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Photograph by K.A. Bohr

Michael Porcher, Deputy Colonial Secretary, with Barbara McLane and E. Harrison Clark at Kaietur Falls, British Guiana.

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GLYMPSES OF GUIANA

by K.A. Bobr

Last February the Bank sent a general survey mission to British Guiana. This turned out to be an event of major local importance in spite of competition from visits by the Queen’s Aunt and a touring Indian cricket team. Luckily this last event, which temporarily paralyzed the entire economy, occurred after the mission had completed most of its work.

Why were we so warmly welcomed? The report of the Bank mission to Jamaica had received wide publicity in the colony. Some thought we were there to hand out money (“we could use $50 million interest-free and if you insisted we could pay back some of the principal--”); and some were probably impressed by the mere fact that there were nine people in the mission or one for each 50,000 Guianese, a ratio not remotely approached by any of the previous missions to the colony.

We found the colony a rather unusual place—an English-speaking cricket-playing South American country, the bulk of whose population came from India and Africa. We found the weather extremely pleasant when it wasn’t raining, and we found the local hospitality almost too hospitable. There is some doubt whether we could have stood another week of it.

Missions run into the strangest variety of problems. Those we met were handled with great finesse by our leader, Harrison Clark. There were conversations with visiting royalty and conferences with the Governor; there were meetings with the press and the crowd at the Y.M.C.A. Then there was the chap who wanted to discuss the Bank’s work in Toynbee’s terms, the conjurer who wanted to perform for the mission (we did our own conjuring), and the inventor of amphibious equipment who would solve all develop-
ment problems for $5 million.

Cyril Davies, the assistant chief, also had his share of duties, but for me, at least, he was particularly valuable as our expert on cricket. He also represented the mission in local sporting competition and in fact, is today, the uncrowned billiard king of B.G. (It was too wet for golf.)

Barbara McLane and I were the other Bank staff members on the mission. During our stay Barbara became rather an expert on local dance forms and on curtseying before royalty. She was thoroughly schooled in this, the curtseying that is, by the over-solicitous wife of the Development Commissioner.

In addition to the Bank staff there were five consultants: Professor W.F. Eysvoogel and J.H.L. Joosten from the Netherlands; Dr. M. Guillaume from France; E.R. Hondelink from the U.K., and E.C. Reichard from the U.S.

Collectively we covered the country. The forestry expert took to the woods, the agriculturists to the fields and the transport man proceeded to personally explore the existing means of public conveyance—an experience in which we all uncomfortably shared. Some of us also visited industrial and mining operations and the entire mission found it necessary to inspect a potential hydroelectric site at famous Kaieteur Falls.

From plane, car, train (model circa 1850) and boat we saw the fertile low-lying coastal strip which contains the capital city, Georgetown, most of the population, and all of the agriculture. Lying below the level of the high tides, this land must be protected from the sea by walls, and irrigated and drained by an intricate system of canals and locks. Ancient sugar estates stretch for miles along the coast with names such as Uitvlugt, Ruimveldt, Mon Repos, La Bonne Intention, that reflect previous eras of Dutch and French influence. It was to work these estates that slaves were first brought to the colony from

(1) Sugar fields and irrigation canals on the coastal plain. (2) A road (?) (3) Georgetown street scene. Photographs by Kenneth Bohr and Cyril Davies
Africa. When slavery was abolished in the 1830's, the slaves were replaced by indentured labor chiefly from India, until to-day, one-half of the population is of East Indian origin. Many of the old sugar estates have been abandoned to rice, a crop of increasing importance; others have been consolidated and modernized. Sugar remains the principal crop and chief export.

Behind the fertile coastlands is a vast area of swamps, forests and infertile sandy soil. Great muddy rivers move slowly through this region. There is bauxite and timber here. Our forester got to know much of this land at first hand. The rest of us were glad to be able to fly over it. We did, however, visit the great bauxite operations, a center of modern industry in the midst of the jungle.

