PUBLIC FINANCE TRAINEES

Miss Chutima and Mr. Mutwalli are participants in the Public Finance Training Program of the Bank which was started in 1950 for the purpose of assisting officials of member countries to study various phases of financial administration in jurisdictions having modern procedures. As participants in this program the Bank has had an income tax official from Honduras, a budget officer from India, a Research official of the Finance Ministry of Turkey, and another central bank official from Thailand.

In the past, the program has been administered by Mr. Kirch and has been recently transferred to the Training and Staff Relations Office of the Personnel Division. Within the next month the Bank is expecting another Public Finance trainee, Mr. M. H. Sadri, Secretary General of the Bank Melli Iran, whose application was recently accepted by the Public Finance Training Committee after Mr. Sadri was interviewed by a Bank official in Teheran.

RED CROSS CAMPAIGN

The 1952 Red Cross Campaign has now begun with Mr. Black as chairman of the International Agencies Campaign. Admiral Paul F. Foster is the Vice-Chairman of the Bank Campaign and the following staff members will be Departmental Chairmen and Keymen:

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WELCOME TO FEBRUARY'S NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Left to Right: Mrs. Alliene Lybrand of the Treasurer’s Department. Before joining the Bank she was employed by George Washington University. Miss Avanelle Reynolds, formerly with the Public Housing Administration, is now in the Economic Department. Miss Joan King of the Archives Division is a graduate of George Washington University. Miss Mary Dowding comes from England. Formerly employed by the Bank, she has returned to the Economic Department after a two-year absence during which she worked for the ECA Mission to the United Kingdom.

BLOOD DONORS

The following staff members have donated blood during the past month:

Charles C. Hamilton  Christian Perkins
G. Lincoln Sandelin*  Constance Meyer*
Margaret Sterbutzel**  Grethe Pedersen
Jose Camacho**  Marie-Louise Cathala***
Harriet Curry  Gustavo Polit
Leland Scribner******  Caroline Husted*
Joseph Reamy*  Mervyn Weiner
Mary E. Wolf  Gladys Willard
Elaine Walker  Beatrice Martinson
Eduardo de Acevedo
William Fraser
Alexander Stevenson*

* Additional donations

MARCH OF DIMES CAMPAIGN

The contributions of the Bank staff to the 1952 March of Dimes Campaign totaled $41.00.

MRS. DORIS ELIASON

Here is a member of the Bank’s staff who, despite her charm, is anonymous to all but a few of the 30,000 individuals, institutions, and organizations on the Bank’s mailing lists which get the up-to-date information about the Bank’s operations as a result of her work. The 30,000 names, kept on addressograph plates, Doris has divided into 80 categories which range from bank presidents, ambassadors, and members of parliaments to the John Q. Publics in more than 75 countries. Doris knows which of the Bank’s activities are of particular interest to each category, and sees to it that each one receives the desired publication or information.

In addition, Doris receives all telephone calls, correspondence, and visitors requesting information or publications. An average month’s business includes between two and three hundred telephone calls, three hundred written requests and inquiries, and about a hundred inquiring visitors.

Doris is a “westerner.” Although born in Nebraska, she claims Washington State as home. It was in Seattle in 1932 that she really launched her career. That year she won the state typing championship. This feat led to a year’s study at the University Coaching School in Seattle and to a position on the staff of the Citizen’s Federal Savings and Loan Association in Seattle, 1933. In 1937, Doris “went East” to Washington joining the Federal Trade Commission. After five years she moved to the War Manpower Commission where she was appointed Administrative Assistant to the Deputy Chairman and Executive Director in 1944. The following year she joined the Office of War Mobilization and Reconversion as Administrative Assistant in the Media Programming Division, which acted as government liaison with the Advertising Council, and on November 6, 1946, Doris joined the Bank’s staff in the Public Relations Department.

Most of us are familiar with Doris’ bowling ability - she has won the women’s title for high average for the last two years and from all indications she is on her way to another win this year.

BEST SELLERS

The Lending Library announces the purchase of new books. They may be borrowed in Room 1212 for 3 cents a day.

