



CONSTRUCTION OF THE EXTENSION TO THE PRESENT FUND BUILDING (known as Phase IIa) got under-way in late December on the site bounded by 20th and H Streets. The drawing above is an artist's impression of how the new building will look--the Church on H Street is at far left. Heavy equipment was moved onto the site between the Christmas and New Year holidays, and by the second week in January work was well under-way with excavation in full swing, despite the frigid weather. Completion of the building, which is expected to cost over \$20 million, is expected by the end of 1982 or early 1983. Construction is being carried out by Charles Tompkins and Co, the contractors who built the present headquarters building.

The new building will consist of 13 floors above ground, as in the present building, and four below ground, and each corridor in the present building will connect to corridors in the new building. There will, however, be no additional parking space in the new building because of D.C. zoning regulations. The City Council granted the Fund building permission for the new building some time ago, but delays in construction ensued because of the time needed to get permission from various D.C. Government offices.

One of the main features of the new building will be meeting rooms located on the third and fourth floors which will be accessible from the Atrium in the present building. Amenities for staff in the new building will include squash and racquet courts, showers, and a sauna. A health room will also be located in the new building, along with an extension to the cafeteria. Original plans to include a swimming pool had to be dropped, however, as the scheme would have proved too costly.

Discussions are currently under-way to determine which Departments will be able to expand in a modest way into the new building, and it is expected that a decision will be made within the next six months. It is also planned to rehouse units currently located in rented space outside the Fund building in the new facility, which is designed to accommodate about 335 staff altogether.

The vacant land on the other side of the Church, where Adams Hall was located, bounded by 19th and H Streets, will be landscaped into a park, and an underground public library built as a neighborhood facility.

THE FUND'S UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN raised a total of \$27,144.50, or an average of \$46 from each of the participants. The Managing Director extended his warm thanks to the staff, Executive Directors' offices, and retirees for their contributions and to the large group of canvassers. Mr. de Larosiere said this participation in helping to meet the human needs in our local community should give us all satisfaction.

DESPITE STRENUOUS EFFORTS IN THE DYING DAYS of the 97th U.S. Congress, the G-4 Children's Coalition was unable to secure passage of the G-4 Bill, after 2-1/2 years of lobbying, and the expenditure of \$20,000. But despite this setback, the Coalition remains hopeful that passage of the bill may occur during this current session of Congress.

Allies in congressional offices, both in the House and Senate, are encouraging the Coalition to try again, and say that there is a good chance of success this time around. A number of key legislators have become familiar with the objectives of the bill, and support its proposals. The U.S. State Department, which started from the position of adamant opposition, eventually wrote a report strongly endorsing the principle of the bill.

The Coalition, in the light of its previous experiences, has rewritten the bill to cover the two most evident loopholes discovered during the negotiations with Congress: the lack of protection for children over the age of 25, and the omission of those who could have been expected to retire in the United States under existing law but were prevented from doing so legally when the State Department on January 1, 1979 closed the non-preference immigrant category for an indefinite period.

The Coalition will submit the new Bill early in this session of Congress, and hopes for Committee hearings in the spring where, it believes, it is in a strong position to make a good impression. For further information please contact John Kay, Ext. 74175, or Coalition President Daniel Kolak at 365-8940.

BRETTON WOODS IS UNDERGOING YET ANOTHER TRANSFORMATION, this time as a Ski Resort. It may be remembered that last time we heard about Bretton Woods and the Mt. Washington Hotel (Staff News August-September 1979), its then-owners, the Bretton Woods Corporation, were attempting to sell the resort complex. In May of 1980 it was purchased by a group of 20 partners called Bretton Woods Associates, who have embarked on a 10-year improvement plan for the area.

The plans call for an eventual 50 per cent expansion of the ski area, a new chair lift, an expansion of the cross-country trail system, and improvements to the base lodge and ski-touring center buildings. The Mount Washington Hotel itself is closed during the winter months, but the Bretton Woods Motor Inn and the Silver Fox Motel provide accommodation during the winter sports season.

