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On Influencing People

There are a lot of angles to this business of building good will and friendship between nations. And not the least of these are the contacts—formal and informal—that the people of other countries have with those of us who go to live among them for two or more years in the service of our government.

All of us are aware, too, of the effectiveness of cultural activities in our relationships with other peoples, and it has become somewhat of a cliché to note that a visit such as that of the Symphony of the Air or of a singer like Marian Anderson “does us more good than millions of dollars in aid.”

We have no intention here of launching into a sermon on the responsibilities of ICA employees and their families to help “make friends and influence people” overseas. This is pretty well drilled into us all the way from orientation courses to that note from the President that accompanies passports these days.

But we would like to propose a round of applause to some ICAers who parlayed that responsibility and the interest in U.S. cultural activities into a group action at the local level with apparently remarkable effectiveness. We’re referring to the American Community Concert sponsored recently in Addis Ababa by the USOM (or Point Four) staff. Pictures and story of the concert are on pages 10 and 11 of this issue.

From the reception reportedly accorded the American Community Concert by the Emperor and the rest of the 1300 members of the audience, the U.S. Ambassador had every reason for being “so proud of Point Four he could bust.”

While throwing bouquets at the ICAers and their families in Ethiopia, we are well aware that similarly commendable activities have taken place at other posts, and The Shield will be most happy to report on those we hear about. And whether they are rather modest affairs or elaborate productions one thing is

certain: they are sure to represent a lot of work and a lot of fun for all concerned.

Notes On The News—



“Russians may be first on the moon but I bet we’re first with foreign aid!”

Pearson, New York Herald-Tribune Syndicate

Four Receive Citations

The National Civil Service League has presented 1958 Merit Citations to Dr. Eugene P. Campbell, Chief, Public Health Division, ICA/W; Ray E. Davis, Food and Agriculture Officer, and Kenneth F. Bernon, Irrigation and Drainage Engineer, USOM/Iraq; and Donald O. Davis, Branch Chief for Tripolitania, Division of Agriculture and Water Resources, USOM/Libya. The Citations were presented in recognition of outstanding careers in the Public Service.

"English" Versus American -- From A to Z

(Ed. note: The following letter, written by Trudy Springer, USOM/Karachi, to two Pakistani friends, points up the fact that "foreign" languages aside we have a lot of trouble even where "English" is spoken. Reprinted from I SEE A Bulletin, May, 1958, USOM/Karachi, Trudy Springer, editor.)

Dear Abdul and Zarina,

It is strange that one language used in so many parts of this world and by so many people, has so many variations; that though we "understand" still we do not understand. It's not so much your native tongue that confounds our understanding as it is the variance in our common medium, English. I've heard you say I don't speak English, but something you term "American." I guess it's a question of words--of course, it would be. But it's not so much unfamiliar words as it is unfamiliar use of certain ones.

I can learn your special words for things and even when I want something done immediately your words "Ek dum jaldi!" will come to mind as I insist "right now." "Now" suggests immediacy, or "this minute," to me, so I'm confused when you say you will do something "just now" then I find some time later that you have not yet done it. I have not been able to assign a value to that phrase, but then I suppose it is much like my "just a minute." Sixty seconds has little to do with my intention in this case and "just a minute" is definitely a "delaying action" promise as "just now" apparently is.

When the going gets heavy or we're asked to believe the ridiculous I'm inclined to say "that's too much" or "that's going too far." I hear you declaring "that's a bit much."

I'm used to hearing the telephone operators in the US say, "The line is busy." Now I hear, "sorry, the number's engaged." I ask you to "call me up," you say you will "give me a ring." And when I get someone on the telephone but do not know who it is, I ask "who is this?" (meaning who is *that*), or I say "who is speaking, please" and I'm asked "who is talking?" If someone calls and asks for me by name, I answer, "This is she speaking" and I get dumbfounded silence from the other end. What do you answer? To end the telephone call you put the "receiver on the stand" and I "hang up."

I'm sure you see now what I mean about understanding yet not understanding. Just the other day when my toe was sprained Abdul suggested I'd better use the "lift" to go up for lunch. (When he wasn't looking, I took the "elevator.") And so it goes.

There probably are more examples that I don't think of just now--now you've got me doing it!--but I guess that is the real answer. After all it is the same language, whether you call it American and I call it English or vice versa. We should all know the meanings of all words and phrases in common use without respect to national boundaries. So here's to better understanding 'round the world!

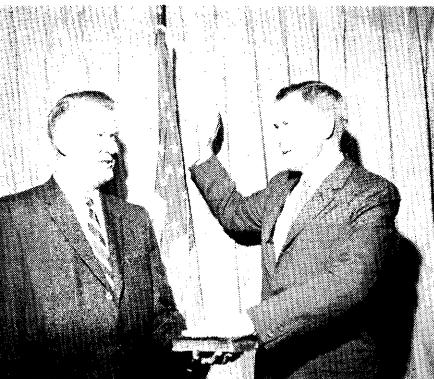
So long! and Cheerio! Aap-ki dost,

Trudy Springer

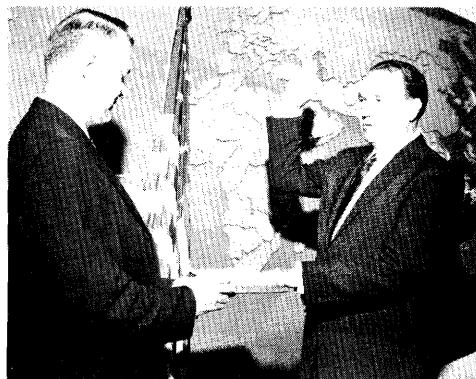


(L to R) Mrs. Saccio, Mr. Saccio, Christian A. Herter, Acting Secretary of State, and the rest of the Saccio family—Mary Anne, Edward, and Peter.

Four years ago Leonard J. Saccio joined ICA (then known as the Foreign Operations Administration) and began a success story which reached a high point on August 28 when he was sworn in as Deputy Director of ICA by Acting Secretary of State Christian A. Herter, following a recess Presidential appointment made the same day. Mr. Saccio was Deputy General Counsel for the Agency in 1954. In 1956 he was appointed General Counsel and in 1957 he became Special Assistant to the Director, ICA, for the Congressional Presentation of the Mutual Security Program. For his work as General Counsel and in the presentation of the program to Congress, he won the Agency's highest honor—the Distinguished Service Award. The position of Deputy Director of ICA has been vacant since 1955.