Further back from the coast lie the mountains and in the valleys worn by the rivers are gold and diamonds. We saw the prosaic way gold is mined with huge dredges that methodically dig up a river bottom and mechanically separate the precious grains from the mud. And further up one of the valleys, at the head of a great escarpment, Kaieteur Falls drops a sheer 800 ft. As if to see this sight were not enough, we had the rather stimulating experience of taking off in a flying boat from the river over the edge of the falls.

Beyond the falls and over the mountains on the Brazilian border lies one of the most interesting parts of the entire colony, the great Rupununi savannahs. This is Guiana's "wild west" where the native Indians are the cowboys and each cattle ranch has its own air strip. Some of the cattle raised here reach Georgetown by air but most are driven down over a tortuous 200 mile trail. We met the ranchers, and we saw the cattle but the nearest we came to the trail was several thousand feet—straight up.
Visitors to the British House of Commons usually express surprise at its seating accommodation, for while its members total over 600, the House holds, at the most, less than two-thirds of that number. The reason, one is told, is simple. Only on the rarest occasions are all the members likely to be present at the same time.

The Bank's Department of Operations -- Western Hemisphere may be said to work pretty much on the same principle. For so much of the work of the department requires first-hand contact with the countries concerned that some staff members spend as much of their time in the field as at the desk. And a fascinating field it is, extending from the Caribbean to Tierra del Fuego, and comprising some 20 different countries, with great variations in size, climate, altitude, culture, history and social and political organization.

Within the department, these countries are grouped into four divisions: Eastern, Western, Caribbean and Central, but there is, of course, considerable crossing of divisional boundaries on the part of the officers assigned to them. The department is headed by J. Burke Knapp, who has Orvis A. Schmidt as his Assistant Director and Harold Larsen to advise on matters economic. Others on the front office staff are Eve Bothwell, Ann Friedman, Magdalen Neyer and Krishan Kapur.

The Eastern Division is responsible for three countries -- Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay -- which can be relied upon to generate more than enough work to keep happy Richard Quandt, Patrick Acheson, and Margaret Wolfson, whose present lot is to cope with them. Brazil, which alone accounts for about half of the area and population of the southern continent, has presented a host of projects for Bank consideration, and a mission headed by Richard Quandt has just spent about two months south of the Amazon taking a first-hand look at some of them. In Paraguay the Bank has a Special Representative in the person of Newton Parker, who has spent the winter months battling with the worse-than-Washington-summer heat of Asuncion helping the Paraguayans put into operation the Bank's agricultural machinery loan, and getting well acquainted with the country. A new addition to the division, and, indeed, to the Bank, is Reynold Carlson, who barely stopped to get acquainted before taking off to make an on-the-spot study of the economy of Chile. The division also includes secretaries Esther O'Grady and Mary Anna Stroud who are at present taking enforced studies in hieroglyphics in the course of trying to decipher the handwritten reports sent back by the officers in the field.
The Western Division is responsible for the four Andean Republics of Ecuador, Bolivia, Peru, and Chile, all of which have had their share of entertaining Bank personnel in recent months. Stewart Mason has just returned from heading a two-months' mission in Peru and Burke Knapp recently visited Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia, Colombia and Brazil. Other members of the division are Roger Chauffournier from France, George Gondicas from Greece and Lincoln Sandelin, whose way with a balance sheet never ceases to arouse the admiration of his colleagues in the department. Between them they keep secretaries Doris Garvey and Margaret Crouse amply busy.

The Caribbean Division, which handles Colombia, Venezuela, Cuba, the Dominican Republic and various Caribbean Colonies, has at the present time more members in the field than at the desk. Harrison Clark returned from his stint of duty as Special Bank representative to Nicaragua just in time to head the Bank mission to British Guiana, from which country he has recently returned. Jacques Torfs has been lent to the Government of Colombia for one year to serve as Program Director with
the National Board of Economic Planning. Back at home base are Albert Waterston, one of the team who produced the recent report on Mexico, and Gordon Grayson, who is virtually a founder member of the Bank-Colombia entente initiated by the General Survey Mission of 1949. The secretarial duties of this division fall to Helen McLeod and Eileen Parker.