Skiing Magazine in its November 1980 edition describes Bretton Woods as "an astonishing valley in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. What you have is one of the prettiest resorts in this or any other region. The scenery is magnificent, consisting as it does of Mount Washington and all its colleagues, from craggy old Madison to smooth-

domed Eisenhower. New Hampshire skiing is memorable for its views, but even a New Hampshire veteran must concede a gasp and a quickened heartbeat when confronted by the Presidential range at Bretton Woods.

"Then there's the Mt. Washington Hotel, white towers and red tiles, like a birthday cake sculpted for Queen Victoria. Just about the last of the great 19th century resort hotels, it is closed for the winter months. Meanwhile, it provides a playground for the cross-country skier and, for those on the downhill slopes, the necessary bit of color and human scale. Would the Presidential range be half so awesome without the gaudy red tiles of the Mt. Washington Hotel? To gaze down on that splendid old hostelry, dwarfed by distance and the range behind it, is to be reminded of the days when ladies wore ankle-length dresses, gentlemen wore white trousers, and shuttlecock was their idea of violent exercise (and countries respected par values - Ed). What would they have made of us skiers...playing with a violence associated with lumberjacks?"

THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF LAW LIBRARIES, August 1980, said of the Fund's Law Library Recent Acquisitions List that for useful and timely information about new books and articles on international law, international trade and finance law, and comparative law, attention is directed to the monthly list of acquisitions issued by the library. A special attraction of this list is its reference to publications which do not appear, as a rule, in publishers' catalogs and advertisements.

The publication said that the value of acquisition lists is frequently questioned. It is said that they may have a limited in-house application, but that no great benefit can be derived from them by other libraries. However, this is not always the case. Several libraries (the most notable being the Los Angeles County Law Library and the Northwestern University Law Library) publish very helpful lists because their content is intelligently selected and arranged. The acquisition list of the Fund's Law Library belongs in this category, and legal researchers will find it useful, it added.

THE FUND'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY was held on December 13. Festivities got started at 8:00 p.m., and the Managing Director delivered the season's greetings at 9:30 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres, a buffet, and full bar service were available on both the first and second floors, and a raw bar was available in the Cafeteria. A hot buffet was also served, and it was generally agreed that the food available this year was outstanding.

For the dancers, Miguel Vega and his Orchestra played Latin music in Dining Room #5, while the Chase Holiday Rock Band and the Sound Service Disco alternated in the Cafeteria. The Ambience Orchestra played in the Interior Court. Our photo montage on the following two pages covers part of the evening's festivities.

THE INTERNATIONAL CAMERA CLUB will present "Stereo Photography of Papua New Guinea" by Mel Lawson on February 11, 1981 at 6:00 p.m. in the Fund Cafeteria. The show will be followed by the usual slide contest for ICC members.

THE INTERNATIONAL CHESS CLUB is now holding its first tournament of 1981, and there is still time to register for this round-robin competition in which players are divided into groups according to strength. New members, including beginners, are welcome. The Club meets every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. in the IBRD Cafeteria on the 2nd floor, just across the street from the Fund's main entrance. For further information contact T. Heintschel, Ext. 60158; F. Morales-Macedo, Ext. 60942, or B.T. Rutgers, Ext. 60912.

THE IMF/BANK SKI CLUB is organizing a three-day trip to Hunter Mountain, New York, over the George Washington Birthday weekend, February 14-16. The bus will depart at 5:00 p.m. on Friday evening, and will return late Monday evening. Lift tickets for three days' skiing are included and three nights' accommodation is provided at the Starlight Inn, with breakfast and dinner included. The cost is \$185 per person, double occupancy, and \$135 for children. Reservations should be made with Frona Hall, Ext. 78108.

MS. CATHERINE B. LEAVITT died on December 9, 1980. Ms. Leavitt joined the Fund in 1946 as a Clerk in the Secretary's Department. In 1952 she was appointed Records Assistant, and retired on July 31, 1953.







THE HOLIDAY SEASON GIVES THE STAFF with their many varied backgrounds an opportunity to create and display decorations with a seasonal theme. Our photo top left shows the traditional Christmas tree in the front lobby of the Fund building. The traditional style was also in evidence in the United Kingdom Executive Director's office. Our photo bottom right shows Miss Patricia Emerson, Ms. Deirdre Ryan and Miss Margaret Beal with the tree they decorated.

The photo bottom left shows a traditional Mexican Christmas decoration which was displayed in the office of Executive Director Ariel Buira.