James P. Grant being sworn in as Deputy Director for Program and Planning of ICA, July 25. (L to R) J. T. Walden, Assistant Director of Personnel, and Mr. Grant.



Rey M. Hill, new USOM Director for Brazil, August 11. (L to R) Mr. Walden repeats the oath of office for Mr. Hill.



Ernest Eugene Neal became the new Deputy Director of USOM/Liberia in a ceremony August 13. (L to R) Mr. Walden and Mr. Neal. ICA Photos by McNair.

Post Report -- ASUNCION

By Thomas C. Letts, Division of Education,
USOM/Asuncion

THE TRIP to Asuncion was delightful. Landings were at Habana, Panama, Guayaquil, Lima and La Paz. When we arrived, the entire American staff turned out at the airport to meet the plane. They are a most hospitable group.

Much of our time after arriving was devoted to house hunting and we finally located one that appeared to be quite comfortable. It is arranged like a Stateside home with breakfast room, two baths (one of them nicer than those usually seen in the States), 3 bedrooms, study, living room, dining room, storeroom, kitchen, separate servant's quarters and garage. It has a telephone and hot water which are a little difficult to obtain here.

The mission supplied us with furniture and two air conditioners for the hot summers as well as one large space heater to keep us warm during the chilly winter.

The seasons here are exactly opposite to those in the States. It seemed rather odd to get on an airplane in Houston, Texas during a sweltering summer day and off the next here in need of an overcoat. The cold winds come from the South.

Modern Communications Lacking

Communication is difficult. "Ham" radio operators contact other operators in the States occasionally. There is no regular telephonic communication outside and telegrams seem to move rather slowly. Freight moves in or out only up or down the Paraguay river. Passenger service is generally by air or river boats. Mail seems to move regularly though it is reported to be not too dependable. The street cars in Asuncion are of World War I period. Electricity is generated by burning wood to produce heat for steam to run their generators. It seems that our air mail through international channels so far has moved with considerable dispatch. However, most of it goes through the diplomatic pouch.

Presently new roads are under construction to Bolivia and Brazil. This will permit freight and other communication services from other countries. Many of the streets in Asuncion are of rough stones and rural roads are rough and dusty. After rains they close the highways to keep them from getting rutted.



Plaza Independencia in busy Asuncion downtown area. The Pantheon of Heroes is at the left and Asuncion Bay in the background. USOM photo.



Typical Paraguayan farm girl. USOM photo.

Paraguay is a Catholic nation and the religion is reflected in some of its laws. Other religions and non-catholic organizations are not molested. The Southern Baptists have a large hospital in Asuncion and other religious groups have colonies or small church groups.

Mixed Population Hospitable

The military seems to have a very great influence and many of the influential people are ex-army officers. The military operates the domestic air service.

There have been many immigrants from Central Europe and from Japan. Thus, Paraguay is a sort of melting pot of many nationalities. The Japanese are still arriving. The people are hospitable and friendly. It has been reported that there are more women than men here because the Triple Alliance War nearly 100 years ago resulted in the loss of the major part of the male population.

Both Spanish and Guarani are spoken. Spanish seems to be official and is required in all schools but the rural people speak Guarani. It makes education and domestic communication difficult. There are no English daily newspapers or news broadcasts in English. If you don't understand Spanish you don't get the news.

The money is in guaranies and a dollar will buy 111 guaranies at the present time. It takes



Indians of the Chaco region in Paraguay. USOM photo.

18½ guaranies, or about 16 cents, to post an air-mail letter.

The electricity is 220 volts, not too dependable, and to use our appliances we have to have several sizes of transformers to convert the current to 110 volts.

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Allowances in Asuncion

Housing: Allowance based on grade and family status. (Maximum annual rate with family \$3,000, without family \$2400. Minimum rate with family \$1600, without family \$1200.)

Differential: 15%

Cost of Living Allowance: None

Education: Grades 1-8, \$400 per child per year; grades 9-12, \$520 per child per year. (For schooling at the Post--public, private, or cooperative.)

Note: These allowances are subject to change according to reports submitted by the Mission and reviewed by the Allowances Division, Department of State.

Iranian Makes Candid Observations About U. S.

(The following letter was written this summer just before the participant, Mehdi Moayedi, returned to Teheran following a 6 months training course in the U.S. in public administration. Mr. Moayedi heads the Management Office in the Tax Department, Ministry of Finance, Iran. His study tour was planned by the Training Branch of the Public Administration Division, ICA/W.)



Mehdi Moayedi

Dear Sirs:

In the first place, I wish to acknowledge that I have derived great benefits from the very interesting programme arranged for me by the International Cooperation Administration. . .

Having said this much by way of introduction, I would like to make a few observations about my contacts with Americans. Very often, upon learning that I was an Iranian, Americans would ask in what part of the world my country was situated; sometimes they even wondered if it were not in Africa. Moreover, they would ask if we had cars, radios and televisions in Iran.

No doubt, it would be wrong to assume that Iran is so insignificant today, that even the vigilant and thoughtful citizens of the United States are entirely unaware of its existence. To some extent the responsibility for the insufficient recognition given to Iran and other countries of the Middle East by Western countries lies with the people of those countries. I believe, however, that the American government and people bear a larger part of this responsibility. As early as the days I went to school, children have been taught in our elementary and high-schools in Iran a good deal about the geography and history of other countries in order that they may become acquainted with the world at large....

The second point I wish to make is the inadequate familiarity of Americans with foreign languages. In Iran and many other countries, the majority of people are acquainted with at least one other language besides their native tongue. However, the knowledge of foreign languages by Americans is very limited, apparently because there has been very little need for it. In my opinion, this is an obstacle to extensive contact of Americans with citizens of other countries.

Many visitors from other countries might have noticed, and yet passed in silence, these facts. But I think that in recognition of the kindness done to me by the International Cooperation Administration, it will be rendering a service to bring these points to attention, with the belief that the remedies are within your means.

I hope that the observations made above will be taken in good part, as they are made by a friend who has the greatest appreciation for ICA's hospitality. . . I also wish to thank the International Cooperation Administration again for the very interesting itinerary arranged for me.

Mehdi Moayedi

OUR THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Centralization:

The principle by which an official gets to know less and less about more and more until he knows nothing about everything.