The Central Division, which takes care of Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras, El Salvador, Costa Rica and Panama, is headed by Federico Consolo, who practically commutes between his bailiwick and Washington. His supporting team consists of, at home, Cyril Davies from England, Jonas Haralz, an Icelander perceptibly defrosted as a result of a year spent in Mexico studying that country's economy with the Combined Mexican Working Party, and Ernesto Franco, the only member of the department to have been on speaking terms with the Spanish language from infancy, and an encyclopedic source of information on who's who in Latin America. Away members consist of David Gordon and Pentti Pajunen, who are at present in Nicaragua helping the Government to put into effect the development program recommended by the earlier Bank mission. The mass of secretarial work is dealt with by Dorothy Alexander, a veteran of the Central Division, Eleonore Krege and Mary Roberts.

In all its operations, the department works in close collaboration with the other departments of the Bank. In fact, its role might perhaps be described as trying to interpret the multitudinous requirements of its brethren in the Treasurer's and Technical Operations Departments, on the Technical Assistance Staff, and in the Office of the General Counsel on the one hand to our borrowers on the other.

In addition, the department has, of recent months, taken unto itself a new activity, namely the study of Spanish, both of language and gesture. Subjected to a barrage of accents, ranging from New Zealand to Hindi, Spanish appeared at first to be fighting a losing battle, but after a spirited resistance, now appears to be well on the way to winning the day.

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TRADING POST

MOTOR TRIPS: Would like to hear of persons wanting a passenger to share expenses on week-end trips. Harvey, Ext. 553.

SUMMER RENTAL: House, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, Foxhall area. Available July and August; total rent $450. French, Ext. 2958.

APARTMENT: Lady wanted to share apartment with one other; two blocks from the Bank. RE - 7-2585, Ext. 504.
Mrs. Howell and Mary.

We had straight running, sack and three-legged races for children of all ages.

Below: Mrs. Rucinski, General Wheeler, Mrs. Garner, Dr. Basch, Mrs. Gilmartin.

Mrs. Black with members of the Races Committee, Connie Ladue, Mignon Roberts (in charge), Rita Adler and Marie Linahan.

Prize Committee Joan Brown and Clara,

Mary Wolfe's daughter Barbara on one of the three ponies. Beside her is Frank Norwood from Circle N. Pony Ranch. Lindy Knapp rode 20 times!

Edith Kesterton
**SCENES**

Bank picnic day, June 11, azie, in charge of refreshment, attendance of 300 adults.

Ken Bobr (in charge of Baseball), congratulates Captain Andy Kamarck as he receives prizes for his team from Mr. Garner.

Bill Wetton (Refreshments Committee), family and friends tuck in at the picnic.

Gloria Salazar

John Adler spike-driving.

Some of the 115 children who attended.


Below: Soft drinks, ice cream, milk, coffee and box lunches were constantly in demand.

Cowboy-Guitarist Tex Combs, one of the Ralph Case entertainers, even wore spurs for the occasion.

Florence Czok

Bill provided 700 novelties for the picnic.
HOLY THURSDAY AT THE VATICAN

by Virginia Morsey, Office of the General Counsel, who recently returned from a trip to Europe.

Even for two Protestants, the opportunity to attend a Papal audience seemed an experience not to be missed, so on Holy Thursday morning we approached the Vatican, admittedly with some trepidation as our invitations clearly stated that ladies were to be dressed in the traditional long-sleeved, veiled black.

