of the photograph (left to right) are: Dr. Vasquez, Asst to the Ambassador; Jack Drisko, FAS/Wash; Milton Lindner; May Arkus; and Burl. In the front row (left to right) are: R. Foose; Ana Gomez; Asst Sec Miller; and Adm Myers.



U.S. SIGNS PAKISTAN RICE PACT. An agreement under which 75,000 tons of American rice will be delivered to East Pakistan was recently signed in Karachi. In the above photograph, Ambassador William M. Roundtree (seated second from right) signs for the U.S., and Zahiruddin Ahmed (seated second from left), Joint Sec, Ministry of Finance, signs for Pakistan. Other officials witnessing the signing are: A.S. Gandhi (seated, extreme left), Deputy Sec, Ministry of Finance; Attache D.L. MacDonald (seated, extreme right).

ORCHIDS FOR ROBERT

Honors have been coming Bob Tetro's way! For one thing, he has been nominated for a Rockefeller Public Service Award in the field of foreign affairs. Rockefeller awards are given annually by Princeton University to men and women in the Federal Government who have rendered outstanding service to the nation. The winner will probably not be selected before late Jan.

Bob also has won an Excellence Blue Ribbon in an Am Assoc of Ag College Editors (AAACE) national radio tape contest. The tape previously had been adjudged the best made in USDA during the year. It was based on Bob's report of an agricultural marketing trip to Europe with Sec Benson.



TURKISH EDITOR GRATEFUL TO AKERS. Vasfi Hakman (left), editor and owner of the Turkish agricultural magazine Zeni Ziraat, expresses his appreciation to Attache Howard Akers (right) for the help he has given Turkish farmers.

PASSING OF KATHERINE HANKS

The London attache's office suffered a loss in the death of Katherine R. Hanks on Sept 22. Miss Hanks, an Embassy employee for 29 years, will be long remembered for her efficiency and friendly manner. She had been ill about two months.



MOTZ VISITS POULTRY FARM. John Motz and Tomitaro Sutani, Tokyo, are shown visiting the K. K. Soda poultry farm near Tokyo. John (right) is discussing poultry feeds with Soda. Sutani is in the background.

ATTACHES SET A BUSY PACE

Harry Varney, Stockholm, recently made a 2,000-mile vacation trip by car through northern Sweden, returning by way of Lapland. Harry has now visited all of the provinces on the Swedish mainland.

Steve Stephanides, Leopoldville, and his secretary, Grace Novak, have suffered many inconveniences in the riot-torn Congo, but apparently no physical harm. Steve has his hands full in this hot spot, but such an experience is not new to him!

John Montel, Guatemala City; Hugh Robinson, FAS; and Harry Dunkleberger and Frank Dow, CSS, visited Guatemala's Quetzaltenango Fair. The group drove to El Salvador for discussions on the Public Law 480 Title IV program for wheat. At San Salvador John met Max Myers, on the latter's return trip from the Bogota Conference and ICA Mission Chiefs' Conference in Panama, and drove him back to Guatemala. Max also visited

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ATTACHE BUCKARDT HONORED. President Delia G. de Mendizabal of the National Council of 4-H Clubs for Uruguay presents a framed commendation to Henry L. Buckardt, Montevideo, for his "colaboracion y permanente atencion" to the problems of the rural youth in Uruguay.

UGF DRIVE OVER THE TOP

Under the dynamic, persistent, and persuasive influence of Lou Smith, Latin American attache area officer, the FAS annual drive for contributions to the UGF went over the top with flying colors. Our thanks to those attaches who contributed to this good cause.

MANAGEMENT TRAINING

Raymond Vickery, Charles Davenport, John Scholl, and Quentin West were selected to attend USDA Graduate School Management Development Programs. Hugh Robinson attended one of the programs during June.

FAS employees attending one-week "Training in Administrative Management" workshops, conducted by USDA since June, are: Harald Larsen, Guerry Smith, Clifton Warren, Riley Kirby, Pauline Moore, Olav Anderson, and Eugene Olson.

These programs are designed to help operating officials learn more about current management principles and practices and how they may be applied to their jobs.

ATTACHES--

Bill Rodman at San Jose and drove with him to Managua.

Gordon Loveless, Rabat, recently made a 4-week field trip to Tunisia and Libya. Gordon consulted with American embassy officials in Tunis and Tripoli and made trips into the hinterland to study local agriculture firsthand. He is due back in the U.S. from home leave.

Henry Hopp and family returned to Bogota in Sept after home leave. In a reversal of the usual procedure, the attache was welcomed by two USDA administrators on his arrival at the Bogota Airport. The greeting party included ARS Administrator Byron Shaw and FAS Administrator Max Myers, both in Bogota as senior advisors to Under Sec Dillon at the OAS Committee of 21 meetings.

Bob Anderson, London, and his wife, Eleanor, opened a country fair at Cockayne Hatley Estate, Cambridgeshire. Bob has since been on home leave.

Tim Engebretson enjoyed home leave in Washington before departure for his new assignment in Tehran. Bill Hatch returned to the U.S. for extended leave before reassignment.



LANEFORD TEAM IN ACTION. Mary Lankford, the Bogota Assistant's comely assistant, takes a courageous stand beside a Grand Champion Bull and does her part in the market development work as she presents a model of a Holstein-Friesian to Luis Boracio Gomez (right). Vary, backed up by her husband, Jim, made the presentation at the recent Euga Livestock Fair. Gomez, who already owns 200 Holsteins and 200 Brown Swiss, is planning to import more purebred U.S. cattle.