Decentralization:

The principle by which an official gets to know more and more about less and less until he knows everything about nothing.

Bureaucracy:

The principle by which an official gets to know a little about everything but not much of anything.

Efficiency:

$$\frac{C+D+B}{3}$$

Submitted by Frederick G. Draper, IND/AO NESAs

Five in Administrative Services Win Awards

Five members of Administrative Services were honored at an awards ceremony August 21. Orbun Powell, Director, presented cash awards of \$300 (less withholding tax) to Mary Donahue and Ruth Forkish. Cash awards of \$100 (less withholding tax) were also given in absentia to Virginia Mayers and Henry Lake. Miss Mayers has just finished a records survey in USOM/Haiti and will go next to USOM/Colombia. Mr. Lake is Records Supervisor, USOM/Indonesia. The four award winners were honored for work done in a records survey in USOM/Iran from July to October 1957. Letters of commendation from ICA Director James H. Smith, Jr. accompanied the awards.

Arvo Saari received \$215 (less withholding tax) for his suggestion concerning the use of shelf filing equipment in the Office of the Controller. He also received a letter of commendation from Howard F. Ross, Executive Secretary, Incentive Awards Committee. Anthony Novak, chief of the Accounts Division, Office of the Controller, says that experience to date with the new equipment has been very satisfactory.

Lewis Richardson was commended for his excellent work on the SHIELD. A memo from John McDonald, Executive Secretary, commended him for his cooperation and skill in doing the layout for the SHIELD.



Demonstration of the new shelf filing system: (L to R) Henry Ardai, Winifred Warren, Arvo Saari, Anthony Novak. Mr. Novak is Chief of the Accounts Division where the new system is being used, and Winifred Warren will be working with it.

Photos by Clyde McNair



Lewis Richardson



Ruth Forkish and Orbun Powell



Mary Donahue

What's the Latest?

NEW APPOINTMENTS

APODACA, Dick F., FSR 5 (USOM/Peru)
BALL, Daniel H., FSR 5 (USOM/Dacca)
BERTSCHY, Albert W., FSR 5 (USOM/Turkey)
BRADY, James R., FSR 7 (Overseas Intern-USOM/Iran)
CLAYTON, Frederick W., FSR 3 (USOM/Afghanistan)
ENGLAND, Joseph F., FSR 5 (USOM/Bolivia)
HALE, Russell, L., FSR 6 (USOM/Karachi)
HILL, Rey M., FSR 1 (USOM/Bolivia)
KAUFMAN, Jacques A., FSR 6 (USOM/Nepal)
KRAFT, Arnold N., FSR 3 (OEC/Korea)
MARTINEAU, Claire, FSR 6 (USOM/Haiti)
PRICE, Don, FSR 4 (USOM/Thailand)
REEVES, Hubert E., FSR 4 (USOM/Haiti)
THIERRY, Robert K., FSR 5 (Office of Personnel,
ICA/W)
TRUE, Elroy G., Jr., FSR 5 (USOM/Karachi)
VLACHOS, Christopher P., FSR 6 (USOM/Liberia)
WHIPPLE, David D., FSR 5 (USOM/Thailand)

RESIGNATIONS AND SEPARATIONS

COUSLEY, Charles B. (USOM/Brazil at Curitiba)
KEPHART, Ronald C. (USOM/Costa Rica)
ROTHFELDT, James P. (USOM/Honduras)
STOOPS, Don (USOM/Panama)

CONVERSIONS

BATEMAN, William R., FSS 5 to FSR 4 (ICA/W)
BLANKS, Charles P. Jr., FSS 1 to FSR 3 (ICA/W)
BUSH, Donald L., FSS 2 to FSR 3 (USOM/Honduras)
CRANDALL, Bowen S., FSS 3 to FSR 3 (USOM/Honduras)
CUMMINGS, Roger, FSS 5 to FSR 4 (ICA/W)
ELDRIDGE, David H., FSS 2 to FSR 3 (ICA/W)
MOODY, Theodore M., FSS 3 to FSR 4 (ICA/W)
WEISERT, John C., FSS 1 to FSR 3 (ICA/W)

TRANSFERS

BOUCHER, Albert L., New Delhi to Washington (Office
of Latin American Operations)
CABOT, Robert M., Washington to Development Loan Fund
CHRISTENSEN, Kenneth S., Beirut to Washington (Office
of Personnel Security and Integrity)
DOWD, Morris R., Washington (Full Complement Reserve)
to Office of Latin American Operations
HANNUM, Erwin C., Tripoli to Washington (Development
Loan Fund)
HOLBEN, Ralph E., Madrid to Washington (Office of the
Assistant to the Director for Finance)
OBST, Maxwell, Washington to Development Loan Fund
PAIGE, Robert M., Teheran to Washington (Office of
Far Eastern Operations)

Sick Leave 'Club'

The following employees have become members
of the "One Thousand Hours Sick Leave Club"
since July 1.

GYSLAND, Clifford S. WATERS, John W.
HANNUM, Erwin C. WEBB, J. Lloyd
LARSON, Jarl E. WILLETT, Herbert

ICA/W

AREL, Leo A.	LIGHTFOOT, John G.
ASBEL, Charles	MCNARON, Charles G.
BALDWIN, Isabel Ann	MILLER, Franklin L.
CHARENTE, Frank M.	MIMMS, Otho L.
CRAMER, Carl A.	MOSS, Lois M.
DAY, Clifton H.	MYERS, Francis B.
DELANEY, Thomas R.	PETERSON, Virgil C.
EDDY, C. Graham	RICHARDSON, Donald W.
EDEN, Arthur L.	RITCHIE, Fred
FINNIE, Earl O.	ROSEN, S. McKee
FLATTERY, Matthew M.	SHOCKEY, Evelyn L.
GAUTHIER, Victor A.	SLAGHT, Malcolm
GIROUX, Carl H.	SWEET, Theodore L.
GRAHAM, Beatrice V.	WALTER, David H.

Dominican Republic

JASMER, Henry R.

USOM/Nicaragua

HULS, Ralph M. KERSEY, Wesley H.
WHITE, Stephen S.

The real test of courtesy and restraint is to have an
ailment just like the other fellow is describing and not
mention it.

Table Talk

Two ICA People Invent \$3.00 Washer

Katherine Holtzclaw, home economist, and Virgil C. Pettit, farm equipment specialist, both with the Office of Food and Agriculture, have designed a washing machine that can be built for \$3. The device, constructed entirely of wood, except for a few iron bolts, has an excellent chance of putting an end to the back breaking job of beating and scrubbing clothes by hand which is the lot of many women around the world today.

