

MONTHLY REPORT

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The first three days of the first week of August was occupied with budget meetings and various committee meetings. We also went through the final details of Francisco Rego's papers prior to his trip to the U. S. Then on August 6 we went on vacation to return on August 17.

The call forward came for Rego and there was a flurry of activity on the 17th to get him off on the 21th. He made the plane and arrived in Moscow (Idaho) as per schedule. We also received the call forward for Artur Cristávão for September 6. We started processing his passage on August 31, and had to send him a day early because of a heavy flight schedule with stand-by only offered.

On August 18 we had a visit from the cultural attache from the American Embassy. He is Wally Kriederling and he plans to bring two well known U. S. Bluegrass groups here on September 22. This should make a big hit in the community and preparations are being made for a big crowd.

It was necessary to go to Lisbon to consult with Mr. Buchanan about our budget and other matters concerning the project. I didn't feel well enough to take the train, bus, or drive, so I took the plane down one day and came back the next (August 24-5).

The Ahlrichs family left for Italy for vacation and to attend an international clay meeting on August 27. That same night his sister called with urgent family news. Fortunately we had his general itenary and Ana Paula spent a frantic day of tracing. We were not very successful and got the message to him in about 10 days. I'm glad it wasn't more serious, and once again it shows the importance of leaving information as to where you will be in case of emergency.