

STAFF NEWS



May 1977

THE FIRE ON FRIDAY MAY 13 caused considerable and expensive damage, but the encouraging news following the outbreak is that, although smoke and water damage was widespread, most property destruction was confined to the tenth floor office in which the blaze broke out and those offices adjacent to it. The special fireproof partition walls which are installed in every office successfully resisted the fire, preventing its spread, although the windows facing onto the Atrium shattered with the heat, allowing smoke and flame to escape into the interior courtyard affecting the floors directly above on the west side of the building.

The fire was discovered at 6:45 p.m. by Miss Adebisi Salami, a member of the cleaning staff. Miss Salami, who comes from Ethiopia, immediately reported it to Mrs. Dorothy Lynch, her night supervisor who, in turn, called the Guard's Desk at the front entrance. The guard at the desk, Officer Timothy W. Drehmer, promptly called the D.C. Fire Department; he simultaneously activated the internal fire alarm system and used the public address system to order the prompt evacuation of staff members still in the building. At the same time, Guard Sergeant Robert J. Gordon seized a fire extinguisher and ran



to the scene of the fire, but the furniture and papers in the office were ablaze and he could not extinguish the flames. Sergeant Gordon suffered smoke inhalation as a result of his efforts to control the outbreak and had to be rushed to George Washington University Hospital for treatment. Terence J. Hill and William Thivierge of the Administrative Services Division were in the building and they helped the guards and the engineer on duty, Joseph Pitner, in closing down building systems, getting the smoke out of the building, and with the evacuation of building occupants.



The Fire Department arrived on the scene within a few minutes. Although the vents in the roof of the Atrium had opened automatically, the courtyard had filled with dense black smoke and the Department had to use a large fan to extract the smoke through the front entrance. In a short time they had brought the fire under control. By then, however, extensive damage had been caused to the offices occupied by the River Plate Division of the Western Hemisphere Department. There was also considerable smoke and glass damage to the offices of two Executive Directors, Jahangir Amuzegar and Masanao Matsunaga, as well as to the offices of the Internal Auditor and to corridors on the tenth, eleventh, and thirteenth floors. In addition, some damage was caused to offices on the sixth and ninth floors, mainly from burning objects which dropped onto the balconies on these two lower floors



and from water. (All the photographs were taken on the evening of the fire by Garnell Doggett, a member of the Messenger Unit; except for the pictures of the fire damage to the office and of the fire ladder, which were taken by David Beach).

After the fire came the job of cleaning up. Members of the Administrative Services Division, including Thomas C. Berda, Chief, Service and Supply Section, James R. Littleton, Service Officer, Harold J. Maloney, Security Officer, and Thomas Price, Chief Engineer, came into the building on Friday night to assess the damage and make arrangements for the work that was to follow. Then, throughout the weekend, a force of about 100 people, drawn from the staffs of the Fund, our cleaning contractor, General Maintenance Co. and our carpet cleaning contractor, worked on cleaning out the debris, washing walls, shampooing carpets, etc., so that as much space as possible would be ready for occupation on Monday morning. At the same time, representatives of the Fire Department and the Fund's insurance company began their own investigations of the cause and the extent of the damage. A report will soon be forthcoming.

It is a tribute to the work done during the weekend that by Monday morning, when the rest of the staff arrived for work, the only offices which could not be occupied were those of the River Plate Division, where the damage was the most extensive and where the electric power was still off. The members of that Division were accommodated elsewhere in the Western Hemisphere Department, in the offices of staff

members who happened to be on missions or vacations at the time, and by some doubling up. A full assessment of the cost of the damage has still to be made, but it is certain to be considerable. Carpeting, light fixtures, ceiling panels, office furniture, and typewriters and other equipment were destroyed by the fire; and the Atrium roof and the exterior wall in the area of the blaze will have to be cleaned and repainted. But, happily, most of the damage was superficial and the structural integrity of the building was not affected.