Specifications and drawings for the machine have been sent to all ICA Missions, and unassembled models are being sent to 12 Missions for testing.

The first full-scale working model of the easy-to-make, easy-to-use, hand-operated machine was built for ICA by the Department of Agriculture and tested at its research center in Beltsville, Md. Results of the tests showed that the performance of the hand-operated machine compared favorably with that of automatic electrically-powered machines now on the U. S. market.

The advent of the new machine made quite a splash in Washington newspapers. The three dailies--morning, afternoon, and evening--carried the story.



(L to R) Mr. Virgil Pettit, Mrs. E. Soon Choi, Korean participant, and Dr. Katherine Holtzclaw. Photos by Clyde McNair.



(L to R) Mrs. Fani Nina Kostopoulou and Mrs. Rachel Segal, participants from Greece and Israel, respectively, pump up suds in the washer.

A Little Homesick

I was working late in the office on that day in March. My wife and I had been in Korea three months--long enough for the interest that comes with newness to wear off. And now with the coming of spring, I admitted to twinges of homesickness.

Suddenly, I was startled by the booming of a male Korean voice coming from a loud-speaker nearby. I looked out the window at a girls' high school directly across the street. Several hundred Korean girls in uniform--white blouses and blue skirts--were lined up in precise columns facing their calisthenics instructor who stood on a table speaking into a microphone. The man with the loud voice stopped talking and set the needle on a phonograph record.

When the first notes hit the air, I was swept out of Korea and back to the U.S. on a 4th of July! My homesickness relaxed as I watched those young Korean girls doing their calisthenics to the loud, martial strains of John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever"!

J. Harold Monson, Assistant Executive Officer, OEC/Korea

STELLAR PERFORMANCE IN ADDIS ABABA

ENTHUSIASTIC IS an understatement for the reception given to the concert presented recently in Addis Ababa by members of the American community, and sponsored by employees of Point 4 (or USOM) and their dependents.

The concert was given to raise funds for the Duke of Harar Hospital Memorial Fund. The Duke, son of His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie, was killed in an automobile accident in 1956. Consequently the Memorial Hospital and efforts to raise funds for it are tremendously important to the Emperor. He attended with other members of the Royal Family, many high Ethiopian dignitaries and representatives of the foreign community in Addis Ababa.

His Imperial Majesty twice requested Mr. Herman Kleine, Director of Point Four, to convey his congratulations and personal thanks to all who took part in the concert for a splendid program and production and his deep appreciation for their work. He said he was deeply touched by the motivation that lay behind the Concert and greatly impressed by the calibre of the production.

The audience was deeply impressed with the concert from its quietly moving opening number, Bach's "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring," to the singing of Ethiopia's National Anthem, "Ethiopia Hoy" by the whole chorus in Amharic, Ethiopia's principal language.

The American Ambassador, Don C. Bliss, said that he was so proud of Point 4 that he could "bust."

The program was under the direction of Martha Baumberger, wife of Robert Baumberger, Public Administration Advisor. Production Design and Staging were done by Elliot Cooley, Communications Media Officer, in cooperation with George Gage, who is with the Cooperative Education Program of the Ministry of Education and Point Four.

Raymond Sawyer, Deputy Director, was General Chairman of the Concert Committee. Assisting him in the arrangements were John Thomas, Clara Boyd Wheeler, Lillian O'Connor, Dennis Conroy, Naomi Fletcher, Shirley Rubin, Marion Hill, Ewing Canaday, Lea Knott, and Embree Johnson.

A kind word keeps a man warm throughout three winters.
Ancient saying

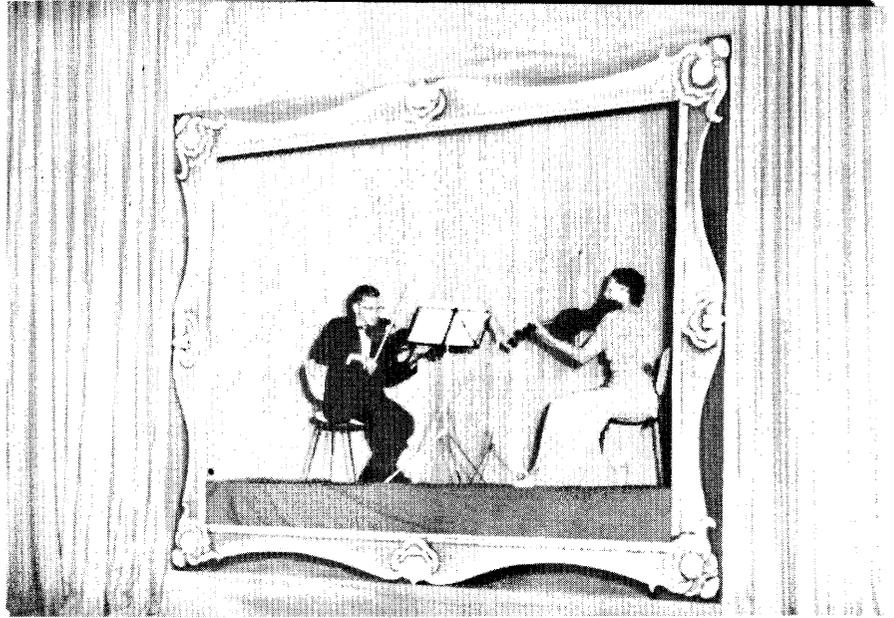


His Imperial Majesty Haile Selassie arrives at the theatre to attend the Benefit Concert sponsored by Point Four. Mr. Herman Kleine, USOM Director, is with the Emperor.



Ambassador and Mrs. Don C. Bliss arrive at the theatre.

Mozart for violin and viola was staged in a picture setting. James Gloy, violin, is a language instructor with the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Addis Ababa. Edith Lord, viola, is Education Advisor with USOM.



The men's Chorus from "The American West." Standing (L to R) Daniel Simmons, Gordon Brand, Embree Johnson, James V. Martin, John Thomas, Philip J. Coffey. Center, standing, John Garney. Seated (L to R) Darwin Jepsen and Dennis Conroy.