Our fears were soon dispelled. By the time we arrived a crowd had already gathered under the lovely colonnade surrounding St. Peter's Square. There were a few women in black, but most of them were dressed as we were in usual everyday costume. Those with invitations were allowed to walk up a flight of stairs into Benediction Hall, a long, narrow room with a throne at one end. At the appointed time the doors opened and Swiss Guards in their colorful red, yellow and blue costumes, wearing helmets and carrying spears or halberds, entered preceding others who carried on their shoulders a litter bearing Pope Pius XII. The Pope, dressed in white robes and wearing a white skull cap, was carried down the aisle, nodding and gesturing and smiling to the crowd. We had expected a hushed silence; instead there was boisterous shouting and handclapping. The numerous German pilgrims shook the rafters yelling, "Heil, heil, heil," in unison.

The Pope spoke briefly to each group represented, first a message in Italian, then in German, then French, English, Spanish and Norwegian. He blessed religious articles which had been brought in, and made comments applicable to those whose language he was speaking. After about half an hour he was carried out. Before going through the door he stopped to don a scarlet robe, and at that point the German pilgrims broke into song. They had beautiful voices, and the acoustics in the hall were excellent. The hymns were familiar, although we did not know the words, and along with many others we impulsively joined in the singing.

Although the audience in itself probably meant less to us than it did to the little lady standing near us dressed in the proper veiled black with tears streaming down her face, or to the young man with the red beard who looked as though he were studying for a part in the Passion Play at Oberammergau, it was, nevertheless, an unforgettable experience.
NEW PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS

Richard G. Bateson, Office of the General Counsel, is a New Englander from Walpole, Massachusetts. He comes to the Bank from Harvard University where he was a Teaching Fellow in Law. He spent a year in France studying at the University of Grenoble, and has had experience with a law firm in Boston.

Reynold Carlson, Department of Operations -- Western Hemisphere, is from Chicago, but has recently been teaching economics at Vanderbilt University, Nashville. He was an economist with the U.S. - Brazil Joint Economic Commission and has been a consultant on many U.N. missions.

Arthur James Crotty, Department of Technical Operations, is from London, England. A mechanical and chemical engineer, for the past five years he has been on the staff of the Colonial Development Corporation. Previously he was with the Chemical Division of the Control Commission for Germany.

Russell H. Dorr, Department of Operations -- Asia and Middle East, a New Yorker, recently General Counsel to the U.S. Special Representative in Europe, was Chief of the ECA/MSA Mission to Turkey. Prior to that he was U.S. Minister-delegate to the Inter-Allied Reparation Agency and Chairman of the Tri-Partite Gold Commission. Before World War II he practiced law in New York City.

Edward Lamont, Department of Operations -- Europe, Africa and Australasia, is another New Yorker. Between undergraduate and graduate work at Harvard he studied at the University of Geneva. He has had experience with the International Staff of N.A.T.O. in Paris and the North Area Division of M.S.A. in Washington.

Luis A. Passalacqua Jr., Translation Section of the Administration Department, is from Puerto Rico. He comes to the Bank from the Geologic Division of the Department of Interior. He has taught Spanish and done radio work in Spanish.
During his trip through the Middle East, Mr. Black and his party visited ancient Baalbeck in the Bekaa Valley of Lebanon on February 28. They were guided and entertained by Souhail Chamieh, a former trainee of the IBRD who now works at the Transarabian Pipeline Headquarters in Beirut. Mr. Chamieh is a native of Baalbeck where his family owns the well-known hotel Palmyra.

The above snapshot, taken by Feliks Bochenski, shows (from left to right): Souhail Chamieh, a guide, Mignon Roberts, Hector Prud'homme, Emir Malek Chehab (from the Beirut Chamber of Commerce), Mrs. Black, Mr. Black, Dorsey Stephens.

CRICKET

The activities of the Washington Cricket Club were somewhat curtailed in May because of the deplorable weather. However, a number of games have been played at "Bellapais," in which Messrs. Cargill, Fraser, Conron, Geolot and Rao have not exactly distinguished themselves. Their combined averages are less than one run! Mr. Hoar and his two sons, John and Robin, have recently joined the Club, so that the standard is expected to improve.