The Cruel Sea, by Nicholas Monsarrat
Strange Lands and Friendly People, by Wm. O. Douglas
The End of the Affair, by Graham Greene
Spark of Life, by Erich Maria Remarque
The Swimming Pool, by Mary Roberts Rinehart
My Cousin Rachel, by Daphne du Maurier
The New Yorker 25th Anniversary Album
Show Biz, by Green and Laurie Jr.
Closing the Ring, by Winston Churchill
Between the Book Ends

Strange Lands and Friendly People, by Wm. O. Douglas.
Reviewed by Feliks Bocheniski

Great things are done when men and mountains meet;
This is not done by jostling in the street.

It has often been found that the best way to begin one's visit to a new place is to climb its highest point - a hill, a spire, a castle, or a memorial - in order to get the general impression before any detailed sightseeing takes place. Justice Douglas applies a similar principle to entire countries. When travelling in the Middle East, he spends little time in towns but concentrates instead on his favored observation posts in the ranges of the Lebanon, the Djebel Druze, the Elborz and the Zagros. No wonder his horizons are wide and his approach lofty and unmarred by the smallness and the petty intrigues of the lowlands. Another distinctive characteristic of the author as a traveler is that he chooses his sample contacts from among "tribesmen, farmers, goatherds, villagers, woodcutters and shopkeepers" who - in his own words - "constitute the hard central core of each of these countries." In predominantly agricultural, underdeveloped countries, where the small educated upper crust in towns has often become alien to its own nation and even more often is deeply propagandized conscious in any conversations with foreigners, Justice Douglas' method is obviously the right one. But how many of the journalists, writers, and diplomats, who visit and "cover" this type of country have the wisdom to apply it?

In his journeys through many remote corners of the Middle East and South Asia, places strange and remarkable by historical background, scenery and climate, the author focused his attention primarily on people. He found them poor in the extreme, oppressed, often sick and illiterate, but "hospitable, generous, honest and God-fearing." He was struck by their longing for betterment in which medical care and education are always given first priority and land reform and the desire for sound government given as close seconds. This unhappy area seems a perfect breeding ground for activities and programs which would be subversive to us, but appear in a different light to people who have nothing to conserve and little to look forward to. Yet, this same nationalism and impatience with foreign interference, which the West so often finds frustrating in dealing with the area are also among the main sources of its resistance to communism. Another is the peasant's passion for landownership. The need to start land reform in Asia through abolishing the vicious tenancy system rightly receives the author's main emphasis.

Justice Douglas' insight into the needs and feelings of Asiatic peoples is equally sharp in his analysis of mistakes made in their treatment by the West. He must be given to British policy. I have not found the attitude which Justice Douglas feels to exist with regard to the British in the Middle East to be as general as deeply rooted as he assumes. Justice Douglas also believes that some mistakes were made in leaving the political decisions to the Army.

Yet it was under Allied Army occupation that an apparently very successful land reform was carried out in Japan. This brings to mind that in the Middle East considerable progress towards westernization was made under the largely autocratic rule of Mohammed Ali, Ataturk, Reza Shah, and Haile Selassie. In the very necessary operation of breaking obsolete social patterns in underdeveloped countries, revolutions "from above" may be less painful than those originating in the streets.

For anyone not acquainted with the area, Justice Douglas' book is an eye-opener. For students of this part of the world it provides stimulating food for thought. For all it makes fascinating reading.

Strange Lands and Friendly People can be obtained from the Lending Library in Room 1212.

Bowling

To the newly elected officers for the 1952-53 season:
Badri Rao, President
Barbara Charalambous, Vice President
Josephine DiCostanzo, Secretary
Treasurer

all members of the Club give their congratulations and good wishes.

The handicap tournament on February 6 was a success; the winners:

Ladies' 1st Prize, Janice Scott
2nd Prize, Elsie Pyne and Marion Brooks, tied
Men's 1st Prize, J. F. Smythe

The second Bank Bowling Award - a Ronson lighter - has been made to Gudmundur Olafsson of Treasurer's Receipts. Gudmundur has shown consistent improvement since the beginning of the season, his first. His average has increased from 75.1 to 81 and is still going up.

Important dates in March are:
5 - Handicap Tournament
19 - Fund-Bank Tournament (at the usual hour)
26 - Special Handicap Tournament

Of these, the 19th is a must for all regular bowlers. This is the day for that cleaning job - besides, we cannot afford to keep paying for inscribing the Cup.