Mrs. Robert Baumberger directs the Point Four Chorus which closed the Concert with ETHIOPIA HOY, the National Anthem of Ethiopia. During the singing, the red, gold, and green flag of Ethiopia floated down from the curtain loft.





(L to R) Sisimit and Cutzal, visitors from Ojorcaibal, enter the Servicio office in Guatemala City after their long walk. USOM photo.

A Guatemalan Thank You

A TEN-HOUR WALK plus a long bus ride was considered no obstacle to two Guatemalans who wanted to express their thanks for improvements in their school. The two men, Sisimit and Cutzal, left the village of Ojorcaibal in the highlands one morning at 2:00 o'clock recently and started on their way to Guatemala City and the Education Servicio.

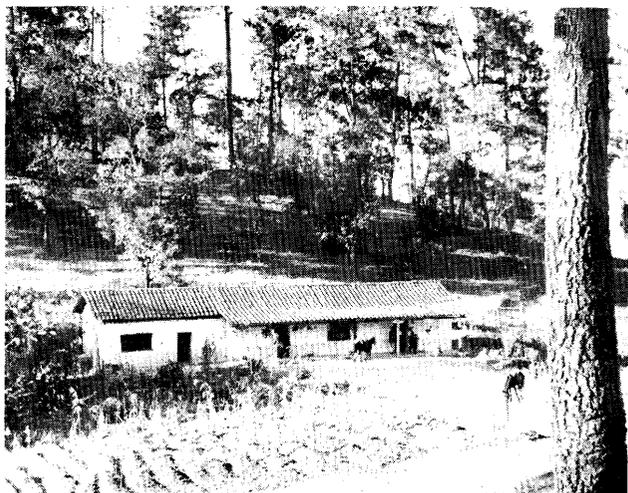
The Servicio, with the help of six ICA educationists, has been conducting a program for training 1800 uncertified rural teachers in Guatemala. The Americans are: Raymond H. Rignall, chief of the education division; Edwin D. Groves, trade industrial education advisor; Dr. George G. Garza, elementary rural education advisor; Charles C. Briggs, elementary educationist; Dr. Rose B. Buehler, elementary education curricula advisor; and Mary Baca Olguin, economics advisor.

The four-phase program covers a period of two years and includes training in teaching methods and subject matter. Part of the two years is spent in actual application of principles of education in



At a parents' meeting in Ojorcaibal Dr. George G. Garza (foreground) and Mary Baca Olguin, teacher trainers, discuss ways the community can collaborate most effectively with the school. USOM photo.

the village classrooms. The teacher trainers are in the classrooms to observe and make suggestions.



The Ojorcaibal school constructed by the community. USOM photo.

Sisimit and Cutzal told the Minister of Education that people from the neighboring village were sending their children to the Ojorcaibal school instead of their own school because the children were learning more there. The Minister said the only solution to this problem was for the teacher of the other village school to take the teacher training, too. He promised he would send a note to the teacher requesting that he visit the Ojorcaibal school to observe the methods used there, talk with the teachers there and imitate them as nearly as possible.

It is estimated that within 6 years all the uncertified teachers will have had training.

Social Organization Plans Cocktail Party October 3

A fall cocktail party is being planned by the ICA Social Organization for Friday, October 3, at the Hamilton Hotel, 14th and K Sts., N.W. (same location as the spring party which many ICAers will remember as a gala affair). The party will begin at 6:00 and continue until 9:00. Rene Henson and Frank Charrette are in charge of arrangements.

The organization recently launched a membership drive, with two bonds, \$25 and \$50, offered as incentive prizes. A drawing for the bonds will be held at the party. The bonds will be awarded to holders of membership cards bearing the lucky numbers.

Rene Henson, who has been in charge of distributing membership cards to "captains" for further circulation, reports that 500 have been sent out to date. Results of the drive will be announced in the October SHIELD. John Garwell, membership chairman, has been in charge of general plans for the drive. Those who have not been asked to become members of the organization are urged to call Mrs. Henson on extension 3265 for a membership card. The cost of membership is \$1.00. Discount Books may also be obtained from her.

Kay Thornton, who is departing for USOM/Bangkok, submitted her resignation as Secretary of the Organization at the July 18 meeting of the Board of Directors.

Betty Vekeman, alternate, was made a member of the Board and unanimously elected Secretary for the remainder of the current year.

A report was made that a check amounting to approximately \$18.00 had been turned over to the Treasurer, representing quarter-period ICA share of profits from the Lafayette Cafeteria. It was decided that since the amount was smaller than had been anticipated, discussions regarding a welfare fund derived from this source would be postponed.

INTERNATIONAL RECIPE CORNER

Rice Jambalaya

For an interesting way of using up left over ham, chicken, etc., try this:

- 2 slices bacon, diced
- 1 small onion, minced
- 1 tbsp. flour
- 1½ cups canned tomatoes, or tomato juice
- 1 tsp. salt
- ¼ tsp. pepper or paprika
- 2 cups diced cooked sausage, ham, chicken, or shrimp
- 2 cups boiled rice

Brown bacon and onion together. Stir in flour, adding tomatoes, salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Add meat or shrimp and rice. Simmer for 10 minutes, stirring often. Sprinkle with parsley. Serves 4 to 6.

American government personnel have a cooperative commissary from which we can obtain good quality food and a few other items. Some of the items shipped in from Argentina are cheaper than similar items purchased in the U.S. but those that are shipped in from abroad are very high due to packing and river shipping costs up the Paraguay.



The far reaches of a cattle ranch remind Americans of their own western plains. USOM photo.

Food Is Cheap

Local food purchases are very cheap. I bought 19 oranges for 9 cents. Most vegetables can be easily obtained in season. Oranges, bananas, strawberries, and papaya are plentiful. Apples and grapes are shipped in from Argentina.

There is plenty of space for hunting and fishing. Wild birds are better, bigger, and more plentiful than our quail. They are easy to get also. So far I haven't participated in a hunting or fishing trip but have seen some of the game.

The government operates a price monopoly in beef. Cattle sell for about three cents a pound. This makes cheap food for the people. We eat beef twice a day—lunch and dinner.

Cowboys drive the cattle to market in droves. They wear "bombacha" or full trousers that are very colorful. Their overcoat is a "poncho" or

blanket with a hole in the middle for their head. It is a jacket by day and a blanket at night.

