

# STAFF NEWS



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THIS IS NOT AN ABSTRACT SCULPTURE but the intricate maze of scaffolding which entirely fills the heart of the new Fund building, the interior court. It has been put up for the finishing of the glass roofs and the walls of the hollow square that rises twelve stories high at the center of the Fund's new headquarters. The scaffolding nicely illustrates the final construction phase. The mid-April topping-out ceremony, reported in STAFF NEWS, closed off the skeleton phase and since then the skeleton is being clad with the nerves and sinews and arteries of conduits, cables, elevator shafts and pipes that will make it a perfectly functioning body after the interior space will also have been divided up into offices. Ultimately, the



carpenters and electricians will move in for that final finishing job. Our pictures also show a view that will become very familiar for all staff members within a year: the view from the new building on the old, and more particularly the 19th Street entrance.



PER JACOBSSON, THE FUND'S THIRD MANAGING DIRECTOR will be the subject of a major biography which the Institute for the Study of International Organisation of the University of Sussex in England will undertake. The Institute has the full responsibility for the project and the text will be written by Dr. E. Jucker-Fleetwood, a daughter of Mr. Jacobsson and an economist in her own right. The Per Jacobsson Foundation, established in honor of the great Swedish monetary expert, and the Fund itself

will assist the Institute in the three-year project.

Per Jacobsson was appointed in September 1956 to succeed another Swedish Managing Director, Ivar Rooth, who recently passed away. Mr. Jacobsson himself died at the age of 69 on May 5, 1963, in his second five-year term as Managing Director. He spent nearly all his adult life trying to rebuild the currencies shattered by two world wars and played a major role in shaping international monetary policy right until the moment of his death. In his career he first served the League of Nations, then the Bank for International Settlements in Basle and finally the International Monetary Fund. Mr. Jacobsson was himself the author of several books on monetary subjects.



THE MANAGING DIRECTOR is in Geneva this week to participate in several U.N. - related meetings. He will also travel to Great Britain where, on July 15, he will receive an Honorary Doctorate at the University of Wales at Aberystwyth.

Mr. Schweitzer has also been elected a member of the august American Philosophical Society, headquartered in Philadelphia, whose early presidents were Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson. In 1791, Mr. Jefferson described the Society as "a body which comprehends whatsoever the American world has of distinction in philosophy and science." At present there are 500 resident and 100 foreign members.



MRS. SCHWEITZER RECEIVED 235 FUND STAFF MEMBERS' WIVES for a picnic-lunch at the Schweitzer residence on June 14. The skies had been rather threatening for a few days and tents had been rigged up but the weather was pleasant throughout the lunch. Besides the tents, there were tables and chairs around the swimming pool and there was even room in the basement for those who didn't want to take any chances with the weather.

It was the second picnic-lunch Mrs. Schweitzer gave -- after earlier years of "wives' coffees" -- and the atmosphere was as informal and enjoyable as last year, according to the guests. The menu had a French touch, what with crêpes aux épinards, poulet Jeannette, tarte aux fraises and other refinements of la cuisine française. For many of the ladies it was an opportunity to meet old acquaintances or make new friends. Our pictures clearly show how much that was the spirit of the occasion.



THE STAFF ASSOCIATION HELD A GENERAL ELECTION for its Committee on June 6 and a total number of 615 ballots were cast for the 11 candidates. The seven candidates elected were -- in order of the number of votes obtained -- Grant B. Taplin, Martin Hardy, Geoffrey Tyler, Joy E. Huston, Daryl Dixon, Duncan Ridler and Francis d'A. Collings. On June 15, the Committee elected its officers and chose Grant B. Taplin as Chairman, Geoffrey Tyler as Vice-Chairman and Daryl Dixon as Secretary-Treasurer. All committee members also appointed alternates. The new Committee took office on June 16.

ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE REGISTERED AT THE BWRC POOL DESK on the first Sunday of June, that was also the season's first warm weekend for it was preceded and followed by less favorable weather. The figure showed not only the expanded capacity but also the popularity of the new double pool setup.

The Center is now at peak activity, for the tennis courts, the golf links, the soccer field are also being used extensively and even the horseback riders can occasionally be seen decoratively lining the horizon.