RECENT SENIOR STAFF APPOINTMENTS have included the designation of Rasheed O. Khalid as Deputy Director, Fiscal Affairs Department; and Sterie T. Beza and Carlos E. Sanson as Deputy Directors in the Western Hemisphere Department. Also Edison V. Zayas has been appointed Senior Advisor in the Western Hemisphere Department and Ciro Tognetti Senior Advisor in the IMF Institute.

In an organizational change, on May 1 the Bureau of Statistics acquired the Balance of Payments Division from the Research Department; while a new External Adjustment Division has been established in the Research Department. In the Treasurer's Department, the Payroll and Pensions Division has been incorporated into the Administrative Expenditures Division, which is headed by Walter T. Powers, Assistant Treasurer.

A Sudanese national, Mr. Khalid (photo top right) came to the Fund in September 1965 as an economist in the Fiscal Affairs Department. He was named Senior Economist in May 1968, Advisor in May 1970, and Division Chief in May 1971. In May 1976 he was promoted to Advisor at the Assistant Director level.



Mr. Beza, a U.S. citizen, (photo upper left) joined the Fund in September 1961 as an economist in the Western Hemisphere Department. He was appointed Assistant Division Chief in May 1962, Division Chief in May 1964, and Assistant Director in May 1967. He was appointed Senior Advisor, his most recent post, in May 1970.



A Nicaraguan citizen, Mr. Sanson (photo center right) came to the Fund for the first time in May 1952 as a statistical clerk in the Research Department and was promoted to Economist in May 1953. In 1957 he transferred to the Western Hemisphere Department and was appointed Assistant Division Chief in May 1961. He left the staff in October 1962 to take up the duties of Alternate Executive



Director in the Fund but rejoined the staff in November 1964 as a Division Chief in the Western Hemisphere Department. In July 1966 he was promoted to Assistant Director and in May 1970 he became Senior Advisor, his most recent position.

One of the early staff members, Mr. Zayas, a Paraguayan, (photo lower left) came to the Fund in November 1946 as a statistical clerk in the Research Department. He was promoted to economist in January 1950. In May 1953, he transferred to the Western Hemisphere Department, and was appointed Assistant Division Chief in May 1964 and Division Chief in July 1966. In May 1970 he was promoted to Assistant Director.

An Italian, Mr. Tognetti, (photo lower right) joined the Fund as an economist in the Asian Department in May 1958. In June 1964 he transferred to the IMF Institute, being promoted to Senior Economist in May 1967 and Assistant to the Director in May 1968. In May 1969 he was appointed Advisor, a post which he held until his latest promotion.



THE PROGRESS MADE by the Interim Committee during its Washington meeting at the end of April, was discussed by the Managing Director in a speech to the Netherlands Christian Employers' Union at 's-Hertogenbosch on May 12. In his speech, which also reviewed the functioning of the process of international payments adjustment and the prospects for world economic growth, Mr. Witteveen noted





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The Interim Committee's agreement to support the establishment of supplementary credit arrangements in the Fund was endorsed by the heads of state or government of seven industrial countries at their summit meeting in London on May 7-8. The seven leaders also supported the linkage of the Fund's policies to the adoption of appropriate stabilization policies by members seeking assistance.

The Interim Committee's meeting on April 28-29 was the first to have been held here since the time of the 1975 Annual Meetings. While the meetings proper of both the Interim Committee and the Joint Development Committee were held in the World Bank's Eugene Black Auditorium, the meeting space in the Atrium was employed for the preliminary meetings of the Deputies and Ministers of the Group of 24 developing countries, (photo right) as well as for the concluding press conference given by Chairman Willy de Clercq of the Interim Committee and the Managing Director. In addition, the Board Room was used by the Ministers of the Group of 10 industrial countries for their meeting on Thursday evening. All this activity meant a great deal of work for many staff members, who were involved in the preparations for the meetings, servicing them while they were in progress, and providing essential services.

In addition to the support the Interim Committee gave for the establishment of supplementary credit arrangements, it also endorsed the principles and procedures for the guidance of members' exchange rate policies that had been established by the Executive Directors.