There are about one and a half million people in Paraguay in an area about equal to California in size. About 250,000 are in and near Asuncion. No oil or other minerals are produced and there is very little industry. I would suppose that three-fourths of the people do not have more than a first grade education. In fact the low level of education and (lack of) health improving facilities constitute two of our major problems. Improvement of agriculture, transportation facilities and public administration are other areas receiving considerable attention.

Many Americans go to Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo, and Buenos Aires for vacations. They have to go by air so it is rather expensive but there are very few vacation spots in Paraguay and accommodations at those places are not suitable for most Americans. That doesn't bother us too much because we like to stay around home anyhow and there are many fine associates here and interesting little things to do.

Attention: Modern Science

In this age of housekeeping miracles, when the distaff side can store food for a month in a 12 ft. freezer and in a matter of minutes have it ready to serve, and can wash the dishes and dispose of the garbage at the flick of a switch, there is still one chore which calls for a clever device, as illustrated by the following incident.

One hot humid August morning, I met our charming ex-assistant, Marion Steinberg, entering the Rochambeau building and noted she wore a jacket which the weather definitely did not call for. "Maryon, why the jacket?" I asked. "You make me feel warmer just looking at you!"

"Well," said she, "My husband is out of town and I couldn't zip my dress."

(Contributed by James H. LaChance, former Chief, Printing, Distribution and Graphics Division. Mr. LaChance resigned from ICA August 15. He will make his home in Wisconsin or return to Washington depending upon which offer of employment he accepts.)

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

All the Kids are Doin' It

Kids in the States, always quick to pick up the latest fad, are presently going crazy over "hula hoops," plastic imitations of the old barrel hoops. Unlike their predecessors, however, the hoops are manipulated not with sticks in a rolling fashion, but with hips in Elvis Presley fashion. The entire younger generation will be swivel-hipped if this craze continues. We can recall the yo-yo craze and the spinning tops, but compared to the hula hoops, they were not much at all. The parents of today are being badgered from all sides to buy the hoops which first became a national fad via television. It's true the hoops will go the way of the yo-yo's and the tops, in time, but this is precious little comfort to the adult who is unwary enough to be talked into carrying home a hoop, four feet in diameter, on a public transit bus.

According to the *Washington Post and Times Herald* (September 8), one youngster in the suburban area recently reported she whirled her plastic hoop 9700 times around her. Not to be outdone, two boys, aged 9, reported 11,000 times each.



'Round and 'round we go. Vivian McNair of Frederica, Del., niece of Clyde McNair, SHIELD photographer, demonstrates a hula-hoop for ICA people overseas fortunate enough to know nothing of the stateside craze.

Time was when only honeyed phrases were used in greeting cards—but no more. The new "insult" cards express sentiments almost too blunt to print. Tender birthday felicitations like—"It's folks who are as nice as you that nice things ought to happen to—And I'm sure hopin' that they do!"—have given way to "Another birthday? You ARE getting old!" or "What's one more year—when you got a million of 'em? HAPPY BIRTHDAY, METHUSELAH!"

And the unenthusiastic husband or wife can send a little gem like this to his or her mate: "I married you for better or for worse—what happened to 'Better'? Happy anniversary, darling."

Even those who are ill are not immune to insult cards. How's this for something to pick you up if you're feeling low—"Sick? You have my complete sympathy—I'd be sick too if I were YCU!"

Insults are also available in calling-card sizes. They can be purchased in packs, 21 cards to each series. They make it easy for you to say such things as: "I need YOU like a hole in the head," or "You must have been a beautiful BABY—but what happened?" If you want to get rid of unwelcome visitors at the office, you can flash a card that says, "Could I be of help to YOU—which way did you come in?" or simply be straightforward about it and use the one that says "GO HOME."

Heralding a new trend in education, the New York State Education Department is planning to help provide more foreign language courses in elementary schools in that state. Most educators in the system think foreign language training should start before high school, the only question is just where in the elementary school it should begin. Some favor the first grade, some the fourth. The advisory committee on teaching foreign languages was unified on one point—that the language should be learned through speech first, and later through grammar. Here they are following the principles of language learning experienced by all in mastering a native tongue. Even Latin, though a "dead" language, will be taught conversationally first. The only serious drawback to these plans at present is the lack of language teachers. This holds true for teachers of French and Spanish as well as for those who teach Russian.

We learn from experience. A man never wakes up his second baby just to see it smile.

Table Talk

REPORT FROM KARACHI

Recruiting by Mail

IN A RECENT issue of *News and Views*, published every week by USOM/Karachi, employees were asked to respond to a recent request received from ICA/W Personnel to do what they could to encourage qualified people to join their ranks. The difficulty of keeping the Missions staffed was mentioned and employees were urged to make it a point to write to their friends to stimulate their interest in the ICA program. *News and Views* noted, however, that Personnel had cautioned letter writers to keep their letters general and not to refer to specific jobs when writing.

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USOM/Pakistan was the first to submit its FY '59 program to ICA/W. The Mission received a cable from Washington congratulating it on its prompt submission of the program.

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The SHIELD gets special mention in the August 7 issue of *News and Views*, to wit: "News and Views is happy to bring another literary masterpiece to the attention of its readers. Not that the SHIELD is new, but it has been revamped and given official backing and will emphasize news for and about the field staff. Contributions and comments are requested from the Missions."

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The Commissary in Karachi has 657 member families and is said to be the largest commissary in the State Department. According to Paul Robinson, Manager, monthly sales amount to \$94,000 and the Commissary Committee is working on plans for a new building, to be located nearer the residential area. Under Mr. Robinson's experienced management, savings have been made across the board which are reflected in the gradually decreasing prices.

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The Embassy Health Unit has a "walking blood bank," a list of those employees willing to donate their blood if needed by their fellow workers. It is called a "voluntary mutual security organization." And potential donors are admonished to follow their best impulses with the thought, "Remember the blood you need might be your own!!"

Part with your head but not with your secret.

Ancient saying

Old Eyeglasses Needed

Have you ever looked at that old pair of glasses lying around somewhere in the house and wondered what in the world to do with them? You hate to throw them away, because they seem to have some intrinsic value even though you can no longer use them. Well, your hunch is right. They can be used by someone else through the facilities of the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington. This agency cooperates with "New Eyes for the Needy," a non-profit agency in New Jersey which reclaims old glasses. The plastic frames are re-used if possible; sun glasses are given to the blind and to needy farmers; cataract glasses and glasses for near and farsightedness are dispensed through clinics; metal frames, gold and silver scrap are sent to a refinery for salvage—the only source of funds for new glasses.