On June 5, Cargill and Fraser were selected to play for a combined team from Washington against Haverford College at Philadelphia, an institution which is probably the last stronghold of cricket in the United States. The match was played in perfect weather before several hundred spectators. Sir Gladwyn Jebb, who had spoken at the graduation ceremonies in the morning, threw out the first ball. The ball barely hit the wicket, and the umpire, who was obviously overcome by the solemnity of the occasion, failed to signal a wide. Sir Gladwyn was later heard to say that he believed himself a better diplomat than cricketer. The event was televised to the Philadelphia area, and was widely reported in the press of that city. (Washington papers please note).

Showing a shocking disregard for the susceptibilities of the hosts, the Washington side won the match handsomely by 9 wickets. Cargill and Fraser participated in the proceedings to the extent of making 0 and 1 respectively.
Welcome to New Staff Members

L to R (Seated): Olga Dinneen, Office of Public Relations, from Puerto Rico, formerly secretary to the Spanish Ambassador in Washington. Russell H. Dorr, Department of Operations -- Asia and Middle East, from New York, formerly General Counsel to the United States Special Representative in Europe with headquarters in Paris. Doris Irving, Office of the Executive Director for India, from Toronto, Canada, formerly a secretary at the Embassy of India. (Standing): Luis A. Passalacqua Jr., Administration/Archives, from Puerto Rico, formerly with the Department of Interior, Washington. Marion Smith, Department of Technical Operations, from Bedford, Virginia, formerly with the International Press Service of the State Department. Arthur James Crotty, Department of Technical Operations, from London, England, formerly Manager of the Factories Division of the Colonial Development Corporation. Betty Tunnoch, Treasurer’s Office, from Edmonton, Canada, formerly with the Canadian Pacific Telegraphs in Edmonton. Richard Bateson, Office of the General Counsel, from Walpole, Massachusetts, formerly a Teaching Fellow in Law at Harvard University. Eleonore Krege, Department of Operations -- Western Hemisphere, from Czechoslovakia, but now an American citizen, formerly an Administrative Secretary with the American Committee for the Liberation of the Peoples of Russia, Inc., in Munich, Germany. Dominic Seminara, Administration/Printing and Drafting, from Italy, but now an American citizen, formerly a teletype operator and repairman with the U.S. Army. Edward Lamont, Department of Operations -- Europe, Africa and Australasia, from New York, formerly in the Northern Area Division of the Mutual Security Agency in Washington. Unable to be present: Reynold Carlson, Department of Operations -- Western Hemisphere, from Chicago, Illinois, formerly Economic Adviser to the Institute of Inter-American Affairs, Washington, D. C. Antoinette Jousselin, Paris Office, from Dreux, France, formerly a bi-lingual secretary at the Centre Quaker International, in Paris.
A list of books available in the Staff Relations Circulating Library has recently been compiled. Staff members who would like to have such a list for themselves and their families can get a copy in Room 1212. Books rent for 3¢ a day. The following have been added to the library:

**U. S. FORTY**  
by George K. Stewart

**BATTLE CRY**  
by Leon Uris

**KINGFISHERS CATCH FIRE**  
by Rumer Godden

**ZORBA THE GREEK**  
by Nikos Kazantzakis

By calling extension 2951, staff members can have books of their choice reserved without charge.

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**THANKS TO YOU-RED FEATHER WEEK**

*Proclaimed by District Commissioners in Spirit of Public Gratitude*

"It is accepted by us all," the proclamation reads, "that in its quarter-century of service, the Community Chest has enabled our citizens to make an immeasurably beneficial contribution to the progress of local health, welfare and recreation programs --

"Public recognition is due thousands of volunteers and hundreds of thousands of contributors who have combined to raise nearly $70,000,000 to help meet basic human needs in our community since the first Community Chest campaign in 1929."

The Commissioners urge citizens to visit one or more of the 101 Red Feather agencies in their neighborhoods to see for themselves how the funds they contribute each year are used to help people meet basic human needs.