Ra M B Li Ng a R O U N d

Home-leavers and "consultationees" arriving in Washington are going to find FAS/Wash much changed--esthetically, that is. Offices and corridors have been repainted in delicate pastels. New rugs have been laid in some offices. New lights in the halls are more efficient and easier on the eyes. The new air conditioning system made the summer delightful and now, working in reverse, is taking the chill out of autumn. It was a big job and took a long time, but it was worth the trouble. The old place is a pretty and comfortable--or a pretty comfortable--place to work. We suspect Art Minor had a hand in much of this!

Meanwhile...

Phil Eckert is clicking away as Associate Assistant Administrator, Market Development. His taking charge of the market development work has enabled Jim Howard to move back as Director, Foreign Trade Promotion Division, after a summer as Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, MD. Parks, who previously provided leadership for market development, is now at The Hague where he replaced Bob Reed.

Pat O'Donnell, EurAgAn, has been receiving prolonged treatment in George Washington Hospital. He is recuperating from major surgery of the spine.

Dick DeFelice, Deputy Ass't Adm; Lorraine Ostrout, FAS; Bob Gastineau, Dir Trade Pol; Bill Stewart, Fruit-Veg; Jim Birkhead, Tobacco; and Weber Peterson, Trade Pol, are striving to obtain better treatment for U.S. farm products in foreign markets as FAS members of the U.S. delegation to the fifth round of tariff negotiations (GATT) in Geneva.



U.S. WHEAT FLOUR PASSES TASTE TEST. Attache Jim Gehr (right) and Mr. Grugni (center), manager of the Monrovia City Bakery, inspect a batch of rolls made from Hard Winter Wheat Flour supplied by the Great Plains Wheat Market Development Association and the Kansas Milling Company. Both were pleased with the results. In 1959, the U.S. supplied 92 percent of the wheat flour imported by Liberia.

Weber, Bill, and Jim were on hand for tariff and trade consultations with the European Common Market countries. Hans Richter was also on hand for deliberations of "Committee II" on agricultural protection.

An article by Gill Piquette, New Delhi adm asst, appeared in a recent issue of the India YWCA quarterly Today. In her article, "Housing for Domestic Workers" she reported on a warm-hearted program that is helping the families of embassy local employees. Gill arrived from New Delhi recently for a Washington assignment.

John Motz, Tokyo asst, escaped to Lake Nojiri in the "Alps" of northern

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RAMBLING AROUND--

Japan for a 2-week vacation with his family.

Henriette M. Holm, ag econ of A&ME Analysis Branch, is back from a trip to Tunisia, Italy, and Israel. Henriette studied agricultural policies and development programs and conferred with FAO officials in Rome. She talked with officials in Jerusalem regarding a long-range study of supply and demand for agricultural commodities in Israel.

Hugh Robinson, European Area Officer, was a member of the USDA team that visited Venezuela and Central America to discuss credit sales under P. L. 480, Title IV. Highlight of the visit was a luncheon with President Betancourt of Venezuela and his cabinet.

Bob Adcock recently arrived in Washington for home leave. He will go to Nairobi to replace Gordon Schlubatis, who has transferred to Ankara. Howard Akers has been on home leave before going to Paris. Dudley Williams has completed his French course and is now in his new assignment in Paris. Henry Lint returned to the U.S. and retired. (We gave him a good party!) Henry's post-retirement plans are fluid.

John Wenmohs left New York Sept 23 and after brief stop overs in London and Paris arrived in Lagos to open the new agricultural attache post there. John will take over some of the 25 or more African countries that Jim Gehr and Steve Stephanides have been covering.

Margaret Condon, Cotton Division, recently left for Monrovia, where she will work as secretary to Jim Gehr for the next two years.

Things are quiet on the Far Eastern front. Joe Dodson and Dan Brady have returned to Bangkok and Wellington, respectively, after home leave.

Harriet Duff has completed her course in German and is now in Bonn.

John Ray, after a 2-week honeymoon, arrived in Mexico City in late Oct to take on his assistant attache activities. George Day delayed his departure to Caracas so he could attend the Pan-American Livestock Show, Oct 8-16. He is now at his new post.

Dan Sheppard, Trade Projects Branch, is in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, where he is USDA representative at the International Trade Fair. The U.S. exhibit featured cotton. Ken Krogh, International Trade Fairs Branch, was recently in Europe and the Middle East on Trade Fair business. Jim Howard has moved back to his division after a summer of Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Market Development.

Lorraine Gasperini, secretary to Daniel Sheppard, is studying Spanish in preparation for her new job as secretary to Henry Hopp in Bogota.

Ford Milam reports that Brazil's Wheat Expansion Service Director has praised the publication Brazil's Future as a Wheat Producer (FAS-M-60). Leo Schaben wrote it.

Afif Tannous recently made 4 interviews for the Voice of America for use in the Middle East. A VOA representative said they were "4 of the finest interviews I have ever recorded."

Jerry Tichenor has returned to FAS after being "farmed out" to the Bureau of the Budget for 3 months. He acted as USDA representative on a study of the functions of, and coordination among, Federal agencies engaged in foreign economic activity.

A LOSS TO FAS

An airplane accident near Salto, Uruguay, took the life of Lorraine M. Connaughton, administrative assistant to our agricultural attache in Buenos Aires. The tragedy was a shock to her host of friends in FAS.