Team standings following the games of February 20, show our former friends, Administration 2, still clinging to the top with 41 wins and 22 losses. Administration 1 has now taken second place, 36-27, and Treasurer's Assets and Public Relations have slipped to third place, 35-28. One rung lower are Office Services and Economic A, each with 33-30, and below them Treasurer's Receipts, and Loan, 30-33. Executive Directors and Legal are still penultimate, 27-36, and in the ultimate are our good friends Economic B, 18-45.
Congratulations are in order for Dr. A. R. Mehta, a member of the Bank's Ceylon Mission, who was awarded a $600 first prize for his essay, "Population Problems of India." The contest was sponsored by the Watumull Foundation of Los Angeles.

It was announced by the Greek press that on February 3, Professor Kyriakos Varvaressos, on leave of absence from the Economic Department until March 5, was awarded the Grand Cross of the Phoenix for his survey of the economic problems confronting Greece. The presentation was made by King Paul I at a luncheon ceremony in Athens.

Two members of the Economic Department don professors' gowns, so to speak, and give graduate evening courses at American University. During the spring term, Mr. Feliks G. Bochenski lectures on "Economic Problems of the Middle East," and Dr. Murray Ross teaches Labor Economics.

Dr. Harold W. Larsen had a much-interrupted flight returning from his home in New Zealand. After leaving Nelson, New Zealand, he and his fellow passengers, due to engine trouble, spent part of one night at Nandi Airport in Fiji, stopped at Canton Island in daylight, and half-slept through another night in Honolulu—all of which was not scheduled. Canton Island, incidentally, is a British-American condominium, noticeable evidence of which is the fact that Dr. Larsen found two post offices side by side—one U.S. and the other British. Not realizing the distinction soon enough, he tried to send a cablegram in the U.S. Post Office and was promptly directed to the one for British subjects.

Mr. Guy Trancart has become engaged to Miss Nicole Helene Piatte, formerly of Paris and now living in Washington with her father, General Piatte of NATO. The wedding will take place in early June.

There are four new arrivals on the international scene: Sarah Harriet, born February 2 to Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bohr; Deborah Ann, who made her appearance on February 16, and whose parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Stroud; Stephen James, born February 27 to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Shultz; and Bradford Rex, born to Mr. and Mrs. William Smith on February 25. Our best wishes to the happy parents.

Miss Joan Linfoot, of the Loan Department returned on the Mauretania from a wonderful vacation in London, Manchester, and Hull, England. Joan had not been home for five years and was able to spend Christmas with her parents and old friends.

We are very glad to have Miss Jeanne Wells, of the Staff Relations Office, back after a long illness. Jeanne was well taken care of by her family in Toronto, Canada.

There were four intra-mural transfers recently: Miss Mary Ellen Parks from Personnel Division to Legal Department, Miss Doris Garvey from Legal to Loan Department, Mrs. Josephine Faulkner from Loan to Treasurers’ Department, and Miss Jeanne Wells from Executive Directors' Staff to Personnel Division.

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**INTERNATIONAL COOKING CORNER**

Miss Graciela Marquez, of Public Relations, tells us that Arroz con Pollo is cooked differently in all Latin American countries, but she recommends this particular recipe.

**ARROZ CON POLLO**

- One 3 lb. Chicken
- 3 garlic cloves
- 4 cups Water Maid Rice
- 3/4 cup tomato sauce
- 1 medium size onion
- 2 oz. cooking ham
- 1 small green pepper
- 3 oz. lard (or Crisco)

**salt to taste**

Cut chicken in pieces and boil or fry for about 15 minutes in one quart of water. Turn fire off before chicken becomes tender, as it will cook again with rice. Except for olives, capers and red peppers, cut all other ingredients in very small pieces and start frying in lard over low fire in the following order: bacon, ham, onion, pepper and garlic cloves; then add tomato sauce, olives and capers. Fry for about 5 minutes. Keep fire low. Wash rice thoroughly two or three times and drain well. Add rice to ingredients in iron pot or heavy aluminum pan and mix everything well.

Add chicken and broth, let boil over low fire, when almost dry cover tightly. Allow to cook for 15 minutes. Uncover and stir gently so that rice on the bottom gets to the top and vice versa. Cover tightly and for 20 minutes over very low fire. Uncover and if rice is not well cooked, sprinkle hot water over surface and continue to cook over very low fire. When cooked, serve rice with red peppers and grated cheese on top.