The Managing Director was given a mandate to complete, as soon as possible, his discussions with potential lenders on terms and conditions of the supplementary credit arrangements and the amounts to be borrowed by the Fund. For their part, the Executive Directors were requested to take the necessary steps to make the new arrangements operative. The Committee had diverse views on the size of the next quota increase -- while agreeing that such an increase is necessary -- so it urged the Executive Directors to prepare a report on this subject for its consideration at its next meeting on September 24, at the time of the Annual Meetings. On the issue of the desirability of a future allocation of special drawing rights, the Committee also requested the Executive Directors to consider the subject further and to report at its first meeting in 1978. At the same time the Committee received a report on the status of the second amendment of the Articles of Agreement, which has now been accepted by members holding nearly half the total voting power in the Fund.

that the ministers at their meeting had agreed there should be an adequate increase in Fund quotas and that supplementary credit arrangements should be established, financed by countries in strong payments positions.

J.J. Polak, the Economic Counsellor, gave a report to staff members on the work done by the Interim Committee on the afternoon of May 5. In the course of his talk and during the question period which followed, Mr. Polak gave a detailed outline of the importance of the understandings reached and the impact that these might have on the future work of



ONE OF THE BACKROOM ACHIEVEMENTS in the period of the Interim Committee meeting was the convincing demonstration that was made of the value of the Fund's new Lexitron units in producing meetings' documents with great rapidity. For example, following the meeting of the Deputies of the Group of 24 on Monday, April 25, a four page report by the Chairman to the Ministers was typed on a Lexitron unit by members of the Executive Board Proceedings Unit in the Secretary's Department. This report was the basis for discussion the next day by the Ministers. After lunch, the Unit, under the direction of John Kay, took the tape of the report, changed the title to Draft Communiqué, inserted the standard opening paragraphs, made all the changes decided so far, drew a line to indicate the point reached in the discussion, and gave copies to the translators. At 4:15 p.m. the Ministers completed their discussion of the report and asked a drafting group to prepare a Communiqué. The Unit put the remaining changes on tape, ran off 15 copies, and gave a facsimile of a complete Communiqué to the drafting group by 4:30 p.m. The group made some more changes, which were swiftly incorporated on the tape, and by 5:20 p.m. 150 copies of the text were ready for the Ministers and the translators.

During the next hour and a half, the Ministers studied the text, made a few changes, and eliminated some paragraphs. These changes were incorporated in about 20 minutes, so that by 7:30 the final Communiqué was complete and in the hands of the translators.

Mr. Kay notes that although there were no fewer than four versions of the text of the Communiqué in all, only one complete typing had been made. Much of the credit for this unusually swift performance should go to Ann Greasley and Glennys George who worked the Lexitron, taking over from each other, and the efficient operation of the xerox shop in the Graphics Section under the supervision of Alberto DaVita.



STAFF ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE ELECTIONS will be held on June 7. A total of 12 candidates have filed to run in the elections, for seven positions on the SAC. The candidates are: Peter Boxall, Ilse-Marie Bramson, Luc-Henry De Wulf, Paul M. Dickie, Peter Engström, Patrice Guilmard, Suheil Kavar, Joseph G. Keyes, Claudio M. Loser, Florence Maffei-Sirel, Susana C. de Sosa, and Mai Stuart. Members of the Staff Association will be able to meet candidates at the Association's Annual Meeting on June 2.

ROBERT E. DER, the prominent Washington fashion and advertising photographer gave a talk on the manifold techniques of his trade, accompanied by color slides and black and white photos of his work, at the International Camera Club's meeting on Thursday, May 26, which was held in room 4-310 of the Fund.

The Annual Banquet of the ICC will be held on Friday, June 17, in the Fund cafeteria. Tickets for the event will be \$8.50 for both members and non-members, which includes roast beef dinner, pastries, wine, and cocktails. Tickets should be ordered no later than June 10. Contact either Colette Leroy (room 10-300, ext. 2930) in the Fund or Carlos Gavino (room E 1039, ext. 2776) in the World Bank. The Photographer of the Year and slides of the year will be judged during the dinner, so all ICC members should start now to sort out their winners during the past year for submission to Dee Lum (room 4-203, ext. 4172) in advance of the banquet.

