



THE FAS LETTER

AROUND THE WORLD WITH THE AGRICULTURAL ATTACHE SERVICE

SECRETARY HARDIN VISITS IN AFRICA AND SPAIN

Africa and Spain were the scenes of a recent visit by Agriculture Secretary Clifford M. Hardin, accompanied by several FAS officials as well as officials from Congress, the State Department and Commerce Department.

The visit included stops in Madrid, Rabat, Monrovia, Kinshasa and Tunisia. At each stop meetings with high government officials were arranged. Working hard on arrangements for the visits were attaches Clarence Miller, Madrid; Dudley Williams, Rabat; Jim Hickman, Monrovia; and Verle Lanier, in Kinshasa.

The Secretary was traveling on a special assignment for President Nixon. In addition to his agricultural tasks, the Secretary was named Special Representative to the Second International Fair of Kinshasa, an industrial and agricultural exposition held in the capital of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Named as Deputy Special Representative to the Fair, and also accompanying Secretary Hardin, was Edward Gauer, chairman emeritus of Roos/Atkins.

The visit to the Fair came during a special America Day observance held on the Fourth of July.

CONVERSATIONS FOR THE SECRETARY IN RABAT . . . Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin was welcomed in Morocco by Agricultural Attache Dudley Williams, center, and U.S. Ambassador Stuart Rockwell. While in Morocco the Secretary visited with the Minister of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform. Shown here at the Ambassador's Residence are Ambassador Rockwell, left, Dudley Williams, center, and Secretary Hardin.



Another special project for the Secretary occurred in Tunisia, where dedications for a new dam project were held. The ceremonies were held at the Qued Nebhana Dam project and water system, southeast of Tunis.

Accompanying Secretary Hardin from FAS were Dick Smith, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Attaches, and Don Looper, Foreign Market Information Director.

Also traveling with the Secretary were Mrs. Hardin, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Kuhfuss, the president of the American Farm Bureau Federation; Mr. and Mrs. Alfred L. Edwards, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Rural Development and Conservation; Senator and Mrs. Henry Bellmon of Oklahoma; Congressman and Mrs. William C. Wampler of Virginia; Congressman and Mrs. Ed Jones of Tennessee; Donald E. Brock, Office of the Secretary; Quentin West, Administrator of FEDES; and officials from the State Department and the Commerce Department.

ON THE PLAIN IN SPAIN . . . Pausing for a closer look at some of the local orchards are Dick Smith, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Attaches, and Dale Douglas, assistant agricultural attache in Madrid. The leafy conference occurred during Secretary Hardin's visit to Spain to meet with Spanish officials.



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AWARDS PRESENTATIONS HONOR MERIT, SERVICE

OVERSEAS STAFF GARNER KUDOS



30 YEAR LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD TO TOM STREET . . . Ambassador Arthur K. Watson, left, presented agricultural attache Tom Street his 30 year length of service award in ceremonies in Paris recently. Tom, who has been attache in Paris since 1968, was a 1966 recipient of the USDA Superior Service Award. Posts for Tom have included Bern and New Delhi, as well as a three year stint as Public Law 480 coordinator in the days when that was part of FAS.



SUPERIOR SERVICE AWARD FOR ELMER HALLOWELL . . . The Ambassador's office was the setting for the presentation of the USDA Superior Service Award to Elmer Hallowell, agricultural attache in Tokyo. A proud Mrs. Hallowell pins the award on her husband while Ambassador Meyer looks on. Elmer has been attache in Tokyo since 1965, with earlier service as attache in Bangkok and assistant attache in London.



ONLY 7,299 DAYS TO GO . . . The Bangkok office of the agricultural attache celebrates the arrival of Bhornchai Kunalai's 20 year length of service award on the same day as the arrival of Supat Wibulseth for his first day of work. Our picture shows Supat holding a sign marking his first day of work, and Bhornchai holding his sign marking 7,300 days, or 20 years, of work in the Office of the Agricultural Attache.