The swimming pool, however, is the main attraction and has started all-day operations on weekdays too since June 19. There have been improvements and changes. Long-hairs, both male and female, have learned to their delight that bathing caps are not required anymore, at the snackbar things have looked up somewhat

## *New Members of Fund Staff*



Mr. Paul Acquah  
Ghana - AFR



Mrs. Dinah Ayensu  
Ghana - ADM



Miss Eugénette Barthel  
U.S.A. - BLS



Mrs. Nancy Coonts  
U.S.A. - TRE



Miss Sally Dyson  
U.K. - WHD



Mr. Richard Farrant  
U.K. - CBS



Mr. Neill Fortune  
Canada - ASD



Mr. Charles Gardner  
U.S.A. - OMD



Mr. Yoshiyuki Okuma  
Japan - BUR



Mr. Ian Plenderleith  
U.K. - OED



Miss Dierdre Ryan  
U.K. - SEC



Miss Emma Sein  
Burma - TRE



Mr. Takehiko Sekine  
Japan - BUR



Mrs. Janet Solomon  
Jamaica - ETR



Mr. Anthony Turner  
South Africa - SEC

with a greater range of edibles. The deep pool proves a success but remains somewhat risky for untrained swimmers so it will be out of bounds to children under thirteen on weekends when supervision is more difficult.

The BWRC tennis club has entered the Greater Washington Tennis League and has won one competition and lost another against other league member clubs. The 1972 Doubles Championship is scheduled for July 1.

The latest BWRC innovation is cricket. A cricket pitch, located near the soccer field, is in the making but playing has been somewhat delayed because it hasn't reached perfect playing standards yet (reportedly even more exacting than a putting green). It is, however, a matter of days now according to experts. Terry Hill, the prime organizer, says that some 40 people have signed up-- who all have to be BWRC members-- and that playing gear has arrived. A game schedule will be circulated shortly.

The BWRC soccer team has continued its winning streak and on recent weekends has beaten the Thai and Vietnamese embassy teams, and an Algerian and a New Zealand team. The latter was composed of crew members of H.M. N.Z. Frigate Canterbury, on a visit to Washington, who, during the fraternization afterwards, presented their hosts with Maori Tiki dolls. Dolls of this kind are very popular in New Zealand where they were regarded as fertility symbols in earlier days.

NOT ONE SINGLE ARTIST BUT MORE THAN A HUNDRED are represented in the current Art Society show in the Twelfth Floor Gallery that will run until July 11. Under the title "Collectors' Items", works owned by Fund staff members are exhibited and it certainly provides for variety. It's clearly evident that the Fund staff hails from 86 different countries, travels widely and has quite catholic taste. Rembrandt's famous "Hundred Guilders Print" is there as well as a "Female Fertility Figure" from the Ivory Coast and a marvelous wood sculpture, "Maid in a Chinese Garden". Etchings, woodcuts, oils, pastels, gouaches, watercolors, masks, statues, sanguines, pencil and charcoal drawings, they're all there. Bulgaria is represented as well as Bangladesh and Barbados, Italy as well as Iran, and Australia opens the alphabet that ends with Zaïre. The most widely represented countries with ten or more works of art are the United States, France and the Netherlands. Dick Ponsen was in charge of the considerable organization involved and Hans Gerhard, the Art Society's Treasurer, spoke briefly at the opening of the show on June 1. Our pictures show some candid shots taken at the opening. There will be no showings during the summer period but the Art Society Committee is not sitting still. In preparation is the major exhibition that has become a tradition at the time of the Annual Meeting. This year's show will be held on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of India's independence and will feature Indian art with a strong accent on contemporary works.



#### FUND BLOOD DONORS DOUBLED IN NUMBER

Thanks to the cooperation and support of departmental administrative officers, the monthly number of donors has doubled since March. While it is not likely that the Fund can reach its quota this year (200 by July 31), we have supplied 118 donors so far. Mission travel to certain areas continues to take its toll in deferrals, but this can be offset if staff members' families are willing to donate under the Fund's quota. This can be done by joining the group on Fund Day -- the second Thursday of each month -- or by going to the Red Cross

directly whenever convenient. In the latter case, they should simply identify themselves as Fund donors, and their donations will be credited to the Fund's account.

"FUND WIVES" are being canvassed to become volunteers in a new U.N. gift shop in Georgetown. A joint Fund effort is under way to staff the shop for a set day with Fund wives. Those interested call Nevin Bengur at EM2-5631 (for D.C.), Sheila Whitfield at 469-8946 (for Maryland) and Ilse Bornemann at 591-4917 (for Virginia). The Shop stocks gifts from over 80 countries and carries UNICEF materials and free documentation on the U.N. and Specialized Agencies. It is sponsored by the United Nations Association of Washington.

THE FIRST WINNERS OF THE ARGENTINE CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT were honored

at a cocktail party at the Argentine Embassy, May 26. Miss Elizabeth Howe of the Fund's Exchange and Trade Relations Department and José Peró of the Organization of American States were presented with the trophy by the ambassador, Dr. Carlos M. Muñiz. In his statement of congratulation, Dr. Muñiz said he hopes the annual competition for the Argentine Cup will be perpetuated as a symbol of friendship between his country and the many other countries represented at BWRC. In response, Lindsay Knight, chairman of the Golf Committee, expressed the gratitude of the BWRC Board of Directors, the Golf Committee and club members.

