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This has been quite an active month here at IUTAD. We were quite busy during the first days of May getting ready for the intensive course to be given by Dr. Marshall Martin, Dr. Robert Taylor, and Dr. Leon Garoyan. Martin and Taylor were met in Lisbon by myself on May 10. They rested in the morning and then met with AID officials in the afternoon. On May 11 we came to Vila Real. On the next day we had department staff meetings and toured the University. On May 13 and 14 we visited local farm operations, cooperatives, and villages in the region.

James Ahlrichs went to Lisbon on the week - end to meet Dr. Leon Garoyan and his wife and bring them back to Vila Real. They arrived here on the 17th of May.

We were not able to start the course on the 17th as planned because of competition from another course given by the department and low attendance the first day. We officially started on the 20th. Intervening time was used for individual staff conferences in the department.

The course is now in full progress and we have about 28 participants. Six of them hope to complete the course for credit. The department of Sociology and Economics is to be complimented for the excellent support and organization they have contributed to this program.

During the month help was given to the Regional Direction of the Ministry of Agriculture in planning a training course for new extension staff members. This is a six week course which started on May 18. During the month I spent four days at this training. I presented sections on program planning, annual planning, plan of work, calendar preparation, reporting and evaluation. This course now has a three week local experience time and then back to classes the last week in June. This constitutes the first time a regional staff has had the opportunity to do it's own training of new extension staff. They are doing a good job of it too.

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We still hope to get a trip organized for a five week training experience in extension. This would be given at Purdue. So far we are still hoping for funding from PROCALFER as our project was not funded for this training. It is extremely difficult to get this planned from here in Vila Real. We are still counting on the positive response given from Dr. Glen Funnell and the Regional Direction planning section.

The University held it's first open house the week of the 24th of May. It was well received and well attended.

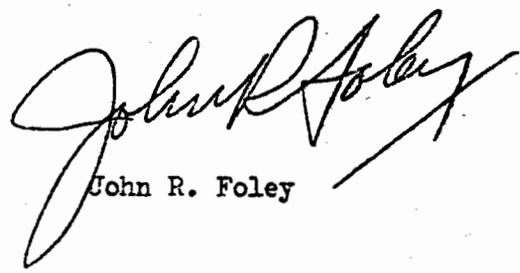
We sent 15 English students to Porto for ALIGU tests. Some of them did very well, but some also did not do so well. This might keep one or two of our short time participants from going to the U. S. this year.

We are hoping to send 10 to 12 short term people from IUTAD to the U. S. in 1982 yet (not counting the extension trip). We also expect to receive about 7 more short term advisors. It's going to be a mighty busy year around here.

Engr. Torres Pereira has departed for Holland to start work on his doctorate. We are going to miss him very much.

We had the pleasure of hosting the whole group of staff from the Department of Sociology and Economics, their spouses, the three men from Purdue, and some others for a total of 28 people on the 23rd of May. It was a wonderful chance for the visiting professors to get to know the staff, and besides that it was "soome party".

The department head, Dna. Isolina Poeta, hosted an excellent group encounter on May 30 attended by the same staff plus children.


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