AWARDS PRESENTED IN MEXICO CITY . . . The Conference for Latin America area attaches was the setting for awards presentations for several FAS'ers. Pictured here in an informal moment are, left to right, Mrs. Ray (Betty) Ioanes, wife of FAS Administrator Ioanes; Bill Rodman, agricultural attache in Mexico City and host for the Conference; April Arkus, secretary for Bill Rodman and recipient of a 25-year length of service award and an outstanding performance award as well; Mrs. Robert Fitzsimmonds, wife of the agriculture attache in Caracas; Mr. Ioanes; Bob Fitzsimmonds, recipient of a 20-year length of service award; and Mrs. Bill Rodman. Not pictured but also receiving awards were Ruth Henderson, receiving a 20-year length of service award, and Stan Phillips, agricultural attache in San Salvador, recipient of a 25-year length of service award.





UNIT CITATION FOR STAFF IN MADRID

... Certificates of Merit for Achievement were presented to the Foreign Nationals on the staff of the agricultural attache in Madrid, recognizing their outstanding team contributions. Pictured here, left to right, are recipients Sr. Jose E. Vidal, Sr. Carlos Perez de Rubin, and Mrs. Isabel Cubero de Pueo, with Dale Douglas and U.S. Ambassador to Spain Robert C. Hill joining in the ceremonies.



DAVID HUME RECEIVES SUPERIOR SERVICE AWARD

... David Hume, agricultural attache in London since 1968, was presented with the USDA Superior Service Award during the visit of FAS Administrator Ray Ioanes. Shown here at the award ceremony are, left to right, Mr. Ioanes, attache Hume; and U.S. Ambassador Walter H. Annenberg. Prior to his London post, Dave served as Assistant Administrator for Export Programs in Washington.

THE BLUE RIBBON AWARD PRESENTED TO LONDON STAFF

... The Blue Ribbon Award for contributions to Foreign Agriculture Magazine in 1970 was presented to the Office of the Agricultural Attache, London, by FAS Administrator Ray Ioanes. Shown in the presentation ceremony here are, left to right, George H. White and Kenneth E. Howland, assistant attaches; Ray Ioanes, Administrator; Walter H. Annenberg, Ambassador to the United Kingdom; David L. Hume, attache; David P. Evans, agricultural economic analyst and Kenneth L. Murray, assistant attache. Not shown in the picture but also named in the award were William L. Scholz, former assistant attache now on FAS/W duty, and Kenneth S. Taylor, senior assistant.

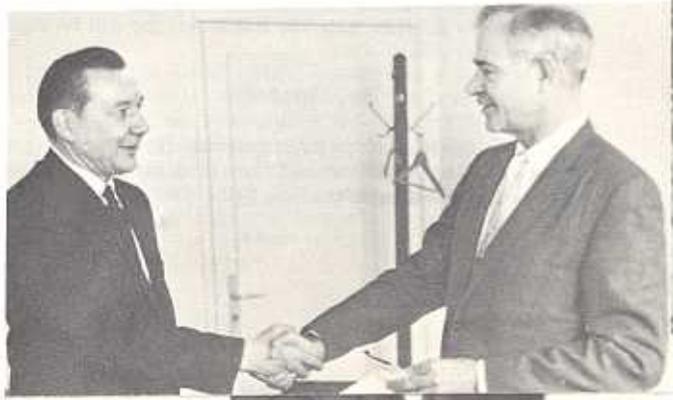


MARLISE WILKE RECEIVES AWARD IN GERMANY

... Marlise Wilke, agriculture operations specialist, was honored with her 20-year length of service award during presentations in Bonn. Marlise was presented her award by George Parks, agricultural attache in Bonn.

ROGER NEETZ RECEIVES 25 YEAR LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD

... Roger Neetz, assistant attache in Bonn, was awarded his 25 year length of service award by George Parks during presentations in Bonn. Roger, a native Pennsylvanian, was with ERS in Washington until arriving in Bonn in December 1970.



ROAMING AROUND

Attache Al Trick and his family have been enjoying their home leave, spending time on the Eastern shore and visiting relations in Houston, Texas. They are returning to their post in Warsaw.

