WELCOME TO NEW STAFF - OCTOBER

(Seated L to R): Eleonore E. Wallis, Department of Operations - Europe, Africa and Australasia, from London; Janice Cronly, Office of Information, from Sydney, formerly with Northwest Publications, Vancouver; Edith Irene Servos, Technical Assistance and Liaison Staff, from Cleveland, formerly with Ohio Division, American Cancer Society, Inc., Cleveland. (Standing L to R): Barbara Scott, Department of Operations - Western Hemisphere, from Sydney, formerly with Larke Hoskins Ltd., Sydney; Beulah Mae Sale, Administration Department, from Arlington, formerly with Wonder Bread Co., Washington; Lila Flanagan, Administration Department, from Washington, formerly a student at Dunbarton College, Washington; Raymonde L. Mendola, Administration Department, from Arlington, formerly with Department of Citizenship and Immigration, Ottawa; Rose B. Reque, Administration Department, from Washington, formerly with International Monetary Fund, Washington; and Gloria Armstrong, Department of Operations - Asia and Middle East, from Arlington, formerly with the Office of the J.A.G., Department of National Defense, Ottawa.
Sports-loving people all over the world will turn their attention to the City of Melbourne, during the period November 22 through December 8. At that time Melbourne will be host city for the 1956 Olympic Games and, after many months of intensive organization and activity, all is now in readiness for the staging of this great international sporting festival in which over 5,000 athletes from about 70 nations will participate.

The capital of the State of Victoria in the south-eastern corner of the Australian continent, Melbourne is situated on the banks of the Yarra River about three miles upstream from the extensive Port Phillip Bay. Since it was first settled 120 years ago, the city has grown and prospered. It now covers an area of about 250 square miles and, with a population of 1½ million, it is Australia’s second largest city.

A busy commercial and industrial center, Melbourne is also a beautiful city with wide tree-lined streets and parklands. The City has many fine public and private buildings, imposing churches and colleges, and its university maintains a high standard of learning. It has a fine Art Gallery, several live theatres and active repertory clubs, and is the home of the Victorian Symphony Orchestra which ranks among the world’s great orchestras.

Melbourne residents are friendly warm-hearted people and great sport lovers. Sport there is highly organized both for the participant and the spectator, and football (of the “Australian rules” variety), cricket, tennis, golf, athletics, yachting, swimming are all very popular. In the field of horse racing, the Melbourne Cup, which is staged early each November, is one of the classics of the turf. With this background of sport, it is not surprising that Melbourne is looking forward eagerly to the XVIth Olympiad.

On November 3 the Olympic Flame began its journey from Olympia in Greece to Melbourne.
It was carried the 350 kilometers to Athens by Greek relay runners and then flown to Cairns, North Queensland, where the Australian ground relay of 2,750 miles commenced. Over this distance it will be carried by 2,750 runners, who will average 6½ minutes for each mile. On November 22 the final runner, after circling the Main Arena, will mount the 85 ft. high stand to apply the Flame to the Urn in which it will burn until December 8. The Olympiad will be opened by the Duke of Edinburgh, who is himself a fine sportsman, and the Opening Ceremony, with its colorful march-past of national groups, will be one of the highlights of the Games.

The Main Olympic Stadium, in which will be staged the opening and closing ceremonies, athletics, hockey finals, and soccer football, is the Melbourne Cricket Ground - the scene of many exciting sporting events in the past. This is situated within easy walking distance of the center of the city and has a capacity of 110,000, including a newly constructed 3-tier stand capable of seating 40,000. Earlier this year the Main Stadium Oval was completely regraded and regrassed to bring it up to Olympic requirements. To assist the competitors, a special warming-up cinder track has been laid down outside the Stadium with which it is connected by a tunnel.

A few hundred yards from the Main Stadium and on the banks of the Yarra River is Olympic Park. This 25-acre park has a modernistic design swimming pool, a cycling velodrome, soccer and hockey fields and the main cinder training track.

Wrestling contests will be held in the Exhibition Building which was built 75 years ago for an international exhibition and has been the scene of many historic events in Melbourne. Basketball, fencing,
gymnastics and boxing events will be held in other conveniently located buildings.

Port Phillip Bay will be ideal for the yachting events. Winds are generally favorable for sailing and the Bay is virtually free from reefs, tidal streams and currents. Rowing and canoeing will be decided on a large inland lake at Ballarat about 70 miles from Melbourne.