If you want to get rid of those old glasses and help someone else to see, take them to the Health Unit, Room 1022 Maiatico Bldg., or to the Prevention of Blindness Society, 1025 Vermont Ave., N.W., near the Burlington Hotel.

Technician Has Heart Attack

Henry R. Weiss, highway engineer USOM/Jordan, suffered a coronary thrombosis September 3 in Amman. His wife and two children, Stephen and Michael, were evacuated from Jordan to Rome on August 19.

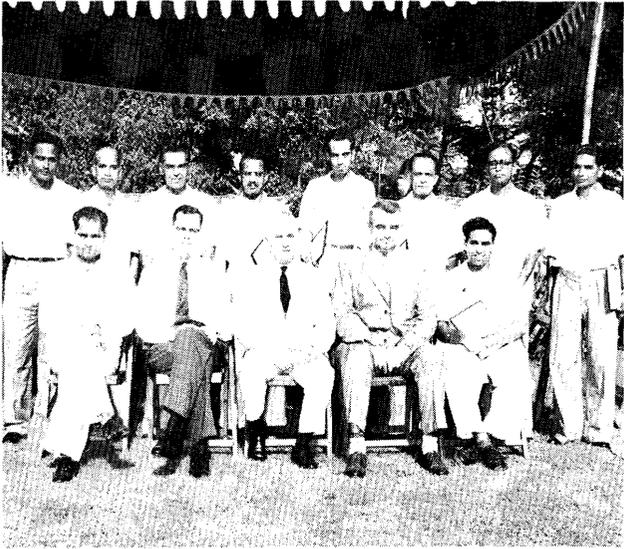
A cable on September 5 indicated that 6 weeks hospitalization would be required, and that Mr. Weiss' condition was no longer considered critical.

More Evacuees From Baghdad

Evacuees to Rome from Baghdad during August included Mrs. James Andes, Mrs. Lawrence W. Crain, and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Schank with their daughter, Prudence.

You sure can make the average man angry by referring to him as the average man.

Table Talk



At a recent awards ceremony, TCM/India. Standing (L to R) M.A. Nair, Chittur V. Mani, G.S. Taneja, B.R. Mitroo, K. Kishore, A.V.S. Swamy, S. Srinivasan, Dr. Kharbanda. Sitting (L to R) B.R. Pahoja, Ralph W. Ruffner, Howard E. Houston, Harry A. Hinderer, and D.R. Narang. Photo by USIS/India.

TCM/India Awards

Although in the past TCM/India has given awards for special acts or heroic deeds, this is the first time in its 8-year history that awards have been presented for work performance.

Letters of commendation and token cash awards were presented by Director Howard E. Houston at a general staff meeting on the lawn at Faridkot House, TCM headquarters.

The incentive awards program includes not only recognition for outstanding and superior work, but also for suggestions that contribute to efficiency and economy.

The staff members receiving the awards were:

POHOJA, B.R.	Contract Coordination
NARANG, D.R.	Controller's Office
NAIR, M.A.	Agriculture Division
SRINIVASAN, S.	Program Requirement
MALHOTRA, K.	Personnel (Now USOM/ Kabul)
TANEJA, G.S.	Personnel
KISHORE, K.	Training
SWAMY, A.V.S.	General Services
MANI, C.V.	General Services
MITROO, B.R.	Education Division

REPORT FROM TUNIS

Mostly Personal

FROM THE THURSDAY SIROCCO, published every two weeks by USOM/Tunis, we learn that Simone Haski (Education) and Mae Wilder (Communications and Records) spent ten days in August bicycling (pedals not motors) through Holland. They also took in the Brussels Fair, crossed the Alps to Rome (by automobile) and returned to Tunis, exhausted, on August 24 by plane from Naples.

According to letters received in Tunis, Irving Kuenzli, Labor Office Chief, had an operation recently at the U.S. Air Force Hospital in Wiesbaden, Germany. Except for a "small infection" he was recuperating satisfactorily at last report.

USOM/Tunis people are being seen in the Tunisian Government's newsreels according to the SIROCCO. Among those shown recently are Admiral Strauss and Vince Brown visiting the unemployment relief project at La Kef. Dr. Starch, Mr. Lateef, Mr. Hulsizer and other Mission people were shown with Aldo Bessis and other leading officials of the Agriculture Secretariat in another newsreel. A third newsreel featured a sugar beet demonstration near Beja which Admiral Strauss attended.

Two new stories are being added to the Mission building in Tunis. An elevator, too!

Tahar Hamman (Labor), has left the employ of the Mission to accept an important post in the Secretariat of State for Health and Social Affairs. Later this year he expects to visit the U.S. to study the social security system.

Philip Morin

On Thursday, August 14, Philip Morin, 41, was killed in a trucking accident near Bangkok. Mr. Morin was an employee of the Raymond Construction Company, a company working on a USOM-financed project at Pitsanuloke, not far from the capital city. Mr. Morin was a native of New Bedford, Mass.

God builds a low branch for the bird that cannot fly.
Ancient saying



Presentation of an Award. (L to R) Victor H. Skiles, Acting Mission Director, USOM/Israel; Kenneth L. Mayall, Program Officer; Elie Sibia, Maintenance Man, award winner; Leonard H. Starbird, Administrative Services Officer. USOM photo.

Incentive Award

Elie Sibia, maintenance man, USOM/Israel, recently received recognition for his efficiency and for his willingness to answer requests at the Mission for service after ordinary working hours.

On July 11, he received an Incentive Award from the USOM, presented by Victor H. Skiles, Acting Mission Director. He was commended for his loyalty and integrity in protecting USOM property; his keen interest in economizing in maintenance work; and his cheerful and pleasant manner of work performance.

The Award was 155 Israeli pounds and a Letter of Commendation.

She Finally Hexed that Jinx

Alice Collins of the Office of Labor Affairs has finally broken the jinx. On July 3 she won a prize in the television game B-I-N-G-O. It was a clock-radio and the first contest prize she had ever won.

When you speak the truth, be sure you have one foot in the stirrup.