Narinder K. Keith of the Joint Library made a collage of a pine cone, photo bottom left, by cutting out pieces from book jackets which, once displayed in the Library, are normally discarded. Working in her spare time, the pine cone took Ms. Keith about eight hours to complete.

THE IMF ART SOCIETY'S next exhibition will open on Thursday, February 5, and will feature sculptures by Greta Bader and Laura Kennedy. The opening reception will be held between 5:45 p.m.

and 7:00 p.m. All staff, Executive Directors, and their guests are cordially invited to attend.

THOMAS BERDA of the Administration Department retired on October 31, 1980, taking early retirement. Mr. Berda joined the Fund as a Statistical Draftsman in 1946 and was appointed Compositor in 1947. In 1950 he was appointed Assistant Division Chief, and in 1955 as Chief Draftsman. He transferred to the Treasurer's Department in 1957 as Accounts Officer, and was appointed Cashier in 1958. Mr. Berda rejoined the Administration Department in 1963 as Service Officer, and was appointed Assistant Section Chief in 1965. From 1970 until his retirement, he was Section Chief.

W.F. HUGHES retired on October 31, 1980, taking early retirement. Mr. Hughes joined the Fund in 1961 as an Economist in the Exchange and Trade Relations Department. He was appointed Assistant Division Chief in 1963, and Division Chief in 1967. From 1974 until his retirement, Mr. Hughes was an Advisor in the Exchange and Trade Relations Department.

MISS ANNE F. OESTERLEN retired on October 31, 1980. Miss Oesterlen joined the Fund in 1960 as an Economist in the Bureau of Statistics and was appointed Assistant Division Chief in 1966. She was named as Assistant to the Director in 1970, and from 1972 until her retirement Miss Oesterlen was an Advisor in the Bureau of Statistics.



MRS. JEAN HOBBS COINER, the Treasurer's Department, retired December 31, 1980. Mrs. Coiner joined the Fund in 1962 as Pensions Assistant, and was appointed Pensions Officer in 1968. From 1975 until her retirement, Mrs. Coiner was Senior Pensions Officer.

THE FUND'S GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE has completed its organizational arrangements and is expected to hear its first case shortly.



New Members of Fund Staff



Miss Madonna R. Alzona
Philippines - SEC



Mr. Angel L. Antonaya
Spain - FAD



Mrs. Ettie H. Butters
U.S.A. - TRE



Miss Olivia E. deR. Carolin
South Africa - TRE



Miss Sheila A. Dobson
U.K. - FAD



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Lebanon - EP



Mr. G.E. Gondwe
Malawi - ADM



Ms. Maria C. Greenleaf
Peru - SSU



Mr. Frederic G. Guena
France - OED



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U.S.A. - AFR



Mr. Ahmet T. Ozal
Turkey - EUR



Mrs. Janet L. Robertson
U.K. - TRE



Ms. Elvira A. Settler
U.S.A. - LEG



Mr. Ali Salehizadeh
Iran - BUR



Mr. Ashwani K. Sharma
India - SSU



Mr. Iqbal Medi Zaidi
Pakistan - EP

ALBERT A. MATTERA retired from the Fund on December 31, 1980, taking early retirement. Mr. Mattera joined the Operations Division in 1949 as a Technical Assistant, and was appointed Economist in the Exchange and Trade Relations Department in 1950. In 1958 he was appointed Assistant Division Chief in the Asian Department, and Division Chief in 1960. Mr. Mattera was appointed Advisor in the Asian Department in 1964, and from 1968 until his retirement was Senior Advisor.

ALBIN PFEIFER retired on December 30, 1980, taking early retirement. Mr. Pfeifer joined the Fund as an Economist in the Research Department in 1946. He was transferred to the Paris Office in 1949, and on his return to Headquarters in 1953 he was appointed Assistant Division Chief in the European and North American Department. In 1954 Mr. Pfeifer was promoted to Division Chief in the European Department and to Assistant Director of the African Department in 1961. In 1964 he returned to the European Department as Assistant Director, and in 1966 was appointed Deputy Director, a position he held until he retired.

TWENTY YEAR STAFF. Azizali F. Mohammed, Director, Office of External Relations, commemorated 20 years of service with the Fund in November 1980. Shakour A. Shaalan, Director, Middle Eastern Department, commemorated 20 years of service with the Fund in January 1981.