Ernest Koenig, from our USEC Brussels office, came in for consultations during the last week of July. After a home leave in California, he will return to post early in September.

Paul Danyluk, assistant agricultural attache in Rome, and his family are spending their home leave visiting his brother in Indiana. Following the visit, he will undertake an assignment with FAS/W.

Charalambos Stephanides, attache in Tehran, was in Washington in late July and August on consultation. Upon completion of his consultation, Steve had an operation which was successful. He will return to Tehran around the end of August.

Gene Olson and his family arrived back in Canada after a home leave that took them to California.

Bud Phillipsen recently made the stop in Washington for orientation after receiving an assignment as assistant attache in Tokyo. He has been serving the South Caribbean district, headquartered in Port-of-Spain.

Parisians leave Paris in droves in August, and Jim Benson, our assistant attache, joined the exodus for his home leave. After his visit to Illinois, he will return to post.

Jeannette Kokay, fair and faithful secretary to the European Area Officer for the past year, has resigned her position and is now living in Florida. She will join her mother and sisters there.

After her fine service as FAS Newsletter Editor in FAS/W for the past two years, Patty Shannon returns to the field this month as Al Trick's secretary in Warsaw. Patty previously has had assignments in Brussels, Belgrade and Bonn. She will be missed at the Newsletter office.

Virginia Stratton, secretary in London, departed in August for home leave State-side, and will then head for India and a new assignment as secretary in the New Delhi office.

Mollie Iler, now serving as secretary in New Delhi, will complete the transfer by taking her home leave and then taking up duties in the London office.

Brice Meeker, ag attache in the Netherlands, and his family are enjoying a home leave, and plan an early September return to The Hague.

Jean Euler, wife of attache Bob Euler in Moscow, spent several weeks in Washington recently, and then visited her mother in Wisconsin. She will be returning to Moscow shortly.

Tom O'Connell, assistant ag attache in Mexico City, is spending home leave in California. Instead of returning to post, Tom will undergo orientation in FAS/W for a new assignment in USEC Brussels.

Donald Johnson, Grain and Feed Division, FAS/W, is the new president of the Viking Club, taking over from T. O. Engebretson. All of you former midnight sun-lovers are invited to contact him for more information.

Supat Wibulseth is our new foreign national in Bangkok. Supat is a graduate of Kasetsart University in Bangkok, and has been working for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation there for the past five years.

Bud Anderson, on home leave with his family from Wellington, spent some time in Denver and Portland in special meetings while Stateside. In Denver, he attended the Joint U.S. New Zealand Committee on Lamb Imports, and in Portland a meeting of the Oregon Pear Board. Following the meetings, Bud rejoined his family in Minnesota. They will be returning to post.

The Jerome Kuhls returned to Djarkarta after home leave in July. In addition to a visit to the States, they stopped off for a visit with Lorty's family in Germany.

Afif Tanous, serving temporarily as attache in Nairobi, reported all was going well and he was enjoying his assignment. Following the arrival of Ted Freeman in late August, Afif will depart on an agricultural fact finding mission in Sudan, the United Arab Republic, Lebanon, Syria and Jordan.

A PRETTY REPRESENTATIVE FOR FAS . . . Debbie Zieg, the smiling lass above, was recently named as the 1971 Miss FAS. The winner of the annual contest sponsored by the Foreign Agricultural Club, Debbie will compete for the title of Miss USDA.

Presently brightening the Fats and Oils Division office, Debbie has been a clerk-typist for FAS for over a year. A native Washingtonian, Debbie is a 1970 graduate of Potomac Senior High School in Oxon Hill, Maryland. She studied home economics there, taking up sewing, cooking, interior decorating, child care and related subjects. Those talents are now being put to special use by her husband of eight months, who works for a private industry in Washington.

Debbie, who has continued studies with a course in shorthand from the learning center, represents FAS, EMS, FEDS, and IOS. Her red hair, brown eyes, and petite figure won her the title of Miss FAS in a field of 12 girls, and she goes on to a competition with over 20 girls for the Miss USDA title this Fall. Debbie just goes to show that there are a few consolations for those not in the field.