The ICC also need help! The new Club year begins on July 1 and keen members are needed to volunteer for the new Council. Officers are President, First Vice President (Programs), Second Vice President (Contests), Secretary, Treasurer, Publicity Chairperson and Chairperson for Special Events. Those willing to donate their time to the

Club's success should give their names to any member of the Nominating Committee: Horst Ungerer (room 9-201, ext. 5175), Akgun Temizer (room 7-202, ext. 4889), and Baydar Gurgen (room 10-300, ext. 3328). New members are welcome to the Club. New subscriptions will be valid until June 30, 1978, and, at \$5.00, these are a bargain! Anyone is encouraged to join and to learn how to improve picture taking.

A WIDE VARIETY OF FIBER HANGINGS were on display in the Atrium in the Art Society's exhibition of modern works of this art, which opened on May 17. This exhibit, which will be on view until June 7, features works by five artists -- Arlinka Blair, B.J. Adams, Rebecca A.T. Stevens, Dana Romalo Andrews, and Maria da Conceicao "Sao" -- and represents the wide variety of hangings of various sizes that these artists produce. (Our photo right shows the artists with Sigrid Vollerthun and Ernst Conrad of the Art Society Committee.)



The Art Society's next exhibition will open on June 14 and will feature the abstract paintings and sculptures of Alan Bridge, a young Washington artist who has previously exhibited at the Corcoran and other local galleries.

In addition, on June 17, the Art Society will hold its annual prize drawing, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Atrium. This year, a large number of relatively inexpensive works will be included in the drawing to provide more opportunities for members to win a prize. All Art Society members are urged to come and try their luck at winning a work of art on the evening of the prize drawing. Any staff member who is not a member of the Art Society and would like to join in advance of the prize drawing is asked to contact the Secretary, Barbara Monsma (ext. 6057)



THE SHOWERS IN THE EXERCISE ROOM on the Concourse Level are now available every day for staff members who cycle to work. This facility will be open from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. In addition, a number of

lockers are available for use by bicyclists in the garage next to the bicycle racks. Belongings may be kept there at the owner's risk. Those who wish to provide their own padlocks may do so, but these should carry the owners' names for ready identification.

BRETTON WOODS SOCIAL COMMITTEE. As the beginning of a new season of activities, a Caribbean dance will be held by the poolside at Bretton Woods on June 4th from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. A steel band, the Trinidad Steel Band, will be emitting the rhythmic sounds of the Caribbean. Tickets are available at \$3.00 prior to June 3 from David Ross (room 12-417, ext. 4337); tickets at the gate will be \$4.00.

THE NEXT FUND BLOOD DONOR DAY will be June 13. All healthy staff members are potential donors and are urged to give blood, either on June 13 at 2:30 p.m., or on another of the Fund's blood donation days, which are invariably at the same time on the second Monday of each month. The Fund's quota at the Blood Bank is currently 140 pints a year.

New Members of Fund Staff



Miss Lyndsey B. Blackford
New Zealand - FAD



Miss Andrea S. Budhai
Jamaica - BUR



Miss Janet A. Codner
U. K. - BUR



Mr. Emiliano Garcia-Gomez
Spain - BLS



Mrs. Gladys G. Lopez
Honduras - TRE



Ms. Rosalia G. Miller
Nicaragua - MED

Based on the size of the Fund's staff it should be 200 pints, but a large number of staff members are disqualified because they regularly travel to areas where malaria is endemic. Last year, donations from staff and their family members totaled 101 pints (whereas in 1975 it was 111 pints). The objective this year is to bring donations up to quota. This should not be an insuperable task. The general requirements are that donors must be between 17 and 66 years of age and must weigh at least 110 pounds; also that a donor must not give blood more frequently than every eight weeks. Staff members are invited to give blood on the regular Fund day at the Red Cross Blood Center at 2025 E Street, N.W., but they are welcome to do so at any time the Center is open. Those who go individually should always identify themselves as Fund staff members and specify that the Fund's account should be credited. Administrative Officers have copies of the detailed Criteria for Blood Donation, which list conditions which render a person ineligible for donation. Those who would like to donate blood should contact the Staff Relations Office, room 6-320 (ext. 3025).