MARRIAGES. Miss Marian F. Costanza, SEC, was married on August 30, 1980 to Robert J. Rozak; Robin M. Broadway, ADM, was married on September 13, 1980 to Ms. Amanda P. Humm; Miss Rosaleen S. Hutton, WHD, was married on October 18, 1980 to Michael L. Gray, STAT; Miss Mary Jo Schaeck, ADM, was married on October 18, 1980 to Gregory J. Papin, and Miss Susan Jaquet, ADM, was married on November 8, 1980 to Philippe Marciniak, STAT.

BABIES. A son, Scott Patrick, was born on July 23, 1980 to Mr. and Mrs. Gary Lafferty (Dottie); a daughter, Nilar Andrea, was born on August 30, 1980 to Mr. and Mrs. Aung Chit Tun (Emma); a daughter, Djeneba, was born on September 24, 1980 to Mr. and Mrs. Mande Sidibe; a daughter, Stephanie Katia, was born on October 11, 1980 to Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Rathier; a son, Raffaello, was born on October 24, 1980, to Mr. and Mrs. Emilio Sacerdoti; a son, Sameer Ahmad, was born on October 31, 1980 to Mr. and Mrs. Abdel R. Ismael; a son, Christopher Robert, was born on October 31, 1980 to Mr. and Mrs. Peter Short; a daughter, Ai, was born on November 3, 1980 to Mr. and Mrs. Teizo Taya; and a son, Charles-Antoine, was born on December 26, 1980 to Mr. and Mrs. Philippe Louet (Penny).

RESIGNATIONS. Miss Dinah A. Ayensu; Miss Rosalinda Bailey; Ms. Eugénette Barthel; Mrs. Christine Bindert; Ms. Lynda Everman Boone; Ms. Shona K. Burtner; Mrs. Sylviane Cortial; Mrs. Helen Evers; Miss Catherine Kleynhoff; Miss Lesley Kirkbride; Mrs. Elizabeth Marques; Miss Sarah J. Mitchell; Mrs. Rosemary Polles; Bernard Ponette; Antonio Romualdez; Jorge Sol-Perez; Ms. Patricia Soma; Mrs. Estelle J. Stevens; German Suarez; Ms. Barbara Timms; Mrs. Alicia Townsend; Giuseppe Tullio; and Kenny Kay Kee Wee.

JORGE RESTREPO, the Fund's Resident Representative in Paraguay, died in Asunción on December 31, 1980. Mr. Restrepo, a citizen of Colombia, joined the Fund in February 1964 as an Economist in the Western Hemisphere Department. In 1972 he was promoted to Assistant Division Chief and became a Senior Economist in 1980. He served as Fund Resident Representative in Paraguay from February 1967 to June 1968, in Nicaragua from July 1970 to January 1972, in Uruguay from February 1977 to July 1979, and in Paraguay from July 1979. Mr. Restrepo is survived by his wife Sully Nunila Restrepo, two sons, Javier Rodolfo and Edgar Fabian, and a daughter Norha Lia.

MRS. THELMA ROBINSON of the African Department retired on December 31, 1980, taking early retirement. Mrs. Robinson joined the Fund in 1947 as a Secretary in the Administration Department. She transferred to the Fiscal Affairs Department in 1964. Mrs. Robinson was appointed Administrative Assistant in the African Department. From 1970 until her retirement, Mrs. Robinson was the Administrative Officer for the African Department.

DAN R. SILLING, Bureau of Statistics, retired from the Fund on December 31, 1980 taking early retirement. Mr. Silling joined the Fund in 1949 as a Statistical Clerk in the Research Department. He was appointed Economist in 1952, Assistant Division Chief in 1964, and Division Chief in 1966. In 1968 Mr. Silling transferred to the Bureau of Statistics as Division Chief, and from 1974 until retirement he was an Advisor in the Bureau.

THE IMF BRIDGE CLUB continues to hold its regular bi-monthly meetings in the Fund's Atrium on Tuesday evenings. The Club's next meetings will be held on February 3, 17 and March 3. Those who are interested in playing should call Ms. Elizabeth Howe, Ext. 77218.



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