VICE

TOP SOFTBALL AWARD GOES TO STEVE WASHENKO . . .

Steve Washenko, at the right in this picture, proudly holds his award for the Most Valuable Player, recently presented at end of the season ceremonies in Hong Kong. Steve, who has been playing softball in Hong Kong since he arrived there as agricultural officer in 1969, was a surprise winner in the league. The South China Morning Post hailed his "guile" as being a significant help in his pitching success. His honors will serve as a good incentive to Ed Bauer, assistant agricultural officer and a member of the same Caroliners team, and Steve's two sons, both Little League softball players. Others in the picture are, left to right, Tommy Cheng, Bella Im, both winners in the tournament, and Solomon Saul, president of the Hong Kong Softball Association.



ROAMING AROUND

Angela Mittiga, secretary in Warsaw, will be leaving Poland late in August for home leave and latter assignments in Harold Koellar's office in Brussels.

Leon Mears, studying Spanish at FSI in preparation for his new assignment in Chile, is handing out cigars on the occasion of the birth of his first son. Carolyn became the proud mother of new Marshall Glenn Mears on August 10, adding a future playmate for daughter Michelle.

Quentin Bates, scheduled to leave in September for his new assignment as attache in Brussels, dropped in with word of one of his other assignments. As a member of the Parson's College Board of Trustees, Quentin is now in a position to recommend \$500 per semester scholarships to the Fairfield, Iowa, liberal arts college. Those interested in more information should contact him.

Jim and Mary Rudbeck, of the assistant agricultural attache's office in Buenos Aires, have returned from a two week swing through the Argentine Pampas, traveling by jeep and visiting a variety of places. Stops were to include experiment stations, grain storage facilities, port facilities, and estancias producing grain. Mary reports they have been plunging into life and the traffic of Buenos Aires, and are now experiencing their first winter in July!

Chris Langezaal, our junior agricultural assistant in The Hague, is now wearing an author's laurels. One of four winners in a contest sponsored by the Foundation for Public Relations of Dutch Agriculture and Horticulture, Chris is also the lucky owner of a salt lick. Chris's essay was on the topic of "What is Cornelia Thinking?", Cornelia being a Dutch heifer eyeing a nearby bull. His answer? "I'd better remain sitting down!"



COTTON MAID VISITS IN INDIA . . . Agricultural attache Jim Boulware found a refreshing change of pace in the July 4th festivities in New Delhi this year, occasioned by the visit of Pat Perry, Maid of Cotton. In addition to being Guest of Honor at the July 4th activities, Miss Perry was reported to be the main attraction at a successful fashion show. A highlight of the visit was an interview with Indian Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi, shown here. Included in the interview were, left to right, Prime Minister Gandhi, Pat Perry, Attache Jim Boulware, and S. P. Virmani, President, Northern India Cotton Textiles Mills Association.



HARRIS-MOORE NUPTIALS

Newly-appointed Assistant Attache Dugger Harris and Miss Joyce Ann Moore of Washington, D.C. and North Carolina, were married on June 5 in a very pretty ceremony performed at the Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Washington.

Dugger, who hails from Orlando, Florida, has been a marketing specialist with the livestock and meat products division since 1968. He holds a B.S. degree in animal husbandry from Florida A.&M. University in Tallahassee. He is now completing French language training at FSI before reporting for duty in Monrovia.

Joyce Ann was on the nursing staff of George Washington Hospital before going to her present nursing post with a District of Columbia medical society.

The Harris's expect to depart for Monrovia in early September.

GREAT PLAINS WHEAT SEMINAR CALLS ON BERK IN MILAN . . . Attache Berk Beukenkamp, left, was a featured speaker at a recent seminar in Milan sponsored by the Great Plains Wheat, Inc. The seminar, which was aided by the Associazione Granaria of Italy, discussed possible wheat blends using American for Italian users. The other gentlemen in the picture are from the Associazione Granaria and the Great Plains Wheat, Inc.



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