Of course, one of the most testing contests will be the modern pentathlon, which will include equestrian events, fencing, pistol shooting, swimming and cross-country running. Points will be allocated to each competitor according to the standard he reaches in each event, the winner being the one with the highest number of points. This differs from the system employed in Helsinki in 1952 when each competitor's place in each event was noted and the placings added after the completion of the events, the eventual winner being the man with the lowest number.

An Olympic Village, consisting of 850 housing units, has been built by the Victorian Government to house the 6,000 athletes and officials who will be present at the Games. No effort has been spared to ensure pleasant and comfortable living conditions in the Village and special arrangements have been made so that each of the national teams will have the food to which it is accustomed. The Village will be used for private housing after the Games. In addition to the competitors and officials, it is estimated that some 10,000 overseas and 30,000 interstate visitors will be in Melbourne for the Games. As hotel space is not available for all of these, a considerable number will be accommodated in private homes, as was the case in Helsinki in 1952.

The largest national teams at the Games will be those from Russia (500), the United States (430), and Australia (360). For many months past the members of the various teams have been undergoing intensive training in the hope of winning one of the coveted Olympic medals. It seems probable that many records will be shattered.

Although here in Washington we are about 11,000 miles from Melbourne, the Games will be as near to us as our television sets, for special arrangements have been made to film the main events and to fly the films to the United States in the shortest possible time. So, select the right channel and ...... ...... good watching!
NEW PROFESSIONAL STAFF - OCTOBER

Serge R. Chevrier, Department of Operations - Western Hemisphere, is from Charenton-Le-Pont, a suburb of Paris. Mr. Chevrier served as Financial Attache in the French Ministry of Finance, External Department, before joining the Bank in October. He held the position of Controller and Acting Financial Attache of the French Supply Mission in Argentina (1946-1952) and was Controller of the French Supply Mission in Ottawa (1945-1946). The Chevriers plan to buy a home in nearby Maryland. They have three children, Jean-Claude, Simone and Colette.

Franz Lutolf, from Luzern, joined the Economic Staff in October. Mr. Lutolf has served as Scientific Collaborator in the Swiss Institute of Foreign Trade, St. Gallen, since 1951. He was a Rockefeller Fellow from 1950-1951 working mainly at Princeton University. Among his publications have been a book on the exchange control system of the sterling area (joint authorship with H. Bachmann); an analysis of the findings of the Douglas Committee on U.S. money and credit policy; and a pamphlet on the economic development of Argentina since 1946. Mr. and Mrs. Lutolf have two sons, Mark and Dieter.

Jean Blondeel, from Belgium, is no stranger to the United States. He studied and received the degrees of LL.M (1949) and S.J.D. (1950) from Harvard Law School. From 1950 to 1953 he practiced law in the firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Friendly and Ball in New York, Washington and Paris. Before coming to the United States he was Assistant District Attorney in Ghent. From 1953 to October of this year, when he joined the Legal Department, he was Legal Adviser to the European Coal and Steel Community in Luxembourg. The Blondeels have two children, Anne Olga and Bernard Lancelot.

Juan F. de Liedekerke, from Brussels, joined the International Finance Corporation in November. As a C.R.B. Belgian Graduate Fellow he attended Columbia University and in June 1952 received an M.A. degree in Economics. Mr. de Liedekerke also has an M.A. degree in Economics and an LL.D from Louvain University. For four months in 1952 he took part in the training program of the Crocker First National Bank in San Francisco. Before joining the Corporation’s staff he was a member of the Finance Division, Haute Autorite - European Coal and Steel Community in Luxembourg. Mr. and Mrs. de Liedekerke have two sons, Gaetan and Yves.
The torch ceremony which this year will see a flame kindled in Greece carried 12,000 miles away to Australia was intended by the founders of the modern Olympic Games to symbolize the continuity of the institution and to remind the modern world of the noble purposes and high ideals which had inspired the original festival.

For me this reminder came in June 1955 when I visited Olympia, the site of the ancient games. It is a long (nine-hour) and not very comfortable journey by train from Athens which I had not had the opportunity to make until then. I had just finished working on a memorandum and my head was full of figures on industrial production, capital expenditures, rates of growth in per capita income and similar preoccupations which constitute our daily fare at the Bank. In a few hours I had been transported into a completely different world, a world dedicated not to wealth but to human achievement.

The first thing that strikes the visitor is the beauty of the site. A green valley surrounded by gentle hills and traversed by two lazy rivers, Olympia has been described as a "heaven upon earth - a terrestrial Olympus." The Greeks had a knack for choosing sites appropriate to their purposes. The pleasing beauty of Olympia was as fit a site for the peaceful reunion of the Greek world which it symbolized as the forbidding grandeur of Delphi was for the supernatural functions celebrated there.