MENDELSSOHN AND HANDEL were chosen by the Bank/Fund Choral Society for their spring concert which was presented in the Atrium on Thursday, May 19. The program opened with Mendelssohn's "Come Let Us Sing" (Psalm 95) for chorus and orchestra, with Shirley Echard and Janet Perkins as soprano soloists and James Holliday, tenor. Among the orchestra were Carl Blackwell, James Dowell, and Hubert Neiss from the Fund; and David Green was the piano soloist for the final chorus, which the composer never orchestrated. The second part of the program consisted of the two final choruses concluding Handel's "Messiah": Worthy is the Lamb and the Amen.



THE BANK/FUND TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION GROUP will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, June 7, at 12 noon in room E-855 at the World Bank. The program will

feature a guest lecturer speaking on the topic, "Fulfilment through the TM Program". All staff members practicing the TM technique are encouraged to attend this meeting.

In addition, a special open meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9, at 12 noon in Room 0-556 at the World Bank. Any staff members interested in learning about the TM program are cordially invited to come for this meeting. For further information contact Daryl L. Brown (ext. 5157).

THE FUND PICNIC will be held this year on Tuesday, June 28, with the rain date on Thursday, June 30. Time will be 3 p.m. until dusk.

30 YEAR SERVICE STAFF. Miss Marie C. Stark, Archivist, Secretary's Department, commemorated thirty years of service with the Fund in May.

BABIES. A daughter, Lynette Maureen, was born on January 30 to Mr. and Mrs. Michael S. V. Rathnam (Rosetta); a son, Alexander Pierre, was born on February 15, to Mr. and Mrs. Pierre F. Guibert; a son, Wesley, was born on February 24 to Mr. and Mrs. Yung D. Koo (Sue).

RESIGNATIONS IN APRIL. Mr. Daoud Awad Hassan Ali, Mr. Fernando A. Barberi, Ms. Brenda Boyne, Ms. Suzanne N. Claude, Mr. Yves J. M. Mersch, and Mr. Andre R. Terrot.

BWRC SUMMER DAY CAMP applications are being accepted for children aged six through 12. There are still vacancies for all four sessions: I, June 20 - July 1; II, July 5 - July 15 (no camp on July 4); III, July 18 - July 29; and IV, August 1 - August 12. The fee is \$80 per session for BWRC members and \$90 for non-members, not including optional group instruction in swimming or tennis. A hot lunch is served every day to participating children, and the activities include swimming, hiking, team sports, and arts and crafts. An application and bus schedule may be obtained from either BWRC or the Staff Relations Office (room 6-320, ext. 3025).

The new Director of the Camp this year will be Tom Bichy, who has had considerable experience as a physical



education instructor at Montgomery College and as an organizer of summer camp activities. Mr. Bichy succeeds Rajinder K. Keith, who resigned the position after six years in order to pursue other interests. Looking back on last year's camp, Miss Keith recalled: "It was probably the best camp we ever had. It was due to the remarkable cooperation of all the counselors who ... put in hard work and effort to make the camp successful. When they taught something to their groups, they were keen and eager to see the results and the reaction of the children. Their delightful enthusiasm and spirit gave strength to our endeavours". (Our photos were taken during last year's camp).

George Washington University has failed to obtain permission to operate the Summer Swim Club mentioned in the last Staff News. The Club will not open this year.

A GROUP OF OVERSEAS BANKERS attending the special "Advanced Management Program for Overseas Bankers" which is held at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, visited the Fund on Monday, May 23. The group, who number about two dozen, were addressed by Gunter Wittich, Advisor, Treasurer's Department, on the Fund's operations and transactions.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SAN FRANCISCO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE came to the Fund on the morning of Monday, May 23. The 28 members of the group, all of them representing business organizations in the San Francisco Bay area, were addressed by Jay H. Reid,

Director, Information Office, who gave them a review of the work of the Fund in relation to recent developments in the international monetary system.



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