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**TWO SPECIAL VISITORS FROM PAKISTAN**

Abdul Fayyaz Quraishi (left) and Mohammed Qasim Siddiqui, who arrived recently to study the Bank, are officials of the Central Engineering Authority of Pakistan. Mr. Quraishi, a civil engineer, is Deputy Director and is responsible for irrigation and hydroelectric projects. Mr. Siddiqui, an electrical engineer, is an Assistant Director, and works primarily on thermal electric projects.
William Heath Black, son of our President and his wife, was married on June 19 to Nancy Carson Cowles at Trinity Church, Princeton. Eugene R. Black, Jr., of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, was best man for his brother. The bride wore a gown of white embroidered Swiss organdy and carried white geraniums. The maid of honor and four bridesmaids all wore aqua organdy and carried salmon pink geraniums. The young couple will live in New Haven, Connecticut.

On June 6 Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Connor attended the convocation at Queens University, Kingston, Ontario, when their son D. H. Connor, Jr. received his degree as a Doctor of Medicine. A week later they attended their son's wedding to Norma Winnifred Miller, which took place in the University Chapel, Kingston. The newlyweds will live in Washington.

Mr. Arnold Kirch's daughter, Sally, was married to Lt. James Smola on Saturday, June 20, at St. James Church, Falls Church, Virginia.

Leila Ann Wallace has announced her engagement to Andrew McKendry of Brinckerhoff, New York. They plan to be married in August.

We are glad to see Marion Smith back in the Technical Operations Department after an emergency appendectomy at Georgetown Hospital.

Frank and Marion Abbott are the happy parents of a baby girl, Mariane, who arrived at George Washington Hospital on June 14, weighing 6 lbs. 9 oz. Marion recently left the Bank after being Mr. McCorkle's "girl Friday" ever since the Bank started.

Margaret Mahony has returned from a two-months' mission in Uruguay.

Edith Kesterton left unexpectedly on June 17 for Regina, Saskatchewan, to be with her mother who is seriously ill.

VACATIONS
Jan and Timmie Burns - Oklahoma City.
Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCarthy - Atlantic City.
Phyllis Stith - Delaware.
Bernice Westrom - Omaha, Nebraska.
Sue Harris - Never Never Land, North Dakota.
Chris Perkins - New Orleans and Miami.
Mildred Warford - Ortonville, Minnesota.
Ellsworth Clark - Maine.
Verna Via - Europe.
Gayle and Paris Davis - Detroit, Mich., London and Hamilton, Ont.

HOME LEAVE
Cyril Davies - England.
Jonas Haralz - Iceland.
Saturday, June 20, was one of the best tennis days so far this season. Our courts were taken up the whole morning with tournament play-off matches and friendly practice games, and the rooters' bench was always crowded. The temperature of 92 in the shade (if you could find any) encouraged a capacity crowd of racketeers. One of the shots the photographer, Bill Bailey, missed was Joe Magurn wringing out his shirt after winning his game with Andre Willieme.

Committee members Andreas Abadjis, Wilfred Kluss and Badri Rao are pleased with the progress made in the tournament which began June 16. In the men’s singles, Boonma Wongswan is defending his last year’s laurels. Erling Sveinbjörnsson gave him some stiff competition but was finally defeated. Joe Magurn and Phil Herzbrun will try to depose the champion. Jackie de Ghelcke showed fine form in her match with Marion Lackler but couldn’t quite overtake her. Jeanette Siegel is a good ad for tennis togs in her immaculate whites. Ladies PLEASE! You forgot to sign up for the doubles! Aren’t any two of you in a competitive mood?

Herman Nijhoff deserves a hand, not only for his court work but also for the way in which he has kept the club together for the past five years. The whole committee hopes to see more members turning out. If you’re shy, call up Treasurer, Paulina Palmer, Ext. 2127, and tell her you want to make up a game.

The beautiful Thailand Cup presented by Boonma Wongswan is on display in the Bank's trophy case on the 2nd floor.

The tournament ends on July 5 with the playing of the Men’s Singles and Doubles. Rooters are welcome.