Ancient saying

Jordan Evacuation Continues

Due to unsettled conditions in Jordan, the following dependents of USOM and contract employees have been evacuated from Amman to Rome:

BUFFINGTON, Mrs. Mary Louise (Mary, Emily, Linda)
 CRABB, Mrs. Bettie (Allan J.)
 CUNDIFF, Mrs. Bertha M. (Carl)
 CROUCH, Mrs. Muriel N.
 DUNN, Mrs. Margaret Mae (Patricia, Margaret, Thomas)
 ESCOTT, Kay Diane
 FARRIES, Mrs. Blanche G.
 FOSTER, Mrs. Barbara
 GRAY, Mrs. Margaret T.
 GULICH, Mrs. Carol A.
 HARRIS, Mrs. Alice W. (William, Elizabeth)
 HAWKINS, Mrs. Suzanne
 HESKIN, Mrs. Lillian E.
 HOLLEY, Mrs. Grace D. (Allyson, James, Jr.)
 HOWARD, Mrs. Jane E. (Helen, Jean, Katherine)
 HOYT, Mrs. Susan Irene
 JONES, Mrs. Dorothy N.
 KARPECK, Mrs. Thetis C.
 KESSLER, Mrs. Victoria B.
 LILES, Mrs. Gladys (Frances)
 LOEBER, Mrs. Rachelle (Fred)
 MILLER, Mrs. Vivian
 NEELY, Mrs. Lillian R.
 NELSON, Mrs. Nancy Hindie
 NIELSON, Mrs. Virginia G. (John, Joan)
 PARKER, Mrs. Ada (Bennett)
 PATTEN, Mrs. Bertha B.
 RIGGINS, Mrs. Maria S.
 RIZZIE, Mrs. Margaret (Durant, Carol, James)
 ROACH, Mrs. Marjorie R. (Donald F., Jr.)
 ROGIER, Mrs. Verne (Robert, Suzanne)
 THOMPSON, Mrs. Helen Lucille (Belle, Julianne)
 WEISS, Mrs. Vera A. (Stephen, Michael)
 WHITE, Mrs. Maxima J. (Euvener)
 WILDMAN, Mrs. Jean M. (Kevin, Derek, Kerri)
 WOLFFER, Mrs. Leona Ott (Lynne)

Recovering at Bethesda

Paul Fox, Chief Public Health Advisor, USOM/Honduras, is recovering at Bethesda Naval Hospital from a broken tibia, fractured ankle, and fractured hip suffered in Tegucigalpa. He was flown to Washington arriving August 13.

He is in Tower 14 at the Naval Hospital and can have visitors.

Patience is bitter but it bears sweet fruit.

Ancient saying



C. M. Watts, contributor of "Here's to Nepal" (below).

Here's to Nepal (A Toast)

Nepal's a little country
And its heart is Kathmandu
It sits down in a valley
And its visitors are few.

The story of its naming
Is easily understood
As Kath in Nepal lingo
Is the word which stands for wood.

Now the Mandu came from Mandap
Meaning Temple in their script
But through the years they wandered
And the Mandap made a slip.

So Mandap now is Mandu
And means Temple of the Wood
From one great tree 'tis said 'twas built
Right where the Temple stood.

Their Army too is little
But don't you underrate—
It's the only force existing
That makes money for its State.

Their fighting men are Gurkhas
And they have no word for fear
With their Khukuries bright and gleaming
They are soldiers with no peer.

They hire out as guardians
Where other people fail
And their record in the last war
Is a grand heroic tale.

So here's to Nepal's Kingdom
May it survive the strife
That growing pains are causing
As it strives for better life.

(Written by C.M. (Nick) Watts while on TDY USOM/Nepal, 1955. Mr. Watts is now Mining Advisor, USOM/Yugoslavia.)

Mrs. James C. Baird, Jr., (third from the left), wife of USOM Director for Indonesia, does the scarf dance with Indonesian President Sukarno at a garden party at the Presidential Palace in Bogor, West Java. Dancing in the foreground are Mrs. Brenda Pavlic, wife of the Yugoslavian Ambassador to Indonesia, and American Ambassador Howard P. Jones. UPI photo.



Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor are welcome. They must bear the writer's name and address; however, these will be withheld or a pen name used if the writer so requests. Letters may be edited for the sake of brevity.

Dear Editor:

This Mission received (copies) of the revamped SHIELD with much pleasure.

USOM/Pakistan has a weekly newsheet, NEWS & VIEWS, copies of which are sent to various people in ICA/W. We are enclosing copies of the most recent issues and shall add your name to the mailing list because you may be able to use items from it for your publication. This Mission also sends articles by airgram on departing personnel to the Mutual Security Information Staff, Attn. M. E. Stapleford, for dissemination to hometown newspapers and these may be of interest to you. Perhaps you would like to arrange for copies from the Distribution Center to see if there is anything that you can use. Also, the I SEE A BULLETIN, copies of which have not been sent to Washington, will be sent to you. These literary outpourings about cover information from this Post.

Please let us know if we can be of any help to you in the future.

M. E. Carter, Personnel Officer, USOM to Pakistan.

(Ed. note: Thanks much for the contributions. We are using reprints in this issue.)

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Dear Editor:

Congratulations on the new SHIELD. It appears revitalized and much improved in the layout and contents. As soon as we get our show on the road which has been three months at a slow idling speed of negotiations and planning, we hope to be able to furnish some news to you. It was good to see and read Harry Carr's article on Bangkok. He should also be commended for "Host" service in seeing that transits and visitors to Bangkok are well looked after. Friends of mine have written to me on his service and hospitality. . .

This original team of 13 will soon start to grow and get into an action program. You will be hearing from us.

Michael Guido, Communications Media Representative, USOM/Sudan

Drama Society Thrives in TCM/India

William E. Meredith, Chief, Communications Media Branch, TCM/India, has helped to form an amateur drama society of Americans in New Delhi.



(Photo by USIS/India)

Bill, who is now on his second tour in New Delhi and was previously stationed in Jordan and Japan, is one of the founding members of the group and has agreed to direct its first production - The Man Who Came to Dinner.

He has had wide experience as actor-director-playwright, and while in Jordan he produced "Julius Caesar" against a background of the ruins of Jarash.

(Ed. note: The SHIELD would like to receive news and photos of drama groups and play reading activities in other USOM's.)

Be more judicious in the choice of neighbors than of a house.

Ancient saying

Submit overseas contributions to the SHIELD by airgram marked "Pass to the SHIELD" or by official mail addressed to ICA, attention the SHIELD, Room 413, 806 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington 25, D. C. Local contributions may be submitted in writing or by calling extension 3682.