In modern terms Olympia was an international center. While deeply conscious and proud of their Hellenism, the Greeks had grouped themselves in city-states which were constantly warring against each other, but which, at the same time, like modern nations, longed for the blessings of peace. Sparta, the dominant power of the Peloponese, used the religious rites held in Olympia, whose origin went back to mythological times, as an
occasion for the establishment, every four years, of a “truce of God.” This ensured a respite from fighting, brought all Greeks together in worship and festivity and substituted peaceful emulation for killing. At the same time it gave the opportunity to participating cities to gain the respect of actual or potential enemies through the prowess of their sons. It is only when this wider political significance of the Olympiads is realized that their extraordinary importance to the Greek world and the signal honors heaped on the victors can be fully understood.

In reviving the Olympic Games in 1896 Pierre de Coubertin and his associates had expressed the hope that these peaceful and courteous contests would supply the best of internationalism. However, the games had to be cancelled three times in less than fifty years because of war (1916, 1940, 1944). In ancient Greece, this would have been unthinkable: then the Olympiads held precedence over war.

These thoughts came to my mind as I admired the peaceful, sunlit valley from the veranda of the hotel. The visit to the ruins in the sacred enclosure, the Altis, made me conscious of another important difference with the modern version of the Olympic Festival. While popular interest, then as now, naturally centered around the athletic events, the three temples and multitudes of altars which crowd the Altis attest to the fact that Olympia was first and foremost a center of worship. This was the place where Greeks joined together in paying tribute to the Olympian Zeus, the most powerful of gods, in whose temple they had erected a forty-five foot statue modeled in ivory and gold, one of the wonders of the ancient world. It does not take long for the visitor to realize that this was a place where games were held, not to entertain men but to honor gods, by exalting those qualities and virtues, an alert and trained mind in a strong and graceful body, character, loyalty and devotion to family, city, race, which, in the eyes of the Greeks, distinguished heroes from ordinary men.

Leaving the Altis and entering The Valley of Olympia
the stadium to the east is like coming back to our modern world. Here for three days the 40,000 spectators who had gathered from all parts of Greece watched with the same delight as our sports' fans the favorite games of the day: the foot races, the pentathlon (a combination of five events, wrestling, long jump, running, throwing the discus and throwing the javelin, in which the winner of most was the victor), the pancration (a combination of boxing and wrestling fought with no holds barred), chariot races, horseback racing. Here sport was king, as it will be in Melbourne this week: these spectators were ordinary men out for excitement and thrills, not heroes striving for virtue and achievement.

The guide, with obvious approbation, informs his incredulous audience that women were not permitted to attend the festival and that matrons who defied the prohibition were hurled to death from a nearby rock. The spell is by now completely broken. After all, the ancient world, with all its glory, had its blind spots and blemishes. But these are short-lived thoughts which a visit to the Museum soon dispels. Here are on view some of the highest achievements of the human mind, brought to light in 1875 during the German excavations at Olympia: the magnificent figures from the pediments and metopes of the temple of Zeus, cast in a heroic mold, the incomparable Hermes of Praxiteles whose beauty and charm leave the visitor breathless and its formidable rival, the Nike of Paeonius, the flying goddess of victory, which has been described as "so full of life and strength and so airy that it seems to surround itself with an atmosphere of space and light brought down from the sky."

As I left the Museum I felt beset by doubts: Has the human race really progressed in the last two thousand years? Are the increases in per capita income with which we are concerned all that is needed to make of people better human beings?
The following books have been added to the Staff Relations circulating library. Books may be reserved by calling Ext. 3951.

**PEYTON PLACE**  
by Grace Metalious

**THE FORGOTTEN PLACE**  
by John Fores

**THE MAN WHO LIVED TWICE**  
by Eric Wollencott Barnes

**BERNARD SHAW**  
by St. John Ervine

**THE FLIGHT**  
by Ruth Stephan

**HUNGRY LEOPARD**  
by Mary Borden

**OF WHALES AND WOMEN**  
by Frank B. Gilbreth

**THE YEAR OF LOVE**  
by Margaret Runbeck

**AS I SAW THE U.S.A.**  
by James Morris

**TENEMENT OF DREAMS**  
by Joseph W. Meagher

**O BEULAH LAND**  
by Mary Lee Settle

**THE EARLY CHURCHILLS**  
by A. L. Rowse

**THREE SAINTS AND A SINNER**  
by Louise Hall Tharp

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by J. D. Scott

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by Anonymous

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by Helen Howe

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by Diana Chang

**SEARCH OF ADAM**  
by Herbert Wendt

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**TRADING POST**

FOR SALE: 1953, 2-door, black, Ford Victoria, white sidewall tires, seat covers, radio, heater, under 23,000 miles, $900. Call Ext. 3951.