The Argentine Cup was donated last year by Dr. Muñiz' predecessor, Dr. Pedro Real, an avid golfer at BWRC. The cup will be engraved with the winners' names and eventually be displayed in the golf house. Miss Howe and Mr. Peró received miniature replicas donated by Mrs. Blanca Fortin. The competition of 36 holes of individual stroke play was held May 6 and 7 with both men's and women's categories.



(left to right) Mr. Peró, Dr. Muñiz, Miss Howe and Mr. Knight

THE ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE FUND/BANK INTERNATIONAL CAMERA CLUB, held on June 9, in the cafeteria of the Fund, was a gala affair with cocktails, dinner and wine served to the 80 members and guests. President Charles Goor (Bank)

gave a concise but informative report of the past year's activities. He also announced the Photographer-of-the-Year, Sven Cronquist of the Fund. The 60 winning slides of the competitions of the

season were then shown and judged by John Meenehan, President of Fuller & d'Albert, a well-known judge at Washington Area Camera Clubs. From these slides Mr. Meenehan selected the six which he considered the best, and designated the first as

Slide-of-the-Year belonging to Carlo Rietveld (Bank). The other five were as follows: 2. Fred Dirks (Fund); 3. Carlo Rietveld (Bank); 4. Madhav Rao (Fund); 5. Vita Rietveld (Bank wife); and 6. Sally Carlson (Fund wife).

The Annual Meeting of the International Camera Club was held on June 20 in the Fund Staff Lounge, at which officers for the coming year were elected. At its June 20 Annual Meeting, the Club elected its new Committee. The Bank's Charles Goor was re-elected as President. Other members of the Committee are: John Ehrlich (Fund), Diane Lum (Fund), Robert Tucker (Bank), Diana Scott (Fund), Amily Awid (Bank), Helen Burrows (Fund), Howard Carlson (Fund) and Colette Leroy (Fund).



TWENTY-YEAR STAFF. Miss Marjorie E. Ward, Code Assistant in the Secretary's Office will complete twenty years service in the Fund on June 25.

TWENTY-FIVE YEAR STAFF. The following staff commemorated twenty-five years service in June: Mrs. Edna Harris, Research; Mr. Andrew MacKay, Administration; Mr. Ralph Gordon, Administration; Miss Mary Lou Purcell, Secretary's; Mr. Marc A. Gosselin, Treasurer's; and Mr. Richard A. Radford, Western Hemisphere.

MARRIAGES. Mr. Cyrus Towfiq was married on May 27, 1972 to Miss Miriam E. Gottschalk.

BABIES. A son, Darren Philip, was born on January 20, 1972, to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Clague (Aldith); a daughter, Rosita Margarita, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Francisco Estrada (Rosa) on February 18, 1972; a daughter, Ashleigh, was born on March 12, 1972, to Mr. and Mrs. Bruce J. Smith; a daughter, Suzanne Melanie, was born on March 27, 1972, to Mr. and Mrs. Percival Phillips (Ann); a daughter, Rebecca Ann, was born on May 16, 1972, to Mr. and Mrs. James Born; and Mr. and Mrs. George Khatchadourian had a daughter, Farida Maria, who was born on May 16, 1972.

THE FUND/BANK CHESS CLUB has gotten off the ground and is now meeting every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the Fund cafeteria. All chess enthusiasts, beginners to advanced players, are invited to join. For further information, contact Mr. Christopher Green on ext. 5169.

THE CHORUS gave a successful spring concert on May 25 and 26. The program included works by Berlioz, Brahms, Orff and Gershwin. Jean Merry, Secretary of the Chorus says, "attendance was not as good as we could have wished!" The Chorus, presently in summer holiday, will resume practice sessions again in September -- the date to be announced later by flyer. Meanwhile, all those interested in joining the Chorus should contact Jean Merry on ext. 3761.

VOLLEY BALL. Efforts to revive interdepartmental volley ball tournaments did not receive a good response from the recent membership drive. The Sports Committee at BWRC still hopes to organize team competitions-- those interested in participating should leave their names at the BWRC Office or call Hector Avila on ext. 4892.

SUMMER DUPLICATE BRIDGE COMPETITION. Because of the interest shown in the winter cup competition, the IMF Bridge Club is continuing during the summer months with a duplicate bridge competition for a silver trophy. The summer competition got under way in late April and will continue for 12 fortnightly sessions; the player with the highest percentage game in 8 of the 12 sessions will win the trophy. The Club holds duplicate sessions in the Fund cafeteria on alternate Tuesdays, beginning at 7:45 p.m. The next session will be June 27. If you want to play, call Mr. Praetorius on ext. 2971.



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RIDING CLUB at Callithea Farm will have an all-day trail ride on July 2 for experienced riders only. Applications for evening classes are still being accepted. Call Mrs. Lowe at 948-1881 for more information.