1953, Austin, good condition, 31,000 miles, heater, $200 cash. Call Miss Aube, Ext. 3287.

Kittinger, sectional sofa, 3-piece, down-stuffed, green and white flowered covering, $500. Call Ext. 3951.

NEW ARRIVALS: Francisco and Filomena Sison (formerly in the Department of Operations - Asia and Middle East) are the very proud parents of a baby girl, Maria Cristina Edna. Maria was born October 13 in Georgetown Hospital and weighed 5 pounds and 10 ounces.

Word has been received from Australia that Dorothy and Roy Cameron (formerly in the Economic Staff) have a new addition to their family - a son Peter Roy who joins his brother John and sister Patricia Anne.

ENGAGEMENT: Winy Kugel (formerly of the Legal Department) is engaged to Adolfo Martinez of Guanajuato, Mexico. They plan to be married in January. Winy now makes her home in Beverly Hills, California.

VISITOR: Nadia Burkhardt's mother is visiting her from Florence, Italy.

"Allardice seldom uses the elevator."

VACATIONERS: Frida Rappaport, New York; Gloria Jean Lowery, Florida; Clementina Munoz, Manila; Anne Marie Kalivoda and her husband, Florida and Haiti; Patt Kitts and husband, Canada.

A NEW HOME OWNER: Hazel Fleming has purchased a new home in Indian Springs Village, Silver Spring, Md. She will move in in January. A garden attracted her to the idea of buying a house and she will gladly receive any gifts of plants, come this spring!

INFLUENZA VIRUS VACCINE

Influenza virus vaccine injections will be given upon request in the Health Room. The charge is $1.50 for an injection. Please call Ext. 3241 for an appointment.

ESPERANTO CLUB OF WASHINGTON

The Esperanto Club of Washington meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 8 p.m. at the Pan American Building, 17th and Constitution Avenue, N.W. 'Phone NAtional 8-6630, ext. 295 for information. Instruction in Esperanto free of charge.
There's nothing like having your day in the sun, especially if you're willing to share. That must be what Jo Slusarski is doing. Last month she was riding high and had copped all but one of the honors. But this month! Jo's name appears nowhere except among those present." So it becomes necessary to look around and decide who will get the brass ring which, as a well-known columnist says, is good for one free ride in the column.

Ginger Awid, we think, rates the ride this time. After all, if Ginger's bowling is average, you can rest assured that that's the only thing about Ginger that is average. Certainly her reputation as the Perle Mesta, or the Gwen Cafritz, of the Bowling League is based on the solid rock of good food, good wine and good conversation. Let no one accuse Ginger of having an ulterior motive when she makes up her guest list which invariably includes members of Legal's opposition. After all, she doesn't force her guests to go back for seconds and thirds of the magnificent buffet. No, indeed, she just makes it easy for them to relax and forget that there's a battle in the offing. In this she is aided and abetted by her cohorts in Legal, all of whom, on bowling night, pretend to be on the famous Rockefeller diet with the end result that they are bright-eyed, streamlined, lean and lithe and take over with a vengeance. Proof positive of the efficacy of Legal strategy is found in the person of Joan Brown who now has High Set, High Strikes and High Game. Let this be a lesson to all bowlers who play opposite Legal and who receive the coveted dinner bid.

Doris Eliason, after a year's rest, is up to her usual tricks, with High Average and High Spares. High Flat Game at 89 is a three-way tie for the women with Lil Berger, Peg Mahony and Florence Perras all vying for the honor, while Jim Twining, with a 95, seems to have it securely nailed down for the men. Gary Lightowler bowled a 125 game recently which, with his average of 73, made him quite a credit to his team. Shirley Franklin, bowling for the first time this year has upped her average to 86 with 14 spares and 3 strikes to her credit. The President's Office still has a precarious hold on the crowns for High Team Game and High Team Set. With I.F.C. missing by one pin the distinction of winning High Team Set, rivalry is high, wide and handsome and it is still anyone's race. Join us one of these bowling nights and see for yourself the friendly rivalry that exists.